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Conservative Commentator, Columnist**TONY SNOW, FORMER BUSH SPEECHWRITER,
TO SPEAK AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN, MARCH 7**Cent IL
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--He wrote speeches for President George Bush. Now, he's a syndicated columnist with the *Detroit News* and *Counterpoint* columnist for *USA Today*. And, when Rush Limbaugh takes a break from his popular talk-radio program, he pinch hits for the conservative pundit.

Tony Snow will bring his brand of political commentary to Illinois Wesleyan University, March 7, when he gives a public address at 8:30 p.m., in the Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington. There is no admission fee for Snow's speech, which is sponsored by IWU's Student Senate.

Snow's IWU appearance will come in the midst of this year's hotly contested presidential primary season, where Republican heavyweights like California Gov. Pete Wilson and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm already are campaign trail casualties.

Snow, known for his quick wit, frequently speaks on these topics: "A Road Map to Washington: An Insider's Look at Life Inside the Beltway;" "Clinton, America and the Newt Congress: A Road Map to Washington After the '94 GOP Revolution" (a reference to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.)); "The President and the Press;" and "The Presidential Sweepstakes: Who's In, Who's Out, Who's Hot, Who's Not."

Snow is a commentator on National Public Radio and recently replaced former U.S. Education Secretary and drug czar William Bennett as a political analyst on ABC-TV's *Good Morning America*. He also is a regular on various public-affairs broadcasts, including public television's *NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer, CBS-TV's *Face the Nation*, and CNN's *Crossfire*. Snow frequently appears on the nationally syndicated *McLaughlin Group*, a verbal slugfest that at times makes politics a contact sport.

During the Bush administration, Snow served as assistant to the

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president for Communications and Media Affairs and director of Speechwriting.

His career as a journalist began in 1979, when Snow joined the *Greensboro (N.C.) Record* as an editorial writer. He has won journalism awards from the Virginia Press Association, the Michigan Associated Press, the Detroit Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He has taught school in Kenya and Cincinnati.

Snow also has worked as an advocate for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled in North Carolina.

He received a philosophy degree from Davidson College in 1977.