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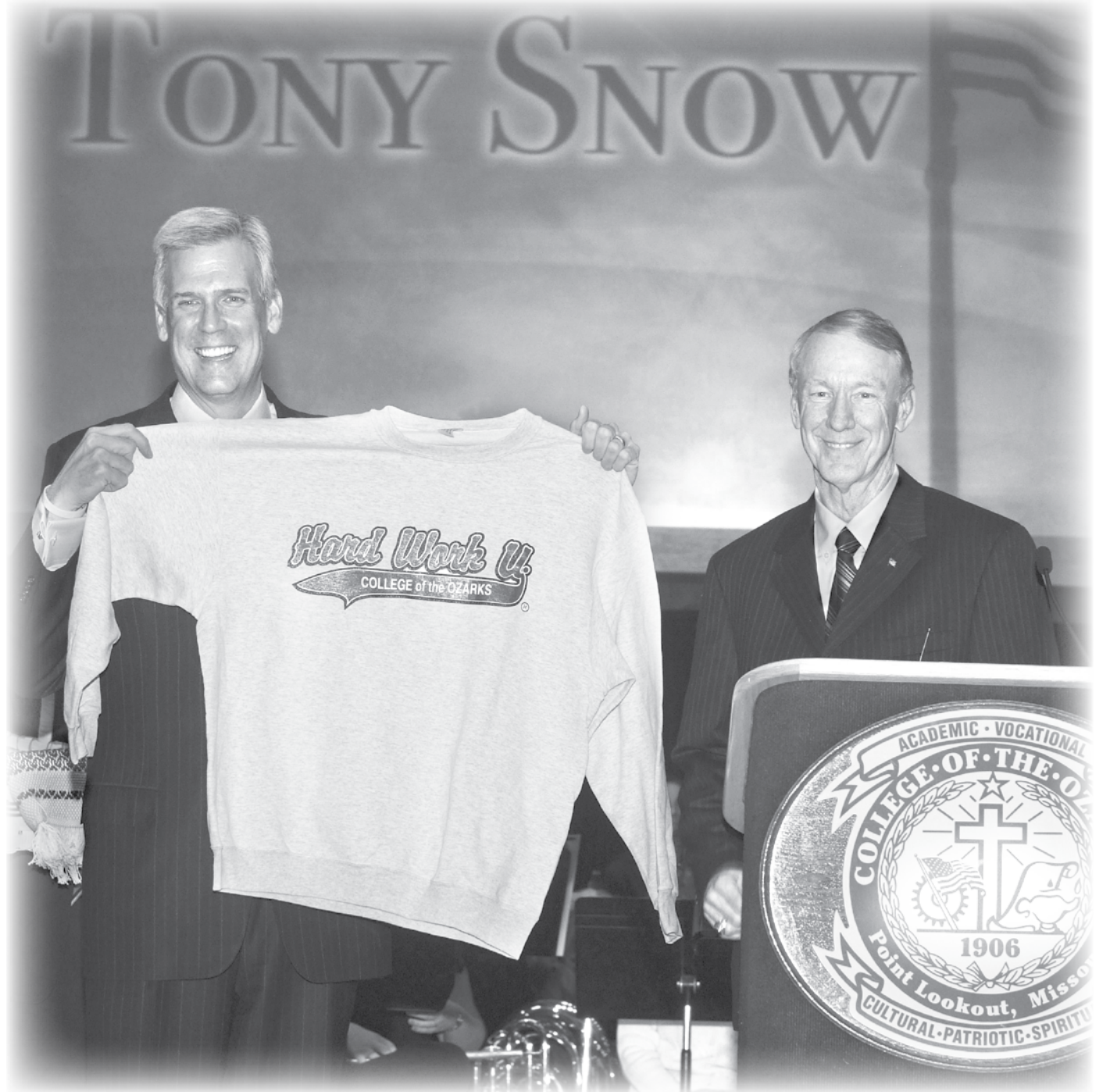
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*Former White House Press Secretary Speaks on
"Overcoming Adversity"*

PROMISES TO KEEP

A Great Start



Jerry C. Davis, President

“Celebration 101,” held at Homecoming, was the culminating event of the Centennial Year. Along with traditional events such as the Homecoming Parade and activity booths, a couple of less traditional events, special for the Centennial Finale, took place. These included a time capsule burial and the unveiling of a 101-pound fruitcake at a celebration reception. When the future family of *Hard Work U.* opens

the time capsule in 2057, they will find a Bible and American flag resting on top. Incidentally, these are two items alumnus York Jackson (class of 1919) placed in a capsule that rested in the cornerstone of Abernathy Hall for many years. There is comfort knowing that the same values cherished today were present at the institution long ago.

This year, special attention was focused on the College’s mission and history; however, we should not lose sight of these once the celebration has faded. They serve as an anchor to the foundational values of the institution. The mission, in particular, must be celebrated, as well as preserved.

