

Academy to hear State Coordinator for Oklahoma Centennial Commission at February 12 meeting

By Milton Sonnevik

The State of Oklahoma will be celebrating its centennial year in 2007. The State is already making specific plans for numerous meaningful celebrations. The Academy of Senior Professionals is most fortunate to welcome Lt.



Lt. Col. Charles A. Garrison

Colonel (retired) Charles A. "Chuck" Garrison, who has just recently been appointed State Coordinator for the Centennial Commission. He and his staff will provide leadership for the numerous projects leading up to and culminating in 2007.

Lt. Colonel Garrison is a native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He served as an infantry officer for nearly 25 years. His military career began in Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Brigade, where he served as both an enlisted man and as an officer. Garrison comes to us with a rich background from the U.S. Army. His active Army assignments included a tour at Ft. Benning, Georgia, as a doctrine writer

and company commander, a tour with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii as company commander and battalion-operations officer, a tour at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Arkansas as an observer/controller, brigade personnel officer and battalion executive officer, and a tour at the U.S. Headquarters Forces, Japan, as the Secretary to the Joint Staff. He culminated his military career as the Senior Active Army advisor to the 45th Separate Infantry Brigade in Oklahoma.

Garrison holds a BA degree in political science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a M.S. degree in personnel management from Troy State University. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the ranger Tab, and The Parachutist and Air Assault Wings.

He is married to the former Laurie Hogue, also from Bartlesville. The couple resides in Edmond with their three sons, Reid, Cole and Doss.

Lt. Col. Garrison's subject will be "OKLAHOMA'S CENTENNIAL, 2007."



Your president's point of view:
by Jack David Arnold

Enthusiasm Breeds Achievement

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson, American author

Enthusiasm, that state of exuberance in which all things seem possible, is defined by **Webster's Dictionary** as "fervor" and "ardent zeal or interest." Its root word is the Greek **enth-eos/enthous**, meaning possessed by a god or other superhuman power.

This definition raises the bar quite high for all of us, but we know that feeling for it is how we feel when we have found something so profound in our hearts that we want to share it with others.

Enthusiasm is like the fuel in the tank of a car. It is the moving, kinetic energy which inspires us to pursue something we love and demands to be shared—if only with the object of our own passion.

Behind enthusiasm is always a belief, a belief in something greater than ourselves, something that uplifts and connects us to the Divine within. What, then, is the spark that could lead us to have enthusiasm in every port of our life?

"Expansion in love is an action available to every human being all the time. Anything can be experienced with a completely expanded awareness" wrote Thaddeus Golas in **The Lazy Man's Guide to Enlightenment**. When we open up with love in action in the world, anything seems possible.

Just how does enthusiasm relate to greatness? "Greatness, after all, in spite of its name, appears to be not so much a certain size as a certain quality in human lives," wrote Phillip-Brooks, an American author. Greatness, a quality of being, encompasses love, vision, belief, hope, and a generosity of spirit.

**Some are born great, some achieve greatness,
And some have greatness thrust upon them.**

—William Shakespeare, English poet and playwright

Greatness almost always involves a vision of possibilities greater than those that currently exist in the lives of those around them.

Greatness also belongs to many unsung heroes. With the gift of memory, I happily recall "a great one," the late George "Bud" Cargill. I first met him and his pretty, young wife, Trudy, in the Dragon Inn at Bethany-Peniel College in 1948. Bud, a true example of what we would call today a "total quality manager," energetically accepted his charge as Manager and, with fervor, style, and always a smile, served the students and faculty well as they enjoyed their good food and social activities in "The Drag."

In 1995, I renewed my friendship with Bud when I joined the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) at Southern Nazarene University. The French have a saying, "The more we change, the more we are the same." With his same exceptional personal qualities that I had admired in 1948, Bud, five decades later, was serving the ASP as treasurer with distinction. When I became president in 1997, I saw more closely how efficiently,

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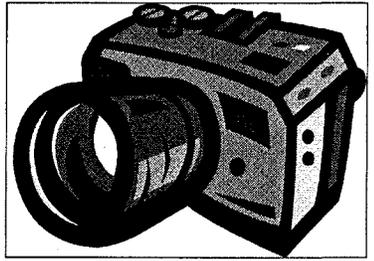


- You can meet friends everywhere but you cannot meet enemies anywhere; you have to make them.
- It may be a man's world, but chances are it's in his wife's name.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Some people reach the top of the ladder only to find that it's leaning against the wrong wall.
- Today having a change of heart is more than a figure of speech.



