



Perspective

SNU Provost will be the first ASP speaker of the 2006-07 academic year

by Shirley Mears

Patrick Allen, Ph.D., Provost at Southern Nazarene University, will speak at the first ASP luncheon meeting at noon on October 2 in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons. The Title of his speech is "The Provost's Vision for SNU." All members and guests are urged to make their reservations and attend this opening event.



Patrick Allen

Known for his humor, quick wit, and stories about his childhood, Dr. Allen is much in demand as a chapel speaker, at retreats, and banquet occasions. In his professional speaking and writing, he often addresses how community can be developed and sustained, and how the traditional values of higher education can be nurtured in a Christian setting.

Dr. Allen joined the SNU Administrative Cabinet in August 2005 under the presidency of Dr. Loren Gresham. He is serving as the coordinator of campus functions for academic affairs, student development, spiritual development, human resources, athletics, and strategic planning.

The educational background of Dr. Allen is extensive. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in

liberal arts from Southern Methodist University, the Master of Science in management from Southern Nazarene University, and the Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Oklahoma.

Holding a wide variety of positions, Dr. Allen has served in them at Anderson University, Friends University, MidAmerican Nazarene University, and Southern Nazarene University.

Dr. Allen and his wife, Lori, reside in Oklahoma City.

Important luncheon reservation information:

- **Members:** If you have **not** been contacted by one of our telephone callers, then please call Mrs. Shirley Pelley, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at **405.354.3853**
- **Guests:** Please call Dr. Elbert Overholt, ASP Director, at **405.789.2036**
- **All:**
 - The cost of the luncheon is **\$5.00**
 - Kindly make your luncheon reservations **before Thursday, September 28**
 - Please be reminded that when a luncheon reservation is made, it must be included in the count **unless it is cancelled by Friday, September 29**. To cancel a reservation, please call Dr. Overholt at **405.789.2036**

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### Your president's point of view:

by Jack David Arnold

## Expecting the Best

Author Dennis Waitley wrote, “**Expect the best; convert problems into opportunities.**” As I write this editorial, I am going through a series of medical tests to determine the extent and treatment of my prostate cancer which has decided to “make a run of it,” to quote my urologist, Dr. James S. Cochran, at the Dallas Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Cochran and I are expecting the best outcome. At our last conference, he said, “Jack, notice my careful choice of words, we’re talking *cure* after chemotherapy and radiation. Several doctors are helping me with your case, but they know that I am the quarterback. I will make the calls!” After this conference, I came away from his office “expecting the best” and “converting my problems into opportunities.”

What is a *problem*? According to *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, the term comes from the Greek word, *problema*, which literally means “obstacle.” Among the *Dictionary's* definitions, I like the following the best: “A question raised for inquiry, consideration, and solution.”

My recurring prostate cancer is simply a question that life has asked me. It is like a jigsaw puzzle that has just been taken from its box. There are three thousand small pieces, each with the potential of joining together to complete a pattern or picture. The pieces mean nothing strewn across the table, unconnected. It is the challenge of the jigsaw puzzle to find the relationship between the pieces and fit them together. The search and discovery of various pieces brings more pleasure than the finished image, because the process is as important as the resolution of the problem the puzzle poses.

My current medical problem is causing me a few difficulties. For example, driving to Dallas for my medical tests and conferences, as well as finding

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### “Sharing a Continuous Flight”

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lodging for two months once my treatment begins, have been stressful. At times, these and other stressors have made the problem seem larger than life. When I found out that a “mass” or “tumor” was located below my prostate, I was full of fear and anxiety. I questioned my ability to meet the challenge before me.

Doubt, uncertainty, and a sense of inadequacy made my medical problem something more complex than it is. When an avalanche of negative emotions threatens, it is impossible to experience a ski slope as fun to traverse. A molehill becomes the entire mountain and an “obstacle” rather than a challenge to one's belief, ability, and skill.

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# ASP PICS

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Pictures shown here were taken at the May, 2006 Academy Luncheon



Above: Colorful Decorations for the May luncheon.



Above: Bradley Wynn, luncheon speaker



Above: Chuck Rand, speaker for Research Interest Group



Above: Student visitor, Jaysen McClenagan

Jaysen McClenagan is the recipient of the Laverne Davis memorial scholarship (keyboard). This scholarship is associated with the ASPSNU scholarship program. Jaysen is an outstanding keyboard artist.



Above: Dr. John & Betty Floyd, ASP members from Scottsbluff, Nebraska



Above: Dr. Overholt, ASP director



Above: Guest William J. Legg



### *Lecil Brown, ASP Historian, Updates ASP History*

The first ten years of Academy history was documented by the first ASP Historian, Dr. L. Paul Gresham, beginning in 1988 and concluding his work in 1998.

Lecil Brown was selected as the second historian and has just completed a summary of the next eight years; from April, 1998 to May, 2006.