Even though the Centennial Celebration ended in November, the College continues to bustle with activity. Former White House Press Secretary Mr. Tony Snow visited the campus December 6, and spoke on “Overcoming Adversity” at the Fall Gittinger Community Convocation. Mr. Snow has indeed seen his share of adversity, battling not only the White House Press Corps, but also cancer, which has threatened his life more than once. No doubt his message benefited all who heard it. Many of our students are facing their own hardships and are in a fight to overcome them. Mr. Snow is winning his fight. There are times throughout our lives when we need to hear from individuals like Tony Snow. They can offer the inspirational push we need to finish the battle. Please read more about his visit on page 8-9.

Another special visitor, Dr. Del Tackett, President of Focus on the Family Institute, also provided the students with food for thought. He presented the “Truth Project,” an intense two-day Christian training seminar, to students and community members alike. College of the Ozarks was the first college in the nation to host the Project, and student Joy Carpenter wrote about her experience participating in it. Turn to page 7 to read her essay.

In addition to hosting great speakers, the College held the Armstrong McDonald Hospital Dedication, enjoyed the Centenary Production entitled “Miracle in the Ozarks—A Celebration,” and saw the Chorale and Handbell Choir journey overseas to Europe to hold concerts in Prague, the Czech Republic, and Vienna, Austria.

As you can see, it has already been a great start to a new century. God bless you and your family in the New Year.



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PERSONALITY PROFILE

General Terrence R. Dake

By Jessica White

General Terrence R. Dake, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has seen a lifetime of great achievements based on hard work. General Dake spent 34 years in the United States Marine Corps, retiring as Assistant Commandant, and has held civilian titles including Senior Vice President, U.S. Government & International Military Business, for Bell Helicopter Textron, and Senior Advisor to the C.E.O. of Aviall Services, Inc. Dedicating many years to the U.S. Marine Corps, is it any surprise that he got his start at a college known for producing students of character, integrity, and hard work?

General Dake was born on July 22, 1944, in Nebraska, and grew up in the Ozarks. He came to The School of the Ozarks, then a junior college, pursuing his undergraduate degree. General Dake had decided to attend S of O because of its uniqueness and the opportunity for a debt-free education in exchange for following the requirements of the College's work program.

While on campus, General Dake worked at The School's furniture factory where students made church fur-

niture, including the pews and woodworking still part of the campus chapel. During the summers, he helped can tomatoes in the S of O Cannery. The work ethic C of O helps to instill in its students is one of the things General Dake said he values most about his time with the College. "Too often you don't have to work for something, and it's just handed to you," he said. Students that come to the College are taught the value of hard work and where it can get you in life. This was demonstrated in General Dake's life, as well. He described the College as a "launching point" that helped him succeed in military and civilian life.

After earning his degree from S of O, General Dake went on to finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas. He earned his master's degree from Pepperdine University.

General Dake began his military



Terrence Dake
Yearbook photo
1964

service in 1966, when he graduated from Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. He said he decided to go into the military primarily because he had always wanted to be a pilot, and the Marines provided a way to achieve that goal. He also admits that he had admired the Marines, as well as other veterans, who served in WWII.

Among his many other military achievements with the U.S. Marine Corps, General Dake was designated a Naval Aviator, acquired more than 6,000 flight hours, served as President Reagan's helicopter pilot, and was eventually promoted to Assistant Commandant.

"Too often you don't have to work for something, and it's just handed to you."

Even during active duty he remained connected to the College, attending several of the character convocations. In 2000, during the convocation with General Colin Powell, General Dake was part of a memorable event when both Generals presented Private First Class Roy Hopper (an S of O alumnus) a belated diploma. PFC Hopper had served in WWII and was taken as a prisoner of war, which precluded his graduation. With General Dake's respect and admiration for veterans of WWII, it was fitting that he helped with this occasion.

While he was still on active duty, General Dake accepted a position on the College of the Ozarks Board of Trustees. He said that he accepted because he enjoys young people and appreciates what the College has done for him. He retired from the Marines with the rank of Four Star General on September 7, 2000. General Dake began his term as Chairman of the Board this year.



General Colin Powell (L) and General Terrence Dake present PFC Roy Hopper with his belated diploma.



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ARMSTRONG McDONALD HOSPITAL

Dedication

By Kellen Hall

According to the May 1951 *Ozark Visitor*, "An auspicious occasion for School of the Ozarks took place on May 3, 1951: the dedication of its new hospital."

Named for the late wife of the late Mr. J. M. McDonald, Sr., benefactor, the building contained an apartment for Miss Constance Downs, the school nurse; a ward for girls and a ward for boys, both containing eight beds, adjoining bathroom; a dressing room; and a utility room. Also incorporated in the 1951 version of the Josephine Armstrong McDonald Hospital was a laundry room, X-ray room, and dental room. The second floor was "thoughtfully and attractively furnished," (1951, *Ozark Visitor*) as a dormitory for 62 girls.

Fifty-six years later, renovation to the interior of the Josephine Armstrong McDonald Hospital is complete, and the first semester of classes for the nursing major have been conducted. Inside the south hallway of the newly-refurbished Josephine Armstrong McDonald Hospital is the Armstrong McDonald Nursing Learning Lab, which includes three simulation rooms, two observation rooms, two wards, and a computer/lecture classroom, as well as other beneficial rooms such as a medication simulation room.

Down the north hallway is McDonald Student Clinic. Fifteen student workers use the reception desk area, waiting room, pharmacy, three exam rooms, six holding rooms, and a work area/kitchen to assist students in their times of illness.