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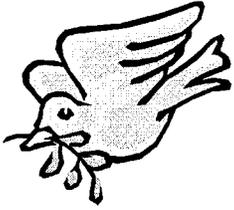
Dan Gallaway, Bethany City Manager, replaced Bethany Mayor, J. D. Johnston, as the guest speaker for the January Academy luncheon meeting. He provided members with interesting information about our city and what he, the Mayor, and the Council are attempting to do to improve development and services for Bethany residents.



The Academy of Senior Professionals welcomed new Members
Edith and Garland Johnson



Visitors to the January Academy Luncheon were
Fern and Lewis Harold



Obituaries ASP Members

Cargill, George O. "Bud", 78, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 14, 2000. He was born to Porter Thomas and Georgia Ethel (Stephens) Cargill in Tishimingo, OK, on Nov. 10, 1922.

He was a minister for the Church of the Nazarene and held pastorates, associate pastorates, and staff positions in California, Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Washington.

George was a proud patriot who loved his country. He served faithfully and honorably in the United States Navy during World War II.

The Academy of Senior Professionals elected him to serve as its treasurer and he was serving in this office at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Gertrude "Trudy" Cargill; son, George O. Cargill, Jr., & wife JoAnn, O'Fallon, MO; daughter, Sue Anne Lively & husband Bob, Yukon, OK; son, Mark Cargill, Dallas, Texas; and son, Jonathan Cargill & wife Karla, OKC; sisters, Thorval Carden, Eufaula, OK, and Neta Fields, Bethany, OK; brother, Gene Cargill, Bethany, OK; grandchildren: Scott, Eric, Emily, Sarah & Ethan Cargill, and Patrick Lively; great-grandsons, Jason & Matthew Cargill; also a niece & several nephews.

Takemire, Ruby Irene was born into a Christian home November 1, 1913, in Santa Anna (Coleman County) Texas. She went to be with her Lord, whom she loved dearly, November 16, 2000.

Ruby taught Sunday School classes, was president of the Nazarene Youth Group and was honored as San Antonio District Sunday School Superintendent of the Year.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and wife and respected hair dresser for many years. She attended college-while working, and obtained a bachelor's and master's degree with honors. She taught elementary school in San Angelo, TX until retirement at the age of 62.

Ruby and her mother moved to Bethany in 1981 to be near her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Leon & Mabel Jennings. She was a member of the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and loved her pastor, Sunday school teachers, and her class members.

Ruby is survived by her husband, Wilbur Takemire; son, Wendell Harrison & wife, Karen, Irving, TX, two granddaughters, Jennifer Harrison, Portland, OR, & Melissa Fusani & husband Mark; two great grandchildren, Grace and Sammy Fusani, Lebanon, OH; and step-son, Ralph Takemire, Topeka, KS; also three brothers: Wilburn Jennings & wife, Pearl San Angelo, TX; Wesley Jennings & wife, Ruby, San Angelo, TX; and Leon Jennings & wife, Mabel, Bethany, OK. Ruby is also remembered by many friends and loved ones.

Moore, Dr. Olan, 96, born in Carter, OK, on July 1, 1904, to Georgia & Charlie Moore, died peacefully on Dec. 23, 2000, at Spanish Cove in Yukon, OK. Olan became a Christian as a young boy and never wavered from the faith. Charlie Moore moved his family to various places in line with his work. The family came to Bethany, OK so that the Moore children could attend Bethany-Pehiel College (now SNU). The parents instilled in their children a great desire for learning. Dr. Moore entered BPC in 1920 where he served as the school's first Student Council president. He married Matilee Neely in 1925, who preceded him in death in 1975. Olan graduated from BPC, and Oklahoma City University in 1925. He earned his Masters Degree from the University of Oklahoma, where he was an assistant professor. He was a principal in Oklahoma schools before moving to Tempe, AZ. He served as high school counselor and superintendent of schools in the Tempe area. He completed his contribution to education by serving as head of testing and guidance in the Scottsdale, AZ school system. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma when he was 60 years old. In 1976, he married the "nicest lady in town," Edna Baker, who preceded him in death in 1999. Dr. Moore had a curious mind. He and his son, Bill Moore, went with Dr. Leo Finkenbinder, SNU professor, to the Rain Forest in Costa Rica. He was a master gardener and bird watcher. He enjoyed sharing plants from his garden. He shared information about the many varieties of birds in his yard. He greatly loved Matilee as well as his children, Bill Moore and wife, Harriet, Denver, CO, and Zoe Dugan, Oklahoma City. He adored his four grandchildren: Greg and his wife, Kathy Moore; Mark and his wife, Debbie Moore; and Tom Moore, all of Colorado. He was very close to his sister-in-law, Zonabel Neely Garrett, who preceded him in death in 1977. He is survived by his brother, Paul Moore, and sister, Virgihia Hicks; his stepson, David Baker and his wife, Edna, of Norman, OK, and their children: James; Bryan and wife, Edith; Shawn and wife, Denise; and many nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Virjeane Bayles, and her children, Melanie Bayles and Steve & Paige Black and their children Jessica & Tanner.



