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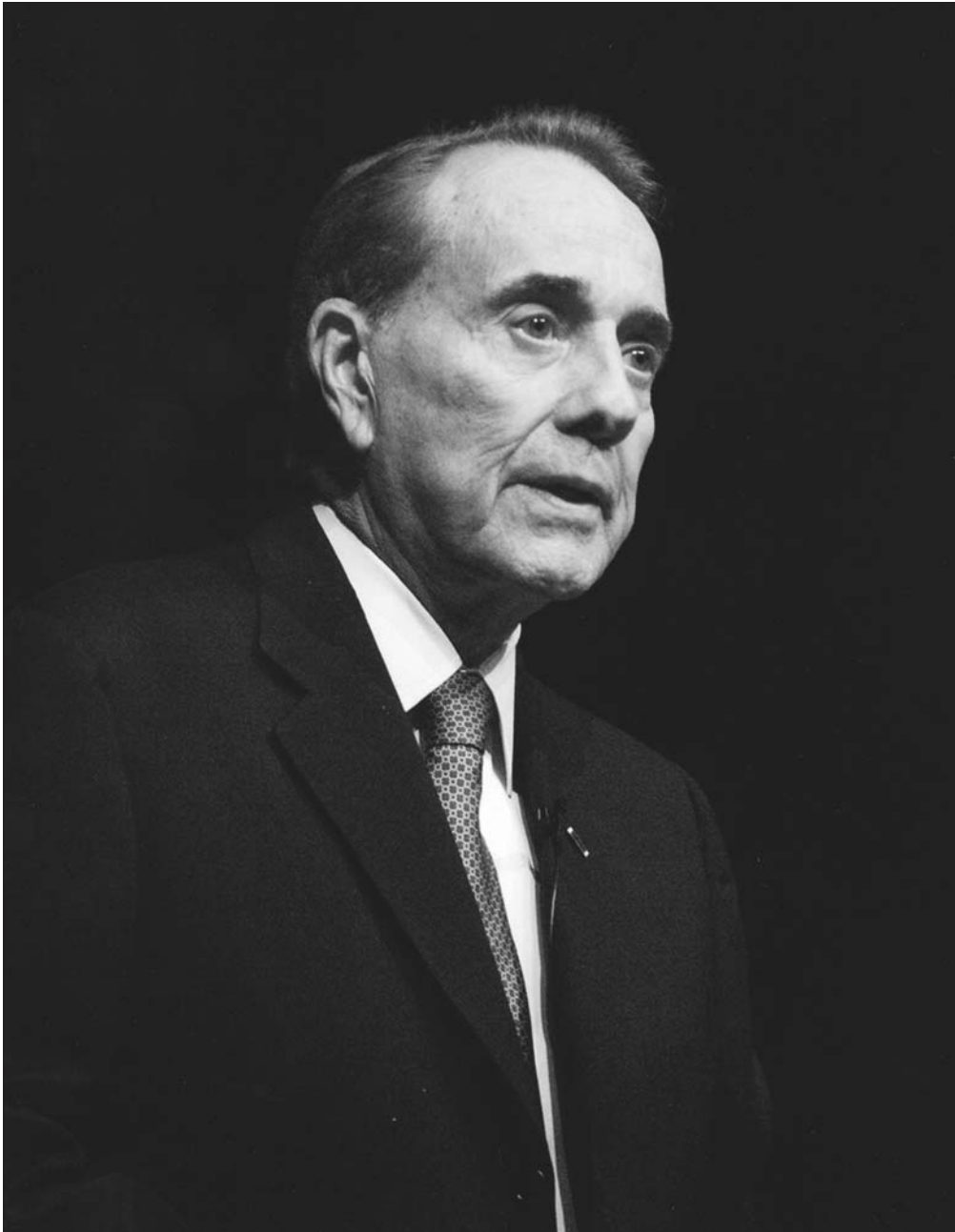
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*Bob Dole Speaks on Character*

# PROMISES TO KEEP

## Summertime at Hard Work U.®



**I**t's difficult for me to believe that summer has come again. Only a few weeks ago, it seems, we were fighting snow and cold weather, but now the air is warm and the flowers are blooming. Our students involved in the summer work program are happy that classes are out and the long days of summer are here.

We had another fine graduation day this year; the weather was beautiful and the speakers were interesting. According to the graduates, they couldn't have asked for a better day. A pair of Floridians—the Reverend Duncan Ferguson and Senator Bill Nelson—gave the baccalaureate and commencement addresses, and 254 seniors received diplomas.

You can read all about graduation in this issue of the **Visitor**, as well as about the visit of former Senator Bob Dole, who spoke on campus in April. Senator Dole was everything we had heard he would be—wise and witty, with a lifetime of interesting experiences to relate. Bob Dole's wife, Senator Elizabeth Dole, spoke here in 1997, and it was great to have the other half of this fine couple on our campus.

Usually, the **Ozark Visitor** is filled with stories about what's going on at Point Lookout, but this issue features one story that's a little different. In early May, several towns in southwestern Missouri were virtually destroyed during a night of terrible tornadoes. In the days following, one of our professors organized a cleanup trip to the area worst affected, and a group of students and staffers spent a day helping people who, in some cases, had lost everything.