The second level is still used as a girls' dormitory, able to house about 70 students.

A Dedication of the Hospital was held October 22, 2007. Tours of the facility followed the Dedication ceremony. It began with President Jerry C. Davis welcoming the many faculty, staff, students, donors, and supporters in attendance. Dr. Janice Williams, nursing program

director, and Mrs. Tami Riley, R.N., nurse, McDonald Clinic, spoke about the new program and building.

"Thanks to the Trustees for making a lifetime difference and challenge to embrace opportunities to get an education," said Dr. Williams. She then highlighted the growing need for nurses across the nation

and how the building would contribute to the fulfillment of that great need. Mrs. Riley shared about a different need, the necessity for a quality on-campus clinic. After 13 years as the College nurse, Mrs. Riley has witnessed the benefit a clinic brings to students.

"This new facility will meet that continual need and provide many health care benefits for students," she said.

Laurie McDonald Bouchard, granddaughter of the late Mr. J. M. McDonald, Sr., shared her excitement of the dedication. "The pride I have [about the renovation] would surely have been shared by my grandparents," she said.

With the dedication of Josephine Armstrong McDonald Hospital will come many years of healthcare and nursing learning opportunities.



Laurie McDonald Bouchard cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the Dedication.



Pictured: The first group of nursing students in the computer lab area of the Armstrong McDonald Nursing Learning Lab.

HOMECOMING 2007

"Celebration 101"

By Sarah LeDoux

College of the Ozarks students spent 2007 reflecting on the past 100 years. The Centennial Finale at Homecoming shifted focus to ushering in the next century. Homecoming is an exciting time at the College, and this year was no exception. Saturday's activities included student booths, a parade, the rededication of the Alumni Laundry, the unveiling of the 101-pound fruitcake, and a time capsule burial.

Saturday morning and into afternoon, students displayed their creativity by setting up booths in the activity field to support their various clubs and organizations. Despite crisp weather, many enjoyed booths like the Art Club's pie throwing and Agriculture Club's calf petting booths. Barbeque and heaping chili bowls were served at the dorm booths.

The traditional parade route followed Opportunity Ave. from Memorial Fieldhouse to the Fire Department. The Homecoming court, Bobcat athletes, and clubs like Act I and College Republicans cheerfully waved and dispersed candy along the way. The theme, "Celebration 101" was reflected in many floats.

The Alumni Laundry rededication was held after the parade. The initial dedication of the building occurred 46 years ago; some of the alumni who were in attendance at the original dedication were at the rededication. The Alumni Association collected \$250,000 to refurbish the building and, to the delight of the students, among other updates was the addition of central heating and cooling.

Later on, while they sampled slices of fruitcake, alumni and students had the chance to admire the 101-pound fruitcake made by students for the end of the Centennial Celebration. The Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen baked the enormous confection. A copy of the fruitcake recipe was included in the time capsule.

The ceremonious lowering of the time capsule took place shortly afterwards. The time capsule, which contains articles representing the Centennial Year, will be opened November 3, 2057. Jesse Bright, student body president, spoke about some items in the time capsule including a scroll signed by Homecoming attendees, a Bible, and an American flag. A student survival kit which contained a computer flash-drive, cell phone, I-pod, and Starbucks gift card was also inserted.



The 2007 Homecoming Court included (left to right) Katie Madsen, 3rd runner-up; Kellen Hall, 1st runner-up; Rebekah Howard, Queen; Genna Yabusaki, 2nd runner-up; Jessica Haynes, 4th runner-up.



Mrs. Shirley Davis, wife of C of O President Jerry Davis, lowered the time capsule into its vault.

"I am proud of how The College has remained true to its mission," said Eden Doss, a sophomore at College of the Ozarks. "I hope that I will be able to see them continue that tradition into the next 50 years."

The 100-year celebration has drawn to a close at College of the Ozarks, but the future looks bright as the College welcomes the next century.



The 1957 High School and Junior College basketball team was recognized during the Homecoming ball game.

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Through the Eyes of a Believer

By Joy Carpenter

“Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?” That was the question asked by Dr. Del Tackett during *The Truth Project* seminar hosted at the College in November. As one of 150 students who attended the seminar, I was particularly excited, because C of O was the first college ever to host this event. More than 500 people, some who traveled 300 miles, shared my eagerness in hearing Dr. Tackett.

Dr. Tackett is a former White House staff member of the Bush Sr. administration and a retired Lt. Colonel in the Air Force. Presently, he serves as President of The Focus on the Family Institute and Vice-President of Focus on the Family.

When the first night of the seminar came, I was like a sponge, ready to soak up every word that might better my knowledge of God. As the seminar began, Dr. Tackett told the audience of a study that was conducted by the Barna Research Group which revealed that only nine percent of professing Christians hold a biblical point of view. The questions asked by Barna were simple, such as: Do you believe that Jesus is the son of God? Do you believe that Jesus died on the Cross for the renewal of our sins?

I was shocked when I heard that statistic. I began to wonder if I would be in that nine percent. Do others see me as a true follower of Christ or just someone who professes to be a Christian? How do they know I'm different?

