

SNU President Loren Gresham leads the way to world wide impact

by Shirley E.M. Mears, Program Chair

Getting to know the President of Southern Nazarene University (SNU) is an adventure in that there are many facets to the man who has been at the helm of this prestigious organization since 1989.

As an All-American basketball player from Pasadena College, Gresham was recruited by the Venture For Victory team. One sports evangelism tour to the Philippines was instrumental in Gresham's desire to find creative ways to share the love of Christ in other cultures.



Loren Gresham

Loren Gresham is in a position today that has direct impact on parents who are interested in the sacrificial task of saving for higher education. Recruiting students and athletes is an ongoing campaign for all aspects of SNU and offering a solid firm Christian foundation for our future leaders must be made available as an alternative to organizations that seem to want to strip family values and faith from our nation's children. An awareness of the mission of SNU needs to be

made available to the whole world. One way to accomplish this goal is through serving the needs of those less fortunate.

Not only does Dr. Gresham believe in the powerful connection of sports evangelism to build relationships with athletes and spectators but that belief is evidenced in many of the departments of SNU and a trickle down impact reaches around the world. "Speed of the leader is the speed of the gang" was just one of many Mary Kay Ash quotes that applies to Dr. Loren Gresham.

Learning that President Gresham has had an interest in serving the needs of people around the world is not surprising. Dr. Gresham and Pastor David Busic were approached by a SNU employee and Bethany First Church parishioner Miss Kendra Thomson, who has a desire to make a difference in Africa where the greatest health crisis of our time is creating thousands of AIDS orphans who are in dire need of help. Swaziland is a small kingdom that has the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS on the African continent. Swaziland is ruled by a royal family that has not been able to turn the tide of this raging disease that

is lowering life expectancy and declining the population in an area that has over 1 million people. A fact-finding trip to Swaziland in November will be a brief, 8-day attempt to ascertain whether there are possibilities for SNU involvement in a way that could have an eternal impact on the citizens whose world is so bleak.

Dr. Gresham will be sharing the results of the Swaziland trip at the ASP luncheon on December 10th.

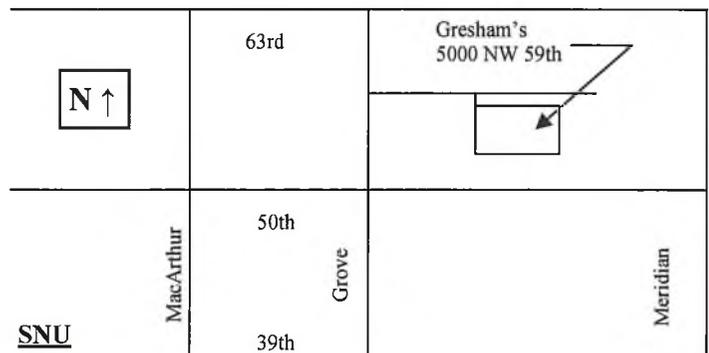
Loren Gresham is married to Linda Lee Brown. Loren and Linda have invited all ASP members and their friends to be their guests in their home at the Annual ASP Holiday Reception between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10th.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Dr. Gresham on Monday, December 10th. The buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the Southern Nazarene University campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Important luncheon reservation information:

- Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, December 6th, then please call Aleen Drumeller, Acting ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 405.265-0302.
- Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at 491-6312 or email ASP@snu.edu
- All: The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, December 6th

Map: Directions to the Gresham Home



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Your president's point of view:

by Jack David Arnold

The greatest charity is
to help a person change from
being a taker to become a giver

There are eight rungs in charity.

The highest is when you help a man to help himself.

--Moses Maimonides (1135-1204)
Jewish philosopher

David was fifty-four years old when he finally admitted that he was an alcoholic. Like many before him, he knew that Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) was his only remaining option. It was a move he was reluctant to make, however. He did not want to admit defeat, but he was thoroughly beaten, not only physically but also emotionally. He was embarrassed that others would know he was an alcoholic, although in fact, everyone who knew him well, was aware of his problem--his addiction.

After a few weeks of attending AA meetings, the fog began to clear from David's mind. He kept hearing the strange phrase, "You've got to give *it* away to keep *it*." The *it* was sobriety. AA members told him that once he attained *it*, he would have to share *it* with others in order to maintain his own sobriety. Since David was restless, irritable, and discontented as a self-centered and selfish individual, he thought to himself: "No way! Whatever *it* is, as soon as I get *it*, I'm going to hold on to *it* and keep *it* for myself."