This endeavor speaks of the community service aspect of our college's mission, and I can think of no finer way to serve one's community than to help those in need. We've all heard the phrase, "What would Jesus do?" hundreds of times, but in this case, these members of the C of O family didn't just ask the question, they answered it. I am proud of them for their efforts.

**ON THE COVER:** Former Senator and Presidential candidate Bob Dole spoke at College of the Ozarks on April 10. He talked to the standing-room-only crowd about his definition of good character and about his long and fascinating public life.

Photo by Larry Plumlee

With summertime here, the pace of life slows somewhat, but if you visit Point Lookout, you'll find a community of busy people doing what needs to be done. If you visit Branson, I would encourage you to find time to drive or walk through our beautiful campus. The grounds always look their best in summer, the museum and other attractions are open every day but Sunday, and work on several building projects is progressing steadily. We'd love to have you drop by for a visit.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous summer, and please keep College of the Ozarks in your thoughts and prayers.

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## *C of O Family Members Help Tornado Victims in Nearby Stockton after Night of Destruction*

By Amanda Levesque

**O**n May 4, a series of tornadoes tore a path of destruction through the towns of Stockton and Pierce City, MO, both of which are only a little more than an hour from Point Lookout. Branson area residents were spared the devastating weather, but other southwest Missouri towns were virtually obliterated.

The next morning, C of O students, faculty and staff read the newspapers and watched television in disbelief as they saw the destruction, which had literally hit so close to home.

On that day, Schan Weisman, assistant professor of administration of justice and C of O alumnus, decided he wanted to help.



**Workers stacked debris into piles for disposal crews to haul away.**

Photos by Schan Weisman

He said he had gotten the idea by seeing all the destruction and need people had.

"I felt like in addition to praying for the victims I needed to use some elbow grease and get in there and do something," said Weisman.

Weisman sent out a mass e-mail across campus to students and employees, and less than a week later, a group of volunteers traveled to Stockton to aid tornado victims.

The goal of the trip was to aid in cleanup and, according to C of O student and group member Hannah Sparks, "help make a difference."

Upon their arrival, personnel at the local City Hall directed the group to two sites that needed work, but during



**Schan Weisman, C of O professor and alumnus, organized the trip.**

Photo by Camille Howell



**Members of the group included (front row, L to R): Mynette Ulrich, Maria Aguilar, Sara Byrd, Tim Nelson; (middle row, L to R): Jana Sharp, Hannah Sparks, Nicki Thurman, Emily Harrelson, Mindy Crouch; (back row, L to R): Matt Kull, Justin Brown, Christina Smith, Shane Robinson and Reuben Mitchell. Not pictured are Schan Weisman and James Graves.**

the course of the day, they had helped at four different sites. They began by simply knocking on doors and asking what people needed done.

Some of the work they did included piling up debris, helping an elderly couple move out of their house and salvaging personal belongings of victims.

The job was exhausting for the group in more than one way.

"It was pretty wearing and a little emotionally draining to see the damage," said Weisman. "Also, there were still storms threatening which scared some of the students.

"It was an overwhelming endeavor and the thought was 'where do we start?' Once we'd worked at a site for a few hours, however, we saw that it does make a difference and we felt good about that," he added.

Alumnus James Graves is from the Stockton area and helped the group by directing them to the area where the tornadoes started. He also said many business owners were not planning to re-open. Graves lost rental property he owned in the area due to the tornadoes.

When asked what the most striking thing she saw during the trip was, Sparks said, "We topped a hill coming from the city and the whole van got silent. It looked like pictures of a war zone you would see on TV. We'd seen pictures in the paper but it didn't do it justice. It was worse than the pictures could have ever shown."

# DEVELOPMENT NOTES

## Letting Those We Love Know We Love Them



By Rodney Arnold,  
Dean of Development

The term “in memoriam” suggests an act performed or a gift in memory of, or as a memorial to, someone held in high esteem. For example, a person may establish a named endowment fund at College of the Ozarks as a means of perpetually honoring the memory of a loved one. This can be done during life with an outright gift, or later through a will bequest or trust provision.

But here’s a new term: “in memorandum.” The term has been coined to suggest an estate planning idea you may want to consider . . . something in addition to funeral suggestions, instructions regarding the distribution and use of personal effects and other such matters. By “in memorandum” I mean a very personal and lasting collection of your thoughts.

With your will and other estate planning documents finalized, I encourage you to take a few moments to prepare a memorandum or letter to your loved ones expressing thoughts of love and concern. You may want



Family ties are important as 2003 graduate Raymond Siebring and his young son both know. Consider leaving your family a document that will continue the legacy of who you are and what you believe in.

Photo by Dave McCormick

to write a different letter to each family member. Another possibility is to sit in front of a video camera and tape your personal comments. However you do it, you can be sure this final communication from you will probably be cherished more than any bequest you leave behind. It will likely be handed down from generation to genera-

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tion as a priceless family heirloom.

Unlike, other estate planning documents, this personal memorandum goes beyond any legal or probate requirement. You can write it and rewrite it as often as you wish. It can be completely confidential.

