



# College of **The** the Ozarks KEETER REPORT

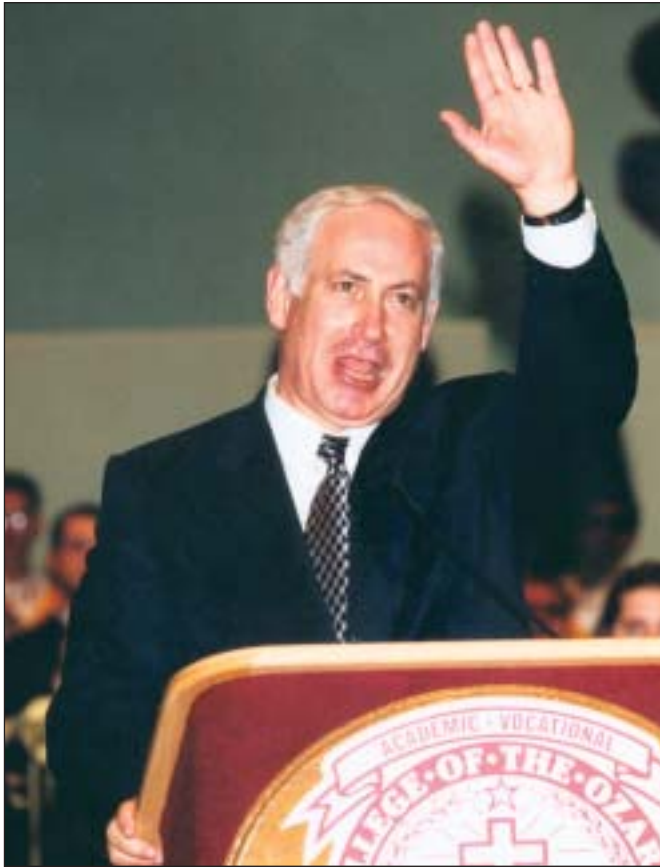
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## Character, Convictions You Will Fight For—Even Die For

### *Benjamin Netanyahu at C of O*



*Benjamin Netanyahu*

Former Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a capacity crowd at College of the Ozarks Thursday, October 3. An attentive audience listened as Mr. Netanyahu spoke on, "Terrorism: How the Constitutional Democracies Can Win."

During the introduction, College President Dr. Jerry C. Davis called Mr. Netanyahu "uniquely qualified" to speak at the College. Though Benjamin Netanyahu grew up in Jerusalem, he attended high school and college in the United States, receiving both his Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in management from M.I.T. He also studied at Harvard University. After completing his formal education, Mr. Netanyahu enlisted in the Israel Defense

Forces (I.D.F.) and served in an elite commando unit. He was wounded during the rescue operation of the hijacked Sabena Airline plane at Ben Gurion Airport. In 1972, following the Yom Kippur War, during which he reached the rank of captain, Mr. Netanyahu was discharged from the I.D.F.

Netanyahu was a leader in the fight against terrorism long before he was elected Prime Minister of Israel. His ties and service to the fight against terrorism continue today. President Davis cited an article in *The Wall Street Journal* in which Mr. Netanyahu said, "Today the terrorists have the will to destroy us, but not the power. Today we have the power to destroy them; now we must summon the will to do so."

Mr. Netanyahu opened his remarks with a discourse on the importance of character and high compliments to the College as an institution that values character. "Learning is tremendously important, but character is more important. Character is the basis of...destiny, character is destiny, and character is the foundation of leadership... [T]he ability to have a set of convictions that you are willing to fight for and even lose for or even die for—this is the essence of character.

I think this place builds character, and you should be commended for it."

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Mr. Netanyahu identified the requirements that face our world if we are to have leadership based on character. First, we must be preemptive. As he stated, though, there is one problem with preemption: "You can never prove to the doubters and naysayers what the result would have been had you not preempted." Mr. Netanyahu's strong preference for preemption leads him to support President

# Netanyahu



Mrs. Laurie McDonald Bouchard accepts a Leadership & Service Award on behalf of the J.M. McDonald, Sr. family.

George W. Bush and absolutely uphold the President's charge to the people: "We must do something now to stop this danger from overtaking and destroying our civilization."

The second requirement Mr. Netanyahu offered is to bring down terrorist regimes. "If there is no foreign base, they cannot continue." An addendum to this point is regime change. "Regime change is a requirement for defeating terrorism."

Mr. Netanyahu used the fight

against Nazism as a historical example of regime change. This change required destruction of the old regime, democratization of the people, and fertilization of the seeds of liberty in Germany.

Sowing seeds of liberty, Mr. Netanyahu explained, involves "not forcing democracy but rather opening up the society and letting them hear other points of view."

Mr. Netanyahu concluded by asserting that, "We must instill fear" in our enemy. To do so "will take courage in three forms:"

☐ **Civic courage** displayed by citizens of a democracy attacked by terrorism.



Senior C of O student Kimmy Bess presents Mr. Netanyahu with a portrait she drew of him and his brothers.



Mr. Netanyahu presents a Leadership & Service Award to alumnus Lieutenant General Gary H. Hughey.

