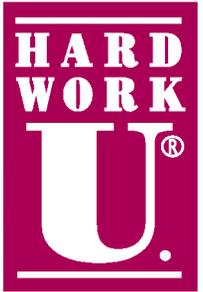


Ozark Visitor



Volume 94

Summer, 2002

Number 1

College of the Ozarks... "Hard Work U.®"

www.cofo.edu

Point Lookout, Missouri 65726



Shelly Compton: C of O's First Fulbright Scholar

PROMISES TO KEEP

Keeping Busy and Enjoying It: Life at Point Lookout



By Jerry C. Davis, President

Usually when I write this column for the summer issue of the **Ozark Visitor**, I talk about how life slows down here in the summer and all of us catch up on things we didn't get to do during the school year.

That's just as true this year as any, but we've had such a busy spring I want to

write some about it as well. This **Visitor** is full of stories about springtime events, so you can read about them in more detail in the pages that follow, but let me hit some of the highlights here.

First of all, we have our first ever Fulbright Scholar, a fine young lady from Republic, Missouri, named Shelly Compton. While we have had other alumni travel abroad on other short term, Fulbright grants, Shelly is the first C of O alumna ever who will be a degree-seeking graduate student in this prestigious program. Shelly will go to Kuopio, Finland, and study for a master's degree in public health.

This Visitor is full of stories about springtime events, so you can read about them in more detail in the pages that follow...

I met Shelly's grandparents, the Taylors, at a dinner where she spoke recently, and I came away convinced that she and her family represent just the sort of people C of O is proudest to count among its numbers. Her uncle, Charles Taylor, was also a student here some years back and won many awards in forensics and debate.

In addition, it was our pleasure to host The Honorable Caspar Weinberger as a speaker on our campus this past spring. Mr. Weinberger certainly had a long and illustrious career serving this country, and he brought much wisdom and experience to share with students and others as he spoke and answered questions.

Then shortly after graduation, we broke ground on the two new Gittinger buildings, which will be used for music and campus ministries. These buildings, which will incorporate two historic, existing structures as part of their core, are scheduled for completion in December, 2004.

We also welcome a new men's basketball coach, Steve Shepherd, as we bid a fond farewell to Al Waller, who has retired from coaching but will stay on as our Athletic Director and as Commissioner of the MCAC. Al was honored recently by the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce with its Ambassador Award, an accolade he highly deserves.

I hope you enjoy reading these and other stories in your latest **Ozark Visitor**. Don't forget that in the next issue, you'll receive your fruitcake order form, and it will already be time to start thinking about Christmas gift giving! God bless you, and best wishes for a healthy, happy summer.

The Ozark Visitor (USPS 600540) (ISSN 0890-2690) is published quarterly by the Office of Public Relations, and is distributed free of charge to friends of our college, alumni, faculty, staff and parents of our students.



*Incorporated in 1906
as The School of the Ozarks*

Editor Camille F. Howell, Director of Public Relations

Associate Editor Linda LeNeve

Artistic Director Laura Lane

Dean of Development Rodney Arnold

Director of Alumni Affairs Helen Youngblood

*Student Writers and Photographers Jimmy Arredondo,
Vanessa Lengyel, Raven McNelis, Sam Waterman.*

*Produced by the J.M. McDonald Printing Department
in memory of Jerrold Watson, Manager
Associate Member, Missouri Press Association*

College of the Ozarks is an independent, privately supported, church-related, fully accredited coeducational four-year college. The College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age or ethnic origin, in its educational programs, activities or employment policies.

**College of the Ozarks®...Hard Work U.®
Point Lookout, MO 65726 • 417-334-6411**

Periodicals postage paid Point Lookout, MO
Postmaster: Send address changes to:
Ozark Visitor • P.O. Box 17
Point Lookout, MO 65726-0017

ON THE COVER

Shelly Compton is C of O's First Fulbright Scholar

By Vanessa Miles Lengyel

College of the Ozarks has its first Fulbright Scholar. Shelly Compton, granddaughter of James and Mary Taylor from Republic, has been selected to receive a Fulbright grant for the academic year 2002-2003 to study in Kuopio, Finland.

The prestigious scholarship was established in 1946, at the end of World War II. For more than 50 years, the Fulbright committee has endeavored to promote a "mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills." It covers the student's travel expenses to the country applied for, and provides them with a moderate monthly allowance for housing and board. The scholarship is for one academic year.

In the past, alumni such as Miranda Fronterhouse-Ascone have received short-term Fulbright grants for teaching-related travel (see the **Ozark Visitor**, Spring, 2002, issue), but Shelly is the first Fulbright Scholar from C of O who will seek a graduate degree abroad.

The United States Department of State funds the majority of the grant, with the host country often contributing with financial assistance, as well as through tuition waivers, university housing, and other benefits. Competitors for this grant must go through three stages of selection in order to be determined a grantee. First, there is a National Screening Committee (NSC), which reviews all the applications and makes recommendations. Next, those applications are sent on to the abroad agencies of the particular country applied for. Finally, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which consists of 12 judges appointed by the President of the United States, makes the final selection. More than 50 countries now participate in this program.

Compton, who is currently employed at Commerce Bank in Springfield, has had time to consider her future career choice carefully. After graduating from high school in Harrisonville, MO, in 1994, she took a few years off to be a personal trainer. Always interested in nutrition and wellness programs, Shelly went with her grandmother to visit a dietitian after the grandmother had a heart attack. At that time, Shelly became more committed to pursuing a career in the area of dietetics and health.