Then I got it; people know I'm different by the way I talk, the way I act, the way I live every day. In every action I complete, there is a purpose for it. Whether I someday work for Focus on the Family or a local hospital, God has a plan for me, and I am absolutely determined that my own plans will not stand in the way.



Joy Carpenter with Dr. Del Tackett

Dr. Tackett gave the example of Isaiah in the Temple. Isaiah didn't believe that he was good enough to live his life totally devoted to God, but that didn't stop God from using him. Even though I, like all human beings, am full of sin and heartache, God is going to use my life to teach others of His love.

I must render every ounce of my will to God and His purpose. If I am not willing to do that, then I am in disobedience to the Father. I know the only way to do this is through much prayer and to trust that God is holding me in his hands and equipping me with His word to go out and live a genuine life of faith. Even though these truths were a part of my Christian faith before the seminar, *The Truth Project* revived them.

I was able to meet with Dr. Tackett briefly at the beginning of the *Truth Project* and find out more about its purpose. The *Truth Project's* mission is to start an exponential change within the body of Christ, to encourage Christians to be different from unbelievers, and to live their life from a biblical perspective.

Dr. Tackett said that when he worked at The White House, he had

the opportunity to study old sermons and documents of our nation's history. He found that the prospect of life 200 years ago was radically different than today; Christians no longer hold a confidence in God's word like was once prevalent. The body of Christ today has become weakened, and in order to rise up, Christians must renew their relationship with Christ.

When asked why he believes *The Truth Project* has seen so much success Dr. Tackett said, "Prayer is absolute key," and proceeded to tell the story from Mark 9, when Jesus healed a man but the disciples could not. Jesus told them that it required direct contact with the Father—prayer.

The answer was simple, but sufficient. Prayer is the only reason more than 300,000 Christians are being transformed through *The Truth Project*. "It's not Del Tackett; it's God that's doing this," he said.

In addition to a powerful, two-day seminar, those who attended were equipped with a set of DVDs that explore the topic further. Attendees were trained and encouraged to hold small groups in their homes to spread the message to fellow believers, and to encourage them to do the same.

The Truth Project revealed to me that God is the only reason I am here. Whatever my life's goals and ambitions may be, God is the one who stays constant, and I am the one who must conform. If I attempt with all my heart, soul, and mind, and strength to follow Him, then I have done my part.

About the author: Joy Carpenter is a senior majoring in Communication Arts with an emphasis in Public Relations. Her goal is to someday open a retreat for church groups and pastors and their families.

FORMER PRESS SECRETARY TONY SNOW

"Overcoming Adversity"

By Amanda Manuel

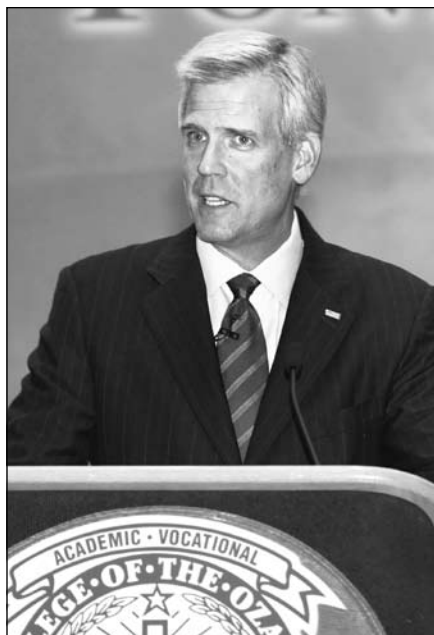
Former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow immediately appeared relaxed and comfortable addressing an expectant audience at the Keeter Gymnasium Thursday, December 6. His message, "Overcoming Adversity: Beating the Odds and Passing the Tests," included his experiences battling colon cancer and working for the Bush Administration. Snow has battled cancer in years past, and he was successfully treated for a recurrence of the disease earlier this year.

Prior to delivering his address, Snow helped honor three individuals who had battled their own adversities. Janelle Stolz, a 2007 graduate of College of the Ozarks, Martin Niboh, Assistant Professor of Math and Physics at College of the Ozarks, and the family of Earl Woodard (S of O class of 1938) were given special recognition for their life experiences with overcoming adversity.

Snow conversationally told stories of the unexpected challenges in



Dr. Martin Niboh faced adversity growing up in Cameroon, Africa. Even though he's now far from his troubled homeland, he founded the Torchbearer Foundation, a grassroots ministry which provides essentials in education and infrastructure to people in Cameroon.



this life. A few months before September 11, he and his family were displaced by a house fire. In February 2005, Snow was diagnosed with colon cancer. After successful colon surgery, he began a course of chemotherapy treatment and returned to work at **FOX News** in April 2005. In March 2007, ten months after becoming White House Press Secretary, Snow's doctors discovered his cancer had returned with tumors found in his abdomen. Vowing to fight the disease once again, Snow, 51, father of three, underwent surgery. In April 2007, he resumed his White House duties and began a second round of chemotherapy treatment, which he completed just prior to leaving the Bush Administration.

"You're going to face a variety of challenges in your life," Snow said. "Embrace the adversity, and realize you'll learn from it. You'll learn how to survive it; you'll learn how to reach out to others; and you'll learn how to return the favor when adversity strikes them as well."