Here are several items to consider for your lasting memorandum:

- Expressions of love and endearment
- A summary of your philosophy of life, including your values and beliefs
- Thoughts concerning your hopes and expectations for your loved ones
- An explanation of your motives in making gifts or bequests to organizations such as College of the Ozarks. This can be a powerful way to communicate your values and to help your children and grandchildren understand why you supported certain causes during your life. It can be a means to inspire them to follow your example.

A final communication to your loved ones, thoughtfully and lovingly prepared, will serve as a lasting reminder of your life and love. It will also help them through the difficult grieving process. It will help them explain to children yet unborn who you were and what you valued.

I encourage you to take the time to prepare this letter for your loved ones. It may well be the most important document you ever write.

# OUR 95TH COMMENCEMENT

## *C of O Class of 2003 Numbers 254 Graduates*

By Camille Howell

**A**fter a week of bad storms and tornadoes throughout the Ozarks, Mother's Day 2003 dawned clear and beautiful, and College of the Ozarks held its 95th Commencement Ceremonies.

### COMMENCEMENT

Graduates, their families and friends were privileged to hear Senator Bill Nelson of Florida address the Class of 2003. Senator Nelson, who is a NASA expert and has flown on a space shuttle mission, began his remarks by telling about looking out the window of the shuttle back towards Planet Earth.

"On the first day, you look for countries," he said. "On the second day, you look for continents. But by the third day, you just look for the planet.

"It changes your perspective," the Senator said. "The planet becomes home."

Next, Nelson drew laughs from the crowd when he told the graduates he was "the only one standing between you and your degrees, so I won't be standing here very long."

Senator Nelson quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said, "Colleges can only serve us when they set the hearts of their youth on fire." C of O does that, Nelson said, and he lauded the graduates for already distinguishing themselves as hard workers. "You've not only earned your degree," he said, "you've learned about responsibility and commitment."

He also spoke about a new attitude in America's youth since September 11, 2001. Young people are participating more in civic engagement and community service, Senator Nelson said. An example he gave was college students who use their spring break time to build houses for the poor and homeless rather than spend a week at the beach.

Young people are also more interested in serving their country in the military, he said. During the recent Iraqi war, the Senator pointed out, there were many heroes, and among them, many were only 19 or 20 years old. "Our youth hold tremendous promise," he said.

"When you began college, none of you envisioned the world that we live in today," he reminded the graduates. "We are not imperiled by another superpower, but



**This year's commencement exercises featured baccalaureate speaker Duncan Ferguson (L) of Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL, and Senator Bill Nelson of Florida (R).**

Photo by Karla Plumlee

by a small number of unbalanced tyrants and zealots," he said. But 9/11 had a positive side, he added. "Our soul as a people has been reawakened, and we only grew stronger on that fateful day."

Senator Nelson closed his remarks by saying, "I see many faces of hope before me today. Remember that one day it will be your deeds that inspire others, and from those deeds come our great hope."

### BACCALAUREATE

Earlier that day, graduates attended a baccalaureate service and heard an address given by Dr. Duncan Ferguson, director of the Center for Spiritual Life at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ferguson based his remarks on the Gospel of John 8: 31-38, which includes the familiar passage, "You will know the truth, and the truth

will make you free."

What kind of freedom was Jesus speaking of here, Ferguson asked the Class of 2003? He then said that seeking and discovering the truth will (1) set you free from ignorance; (2) set you free from sickness and sin; and (3) set you free from a life of self-centered preoccupation.

"Ignorance is not bliss," Ferguson said. "For many, it is slavery." He spoke of C of O's founders and how they felt like education builds a "better society and a better world.

"Education helps us realize our potential as people created in the image of God," he added. "To see the truth through education gives us a sense of place, a sense of self, a sense of judgment, a sense of confidence and competence. It frees us from ignorance."

Education also empowers us to become mature, congruent, fully-integrated people," Ferguson told the graduates. It is easy to live untruthfully and inauthentically, he said, but "Jesus calls us out of this to trust our lives to Him, and to be set free."

Ferguson reminded his audience that as Christians, we are called to "live a life of service. It is our job," he said.

He closed his remarks by telling the graduates, "Be free. Serve well. Do God's work in the world. God bless you."

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# TODAY'S TOP STORY

## Bob Dole Speaks at College of the Ozarks

By Hannah Sparks

**O**n April 10, 52 select students from eight institutions, plus other students, faculty and community members crowded into Jones Auditorium at College of the Ozarks to attend the Fifth Willard and Pat Walker Character Forum. The evening's speaker was Bob Dole, a man who came from what Tom Brokaw has called "the greatest gen-

ing at Dole's actions during his life, it may be noted how seriously he takes patriotism and service to America.

The native of Russell, Kansas, joined the service when he was 19 years old, serving as 2nd Lieutenant in the Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. He suffered a battle wound the doctors said he would not survive but, against medical odds, did. His friends and neighbors in Russell sup-



(L) C of O student Clint Caffey waits to hear Dole's answer to his question. (R) A visiting student from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy poses a question to Senator Dole.

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eration." C of O President Jerry C. Davis, introduced Dole as a man whose "life is an American success story."

During Dole's speech, he spoke of sacrifice. The principle of sacrifice is what "liberty, freedom and America are all about," he said. When look-

ported him with money and encouragement, and Dole never forgot these acts of kindness. He was in the hospital almost three years.