☐ **Courage of Statesmen** to say it like it is to their people.

☐ **Courage of soldiers** to stand on the frontlines and of commanders to go out and defeat the forces of terror.

Mr. Netanyahu proclaimed that it is "perfectly possible to defeat terrorism." We the people must bind together. "Nothing compares to the power of people uniting in the face of terror. Nothing can stand up to this power."



At a banquet prior to the Community Convocation, College of the Ozarks recognized eight local first-responding emergency departments including Branson Fire & Rescue, Branson Police, Hollister Fire & Rescue, Hollister Police, Skaggs Community Hospital-Emergency Room, Taney County Ambulance District, Taney County Sheriff's Department and Western Taney County Fire District. Pictured above-left is Carl Sparks, Fire Chief, accepting the award on behalf of Branson Fire & Rescue; middle, Bob Phillips, CEO, accepting on behalf of Skaggs Emergency Room; and right, Jim Russell, Sheriff, accepting on behalf of the Taney County Sheriff's Department.

# The Keeter Center Progress Update...



The Keeter Center for Character Education is taking shape. As you drive onto the College of the Ozarks campus, just to the right you will see many hours of C of O staff and student workers' labor.

A crew of eight full-time construction employees and 17 student workers (laboring 15 hours each week to pay for their college tuition) are assigned to this project.

This building will house a dining room, lodge, and conference center. It is equipped to enhance learning and provide a hands-on experience for our students pursuing a degree in hotel and restaurant management.

The completion date for the entire project is scheduled for September 2004.



*Carpenters continue roofing with cedar shake shingles. To the right of the workers is a corner of the dormer with the logs and chinking complete.*

## Spring 2003 Marks Five Years of Unique Opportunity

On Thursday, April 10, 2003, the College will host Mr. George F. Will as guest speaker for the Willard and Pat Walker Character Forum. Mr. Will is the author of several books, and his newspaper



*George F. Will*

column has been syndicated by *The Washington Post* since 1974. He has gained prestige as a Pulitzer Prize winner for commentary as well. Today his column appears twice weekly in just under 500 newspapers in the United States and in Europe.

This year marks the fifth opportunity College of the Ozarks students have had to experience a forum. A group of C of O students will be selected to participate in the forum via student application, or by nomina-

tion from an administrator, faculty or staff employee. Once selected, the students will attend meetings throughout the semester in preparation for the event. In addition, a limited number of students from guest colleges and representatives from each of the United States military academies will participate. All participants will attend the lecture, participating in a question-answer session and have the opportunity to personally meet Mr. Will during a reception.

### Upcoming Events

- Character Camp . . . . . January 6-12
- Honor Induction/Etiquette Banquet . . . . . January 11
- George F. Will Character Forum . . . . . April 10  
*Willard and Pat Walker Character Academy*
- Camp Lookout . . . . . June 2-August 8
- Honor America Celebration . . . . . June 29

# Frances C. Berger Citizens Abroad Program Affords Art Students and Professor a Trip to Japan

A group of 13 students from the College of the Ozarks Art Department traveled to Japan November 21-30. According to art professor Dr. Anne Allman, the goal was for the students to experience the historic and traditional art of Japan first-hand and use this knowledge to better themselves as artists and individuals.

In preparation for the trip, the students selected took three courses devoted to Japanese art and culture and researched individual sites they were to visit. While in Japan, students kept a journal and sketchbook of historical and cultural observances, complete with assignments for each site.

Osaka, Nara, and Kyoto all provided the group with images of ancient shrines, temples and treasure houses (museums). The group enjoyed a visit to the Bun-Ruku Puppet Theatre, known for its three-foot puppets which are individual works of art. Two other stops along the way



Travelers above included Dr. Anne Allman (far right); second row (L to R) Jessica Stutte, Ben Shelton; third row, Clint Ericson, Tanya Riewski, Jennifer Clyburn, Natalie Perrigo; fourth row, Cody Berner, Kate Corley; fifth row, Kristan Hammond, Sally Hunter, Kelly Hooper; sixth row, Neil Ward and Michael Ashley.

included the Osaka fish market, famous for its fish auctions, and the largest aquarium in the world which sports five stories of Pacific Rim aquatic life, also located in Osaka.

A Japanese exchange student, Nozomi Onuki, inspired the trip, which was originally planned for the fall 2001; however, it was

postponed due to the events of September 11. Nozomi graduated in May 2002, but joined the group on the last day of this trip.

According to Dr. Allman, the trip was a tremendous experience for the students. The art department and students are extremely grateful for this wonderful opportunity.

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James P. Keeter (second from left) and family

We extend a **special thanks** to James P. Keeter, a member of the Board of Trustees, College of the Ozarks. Mr. Keeter is a distinguished business entrepreneur and Chairman of the Board and CEO of Royal Oak Enterprises of Atlanta, Georgia. He and his family have provided an endowment gift to start The Keeter Center for Character Education. The Center is named in honor of Mr. Keeter's parents, the late Vester and Ruby Keeter of Bradleyville, Missouri. It is the intent of the Keeter family to take a leadership role with College of the Ozarks in promoting character education on a national level.

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