Interest Group Report:
Memoirs Writing Workshop
By Vada Lee Barkley

The Memoirs Writing Group Workshop (MWW) met December 11, 2000, in the Faculty Lounge.

Carol Spencer conducted the meeting in the absence of Vada Lee Barkley.

Mary Smith read her essay, "A Country Christmas," reminiscent of her childhood Christmases. Smith's reading stimulated discussion of childhood Christmas memories of those present. Generally, everyone recalled the efforts by parents and friends to make the Christmas celebration special during childhood.

Further discussion centered around the idea that everyone has a story to tell, and getting started is the challenge.

The next meeting will be February 12, from 10:15—11:15 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge.



"If you ask me"

By Vada Lee Barkley

A scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the first commandment?" Jesus added a second one: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Mark 12:11). No more, no less.

"Who is my neighbor?" asked a lawyer.

In response, Jesus outlined the plot of the story of the good Samaritan. Let's use our imagination to fill in some details. (The Bible doesn't say all of what I write happened. Neither does it say it didn't).

I can see this Jewish man riding his donkey along the bandit-infested Jericho road. Lurking behind rocks or shrubs, a band of robbers attached him, beat him up, stripped him, took his money and donkey, and left his half-dead, nude body by the wayside.

Along came a priest, saw the victim, and shied away. He couldn't afford to touch this man. It might be a dead body. Besides he had to hurry. He had to offer sacrifices for sin.

A Levite came along. He couldn't risk getting his hands dirty, either. Besides, if he stopped to help, he couldn't make it home before sundown, and the next day was the Sabbath.

Next came a Samaritan. Now the story takes on racial overtones. Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans and vice versa. But this man had met Jesus and some of His disciples at Jacob's well. He would never be the same. The naked, dying man just might be one of the disciples.

The Samaritan administered first aid, lifted the victim onto his own donkey, and holding him on, walked to the Holiday Inn at Jericho. There he rented a room and took care of the Jew that night. Before heading for Jerusalem the next morning, he arranged for nursing care, plus room and board for his new neighbor. He promised to pay the bill upon his return.

As soon as he reached Jerusalem, he looked Jesus up and told Him what happened.



A look at a book

By Wini Howard

Living Beyond the Limits by Franklin Graham

If you are challenged by what the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has meant to our world, and what it is still doing, I think you will want to read *Living Beyond the Limits*. Franklin Graham's name has become very well-known the past few years. His autobiography, *Rebel with a Cause*, has undoubtedly been widely read.

Living Beyond the Limits was written as a challenge to Christians. We do live such "limited lives." Graham is telling us about people he has met and worked with around the world who have lived and are "living beyond the limits." He relates stories about people he has ministered to who have dared to trust God in the most difficult circumstances. Graham's concept is that we can live "a life in sync with God." He has worked with and ministered to people in some of the most remote and roughest places in our world. Their faith in God, and consequently their achievements, is amazing. He does not stop with such revelations, but goes on to ask why our lives are lived in such a mundane way.

When you remember what Graham's life was like as a young man, you are thrilled to realize what God's transforming power can do. The energy that went into his selfish pursuits, has been completely given over to God. How amazing is God's grace in the life of a person who is totally yielded to Him.



Updates On RIG

The RIG (Research Interest Group) will have only two more regular meetings during this school year. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 9:00-10:15 a.m., in the Conference Room of the Commons. Guests are welcome.

One segment of the meeting will be devoted to our guest, Glorene Brown, with whom we will dialogue briefly about genealogical research. Last year she was the presenter of an informative workshop on charting the history of families.

The major part of the meeting will be directed to the agenda of the day, and will consist of discussing topics worthy of research by the RIG members and attendees.

On Monday, March 5, RIG will again sponsor a workshop on genealogical searching from 1:15-3:15 p.m., also in the Conference Room. This, too, will be presented by Mrs. Brown who will provide excellent guidelines and handouts for locating vital information on tracing ancestries.

All members of the Academy of Senior Professionals who are seriously involved in genealogy, are encouraged to attend the workshop, as well as those who have even a minute interest in the subject. There is no charge!

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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Academy Distributes New Membership Directory

A new booklet-style membership directory was distributed to members attending the January luncheon. Included for each member are names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Changes in information will be distributed monthly on an information sheet to be placed in the back of the Membership Directory.

Copies of the Directory will be available to members who would like one at the February luncheon meeting.