Ms. Compton graduated in December of 2001 from College of the Ozarks with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics. Many credit her with the beginnings of the College's first Dietetics Club. Besides her nutrition class work at the College, Shelly has previously participated in an eight-week internship for her degree in Finland at a sister school of C of O, Savonia Polytechnic. There she worked in a Finnish restaurant while completing a major



Shelly Compton, who was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Finland, enjoys a moment following graduation ceremonies with Dr. Courtney Furman, professor of philosophy and religion. Dr. Furman mentored Shelly in her Fulbright application process.

Photo by Camille Howell

paper on Finnish culture, tourism and its government.

It was during this project and other visits that she found she was well suited to the environment and the people. Jerry Shackette, a college professor who has traveled to Holland and Finland with Shelly, said, "She is an exceptional student and is very well prepared for the rigors of graduate study. She has demonstrated the adaptability needed for her proposed extended period of study."

Compton's college professors and the administrative staff at the College have been excited and supportive in this process of her application for the Fulbright scholarship. Now that she has been selected as a grantee, everyone has joined in the excitement and celebration. Jerry C. Davis, College President, said, "This is a tremendous reflection on Shelly as well as the academic program of the College."

Also, many of Shelly's mentors from the College have sent in letters of recommendation and completed various evaluation forms that praise her determination, integrity, and ability to pursue such an intense study. Courtney Furman, Chairman of the Campus Evaluation Committee for Shelly's application, said, "She's an outstanding representative of our country and work college. Independent yet gracious, bright and resourceful . . . She is a model of the kind of sensitivity that we Americans

continued on page 12

DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Understanding and Using the Charitable Lead Trust



Rodney Arnold,
Dean of Development

Would you like to make a provision in your estate plan for College of the Ozarks and also provide the same for your children? The charitable lead trust is an excellent estate tool to do just that.

Charitable lead trusts received a great deal of publicity several years ago when it was discovered that Jacqueline

Rodney Arnold Kennedy Onassis created such an arrangement in her will.

While charitable remainder trusts generally receive more attention today, charitable lead trusts are an effective tool to meet your charitable wishes and leave your estate to your heirs.

Charitable lead trusts are an attractive option for those who desire to provide for College of the Ozarks, but who also wish to leave their estate to their heirs.

Through a charitable lead trust, assets are transferred to an irrevocable trust that pays a stream of income to the College for a set number of years. At the end of the trust term, the balance remaining in the trust is transferred to your named beneficiaries. This is the reverse of the charitable remainder trust where income is

Send to: Rodney Arnold, Dean of Development
College of the Ozarks®
P.O. Box 17
Point Lookout, MO 65726

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

paid to yourself or a family member and the balance is donated to charity.

When the charitable lead trust is established, a taxable gift is made. However, it is valued at a reduced gift tax cost (based on IRS tables) since your heirs won't benefit from it until sometime in the future. The advantage is that the discounted present value applies regardless of how much the assets appreciate over the life of the trust. If the trust assets earn more than the payout allotted to the College, the excess accumulates for your heirs.

Two types of charitable lead trusts exist. With an "annuity" type trust, payments are made as a set dollar amount or percentage of the initial value of the trust assets. Any increase in the size of trust increases the remainder interest. With a "unitrust" type trust, payouts are a set percentage of the trust's fair market value, which is determined annually. Any increase or decrease in the value of the assets affects the payout to charity.

Charitable lead trusts are an attractive option for those who desire to provide for College of the Ozarks, but who also wish to leave their estate to their heirs. An additional benefit is the delay of transferring assets to your heirs. By selecting a specified date in the future, your heirs receive the assets once older and more mature.

Should you be interested in receiving more information on charitable lead trusts, please complete the request form below. I would be pleased to send information or answer any questions you may have.

ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS

Enjoy shopping and contribute to C of O at the same time!

While you are shopping online, you may also be able to contribute to College of the Ozarks through two shopping websites that offer to donate certain percentages of purchases to charitable organizations designated by individual shoppers.

These websites will make donations back to C of O, depending on the number of purchases made at their sites.

So next time you shop online, check out the following sites: www.greatergood.com and www.iGive.com, and help Hard Work U. with the click of your mouse. Thanks for your support.

GRADUATION DAY

Newest Graduates Celebrate the Day with Grace and Style as 285 Receive Their Degrees

By Camille Howell

Nearly a century after The School of the Ozarks began, College of the Ozarks held its 94th Baccalaureate and Commencement services. It was a day of happiness and celebration, and though rain threatened, it did not fall on the several thousand people gathered to witness the occasion.

BACCALAUREATE

The Reverend Dr. Robert K. Docherty II, moderator of the John Calvin Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and adjunct professor



The Reverend Dr. Robert K. Docherty, Moderator of the John Calvin Presbytery, gave the Baccalaureate address. Dr. Docherty received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from C of O. Photos by Dave McCormick of religion at C of O, led the morning's baccalaureate service. He began by bringing greetings from the Presbytery, which numbers more than 60 churches and more than 9000 members.

Docherty spoke of how he had always admired the College and its

commitment to hard work and to Jesus Christ. He told the Class of 2002 that they were the last of Generation X and the beginning of the Millennium Generation.

Although it's sometimes easy to think you got where you are by yourself, he told the graduates, everyone should remember that many people and things helped them—parents, the faculty, friends, culture and environment. Mostly, Docherty said, we are determined by external factors. He reminded the class that they were the first to graduate since September 11, and those events affect them as well. Now, he said, the United States realizes it is really a part of the global community.