*We should give as we would receive,
cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation;
for there is no grace in a benefit
that sticks to the fingers.*

--Seneca (4 B.C.-A.D. 65)
Roman philosopher

When we hoard things instead of passing them on, we become valueless. It is much better to follow St. Francis's maxim: "*It is by forgetting self that one finds one's self.*" When we choose to get

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"Sharing a Continuous Flight"

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beyond the self and act with a loving, generous spirit, then we receive what we are giving away.

How do we help takers become givers, even when they do want to change their behavior? Perhaps the best way is to lead by example. Those of us who have learned some of the lessons from giving can become role models to the takers in life. If we are willing to perform good tasks for others, they are more likely to follow.

*If you want to lift yourself up,
then lift up someone else.*

--Booker T. Washington (1856-1915)
American educator

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ASP PICS

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↑ Andrea Huff (new member)
(Mrs. Sherman Huff)

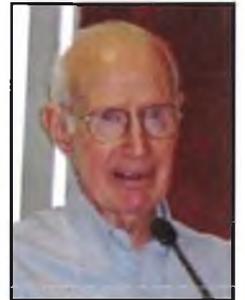


↑ Barbi Moore
ASP luncheon speaker

↑ Shirley Mears
Program chair



↑ Dale & Emmalyn German
New members.



↑ Lecil Brown
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↑ Park Burkhart
Membership Chair



↑ Leon and Joan Cooper
Guests



↑ Elbert Overholt
Founding ASP Director



↑ l-Marla Mercer Cole, r-Barbara Jett
Guests



↑ Marjorie Carter
Guest



↑ Academy Luncheon group joins in singing "God Bless America"



↑ Margaret McReynolds
Membership Affairs



↑ Shirley Mears, Carlene Edwards
& ASP President Jack Arnold



↑ Joy Williams
New Member



↑ Shirley Mears and Gary Mercer (President
of Mercer-Adams Funeral Service)



↑ Darlene Overholt / Billie Smith
rep. for Spanish Cove Center



NEWS TO USE

by Shirley Mears

Influencing Choices

Every day families are making decisions on how to direct their children. Many of the Southern Nazarene University graduates hope that their children will choose to follow their footsteps to SNU.

Charla (Miller) Gleave, a SNU graduate and basketball player, so enjoyed her educational experience that she wanted her daughter to seek that same kind of journey. Richard and Charla Gleave had hoped their daughter would attend SNU primarily because of the spiritual emphasis. However, it was the influence of Derek Dorris, the girls' basketball coach at Bethany High School and the SNU basketball camp coach, Lori Carter that made the biggest impact on Shayla's options. Shayla Gleave attended the Oklahoma University camp but was profoundly moved by the spiritual influence of the SNU camp coach Lori Carter. Charla had experienced great spiritual growth while attending SNU. She and Richard wanted an education that strengthens faith instead of diluting it for their daughter. Shayla's desire to serve as a physical therapist will give her an opportunity to share Christ with an ever widening circle of influence. Her love of basketball gives her a way to connect with the community today and has given her an awareness of the desire to serve as a physical therapist once she graduates.

As a young person, SNU President Loren Gresham developed experience in sports evangelism. That experience has trickled down through the years to the staff and educators of Southern Nazarene University and the Bethany community. It's spiritual influence has been spread around the world.



Academy Obituary

Lyle V. Tullis

Dr. Lyle Tullis was born March 10, 1921, in Decatur, Iowa. He passed away October 30, 2007.

Lyle was graduated from Decatur High School in 1938. He attended what is now Oklahoma Wesleyan University where he met Dawn Emery, a daughter of the college president, whom he married in 1942. They moved to Newkirk, OK where Lyle served his first pastorate.

Lyle served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 and following his discharge moved to colleges/universities in Michigan, earning degrees in theology and sociology. In 1963 he began teaching at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, serving as Registrar and later, Dean of the College. During this time he completed a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University. In 1972 he accepted a position at SNU as professor and department chair in sociology.

Lyle was recognized as one who loved his students and known for his generosity. In retirement he continued to serve as a volunteer in several positions. He was a faithful member of the Academy of Senior Professionals and is sorely missed.



Library Resources

by Bea Flinner

If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got to Get Out Of The Boat

By John Ortberg

The author has clearly directed his writing to a specific group of readers who want to take a 'special' walk on water. Jesus says, "Come!" What an exciting invitation! And, what a helpful book to learn how to accept it! It is 'insightful and profound', 'winsome and funny', 'motivating and challenging'!