Snow said he has come to view tests as unexpected blessings and chances to embrace life more fully and abundantly.

"God relishes surprise. We want lives of simple, predictable ease, but God likes to go off-road. He provokes us with twists and turns," Snow said. "He places us in predicaments that seem to defy our endurance and comprehension—and yet don't. By His love and grace, we persevere. The challenges that make our hearts leap and stomachs churn invariably strengthen our faith and grant measures of wisdom and joy we wouldn't experience otherwise."

Even Snow's career opportunities have been unexpected. Prior to his position as Press Secretary, Snow served as Director of Speechwriting and Deputy Assistant to the President for Media Affairs for President George H. W. Bush. He jokingly told the story of how he was asked to become the White House Press Secretary.

Snow answered a phone call from Josh Bolten—who carried out a swift White House makeover after taking over as Chief of Staff. "It was like being asked to be a slab of meat in the lion's cage," Snow said. When the audience's laughter quieted, Snow said Bolten's persistence overcame his own reluctance the day the



Mr. Snow helps the College recognize Janelle Stolz, a recent C of O graduate.

two met at the Oval office and the moment President Bush asked Snow to work for him.

"You don't know where your life's going to end up, but the unexpected can make the day wonderful, and the adversity you face will make your life a blessing," Snow said.

Snow encouraged the audience to consider faith, trust, and humility as three requirements for facing adversity. He said faith is the ability to look beyond an immediate crisis by leaning on God and trusting the Holy Spirit. Snow said trust is also the ability to depend on others for help. Snow added, "If you are not humble, someone will make you that way."

Before speaking at the convocation, Snow answered questions from 75 Journalism and Communication students during a private question and answer session. Students asked questions about his job and life experiences ranging from White House Press Secretary to playing for the 70s rock band, "Beats Workin'."

Snow is an avid musician. He plays the flute, alto flute, soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, and guitar. Teaching has also been a huge part of Snow's career. He taught physics and geography in Kenya and was a substitute teacher in Cincinnati, teaching everything from calculus to art. He also worked as an advocate for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled in North Carolina.

Snow has spent a quarter of a century in the news business. He's worked in all three major media—print, radio, and television. He started his career in 1979 as an editorial writer for *The Greensboro Record* in North Carolina and went on to write editorials for *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk. He ran the editorial pages in both *The Daily Press* of Newport News and *The Washington Times*. He's written nationally syndicated columns for both *The Detroit News* and *USA Today*.



Mr. Snow visited the Stained Glass Department on his tour of the campus. Student Ginnifer Martin demonstrates how to solder pieces together.



The family of Earl Woodard received his posthumous recognition. Mr. Woodard graduated from S of O in 1938 and went on to serve his country during WWII. His bomber went down in enemy territory, but miraculously, Mr. Woodard was spared by the French underground.

For seven years, he served as the host of *FOX News Sunday*. Most recently, he reached Americans all across our country as the host of *The Tony Snow Show* on **FOX News Radio**, and *Weekend Live with Tony Snow* on the **FOX News Channel**.

He advised students to keep their options open, if they are considering a job in the media. Snow said the media industry is continually evolving and has changed in the 25 years he's been in the business. Despite the changes, he advised students to learn how to write, speak, and become quick, ardent learners.

"Hold yourself to a higher standard," he said. "Overnight stars will crash and burn because they don't have integrity."

Embracing life with the right attitude was a major part of Snow's responses. Snow told students he was still on chemotherapy but objected to the illness taking over his life. Students heard him talk about the importance of diversity in life. He is not only the retired Press Secretary, he is a musician; he's a writer, a father, and a husband.

Steven Bradley, a junior at College of the Ozarks, asked Snow how his faith served him in the White House. "Faith is very important because it can help you put hardship in perspective," he said. "Faith allows you to look past the present tempest into the future."

Snow challenged students to love life, keep learning, and never give up. His life story is optimistic in the face of hardship and determined in the face of fear. Snow taught his audience to expect surprise, expect to feel ready to help yourself, and expect to help loved ones handle the same shocks and setbacks that, in the end, form bonds and develop strength.

CENTENARY PRODUCTION

Miracle in the Ozarks—A Celebration

By Kristin Lundgren

If you take a look back at College of the Ozarks past theatre productions, such as “Fiddler on The Roof,” “Into The Woods,” and “The Boys Next Door,” you might immediately recognize the titles. This year’s fall production, “Miracle in the Ozarks—A Celebration,” brought a new name to the stage.

Even though the name may not stand out like those of other productions, the characters portrayed throughout the play, as well as the history of The School, were familiar to many playgoers. Based on the book *Miracle in the Ozarks* by Jerry C. Davis, the play incorporated anecdotes from countless alumni and past employees of the institution. A few of those alumni and retirees were able to see their story come alive on stage. Those who weren’t familiar with the stories soon learned to appreciate them. Curtis Wilson, who portrayed current President Jerry C. Davis, found himself part of an interesting situation. “I know the people I am playing; I attend the college I am talking about. Usually the plays that I am in happen in a different time and place than I am used to. This show changes that for me.”