"How will that change affect your future?" he challenged the graduates. "Will it be a millstone to make you afraid of planes, Middle Easterners and tall buildings, or will it be a milestone to make you focus on your future and become that great generation it can be?"

It is easy to compromise, Docherty reminded them, easy to be carried along by the culture and crowds of the day. There are people who will want you to turn you away from your values, but keep that focus, he said.

You may be the sum of your choices to some extent, Docherty said, but there is also a meaning beyond the meaning we make. That meaning is unseen, but nevertheless active, and He is God, no matter what the world may try to tell you.

Docherty concluded his remarks by telling the graduates, "Keep your focus, trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your insight—in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

COMMENCEMENT

Following a picnic luncheon at Lake Honor, administration, faculty and graduates marched into Keeter Gymnasium for Commencement ceremonies, led by the Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

After the Posting of the Colors by C of O's ROTC unit, Shelly Compton, *magna cum laude* graduate and Fulbright Scholar, gave the invocation.

President Davis welcomed the crowd and recognized all the mothers in the crowd for Mother's Day. Following his welcome, the Graduate Vocal Ensemble, a group of graduating seniors, sang "Lead Me, Lord," under the direction of Bruce Gerlach.

Next, President Davis introduced the commencement speaker, Robert M. Duncan, of Inez, Kentucky. Mr.

continued on page 16



Republican National Committee Treasurer Michael M. Duncan delivered the 94th annual Commencement Ceremony address. He received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during the afternoon's festivities.

VISITORS OF NOTE

College of the Ozarks Hosts Work Ethic Forum



The Honorable Caspar Weinberger accepts his traditional gift of a Hard Work U.[®] sweatshirt as College President Jerry C. Davis looks on.

By Raven McNelis

The Honorable Caspar Weinberger made an exceptional speech at the College of the Ozarks O. Wayne Rollins Work Ethic Forum, where he addressed a packed auditorium April 11.

This forum's purpose is to instill the idea of the work ethic at a greater level in today's college students. The late O. Wayne Rollins and his wife, Grace, have supported a number of work ethic projects and institutions, including College of the Ozarks. They and their children have enjoyed helping these institutions, which in turn, encourage students to help themselves.

Caspar W. Weinberger, President Ronald Reagan's choice to be the fifteenth secretary of defense, was born in San Francisco on August 18, 1917, the son of a lawyer. He received an A.B. degree (1938) and a law degree (1941), both from Harvard.

Shortly after Mr. Weinberger's arrival on campus, he spent a brief time visiting with students selected to participate in the evening's forum, then he was guest of honor at a ban-

quet in Youngman Agricultural Center. During this banquet, five C of O staffers were recognized for their contributions to the College and their dedication to a strong work ethic.

Honorees were: Eddie Lane, C of O Security Supervisor; David Ray, Landscape Supervisor; Tom Smith, Farm Manager; Candy Sullinger, Sports Information Director; and Mynette Ulrich, Fruitcake Kitchen Supervisor. Each received a plaque from Secretary Weinberger noting his or her accomplishments.

Before Mr. Weinberger spoke, President Jerry C. Davis introduced the leader and told about many of the positions he has held in his long and illustrious career as an attorney and public servant. In thanking President Davis, Weinberger joked that he "never could hold a steady job." Then he added, "My mother would have believed it all, and my father would have been amused."

C of O made him feel at home, Mr. Weinberger said, adding, "It's the sort of place that has held steady." He told the enthusiastic audience that he wanted to speak on basic values and

ethics that should govern our lives but have perhaps been taken for granted.

Weinberger's talk began with a prepared address in which he identified three qualities that reflect and define ethics. First he said that patriotism used to be inherent in all Americans but slowly over time, it was taken for granted. Then after September 11, he said, "We just can't do that anymore."

Another quality of ethics is "hard work," he said, citing current Secretary of State Colin Powell's example and his rise to success, because, Weinberger said, "He was always the most prepared." Lastly he stated, "Don't be afraid to be unpopular," moving away from conventional wisdom and moving toward strategic defense.

He encouraged the audience to devote a portion of their lives to public service such as city council or military. "To give something of yourself to someone else" is more substantial than focusing on making more and getting more, Weinberger said. "Do something besides what it takes to accumulate more possessions. We can't maintain a self-governing democracy very well if we aren't willing to contribute to it ourselves," he added.

"Like it or not," Weinberger told the crowd, "we are militarily the strongest nation in the world. We have to help out where needed. Our modest agenda has never changed—to be free—but we must be strong to maintain it."

He acknowledged many of the scandals behind the political scene and attributed those scenarios to how America's support of politics has dwindled. "Politics can be a dirty business sometimes, but it can also be honorable," he said, adding that it "will only be an honorable business if we (Americans) make it so."

Weinberger has always been



Secretary Weinberger pauses to consider his response after a student asks him a thought-provoking question.

Photos by Kevin White

famous for his directness and candor, and it came out especially during the "Q&A period" following his prepared remarks. He said, "I never call it Q&A because I am not sure I ever have any A's." A group of students from C of O and other institutions, selected by a committee of faculty, staff and administrators, represented the College with their selected questions for Mr. Weinberger.

Students asked a wide variety of questions about military personnel overseas, how to balance personal and professional life, about the current administration's defense capabilities, what should the role of the government be in ensuring the right of Americans with disabilities to have the right to work and many others.

