Greater Issues brings senator, CEO and USAF general

The Greater Issues Series aims to engage cadets’ interest and knowledge in important topics of the day. Since it was established in 1954, the Greater Issues Series has brought presidents, heads of state, scholars, diplomats, journalists and distinguished business and military leaders to Charleston and The Citadel. The series is made possible by a grant from the Lane Foundation. The 2003-2004 year brought three distinguished speakers to the Corp of Cadets.


Feb. 12  Sallie L. Krawcheck, chairman and chief executive officer of Smith Barney, is a native of Charleston and graduate of Porter Gaud School. She oversees global management of one of the four key businesses of Citigroup, the parent company, with more than 500 offices worldwide and 23,000 employees.

March 18  U.S. Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, who was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, when it was attacked by terrorists, helped evacuate the building. Two months later at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, he commanded all coalition air forces for 656 days as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Stadium renovation

At the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year, a graduate who chose to remain anonymous gave The Citadel Foundation $1.5 million with the major portion earmarked for the revitalization of Johnson Hagood Stadium. By spring the demolition of the 56-year-old facility was under way. The demolition of the west side stands was the initial phase of the $15 million reconstruction project. The college ceased further work to renovate the existing Johnson Hagood Stadium in June to explore joint options with the public and private sectors that would allow a bowl game and other college and community sporting events to come to the city of Charleston. Meanwhile the college hired a local archeological firm to excavate graves that had been underneath the stands since the city built the stadium on land used as a cemetery in the late 19th century.

War on terror veterans honored at Homecoming

Alumni deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom were honored homecoming weekend with a special parade and other festivities. A memorial service honored graduates who died during the war. Six alumni and one former cadet have been killed in the war on terror: 1st Lt. Therrel Shane Childers, ’01, USMC; Capt. Benjamin Wilson Sammis, ’96, USM C; Lt. Peter B. Ober, ’98, USN; Lt. Col. Charles Henry Buehring, ’85, USA; Capt. Christopher James Kenny, ’93, USA; Capt. Daniel W. Eggers, ’97, USA; and Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy Ryan Creager who left The Citadel after his sophomore year to enlist.

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