After his recovery, he was decorated with medals including two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. He chose to abandon his dream of becoming a doctor, dedicating his life to serving America and giving back to the ones who had

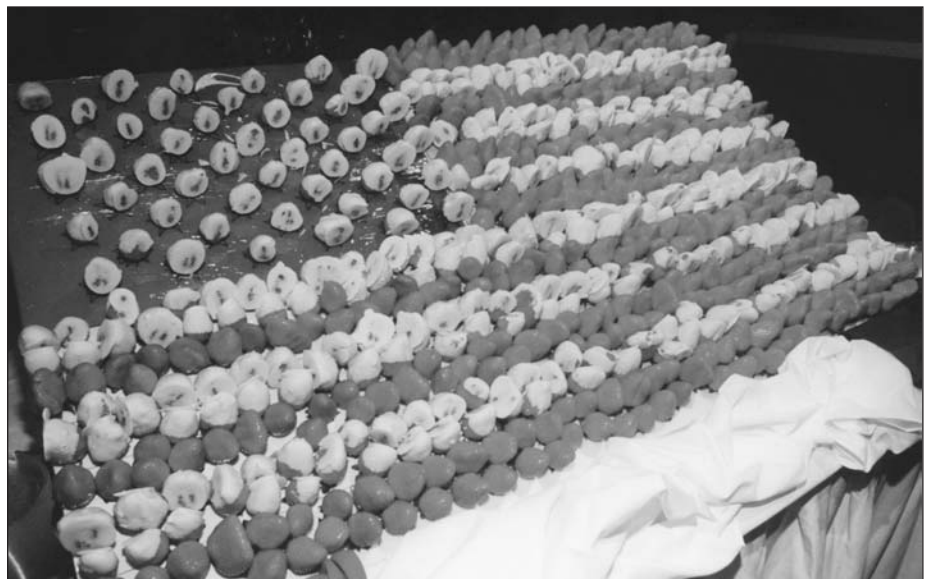
given to him. This commitment directed him to local and national service.

Dole not only led a distinguished military career but has also led a prominent political life. He ran for Vice President under Gerald Ford in 1976, and was the Republican Presidential nominee in 1996. He has served as Senate Republican Leader, five-term US Senator and Congressman, Republican National Committee Chairman and County Attorney.

President Bill Clinton awarded Dole the Presidential Medal of Free-



Senator Dole proudly displays his "Hard Work U." sweatshirt, presented to him by President Jerry C. Davis.



A flag made of strawberries tempted guests at a post-forum reception.

# DOLE'S VISIT

## Senator's Life is an "American Success Story"



**Motivational speaker Dale Henry gave after-dinner remarks at the evening banquet.**

dom, the highest civilian honor, given in recognition of significant contribution to the United States. His wife, Senator Elizabeth Dole, is also very involved in the world of politics, both in her own right and through supporting her husband. Mrs. Dole herself spoke at C of O in 1997.

While he is sincere in his devotion to America, Dole also has a lighter side that showed up both during his prepared remarks at C of O and especially during the question-and-answer session that followed. During post-2000 election appearances on shows such as "Saturday Night Live," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," the public also was able to see Dole in this more entertaining capacity. He is also the author of two best-selling books on political humor, titled **Greatest Presidential Wit, I wish I was in the Book** and **Great Political Wit, Laughing (Almost) All the Way to the White House**.

Part of the focus of the Character Forum is to discuss ways of building

strong character. Dole talked in particular about the leadership aspect of character. He said he learned about leadership by listening, and one person he listened to was General Dwight Eisenhower, whom he called "my hero."

He discussed Eisenhower's ability to make large-scale difficult decisions, taking responsibility for his actions whether the consequences were good or bad. "Eisenhower had honesty, character, integrity," said Dole. "Those are keys to good leadership."

Following Dole's speech, students from colleges and universities, including the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, each asked a question directly to Dole. Questions about the educational system, the military, and standards of morality and character were presented, along with ones about national security and media rights. Dole answered these questions, spending particular time discussing the idea of whether



**President Jerry C. Davis makes a point as he introduces Dole at a pre-forum banquet.**

Photos by Larry Plumlee and Kevin White  
successes or failures had more of an influence on his own life.

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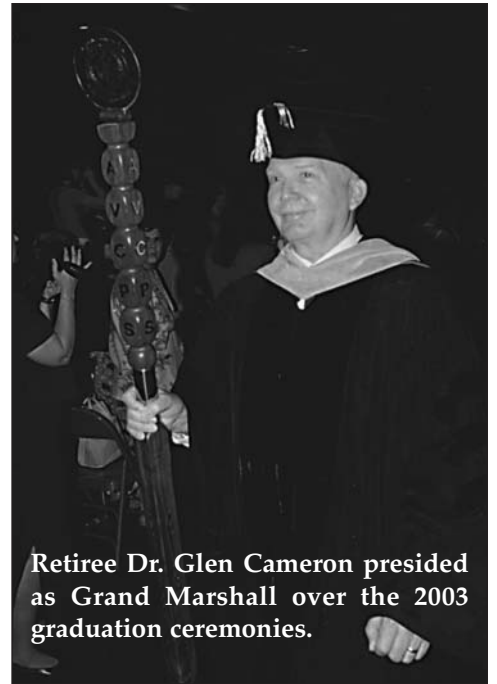
**Dean of Administration Larry Cockrum, Senator Dole and President Davis join in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.**

# GRADUATION 2003

**G**raduation Day 2003 was a day that saw one part of life end for 254 C of O grads and another part begin. The photographs on these two pages, taken by Dave McCormick, Karla Plumlee and Linda LeNeve, celebrate the spirit of a memorable occasion.