The audience laughed when one student asked about a speech Mr. Weinberger had given in high school regarding whether or not politics was "an honorable profession." Weinberger smiled and replied, "You heard the same speech tonight."

Another student asked, "What importance did Winston Churchill play in your personal philosophy?"

"Have you got a couple of hours?" Weinberger answered, and went on to say that Churchill had

always "been a great inspiration" to him.

Out of all the questions asked that night the one that stood out to the audience was, "What can the U.S. do to help stop fighting between Palestinians and Israelis?" The audience was eager for his response when he said, "I am glad you asked that question. Are there any other questions?"

There was a moment of laughter, then he said, "I don't believe—and this is my personal view—that Mr. (Yassar) Arafat is really representative of the Palestinian people." Arafat can make a lot of promises, but history has shown that the very next day there will be another suicide bombing or attack, he added.

"He isn't an elected, chosen representative, he doesn't have legitimacy, he doesn't have the authority to enforce or carry out any agreements he might reach," Weinberger said. "I think (Arafat) is largely irrelevant," the former defense secretary added.

The evening ended with Mr. Weinberger reiterating the major points of his address. "How can you teach the work ethic to a young person who has only minimal exposure to it?" he asked. "Teaching by example is the most effective method I know of," he answered, and added that a lack of example also shows what happens when you don't have a good work ethic.

"Be persuasive, even if it's unpopular," he challenged the students and other audience members. "Sometimes the advocacy of unpopular causes can be the best thing we do."

For the students it was an inspiring night that gave them a real, behind-the-scenes look at the workings of politics. For other campus visitors, Mr. Weinberger's visit brought back many memories of times past and gave them a look at what promises the future could hold if all Americans would consider following his recommendations.

O. WAYNE ROLLINS

Practicing, Not Preaching, the Work Ethic

Of all the great American entrepreneurs and business leaders of the twentieth century, none reflected a greater practice of and belief in the work ethic than O. Wayne Rollins (1912-1991), for whom the C of O Work Ethic Forum is named.

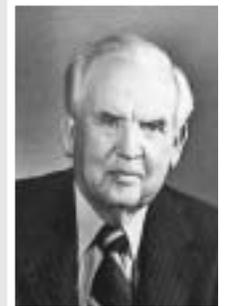
Mr. Rollins was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Rollins, Inc., which began as a small family business and flourished to include the Orkin Company, communications interests, energy businesses and real estate.

In a January, 1982, feature in *Sky* magazine, writer Jasper Dorsey quoted Mr. Rollins as saying, "There's no such thing as a self-made man."

Writer Dorsey said, "All the world knows that anyone who was born and brought up on a small farm, who attended a one-room school, who completed his formal education with high school graduation during the Great Depression, and then became founder of huge business enterprises earning annual revenues of more than a half-billion dollars, must be a self-made man."

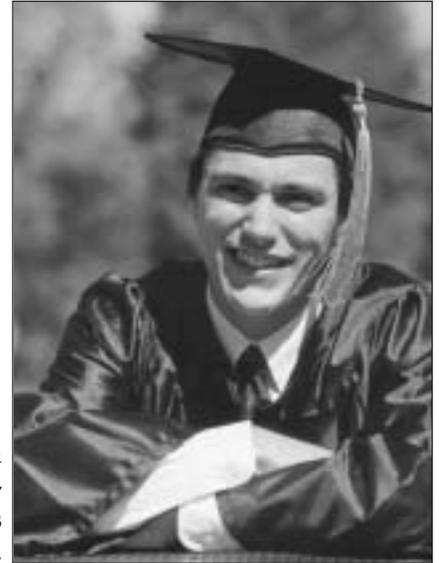
Yet, that was not the case, Mr. Rollins said. "I have had much help," he told the reporter, "and have found that if you are willing to work, many people are willing to help you!"

It is that spirit of willingness to work, combined with a willingness to accept help from others, that made O. Wayne Rollins the perfect person for whom to name the C of O Work Ethic Forum.



GRADUATION 2002

The C of O family awoke Sunday morning, May 12, to gray, overcast skies, but the rain held off all day for baccalaureate, the picnic luncheon, commencement and the reception following. The photographs on these two pages, taken by Dave McCormick, Linda LeNeve and Alumni Office Personnel, reflect the joy of the day.



Riley Hamilton stops for a quiet moment to contemplate the pleasures of life as a C of O graduate.



Nozomi Onuki (second from left) spends time with her friends Jessica Stutte (left) and Kristy Yow (third from left), as well as with her mother who flew from Japan to see her daughter graduate.



Graduates and their family members enjoyed a traditional luncheon, compliments of the College, around Lake Honor.



The Ozark Highlanders of Northwest Arkansas march down the aisle of Keeter Gymnasium as graduation ceremonies began.



Sisters Cindy (left) and Chrissy (right) Casper of Holcomb, Missouri, are all smiles as they wait to begin the ceremonies.

A DAY OF DAYS



College of the Ozarks R.O.T.C. members present the Colors in Keeter Gymnasium.