Forms will be available at each luncheon for adding, changing, or correcting information in the Directory. Your cooperation is sincerely requested!

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faithfully, and ardently Bud served our members well by managing our funds accurately and in a timely fashion.

When Bud passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 14, 2000, our unsung hero left us with a beautiful legacy of a righteous man who served others with enthusiasm and love and always with a smile.

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.

Live among men as if God beheld you;

Speak to God as if men were listening.

—Lucius Seneca, Roman Philosopher

Great men and women align themselves with integrity, honor, and ultimately, the higher principles. When at the crossroads, they often choose the harder part—the one less taken...

So what sustains them in the hard and difficult times? It is their belief in their vision—the fuel of enthusiasm which reminds them who they really are, and that the dreams they believe in matter. For the great men or women, enthusiasm and vision are often all that sustain them in their time of greatest darkness.

When Charles Fillmore, founder of the Unity Movement, was more than 90 years old, he wrote, "I fairly sizzle with enthusiasm as I spring forth each day to do the thing which ought to be done by me."



ASP Calendar & News Briefs

9:00-10:15 a.m.	Research Interest Group (RIG) General Conference Room (Commons-Downstairs)
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Memoir Writing Workshop Faculty Lounge/Commons
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Shuttle from BFC West Parking Lot to Commons
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Meeting—Heritage Room/Commons
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Shuttle from Commons to BFC West Parking Lot
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Administrative Council—Faculty Lounge/Commons
4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group* Second Floor Sitting Room—Southern Plaza

***Book Discussion Group:** The opening session of the ASP Book Discussion Group will be a study of the book, *How Now Shall We Live* by Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey. Copies of the book and *The Adult Study Guide* can be purchased at Mardels. Dr. Elbert Overholt is the discussion leader.

News Item 1: The March ASP meeting will meet on March 5 rather than on the 12th due to spring break at SNU.

News Item 2: Dr. Roy Dorris was appointed by President Jack Arnold to serve as treasurer pro tempore to complete the term of the late ASP Treasurer George "Bud" Cargill.

News Item 3: The SNU web site has been undergoing an overhaul in recent months. The new web site is expected to be up-and-running by the end of January, 2001. The web pages for the ASP are also being re-constructed. Watch for news about how to access these pages in the next issue of the *Perspective*.

"55 Plus" provides news coverage for past, present, and future of the SNU Academy of Senior Professionals

[Editor: The following article is reprinted with permission from the September, 2000, issue of the "55 Plus" newspaper distributed widely throughout the metropolitan Oklahoma City area.]

The second Monday of each month nearly one hundred retired professional people gather for a noon luncheon on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. The meeting, along with good food and fellowship, features a program of interest arranged by a committee.

Prior to and following the luncheon meeting, one or more of the five standing committees: Programs, Membership, By-laws, Strategic Planning and Publications meet. Publications, the most recent addition to the committee structure, print a monthly newsletter entitled, "The Academy Perspective." Special interest workshops and committees, such as: Memoir Writing, Genealogy, Research and a host of others may also meet.

This many faceted organization came into existence as the brainchild of a retired SNU administrator and professor, Dr. Elbert Overholt, during the late 1980's. Using the format of a similar organization at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Overholt drew up a proposal and presented it to the SNU administration, which became the sponsoring organization. The Academy began with a group of local individuals. Vada Lee Barkley, retired college professor, became the first president of the Academy and served in that capacity from the Academy's inception in the fall of 1990 until the spring of 1997.

During the life of the Academy, Dr. Overholt has served as Director of the organization, appointed by President Loren Gresham and approved by the board of Trustees of Southern Nazarene University. In the developmental stages of the Academy twelve activities, mostly involving community service, were outlined. Of major interest was a recommendation for low cost senior housing. In April of this year, SNU dedicated the beautiful Senior Housing development at College and 36th Street in Bethany; appropriately named Southern Plaza.

The Academy looks to the future. In the spring of 1998, Dr. Jack David Arnold was elected president. A 1950 graduate of SNU, Dr. Arnold holds a master's degree from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. In his annual report this spring, President Arnold, quoted Shakespeare, "What is past is prologue." The slogan of the Academy, "Sharing a Continuous Flight," captures this perspective.

Future plans include a "Greater Oklahoma City Area-All Senior Day," and a \$10,000 scholarship fund for SNU students connecting with seniors in the OKC area. In conclusion, the words of Cicero are incisive: "Let us not go over the old ground, let us rather prepare for what is to come." The Academy of Senior Professionals is preparing for what is to come.

Note: The picture of Sam and B.Kaye Stearman, ASP membership co-chairs, was featured on the front page of this issue.