These happy graduates anxiously await the conferring of their degrees.



Retiree Dr. Glen Cameron presided as Grand Marshall over the 2003 graduation ceremonies.



Right: Cydney White and her mother Cindy Mitchell celebrate Mother's Day and graduation day on the same day.



Above: Professor Jerry Shackette of hotel/restaurant management received the Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award.

Right: Professor Mark Hubbard, who teaches agriculture and horticulture classes, was this year's recipient of the Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Teaching Award.



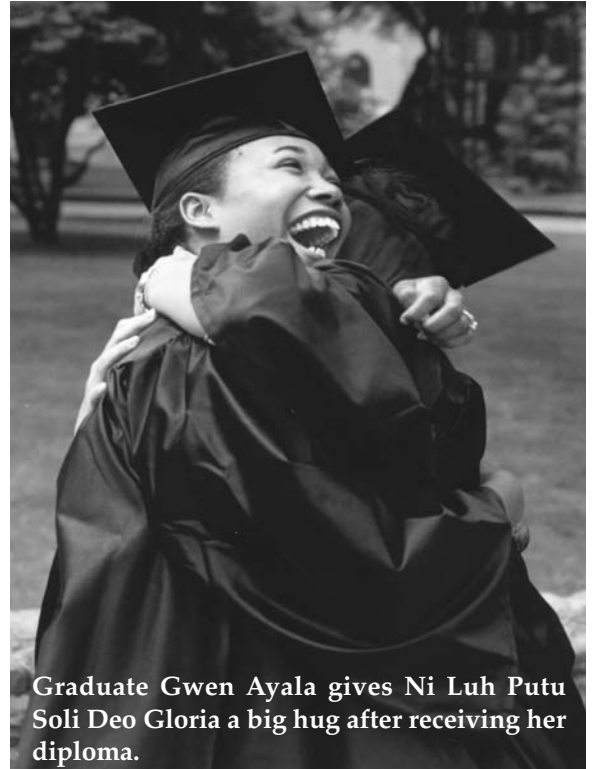
This little girl was far more interested in her new sundress than in baccalaureate and commencement exercises.



# NEW BEGINNINGS



Graduates Luke Douglas, Leslie Shelton, Mindy Penetecost and William Cork couldn't be happier about receiving their degrees.



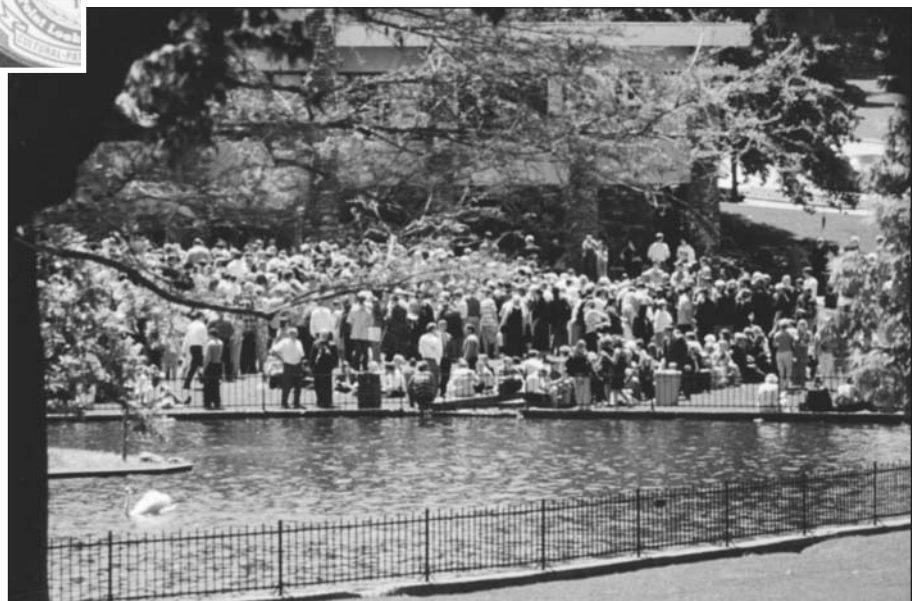
Graduate Gwen Ayala gives Ni Luh Putu Soli Deo Gloria a big hug after receiving her diploma.



Dr. Duncan S. Ferguson, baccalaureate speaker, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Here, Chairman of the Board Larry Walther and Dean Marilyn Graves arrange Ferguson's hood, while President Jerry C. Davis looks on.



Chairman Walther and President Davis also presented Senator Bill Nelson with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.



A huge crowd gathered on the lawn of Lake Honor for a luncheon between baccalaureate and commencement services.