Both of these men have done their jobs exceptionally well and ASP members will want to obtain a copy of the ASP history by Lecil Brown at the ASP meeting on October 2. We want to extend our gratitude to Lecil for his good work.



*Lecil Brown, ASP Historian*

### *SNU seeks opportunity for ASP members to connect with the campus*

By Brenda Styers

As a part of the SNU family, it is the desire of President Gresham and the administration for ASP members to be active in volunteering on campus. From time to time, you will see volunteer opportunities in the Perspective and hear them announced at our meetings. The first volunteer opportunity is at Homecoming 2006, November 10-12. If you are interested in helping with such tasks as registration, greeting, preparing mailings, and product sales, please email the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@snu.edu](mailto:alumni@snu.edu) or call the office at 405.491.6312.



**Brenda Styers**  
ASP Co-director



**Consider being a campus Volunteer**

### *New Director for the Academy*

by Elbert Overholt

Dr. Loren Gresham, SNU President, has appointed Brenda Styers as co-director of the Academy of Senior Professionals. She will serve with Elbert Overholt during this academic year and assume full responsibility for the organization in 2007.

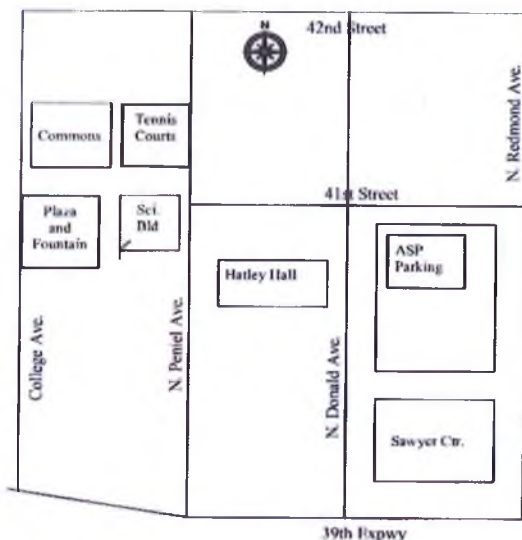
Brenda is well qualified for this position. She is highly motivated and has proven skills in organization and management. She will continue to serve as Director of Alumni Relations at SNU as well as leading the members of the Academy.

Ms. Styers has served in numerous positions that benefited from her administrative and leadership skills; including, Southern Plaza, Heart to Heart International, Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, Integris Medical Center, and the Hertz Corporation. She holds degrees from Southern Nazarene University and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Brenda is mother of one son, a senior at Southwest Covenant High School in Yukon. He plans to attend SNU next year.

We are delighted to have Brenda as a member of ASP and are anxious to gain from her many contributions to the Academy, the University, and to our community.

**ASP Parking Map**





### Vada Lee Barkley publishes book #10

PublishAmerica Presents "My Awesome Journey with Jesus: A Trek Down Memory Lane" by Vada Lee Barkley, past-president of the SNU Academy of Senior Professionals.

Events in this book span the most radically changing century in history. Beginning with her mother's wedding, the author traces divine leadership throughout the 20th and into the 21st century. The book includes Americana, nostalgia, trauma, financial struggles, The Great Depression, educational pursuits, travels, church activities, romance, vocational trials and triumphs, health concerns, a near-death experience, and the thrill of the Twilight Zone. At age 79, Barkley was miraculously delivered from a critical illness. Doctors gave her a one percent chance to live and a lesser chance to keep her sanity. As a part of her therapy, she became a full time author. "My Awesome Journey with Jesus" traces God's leadership in the life of a widow's child from the foothills of the Ozarks. It ends with a challenge to the reader to seek and follow God's plan.

Vada Lee was born in Arkansas, earned her B.A. degree from SNU and her M.A. from the University of Oklahoma. She has been recognized for her success in teaching and church music. Barkley refuses to retire. She simply changed careers. A computer illiterate at age 82, she has published ten books designed for pastors, laymen, and/or seniors. She is listed in the "Who's Who of American Women" and "Contemporary Authors."

Congratulations to our own Vada Lee Barkley!



## NEWS BRIEFS

- New Policy on Luncheon Sponsors and Distribution of Materials:** The following motion passed unanimously at the ASP Administrative Council meeting on February 13, 2006: *"The names of sponsors will be announced from the podium by the President. Sponsors will be allowed to place brochures at table settings. After the luncheon, a table will be designated where the sponsors may visit with interested members or guests concerning programs and products. Only people who are sponsors will be allowed to distribute materials. These sponsors (maximum of two persons) will be seated at the head table."*

### Research Interest Group attendees will hear presentation by Dr. Sue Ann Lively

By Elbert Overholt

Are you interested in finding answers to important questions? You don't need to be a rocket scientist to be curious. If you enjoy research or are interested in others' experiences in making inquiries, join us at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 2, in the Student Conference Room (lower level), SNU Webster Commons.