C of O Alumnus Bonita Orr Bailey (L) meets Valerie Baldwin who portrayed the character Bonita Orr, an S of O student, in the play.



Dr. Davis presents Chair of Performing and Professional Arts Mark Young and Assistant Professor of Theatre Lisa Young with a Resolution from the Board of Trustees expressing appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Young’s and the Theatre Department students’ hard work in producing “Miracle in the Ozarks—A Celebration.”

“Miracle in the Ozarks,” was an entirely homegrown production. Mark Young, C of O chair of performing and professional arts, turned the book *Miracle in the Ozarks* into a stage production and directed the play. Over 40 cast members, some playing multiple roles to cover 66 parts, were required for the play. It covered 100 years of the school’s history, highlighting certain events and tragedies which it faced.

One story in particular brought laughter to the crowd. It went something like this: The School had invited First Lady Pat Nixon to be a guest speaker. To ensure her safety, the CIA sent an agent disguised as a prospective professor to check out the College. During this time the nation was seeing much unrest, with riots and protests generally led by students.

The secret service agent, played by student Sam Midkiff, came to inspect the campus. However, his attire, a white button down shirt, blazer, tie, and sunglasses, made him conspicuous.

He told a student, “I am a prospective teacher. I was just wonder-

ing about this school; it sounds too squeaky clean.”

With a questioning look the boy responded, “Well, I don’t think the people at the dairy would think that.”

“No, I don’t mean that. Other college students are burning down buildings and causing riots. Does that happen around here?”

The student turned with a grin and replied, “Sir, if we would burn down these buildings, we would be back the next day building them.” This scene reveals the pride and sense of ownership students have of the campus.

Another story threaded into the play was about former School of the Ozarks President Robert McGowan Good, also referred to as Doc Good. Doc Good came to The School from Mississippi. His dedication to The School and his faith in God went hand-in-hand as he served The School for over 50 years.

Shortly after arriving, he found interest in the math teacher, Lyta Davis. They were married in June

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A NEW RECORD

101-Pound Fruitcake Ends Centennial Celebration

By Amanda Manuel

Gathered around the warming oven, visitors held up their cameras hoping to snap a quick picture of the 101-pound fruitcake before it slid into the oven at the College of the Ozarks Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen.

"I hope the pineapples don't slide off," said Mary Richardson, a visitor from California, as student workers struggled to get a grip on the pan measuring 29 inches across and 12 inches tall.

This gigantic fruitcake marked the end of the Centennial celebration and the beginning of the year 101.

The fruitcake tradition at College of the Ozarks began in the 1930s. Foods and nutrition teacher Annabelle McMaster and her students made the fruitcakes for Dr. Good, and the department eventually earned its first electric stove.

Continuing McMaster's legacy, Mynette Ulrich, the supervisor of the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen, helped students mix 12 pounds of raisins and 12 pounds of cherries, among many other ingredients, for the special fruitcake batter. Ulrich said figuring out how to bake the fruitcake took nearly two years.

Kitchen Supervisor Carolyn Crisp monitored the weight requirements and adjusted baking conditions. Crisp said much of their effort went into hitting the 99 pounds of fruitcake batter requirement.

"The total weight of the cake depends on the varying weights of the batches plus the total weight of the pan's base and liner," Crisp said.

Ron Sooter, supervisor in the College's sheet metal shop, began making the custom pan in February 2006. Sooter made several adjustments to the pan before the fruitcake could bake without burning around the edges.

"Aluminum conducts heat so well you can barely touch it," Sooter



Student Kelsey Bishop and Supervisor Mynette Ulrich carefully place candied fruit on the unbaked fruitcake.

said. "Adding insulation holds the heat away from the edges."

Sooter also placed 12 aluminum prongs inside the pan. The three-quarter-inch prongs reduced the total baking time by cooking the inside of the fruitcake.

Allowing 13 hours for the fruitcake to bake, the students and supervisors removed it from the oven at 5:30 a.m. the next day. The fruitcake baked completely from the inside without burnt edges.

Ulrich and Crisp recruited Kelsey Bishop, a junior art student who worked in the Kitchen over the summer, to decorate the fruitcake with the Celebration 101 logo. Bishop patterned colorful pineapples, cherries, and pecans on a piece of wax paper before placing them on top of the fruitcake.

"I was glad to make it," Bishop said. "I sliced pineapple in half to make the design, and then I spent two hours trying different things."

As part of the campus-wide effort,

the College's Construction department built an oak pedestal to display the cake; chefs from The Keeter Center offered their advice, and a scale was borrowed from Edwards Mill to make sure the weight was correct.

With such a big fruitcake, College officials began to think it would qualify for a Guinness World Record. But alas, it would not satisfy Guinness' minimum weight requirement of 250 pounds. Besides, a 250-pound fruitcake didn't have the ring that a 101-pound fruitcake has. It also didn't fit well with the "Centennial 101" theme. However, the fruitcake gained significant national exposure. KSFY-27, the FOX News affiliate, broadcast the story nationwide. As a result, congratulating calls were received from all over the nation from Arizona to Chicago. K-LOVE, a national Christian radio broadcast, featured a story on the fruitcake as well. National coverage and campus-wide efforts made the 101-pound fruitcake a success.