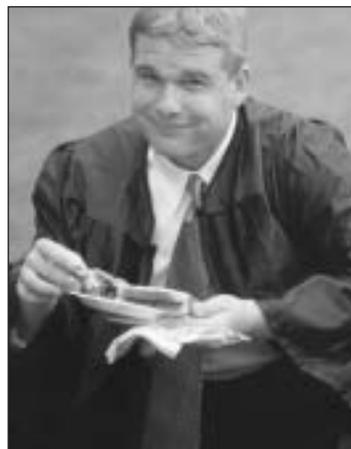
Dr. Eric Bolger (left) was this year's Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Achievement Award recipient. Popular education professor Dr. Dana McMahon (right) received the annual Eugene Charles Wittick Award for excellence in teaching.



Husband and wife Denny and Brianna Schmickle enjoyed sharing this important day in their lives together.



Graduate Michael Hazen is being pinned his Second Lieutenant bars by his father, Gerry Hazen (who is also a C of O graduate) and Michael's sister, Dawn.



Travis Harter stops for a bite to eat before graduating.



Yue Zou is one of some 30 international students at C of O.

GROUNDBREAKING

Building a Better College For the Future: Work Begins on the Two new Gittinger Buildings

By Camille Howell

With the dream of new music and campus ministries buildings turning into reality, Dr. Leonard B. Gittinger and his wife Edith broke ground May 15 for the two structures, which will bear their names (see the Spring, 2002, issue of the **Ozark Visitor** for the complete story on the Gittingers' gift.)

As a large crowd of well-wishers looked on, the Gittingers, accompanied by President Jerry C. Davis and Dean of Administration Larry Cockrum, used golden shovels to turn over ground where the new facilities will be located.

Both buildings will incorporate the already-existing Jordan and Thompson Music Buildings into their design. Work on the Leonard B. Gittinger Campus Ministries Center and the Edith Gittinger Music Center has already begun and is due to be completed in two years.

College of the Ozarks is grateful to the Gittingers for their continued generosity.



Edith and Leonard Gittinger, namesakes of the new Gittinger buildings, dig in at the groundbreaking while Dean Larry Cockrum (left) and President Jerry C. Davis (right) look on.

*Photos by
Plumlee Photography*



Dr. Gittinger greets a friend at the reception following the groundbreaking.

The Gittingers were thanked by a large number of music and philosophy/religion students and faculty.



HONOR AMERICA

Thousands Celebrate "One Nation Under God"

College of the Ozarks held its annual "Honor America" Independence Day celebration on June 30. A record crowd turned out for food, games, a barbershop quartet, military band, cannon firing, free watermelon and fireworks. New this year was a September 11 tribute, which featured members of the local community representing people involved in 9/11. The photographs on this page are just a taste of a day filled with old-fashioned patriotism, flag waving, and a heartfelt recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.



These two young patriots show off special laser-light eyeglasses designed especially for fireworks viewing.



Games of checkers were big crowd pleasers for children and adults alike.



A group of 32 community members, representing the Armed Forces, law enforcement, firefighters and everyday people, were part of a moving and heartfelt tribute to all Americans affected by the events of September 11.

Photos by Michael Howell



The Cub Scouts of Pack 93 and their leaders provided the Posting of the Colors for this year's Honor America.



Left: This Picasso-in-training was intent on his labor, and in the end created a painting worthy of many contemporary art galleries.



Right: The Harmony Brothers barbershop quartet of Springfield sang many old favorites to the crowd as they assembled before the band concert began.



One of the most popular children's activities of the evening was balloon sculptures, created by C of O staffer Janet Miller.

HONORS AND ACCOLADES

Al Waller Receives the Annual Ambassador Award at Branson Chamber of Commerce's Black Tie Banquet

By Jimmy Arredondo

Al Waller, C of O Athletic Director and recently-retired men's basketball coach, received the annual Ambassador Award from the Branson Chamber of Commerce at its annual Black Tie Banquet held at Chateau on the Lake Resort March 22. According to the C of C, Waller received the award "for his exemplary ambassadorship for the Branson/Lakes Area." The Chamber of Commerce gives the award to individuals who promote the area and bring special attention to Branson.

More specifically, however, Waller was given the award for being an integral part in bringing the NAIA Division II Men's National Tournament to the community for the past three years. The tournament brings tourists and extra revenue to stores, restaurants and hotels in Branson during the first week of March. Traditionally, the winter months have been a quiet, uneventful and unprofitable part of the year to the Branson/Lakes area, but Al Waller helped change that.

Waller has coached the Bobcats



Al Waller, shown here with his wife Marti, holds his Ambassador Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

since 1977. When this year's tournament ended last March, he retired from his long coaching career at C of O. He will, however, remain Athletic Director and Commissioner of the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference. With more schools joining MCAC, he will have additional responsibilities as commissioner.

In addition to his coaching duties, Waller, as one of the tournament directors, has played a major role in the many aspects of preparing for the tournament. For example, he is heavily involved in securing sponsorships for the tournament and arranges all transportation for visiting teams.

The award winner now prepares for the fourth year the NAIA tournament will come to C of O, and continues his efforts to make the College its permanent home. Though he is retiring from coaching, his job is not getting any easier, because of conference expansion. Nevertheless, Al Waller goes forward, and the City of Branson and College of the Ozarks benefits from his hard work and success.

"I was both surprised and thrilled to receive this award," Waller said. "I thought I was just doing my job. A host of others, such as our sports information director Candy Sullinger, are equally deserving. I was happy to accept this award on behalf of everyone who has helped make the NAIA tournament such a success."

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

continued from page 3

need during these troubling times as we interact with other countries."

Suzanne Martin, former chair of the Division of Human and Social Sciences and one of Shelly's close mentors, wrote of her, "She is a very deserving woman; she worked hard during her undergraduate years to become a scholar, a liberally-educated person, and yet she took the time to make contributions to the College and city communities."