# SUMMER PLAY

## Summer Visitors to C of O Find Much to See and Do

By Amanda Levesque

“Hard Work U”, the name given by *The Wall Street Journal*, describes College of the Ozarks perfectly.

Hard work is a concept much of today’s younger generation may be unfamiliar with, but through the work program, students at C of O understand it clearly.

Each student at College of the Ozarks is required to work 15 hours per week along with two 40-hour work weeks to help offset the cost of his or her education. The cost to College of the Ozarks for providing an educational opportunity is around \$10,600 per year for each student, yet students pay no tuition.

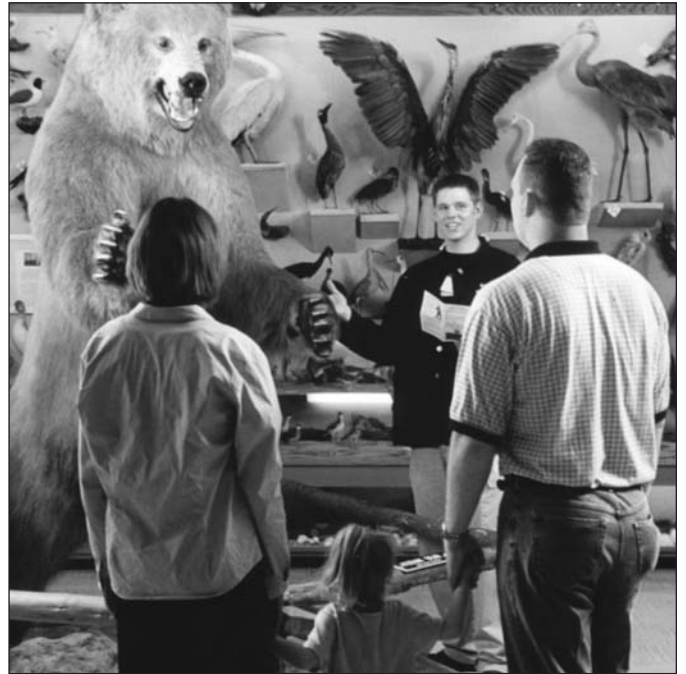
C of O, located in the southwest corner of Missouri, makes the heart of the Ozarks go pitter-pat with its immaculate landscaping, pristine chapel and rich history. Its safe, Christian atmosphere can serve as an escape from the endless rigors of everyday life. If you need a moment of serenity, take the short walk to Point Lookout on the C of O campus. There you can overlook beautiful Lake Taneycomo and rolling hills of farmland. Many students use this small corner of nature as a retreat to read, study or just relax.



Beautiful Lake Honor is the centerpiece of campus. The fountain is illuminated at night.

In the center of campus is Lake Honor, which is home to the C of O swans and a gorgeous fountain that is illuminated each night.

Students constructed Williams Memorial Chapel over a period of 12 years, from 1944-1956. Its windows were made of stained glass imported from Austria and depict a chronological history of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The chandeliers hanging inside were constructed by College of the Ozarks students in the metal shop located on campus. The chapel is a favorite of visi-



Visitors to the Ralph Foster Museum enjoy a display of taxidermied animals.

tors, but there are many more attractions to be seen.

An intricate part of American history is kept alive at Edwards Mill, where students practice time-tested trades such as basket weaving, grinding flour and meal, and using old-fashioned hand looms to produce everything from coasters to baby blankets. Visitors are welcome to observe the milling and weaving processes. The items made in the mill can be purchased Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

If you have a soft spot for sweets, don’t forget to stop by the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen where students make 40,000 fruitcakes and jellies per year. Visitors can observe the baking process and sample some famous C of O fruitcake. The Kitchen is open for public tours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. More than 100 fruitcakes are baked daily. Jellies, preserves and apple butter are made from January through October. Products are sold all year long and are shipped around the world.

For an interesting and educational experience, visit the Ralph Foster Museum where students perform day-to-day operations of running a museum in the capacity of cashiers, security guards and custodial staff. The museum houses over 150,000 objects representing Ozarks heritage, including a Thomas Hart Benton painting, Rose O’Neill’s Kewpie Doll Collection and the famed original Beverly Hillbillies’ car. The Ralph Foster Museum is open Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission

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# SUMMER WORK

## Summer Work Keeps Students Busy On Campus

By Mary Margaret Lenk

**W**hile most college students are hitting the beach and going home for the summer, you'll find College of the Ozarks students still working hard as they head down the path to success. Painting, scrubbing, mowing, baking and running after Camp Lookout kids are only a few of the jobs within the C of O gates this summer. That is what makes Hard Work U® so different from other colleges around the nation.



**Tina Truman prepares batter for C of O's famous fruitcakes.**

Photos by Mary Margaret Lenk

Probably most of you are asking, "Why on earth would students want to work away their summer vacation?" A few hard-working students answered this question. Sophomore Amanda Levesque had this explanation: "The only charges I will be responsible for in the fall are books and incidental fees. I feel it will take the burden off my parents and let them focus on their own financial needs."

Leah Roberts added, "By working the summer work program, I am also able to work a second job off



**At the Child Development Center, Stephanie Hinshaw watches two-year-old Trey Carlon as he settles in for a nap.**

campus and make money for next fall. I will not only graduate with a zero balance, but also a little extra money in the bank—what student wouldn't like that?" Most students at C of O don't feel they are losing a summer, but they are gaining a newfound respect for their education.