TIMELINE 2000-2007

The College Continues to Blossom

April 11, 2000 Former President Gerald Ford visits C of O to speak at the Citizenship Forum.
September 18, 2000 Professor of Business Dr. Beulah Winfrey dies at the age of 72, after more than 50 years serving the College.



October, 2000 General Colin Powell speaks at College of the Ozarks, emphasizing patriotism and character.

March 15, 2001 Dr. M. Graham Clark, former president and chairman of the Board of The School of the Ozarks, dies at the age of 92.

April, 2001 Judge Kenneth Starr speaks at the Citizenship Forum.

October 4, 2001 Former Secretary of State James Baker, III, visits C of O as the keynote speaker at the Community Convocation.

2002 Shelly Compton becomes C of O's first Fulbright Scholarship recipient.

2002 NPR personality Paul Harvey again features C of O in his daily radio program.

October 3, 2002 Former Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a speech to the campus and community.

April 10, 2003 Senator Robert Dole visits the College to speak on character at the Spring Forum.

2003 *USA Today* features C of O in a story on the impact of the NAIA Tournament on the College.

October 7, 2003 Former CIA Director Dr. Robert M. Gates speaks on the fight against terrorism at a major convocation.

April 26, 2004 The Edith Gittinger Music Center and Leonard B. Gittinger Campus Ministries Center are dedicated.

September 16, 2004 The Keeter Center opens for business.

September 21, 2004 Duke University Men's Basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski speaks at a convocation jointly sponsored by College of the Ozarks and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.



November 6, 2004 The family of the late Dr. Joe T. McKibben breaks ground on the cliff of Point Lookout for the McKibben Center.

April 14, 2005 General Tommy Franks speaks on "Family, Faith, and Flag" at the Spring Forum.

April 15, 2005 General Tommy Franks helps the College dedicate The Keeter Center.

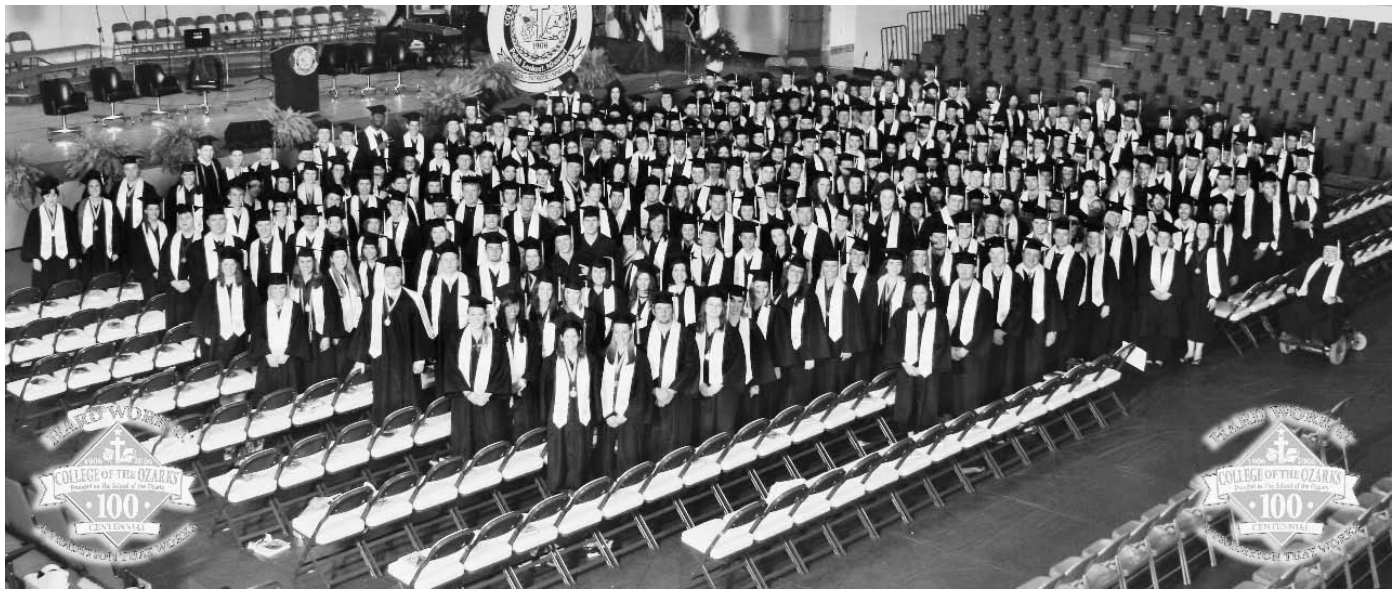
April 29, 2005 The College of the Ozarks Keeter Center for Character Education links arms with all Taney County schools to launch the First PLACE! character initiative.

September 2005 College of the Ozarks announces plans for the McDonald School of Nursing, to be launched in the fall of 2007.



November 10, 2005 NBC Special Correspondent Tom Brokaw helps the College honor "The Greatest Generation."

March 2006 The men's basketball team wins the NAIA Division II National Championship. The women's basketball team earns the Runner-Up title in the NAIA Division II National Championship.



April 7, 2006 Senator Zell Miller speaks on work ethic at the College.