Compton said she has undertaken this further project in order to address the growing concern of health issues that Americans face. It is her hope that the generally healthier lifestyle the Finnish pursue will provide her with knowledge and insights to bring back to her own

country. On her exchange, she will be studying at the Department of Public Health and General Practice of the University of Kuopio.

Ms. Compton will be enrolled in a two-year program that will earn her a European Master's degree in Public Health. She says that the program is relatively new there, and all of her classes will be in English. Compton will also be taking culture and language classes along with her nutrition and wellness studies.

When asked what did she hope her acceptance of this scholarship would bring, Shelly said, "I hope that other people will more readily apply. I'm sure that there are others who are quite capable to receive this grant, and I hope that my acceptance will inspire them."

SLAM DUNK

For Steve Shepherd, C of O is a Nice Place to Visit, but a Better Place to Coach: Our New Head Man

By Jimmy Arredondo

Cof O has a new men's basketball coach. On Friday, March 15, 2002, Al Waller, Athletic Director at College of the Ozarks, announced Steve Shepherd as the new head coach for the men's basketball team. Formerly an assistant coach at Evangel College in Springfield, Shepherd played an integral part in the Crusaders' win of the 2002 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament. Shepherd says that a long-term goal of his has always been to be a collegiate head coach. "This is the place I want to be," he said.

Before going to Evangel, Shepherd was coach for Springfield's Parkview High School from 1995-1998. He also coached at two other Ozark area high schools—Aurora from 1992-1995 and Marionville from 1986-1992.



Steve Shepherd, C of O's new men's head basketball coach.

Photo by Jimmy Arredondo

"I wanted to be at a college based on Christian principles, a place where I could share my faith."

During his high school coaching days, he won six Conference Coach of the Year awards, four district championships, and two conference titles. Shepherd received his Bachelor's degree at Northwest Missouri State University and a Master's at Evangel.

He first heard of C of O when he was coaching for Aurora and came to the College for a summer basketball camp. "I was impressed with how beautiful the facilities were and took that as an indication of how good the school was," he said.

Shepherd has had a long and friendly working relationship with Al Waller, the man he will replace. He describes his predecessor as "a very classy guy," and says that he hopes he can fill Waller's shoes well.

The new coach and his wife, Karen, have two daughters, Alexis, who is 10, and Sydney, who is six. He says his two young girls are little gym rats, who accompany him to practices on Saturdays. However, he said with a smile, "They are less interested in basketball and more interested in the vending machines."

Shepherd brings an intense focus to his job. "I am

totally devoted to basketball in a year-round program." From pre-season fitness to weight training to recruitment, Shepherd says, "the game is 24/7 with me." Mentioning the importance of players, he says that he wants to know what makes his players tick. "Goal-oriented success and teaching is important," he explained.

Scripture and Jesus Christ are also important to Shepherd. In fact, the coach uses Biblical stories to motivate his players, which is another reason he is happy to be at C of O. "I wanted to be at a college based on Christian principles, a place where I could share my faith."

In addition to scripture, Shepherd uses a variety of materials to motivate his team, from autobiographies to interviews. He says he likes the strategies of

Bobby Knight, but philosophically enjoys and has been most influenced by Bob Meyers, an NAIA coach. "Anyone familiar with the NAIA will be familiar with him," Shepherd said.

C of O offers Shepherd a place to balance basketball with family. He says, "I wanted to find a place and a level I was comfortable with, and an environment where I could raise my family. C of O gives me both as a College based on Christian principles."

VISIT US!

continued from page 15

original recipe and now is responsible for making over 30,000 fruitcakes and 40,000 jellies each year. Visitors are welcome in the kitchen. Be careful not to stay too long, or they might end up putting you to work!

C of O also houses its own airport, processing plant, hog farm, beef farm, fire department, print shop and post office.

The College of the Ozarks is located just two miles south of Branson off Highway 65 on Highway V. Free information is available by writing the Public Relations Department at PO Box 17, Point Lookout, MO 65726, or calling (417) 334-6411 ext. 2212 or 2213. Or check out the College's website at www.cofo.edu.

Visit the College of the Ozarks this summer and see "Hard Work U.®"



Memorial Gifts

MARCH MEMORIAL SCROLLS

Dan Davis from Dr. and Mrs. M. Fred Mullinax
Robert H. Estill from Mr. Robert L. Benning
Nathaniel "Buster" Gott from Mr. James P. Keeter
George E. Gwinup from Mrs. Erras Gwinup
Coral Crandall Hodde from Mrs. Kathryn Flaten
Dale Humphrey from Mrs. Mary H. Karnbach
John Julia McMahan from Mr. and Mrs. George J. Tahu, Jr.
Jim Murrell from Mr. and Mrs. Conrad R. Martin
Marvin Oetting from Missouri Guernsey Breeders, Inc.
Polly Price from Mrs. Garland Largent
Inez "Honey" Rhyne from Mr. Elmer Vandergriff
William I. "Snowball" Skaggs from Ms. Oral E. Selliken
Mark Smith from Mr. and Mrs. Conrad R. Martin
Claude Strohm from Mrs. Iva G. Strohm
Robert Noel "Bob" Thomas from Dr. George E. Kiser, Allen B. Crawford
Tommy Villers from Roy Johnson
Tom Wimberely from Mr. and Mrs. Conrad R. Martin
Dixie Windolph from Mr. and Mrs. John M. Chrismer