Dr. Sue Ann Lively, Director of Prior Learning in the SNU School of Adult Studies, will be presenting a review of research methods and techniques that are available in the research field. She will review her recommendations for additional research that she made in her dissertation. Our Academy of Senior Professionals was the subject of her dissertation study so she knows more about us than we do. Come and help us find some questions and some answers and give us some suggestions for possible research projects that we might complete in the future. There will be time for discussion after Dr. Lively's presentation.



*Dr. Sue Anne Lively*

*Speaker for the  
Research Interest Group*



### Academy Obituary

by Billie Harrison

#### *Vivian Lucille Chambers*

*Vivian Chambers, 82, went to be with the Lord on August 9, 2006. She was born October 4, 1923 Logan County, Kansas to Will and Ruby (Martindale) Hillery. Vivian was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry; sons, Gene and Norman; her parents; and two brothers. She is survived by her husband, Gene, the love of her life, whom she married August 13, 1950; daughter, Theresa West of Kirksville, Missouri; son, Paul Chambers of Flanders, New Jersey; brothers, Lee Hillery of Sun City, California and Paul Hillery of Scott City, Kansas; sister, Wilma Norsworthy of Meade, Kansas; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.*

*Vivian graduated in 1950 from Bethany-Peniel College, with a degree in education. She taught school for a total of 35 years. She was very active in her church and community.*

*Vivian was deeply loved by her family and friends. Her constant prayer, encouragement and love for others will be greatly missed. The gates of Heaven have been opened wide for her homecoming. Let the celebration begin!!!*

*Vivian was recognized as a working member of the Academy of Senior Professionals.*



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With God's help, I am following this maxim today: "Save the best for the best by expecting the best." A positive outlook has opened the door to "opportunity" that fear might otherwise lock shut. My faith and vision assert potential in the face of limitation. I shall persevere when doubt would have me quit and isolate myself from others, beauty, truth, and God. I look forward to the future because I see much that is worth looking forward to.

Helen Keller had a lot of problems, but she never allowed negative emotions to sink her into a pit of self-pity. Imagine the optimistic expectation and hope she must have had to break out of a dark and silent prison to become self-expressive and an encourager to others. She kept a high, hopeful inner eye on a light which guided her to overcome incredible physical handicaps and to design a life more creative than many people with full sight and hearing had created.

In 2003, when I was first diagnosed with prostate cancer, Kelly Starr, a student of mine at DeVry University, told me that she had just been diagnosed with cervical cancer. I responded to her by sharing with her my diagnosis. Two weeks later she gave me the following poem, which I treasure greatly today and wish to share with you, my fellow Pilgrim, today:

*What Cancer Cannot Do*

*Cancer is so limited...  
It cannot cripple Love  
It cannot shatter Hope  
It cannot corrode Health  
It cannot kill Friendship  
It cannot suppress Memories  
It cannot silence Courage  
It cannot invade the Soul  
It cannot steal eternal Life  
It cannot conquer the Spirit  
Love, Laugh, Hope, Dream, Believe!*



## ASP Calendar

### Monday: October 2

- 9:00 a.m. Shuttle: Sawyer parking lot to Webster Commons **begins**
- 9:30-10:45 Research Interest Gp. Commons Student Life Conf. Rm
- 10:30 a.m. Shuttle: Sawyer to Webster **continues**
- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Shuttle: Webster Commons to Sawyer parking **ends**



## REMINDERS

- **Membership Dues:** Members who have not paid their annual dues, may pay them at the October 2 Luncheon or send their checks to Dr. Roy Dorris, ASP Treasurer, 4607 N. College, Bethany, OK 73008. Yearly individual dues for the calendar year are \$15.00, or \$1.25 per month. The initiation fee for new members is \$10.00.
- **ASP Web Site:** Information about the ASP may be found at [www.snu.edu/sr\\_professionals](http://www.snu.edu/sr_professionals).
- **Shuttle Service for October meeting:** SNU continues to offer free shuttle service to and from the northwest corner of the Sawyer Center parking lot, 41st and Donald Street. Newcomers should turn north at the red light at 39th Expressway and Peniel Street; go two blocks north to 41st Street; turn right (east) one block to Donald Street. The shuttle begins service at 9:00 a.m. and continues making trips back and forth to the Webster Commons where the luncheon is held until 1:30 p.m. Members are urged to use this shuttle service.

## Meeting Dates for 2006-2007

October 2, 2006—(change due to conflict on Oct 9)  
 November 13, 2006  
 December 11, 2006  
  
 January 8, 2007  
 February 12, 2007  
 March 12, 2007  
 April 12, 2007 · Peer Learning event off campus  
 May 14, 2007