What does walking on water entail? (1) "Facing with fears and choosing not to let fears have the last word," (2) "Discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life," and (3) "Experiencing the power of God in your life—to do something you would not be capable of doing on your own."

There will be waves, and perhaps failures—but we won't be alone in the storm) and we *will walk on water sometimes!*

Several 'praises' were included in the book, and following is one of them. One person thought that he just had to read it in one setting even though he hadn't planned to do so, and he said "I was laughing before I finished the first page and hooked by the middle of chapter one."

—IN THE SNU LIBRARY—

THE VOICE OF AUTUMN

by Jack Pischel, ASP Member

The still small voice of autumns hush
is wafted on the breeze;
From tall and stately cedars,
Through the boughs of leafy trees.

From craigs of lofty mountains,
To the low and level plain;
O'er bare and sandy desert,
Over fields of golden grain.

And still that voice is echoed on
'Till all the world may know,
That there is still a God above,
And beauty here below.

MORE ASP PICS



The Moores:
left—Edna
right—Barbi
(Nov. ASP speaker)



ASP Members:
Left -Paul Gresham
Former Historian



Right — Roy Dorris
ASP Treasurer



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Dorothy Wherry
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David Ellis



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CHRISTMAS SONG

by Jack Pischel, ASP poet

Christmas is a time for loving,
Christmas is a time for joy!
Christmas is a time for giving—
God gave us a little Boy.

And when He became a man,
He gave to us a wondrous plan—
To bring love and joy and giving
To our world.

Christmas is a time for family.
Christmas is a time for fun!
Christmas is a time for sharing—
God sent us His only Son.

And when He became a man,
He gave to us a wondrous plan—
To bring love and joy and sharing
To our world.

Christmas is a time for presents.
We should give them lavishly!
Christmas is a time for singing,
As we gather 'round the tree.

For when God became a Man,
He gave to us a wondrous plan—
To bring love and joy and singing
To our world.

Christmas is a time for candles.
Christmas is a time for light!
Christmas is a time for Angels,
Like the shepherds saw that night.

For when God became a Man,
He gave to us a wondrous plan—
To bring love and light and bless-
ings
To our world.

To bring love and joy and giving
To our world.

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Now a paradox comes into play. Someone who is incapable of receiving love will not be able to give love. We have to be able to receive God's love in order to give *it* away, for we cannot give away what we do not have.

Let us return to David, who was truly changed through the gift that others shared with him. He became an avid sharer of his experience, strength, hope, time, and love with other alcoholics. He has learned to give to others that which has been given to him with an open heart and hand. Sometimes what he gives is not accepted, but the good he is trying to give away always returns to him.

The ripples from a stone thrown into the pond move out, and those of us who are privileged to watch and experience this movement have a vital role in passing on the good we receive in order that others may benefit. When others benefit, so do we. The ripples of love and giving move out, and farther out, and all of us are blessed.

Giving is the secret of a healthy life.

Not necessarily money, but whatever a man has of encouragement, and sympathy, and understanding.

--John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1960)
American philanthropist



ASP Calendar

Monday: December 10

- 10:15 a.m. Shuttle: Sawyer to Webster Commons **begins**
- 11:15 a.m. Luncheon begins: Heritage Room—Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting ends
- 1:15 p.m. Ad. Council: Faculty Lounge—Webster Commons
- 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council ends
- 1:30 p.m. Shuttle: Webster Commons to Sawyer parking **ends**

New Chairperson for Research Interest Group Appointed

President Jack Arnold has appointed **Dr. Paul Scheie** as the new Chairperson of the Research Interest Group (RIG), which began in 1995.

The next meeting of RIG will be **Monday, January 13, 2008, 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Student Conference Room.**

Dr. Elbert Overholt will be presenter and his topic will be "Learning From Research."

Plan now to attend this important session. You will be enlightened and challenged.



REMINDERS/NEWS BRIEFS

- **Annual SNU President's Holiday Reception:** Scheduled for Dec. 10, 1:30-3:00 pm. Shuttle service provided.. Gresham's address: 5000 NW 59th St., OKC.
- **Aleen Drumeller (265-0302) will fill in as Acting Chairperson of the Telephone Calling Committee for Shirley Pelley for the months of November and December.** Shirley will be recovering from knee surgery.
- **Certificates and pins for new members:** To be given at the December 10 luncheon meeting.
- **ASP I.D. cards available:** Student Development Office, 1st floor, Webster Commons.

ACADEMY LISTS MEETING DATES:

October 8	January 14	April 17 (PLN) no ASP
November 12	February 11	luncheon on campus
December 10	March 10	May 12

ASP Parking Map