2006 Construction of the Pat and Willard Walker Animal Science facilities begins at the College's Hampshire hog farm.

September 20, 2006 Student Joshua Matlack is listed in *The Wall Street Journal's* Best of 2006, an honor given to sophomore business majors who show promise in their business classes.

November 2, 2006 The College begins its Centennial Celebration.

April 10, 2007 Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton speaks at the Spring Forum.

July 25, 2007 *The New York Times* publishes an extensive feature on the College entitled "Fight Song at Ozarks: Work Hard & Avoid Debt."

May 13, 2007 A record number of graduates (299) receive their diplo-



mas at the Centennial Commencement.

Fall 2007 Renovation of the Pearl Rogers Dining Room and the Pat and Willard Walker Animal Science facilities is completed.

The College launches the Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing.

November 3, 2007 The College ends its Centennial Celebration.

December 6, 2007 Former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow speaks on "Overcoming Adversity" at the Gittinger Community Convocation.



Pat and Willard Walker Animal Science Facilities

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Wi-Fi Comes to C of O

By Johanna Greig

College of the Ozarks is taking another step into the technological world: campus Internet has gone wireless. Wi-Fi, short for wireless fidelity, has now been installed. This allows students to use their laptop computers wirelessly in dormitory lounges and the College Center.

Wi-Fi service was added at the request of many students and administrators who believe that having it would offer more convenience for students. "Since students are no longer tied to their dorm rooms or computer labs schedules, it is easier for them to work on projects together," said Debbie Henderson, director of the C of O Computer Center.

Student Thomas Crank, a junior, said that having Wi-Fi access is helpful to him, because he looks up the latest news every morning for one of his classes. The fact that he can read the news while eating breakfast is espe-



Thomas Crank and Kalyn Girdley utilize the Wi-Fi service in Good Center.

cially helpful. He also looks forward to someday having wireless access in the classroom buildings so that he will be able to research and maximize his learning experience where he works and studies.

Charles F. Hughes, the College's Business Manager, was one of the administrators who rallied to bring Wi-Fi to campus. According to Hughes, obtaining the service is just one of the many steps into the technological age for C of O. The College is starting on its second multi-year strategic plan. The first plan began in 1999, when a campus-wide fixed network was created and offered hardwired ports for all dormitory rooms.

In January of 2007, the College's Campus Computer Network Committee (CCNC) met for the first time. The CCNC was comprised of ten members, including two students, two faculty members, and four administrators. Its goal was "to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the College's computer network, including all academic, administrative, and student affairs applications, as well as ancillary and infrastructure issues." The overall intention behind acquiring Wi-Fi, Hughes said, was "to increase the quality of students' academic opportunities and also to provide a better academic working environment for faculty, rather than just increasing e-mail and Internet access."

For now, students have access to Wi-Fi in the Good Center and all of the main lounges within each residence hall. In the next three years, the service will expand to all residence hall rooms (including McDonald Fire Department), Lyons Memorial Library, and some classroom buildings, such as the Youngman Agricultural Center and the Keeter Gymnasium.

With such helpful technological advances on campus, the College is continually reaching its goal of "providing deserving students with a quality christian education" while helping them become familiar with the latest technology.

MIRACLE IN THE OZARKS—A CELEBRATION

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1923, and about a year later they had a baby girl, Catherine Virginia Good. Catherine was a delight to her parents and the entire School family. Students were eager to watch Catherine while Mrs. Good taught her classes. But a great tragedy occurred when the Goods lost Catherine to influenza in 1926. The students, who were like family to the couple, grieved with them.

This particular scene demonstrated that neither hardship nor tragedy could dismantle The School of the Ozarks. Although such difficult times as the loss of baby Catherine brought sadness to the entire School, the resilience of the institution prevailed over every obstacle. The comical and sometimes heartbreaking personal stories were woven together to create a story of an institution that is a "Miracle in the Ozarks."



Lee Berhorst, Narrator, points to the "prospective teacher."



Memorial Gifts

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Advent Tour Takes College of the Ozarks Handbell Choir and Chorale Across Europe



By Amanda Manuel

The College of the Ozarks Handbell Choir and Chorale traveled to Prague, The Czech Republic, and Austria for the 2007 Christmas Advent tour November 13-23. The purpose of the trip was to share American music traditions with singers from other countries and to experience their culturally unique music.

Students performed at a school in Prague, a nursing home in Vienna, and churches including the renowned St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

Michelle Carpenter, a junior in the chorale, said their performance at St. Salvador Church in Prague ministered to the congregation. "Several members of the congregation approached us, some with tears in their eyes, and tried in broken English or simply by facial expressions to explain how God touched their lives through the music," said Carpenter.

More than life-long memories, the performances captured the spirit of traditional American music. Lynda Jesse, chorale director, said, "The chorale and handbell students did an

excellent job in portraying the essence and spirit of the music. You can tell by looking into someone's eyes if they are sincere in their comments following the performance."

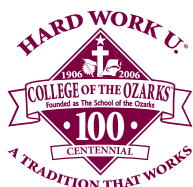
Marilyn Droke conducted the handbell choir, and Margaret Erickson musically accompanied the chorale.

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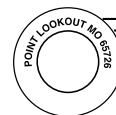
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