MARCH HONOR SCROLLS

MISS LAMAR LOUISE CURRY'S 95TH BIRTHDAY FROM DR. AUDREY ROSS

APRIL MEMORIAL SCROLLS

Ernest R. Callison from Mrs. Virgie Callison
Dr. and Mrs. M. Graham Clark from Colonel and Mrs. E. Graham Martin
Andrew C. Davis from Mrs. Arney M. Davis
Mable Dierberg from Mrs. Clara Massmann
Blanche Flake from Mrs. Leola J. Thomsen
Harry Dee Frost from Leota Mae Ledford, Elaine Lewellin
Adolph Galstado from Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Norman
Fannie Hewitt from Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Wizner
George W. Hicks from Mr. Robert W. Blakeman
Ernest and Opal Hill from Ms. Janice Ward
Coral Crandall Hodde from Mrs. Kathryn Flaten
Arnold Robin Hood, Sr. from Dorthy and Louise Miley
Lee W. Lawrance from Mrs. Deon L. Jacard
Ralph McPherson from Ms. Charlotte M. Vollrath
Barton Moore from Mr. and Mrs. Wade

Young

Glen Dale Ray from Leota Mae Ledford
Louise Rosado from Ms. Rosado Wiseman
Samuel Denton Showley from Mr. and Mrs. George Shillinger
Dick D. Smith from Ms. Melva Dean Cobb
Fred Smith from Mrs. Ruth S. Kime
Frank Stewart from Mr. and Mrs. Conrad R. Martin
Claude Townsend from Mr. and Mrs. Conrad R. Martin
Daisy Williams from Mr. and Mrs. Emery L. Montgomery

APRIL HONOR SCROLLS

Don Baldwin's 80th Birthday from Dr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson
Jason Hutsell from Terry L. Robinson

MAY MEMORIAL SCROLLS

Charles A. Baum from Ms. Mitchalene Hodge
Virginia Baum from Ms. Mitchalene Hodge
Dean Brubaker from Mrs. Catherine Leps
Jim Heckman, Sr. from Mr. Arthur R. Cahill
Coral Crandall Hodde from Mrs. Kathryn Flaten
Margery Mack Isdell from Pilgrim Chapter NSDAC
Charlotte Jones from Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Wright
Arthur Leonard Miller from Pilgrim Chapter NSDAC
Dr. Keith Sandison from Ms. Carol Fuss, Ms. Donna Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spreter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hartwig, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ripley, Ms. Barbara Reagan
Betty Lu Smith from Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Smith
Dick Smith from Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Smith
R. C. Smith from Ms. Linda Plett
ROBERT E. VANEK FROM MRS. DOROTHY D. VANEK

MAY HONOR SCROLLS

Judi Harris's Birthday from Mrs. Rosemary Nobles
Elizabeth Hudson Miller from Pilgrim Chapter NSDAC

NAMES LISTED IN ALL CAPITALS REPRESENT GIFTS OF \$1,000 OR MORE.

A GIFT ANNUITY is a means of providing yourself with a guaranteed income for life at the same time you provide financial support for College of the Ozarks. Many friends of C of O over the years have created Gift Annuities which eventually result in a gift to the College as a Memorial to themselves or friends and relatives that they may designate.

In brief, you give C of O a specific sum of cash, securities or other property. In consideration of this gift C of O guarantees to pay you a fixed annual income for life. This income is based on the amount of your gift and your age (ages) at the time the gift was made. If you are considering a survivor beneficiary or a two-life gift annuity the income is based on the information for both lives. At the time of your death the principal of your gift is used in support of our program here at Point Lookout. The Gift Annuity offers many advantages as a way to make a contribution. It insures a guaranteed, fixed annual income for life, and in the year you make your gift a large percent is deductible from your Federal Income Tax Return as a charitable contribution. If the deduction exceeds the amount allowed by law in any one year, you may apply the deduction over a period of as many as five years. In addition, a large portion of your annual income from the annuity paid to you by C of O will be tax free. It frees you of any management or investment worries, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to the education of young men and women who otherwise could not aspire to a college degree.

VISIT US!

Come Enjoy Summertime at Point Lookout

*Editor's Note: This story was originally written some years back by student worker John Lumb for the **Visitor**. Sam Waterman, current C of O student, has updated it for this look at what the College has for visitors to see.*

The College of the Ozarks began as a dream. In the early years of the twentieth century, the Reverend James Forsythe, a young missionary, longed to open a school that would offer the best intellectual training in the best possible moral and Christian atmosphere. Forsythe's dream began to take shape when, in 1906, the Missouri Synod of the Presbyterian Church established such an institution. By the end of the first term, enrollment at The School of the Ozarks had reached 180.

In its 96 years of existence, the College has grown from an elementary and secondary institution for the educationally and financially underprivileged to a junior college in 1956, and finally to a renowned and respected four-year liberal arts college in 1964. The College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The College of the Ozarks is located in the southwest corner of Missouri, in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. C of O is home to approximately 1500 students who work, rather than pay, for a quality education. Every resident student at C of O works 15 hours a week and two 40-hour work weeks to defray his or her yearly cost of education. The students work in the 80 work stations ranging from construction to landscaping to various office jobs.

The College is well known not only for its outstanding academic achievements, but also for its beautiful campus of over 1,000 acres and its industries and attractions. C of O operates its own dairy farm, located on campus. Students milk approximately 60 registered Holsteins twice a day at 5 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Some of the milk produced is processed and used in the student dining hall and in the Friendship House, the campus restaurant.