All the students involved in the summer work program are there by choice and go through an application process. Criteria for acceptance into the program are based on financial need as well as work ethic from the previous semester. Students find out in April if they will be staying for the summer and have the option to work six weeks or the entire program, which runs for 12 weeks. If the student works 12 weeks, he or she can pay off the next year's room and board charges entirely. If they work only six weeks, students are responsible for paying the other half of room and board for the fall.

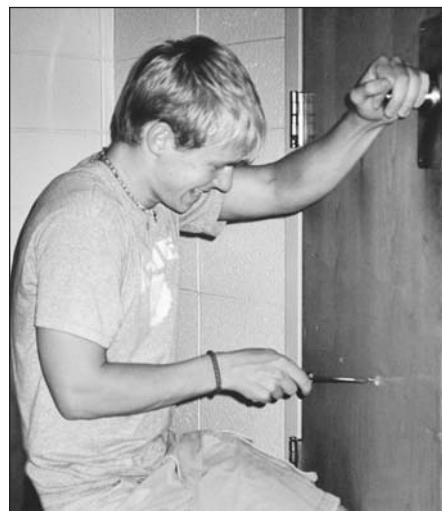
During the summer the College

has 59 active work stations, including College offices, laundry, the Ralph Foster Museum, the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen, Security and many more. After students have been accepted into the work program, they have the opportunity to choose where they would like to work for the summer. The determining factor to be placed at the job requested is the number of vacancies and a first-come-first serve policy.

Each student is scheduled to work 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at their assigned work station five days a week. A few work stations such as the Student Dining Center are open additional hours. The time there is 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and students complete eight hours a day in different shifts.

Most students still have the evenings free to work off campus jobs if they wish. Some off-campus employers include Tanger Outlet Center, local restaurants and resorts. Off-campus jobs in Branson are mostly seasonal, allowing students

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**You never know what you'll find in a men's residence hall. Maintenance worker Chris Rohr extracts a screw someone has left in one of Kelce Hall's doors.**

# A MUSICAL OFFERING

## College of the Ozarks Music Professor Releases CD

By Mary Margaret Lenk

**D**r. Bruce Gerlach, Chair of the Division of Performing and Professional Arts and Professor of Music, has released a new CD for children titled "Growing In God's Garden."

This CD is a compilation of 10 inspirational children's songs, which will touch the heart and inspire the soul. Also performing on the CD are two extremely-talented students, Joseph Utter and Laura Hanschu, both seniors at College of the Ozarks.

In addition, six children ranging from ages five to 11 perform on the recording. The children are all from the Ozarks and include: Samantha Trimble 11, Shannon Haynie 11, Solangie Haynie 8, Andrew Wolff 7, Allegra Wolff 6, and Christopher Haynie 5. Gerlach's 20-year-old daughter, Gretchen, also performs with the children and was responsible for designing the CD cover, which features illustrations of several children and a puppy.

The music included in this collection offers a wide variety of styles ranging from soft ballads and lullabies, to Broadway-style songs, Sousa marches and a few blues numbers.

Gerlach said he composed all 10 pieces of music with good intentions of God's children and their safety. He feels children today have so many fears and need the reassurance of God on a daily basis.

"I want to give words of life, hope, and joy, because children in this world find fear in strangers, divorce,

**NEW CHILDREN'S CD !**

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*appropriate for children ages 4-11 or any kid at heart*

**Growing IN GOD'S GARDEN**

*Cast of 6 children & 4 adults; written and produced by C of O music professor Bruce Gerlach; filled with the precious message of God's love for all of his children.*

darkness, thunderstorms and the unknown. I want them to know that God is a Father who watches over them with an everlasting love."

The music on this joyous CD celebrates God's love for all people and can be enjoyed from the young in body to the young at heart.

## SUMMER WORK

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to have the semester off while working at the same place every summer. On most weekends you will usually find C of O students at Table Rock Lake or sleeping soundly in their dorm rooms.

As you can see, it is no wonder College of the Ozarks is so different from other colleges. As a reporter for **The Kansas City Star** once wrote, "Elbow grease and academics blend at **Hard Work U**. There is no other school like it...."

**David Parrish applies a fresh coat of paint to a campus building.**



## Editor's Note: Correction

In the last issue of the **Ozark Visitor**, an article titled "NAIA: Hard Work Behind the Scenes Pays Off" erroneously reported that the NAIA Women's Division II National Basketball Championship, which is hosted by Sioux City, Iowa, had hundreds of paid staff members.

According to Anne Westra, the Sioux City NAIA Championship Coordinator, the tourney does indeed have hundreds of workers but, as at C of O, nearly all of them are volunteers.

We regret the error.

# WE SAY GOODBYE

## *Six Faithful Retirees Honored for 148 Total Years of Dedication and Service to College of the Ozarks*

By Linda LeNeve

**M**ay 31, 2003, marked the last day of actual service for six College of the Ozarks faculty and staff members. These retirees were honored at a reception held in the Lakeside Room in Good Memorial College Center on the C of O campus.

Dr. Marvin DeJong, Professor of Mathematics and Physics, has given 36 years of his life to the College. He says he is not quite retiring. He will hold a part-time job working for the Missouri Virtual School Distance Learning Program for SMSU. The program involves teaching by television and Internet.

DeJong will travel when he can but he said, "I just built a house on Bull Creek four years ago, and I am quite content there."

Dr. Glen Cameron, Dean of Campus Services, retired with 34 years of service. Cameron plans to help his wife Kay with her bed and breakfast called "Cameron's Crag."

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He has been an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and will continue to raise money for them. He has also been the District Governor for Rotary in the past and plans to continue serving the organization.

Selling books that his mother and wife have written will also be on his agenda. "I also plan to travel and visit the grandkids when I can," said Cameron.

Dr. Ed Quiko, Professor of Political Science, is retiring after 33 years of employment. "I have loved it here



**This year's retirees are (L to R): Marvin DeJong; Betty June Roberts; Glen Cameron, Eduard Quiko, Betty Gifford and Eldon Divine.**

Photo by Camille Howell

and I still plan to teach part-time and keep in touch with the College.

"I have also applied for an advisory job with Homeland Security so we will see what happens there," said Quiko. He also said that he plans on writing a book and traveling to visit with his mother. Quiko

and his wife Lily devote much of their time to running their restaurant, China Garden, in Branson.

Dr. Eldon Divine, Professor of Technology, has worked at the College since 1975 with 28 years to his credit. Divine plans to do what he has been doing for the last 28 years, taking care of Hereford cattle. He says he will just do it full-time instead of part-time. "I am sure there will be some things to fix around the house so I will be busy," said Divine.

Secretary to the Dean of the Col-

lege, Betty Gifford, retired after ten years. Gifford has a passion for art and now will spend most of her days doing watercolor, pen and ink, graphite and clay work.

"My husband is in Branson all summer appearing in the play Shepherd of the Hills, so I will have a lot of time to work on our house on Pomme de Terre Lake," said Gifford. "It has been three years since I have lived there so there will be a lot to do."

Betty June Roberts has worked the overnight shift in the C of O switchboard for the last seven years. Roberts recently bought a new house in Springfield and plans to take care of her elderly mother. The biggest thing that she is planning is her son's wedding this summer. "I also plan to garden and travel a little and just plain relax," said Roberts.

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## *In Memoriam — Art Cahill, 1908-2003*

College of the Ozarks bid farewell in late May to a long-time friend and supporter, Arthur Ripley Cahill. Mr. Cahill, 95, died at his Branson home on Sunday, May 25.

Mr. Cahill spent his boyhood in Branson and Springfield, MO, but moved to Chicago as a young man to attend the University of Chicago. He played varsity baseball there for three years and was a catcher/pitcher his senior year when the University finished second in the Big Ten.

While on the baseball team, Mr. Cahill traveled to Japan to play, and although he traveled extensively for the rest of his life, he always enjoyed telling students about his trip to Japan when he was a student himself.

In 1931, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and spent the next 50 years in Chicago working as head auditor at the Federal Reserve Bank and serving as financial vice president for Mont-



**Art Cahill**

gomery Ward, IMC and Brunswick corporations.

When he retired in 1972, he and his wife Jackie moved back to Branson. They were married 52 years before Mrs. Cahill passed away in 1987.

Mr. Cahill was on many boards and in numerous civic organizations, including his long and tireless service to the College of the Ozarks Board of Trustees. He became a member of the Board in October, 1975, after also serving several years as a member of the President's Council.

Although Mr. Cahill had officially retired from the C of O Board a few years ago, he was still very active, attending numerous campus functions, including Bob Dole's visit in April.

He often joked about getting older and the challenges it brought—one of his favorite sayings was, "Oh, to be 80 again!"

Mr. Cahill is survived by his three children: Douglas Cahill, Susan Cahill Pappas and Stephen Cahill, and by four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by countless friends and admirers from C of O, throughout the Ozarks and beyond.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Following Senator Nelson's address at afternoon commencement, several other special activities took place before the conferring of baccalaureate degrees. Senator Nelson and Dr. Ferguson received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Public Service and Doctor of Laws respectively.

In addition, four professors and administrators received emeritus status on the occasion of their retirements. Glen Cameron, Professor of Education and Dean of Campus and International Services; Marvin DeJong, Professor of Mathematics and Physics; Eldon Divine, Professor of Technology; and Eduard Quiko,



**Graduates Jennifer Howerton and Robert K. Hibbits received their U.S. Army commissions.**

Photo by Karla Plumlee

Professor of Political Science were all cited for their dedication to the College.

Professors Jerry Shackette and Mark Hubbard of hotel/restaurant management and agriculture/horticulture were next named recipients of the Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award and the Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Achievement Award respectively.

A duo of graduates also received commissions from the U.S. Army. Robert K. Hibbits and Jennifer M. Howerton will enter the military as Second Lieutenants in the fields of engineering and military intelligence.

## SUMMER PLAY

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for adults is \$4.50, senior admission is \$3.50 and children are admitted free of charge.

Some other work areas on campus include the dairy farm, which processes 1,400 gallons of milk per week, and the greenhouses where celebrity Shoji Tabuchi gets orchids for the lavish bathrooms at his Branson show.

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