Edwards Mill is one of the main visitor attractions on the campus. Its water-powered mill grinds flour and meal used by the student dining hall and the Friendship House. Visitors can see the milling process and purchase products such as whole-wheat flour, cornbread mix and grits. Located in the top floor of the mill is a weaving studio where student workers weave on old-fashioned hand looms. Products made range from potholders to rugs to placemats. Edwards Mill is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The C of O landscaping department operates five greenhouses and maintains a very large orchid collection. Plants from the orchid collection can also be seen at the



Edwards Mill is just one of many sites for visitors to enjoy.

Shoji Tabuchi Theatre in Branson. Several varieties of houseplants may also be purchased from the greenhouses. The greenhouses are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Ralph Foster Museum is one of the College's many attractions. It is a respected educational and historical institution dedicated to the history of the Ozarks region and has been dubbed "The Smithsonian of the Ozarks." The museum is visited by thousands each year and houses over 750,000 objects including items from Ozarks history and heritage, weaponry, taxidermy and the famed original Beverly Hillbillies truck. The Ralph Foster Museum is open from early February through November, Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Williams Memorial Chapel, located in the heart of the campus, is considered by many to be the highlight of their visit. An outstanding example of neo-gothic architecture, the chapel was erected in 1956 and was constructed largely by students. The chapel measures 150 feet long and 80 feet wide, with an 80 foot vaulted ceiling. It also contains numerous impressive stained glass windows that depict the old and new testaments. The chapel is equipped with a Skinner pipe organ. It has 2,954 pipes and is played each Sunday. The Hyer Bell Tower, standing 120 feet tall, is connected to the chapel in the southwest corner. Chapel services begin at 11 a.m. and are open to all.

One of the more unique attractions at C of O is the fruitcake and jelly kitchen, where the College has produced its famous fruitcakes since 1934. The kitchen is currently in its 68th year of baking fruitcakes from the same

continued on page 13

Duncan, Chairman and CEO of the Community Thrift Holding Company and Chairman and CEO of the Inez Deposit Bank, has been active in Republican Party politics for many years. He presently serves as Treasurer of the Republican National Committee.

Duncan began his remarks by thanking the President for his introduction, and said the College, its students, parents and faculty were to be congratulated for their commitment to C of O.

Then he said that at his graduation, he could remember a lot of things—how the weather was and what people wore, for example—but not what the speakers said.

He only remembered, he added, that he was not disappointed if they were brief, and he would try not to disappoint the crowd either.

Duncan first talked about his career in politics and how it was an honor to serve President Bush. He drew laughs from the audience when he spoke of how he'd recently gotten a call from **Time** magazine, and certain they wanted to interview about his role in the government, he told them to let him collect his thoughts and call them back. Then he found out it was a call telling him it was time to renew his subscription.

"I didn't get to tell **Time** about my philosophy of personal service," he said, "so I'm going to tell this captive audience."

Duncan then spoke about a mentor program he and his wife work

with in Kentucky to expose mountain children to service and learning. Earn, learn and serve is the motto. As part of this program, the Duncans ask their protégées to return to Kentucky after their formal educations and give back to their community.

President Bush has said any definition of a worthwhile life must involve service, and Duncan added he believes there are three parts to a worthwhile life. The first is to embrace education as a lifelong pursuit. Just beginning today, he told the graduates, you will be learning the rest of your life.

Next, he said, you must earn enough income to provide for yourself and your family. C of O graduates are ahead of the game here with their strong work ethic, he added.

Finally, Duncan said, you must lead a life of service. You can make a difference and have a good life, a life full of meaning and adventure, he told the Class of 2002. But wherever you live, you must make it the center of your universe.

Following Duncan's address, President Davis and Chairman of the Board Larry Walther conferred honorary degrees on the two speakers. The Reverend Docherty was named a Doctor of Divinity, and Mr. Duncan received the Doctor of Public Service degree.

Next, two annual faculty awards were announced. The Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence went to Dana McMahon, associate professor of education, and the Dr. Mildred Let-

ton Wittick Professional Achievement Award went to Eric Bolger, associate professor of philosophy and religion.

Following these awards, three cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants in the Army from the College's ROTC program. Michael L. Hazen will be a member of the Military Police, Kevin Y. Koo will join the Signal Corps, and Dustin K. Randall will be an engineer. Members of the three men's families, along with Army personnel from both C of O and Southwest Missouri State University, assisted in the commissioning with pinning of the second lieutenant bars.

After the commissioning, the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Degrees were conferred on 285 graduates. Ozark Fellows were then announced. These students will receive scholarship funds from C of O to assist them in their graduate studies elsewhere. Ozark Fellows are: Amanda Bullock, Shannon Bussey, Shelly Compton, Jaime Finch, David Lee Dalton, Linda Goding, Jennifer Jackson, Ben Lairamore, Ginger Langford and Saori Miura.

The day ended with The School of the Ozarks hymn, led by the C of O Vocal Ensemble, and a benediction by Jennifer Jackson, senior class president.

After commencement ceremonies, graduates enjoyed a reception on the lawn and left their C of O home for their new lives throughout the United States and the world.

College of the Ozarks
P.O. Box 17
Point Lookout Missouri 65726



Incorporated in 1906 as The School of the Ozarks

Periodicals Postage Paid

www.cof.edu