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World War II stories told by Leon Cooper

Jack David Arnold, Ph.D.

Leon Cooper has written history. He has recorded the lives of twenty-four (24) American aviators forever intertwined in the skies over Ploesti, Romania in 1944 when they became engaged in some of the deadliest air battles the world has ever known.

His new book, ***Blown To Bits: 20,000 Feet Over Ploesti!***, shares the accounts of these brave aviators whose planes—a B-17 Flying Fortress and a B-24 Liberator—were literally blown to pieces. Those who parachuted to safety were soon captured and held in Nazi prison camps until their release and return home.



Leon Cooper has also made personal and professional history. He is a native of Melrose, New Mexico, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry from BPC in 1950. He received his Master of Science degree in chemistry and physics from the University of Utah in 1959 and did graduate

studies in biochemistry at the University of California at Berkeley in 1967.

His professional career includes twenty-five (25) years as an educator and fifteen (15) years involved in Research and Development applications across the Latin Americas and at the National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

“Growing up as a teenager during World War II was a sobering experience,” Cooper wrote, “as more than

sixty young people, almost twenty (20) percent of our community, went off to war. Many of them spilt their blood at some faraway place and those who returned home bore physical and emotional scars from defending our freedom.

“Jack Arnold, I, and other young people of that era,” Cooper continued, “were so very privileged to have entered BPC along with those brave veterans returning from that brutal war. Although just a few years older than we were, they had achieved an unusual maturity that was greatly admired. There were no finer mentors. We were honored to walk in the shadow of giants.”

All persons interested in hearing and viewing Leon Cooper’s presentation should make their ASP luncheon reservations by Thursday, November 10. All ASP members should be contacted for their reservations by telephone or e-mail; guests may make their reservations by contacting Director Eunice Trent: 405.491.6311 or etrent@snu.edu.



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Your President's Point of View

by Emmalyn German

Lessons from the 50th High School Reunion Trip

Lifelong learning happens in our daily lives, and I would like to share with you some lessons I thought about when reflecting on the trip Dale and I recently took to Philadelphia celebrating Dale's 50th High School Class Reunion.

We flew to Philadelphia by way of Chicago, with a stop in Kansas City. When our flight landed in Kansas City we had to change planes and I think I overheard someone say it was because our plane was struck by lightning. Now I didn't see any balls of fire going through the plane. I didn't even hear any loud thunder rolls. And since we landed safely I assume that being struck by lightning while sitting in an airplane isn't all that dangerous. But as an extra safety precaution, we changed to another plane for our flight to Chicago.

Lesson number one: It is normally better to play it safe.

Since we had to change planes, I wasn't sure our schedule was still intact. So when we landed we asked for special directions to the next flight. I guess I wasn't paying too much attention to the time of our flight, and we were a little hungry, so we stopped briefly for a snack at McDonalds on the way to our next gate. When we arrived at the gate, I was waiting for the passengers for our flight to be told to line up for boarding. Quite a few people were sitting in the gate area, so I decided to call our son and tell him we had landed in Chicago safely in spite of our plane being struck by lightning, when I saw the gate attendant leave, and the plane back out and head for the runway. It suddenly dawned on me that we had missed our flight! When my son answered my call, my first words were "I think we just missed our flight!" For a few fleeting moments I wondered if we might actually miss the reunion! Moments later my smiling husband reassured me that we could just get on the next flight to Philadelphia which was leaving in about an hour and a half. All would be well.

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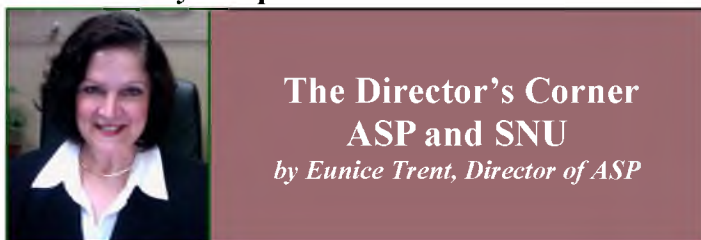
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**Peer Learning Network
Thursday, November 3, 2011**

Speaker: Eric Alexander, Mountaineer and Author
Speaking on the campus of Southern Nazarene
University in the Royce Brown Business Building
Auditorium **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

No cost for ASP Members for the on-campus PLN
Session

**Limited seating in Royce Brown,
so registration is a must!**

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or e-mailing etrent@snu.edu**

Eric Alexander, a world-class skier, climber, and mountaineer is achieving his goals while playing an instrumental role in helping others to achieve their own. Recently he defied the odds and scaled Mt. Everest with his blind friend Erik Weihenmayer. Currently he is planning his next adventure to Russia with Erik, to climb and ski Mt. Elbrus, at 18,500 ft – one of the seven summits (the highest points on each of the seven continents). Making this the first-ever blind ski descent of Mt Elbrus.

When not instructing disabled skiers in Vail, Colorado Eric directs Adventures Beyond Limits, an organization that educates and encourages youth with disabilities in the outdoors.

Eric grew up in the Colorado Rockies and started climbing in his teens. He was a member of the University of Denver ski team, which led him to pursue work as a Ski Patrolman in Vail and in the French Alps getting him a spot in a Warren Miller ski movie – Snowriders II. Eric's climbing abilities were continually improving and refined over the years with expeditions throughout the Rockies, Tetons, Mexico, and the French Alps.

Climbing has not always been without its trials. Eric reminds us of our humanity and demonstrates the courage it takes to succeed in climbing Everest after a near-fatal fall in the Himalayas when he fell 150 feet onto a 3 foot wide ledge that saved him from another 500 foot drop. The incident left him with pulmonary edema and it became clear that he would need to be airlifted to safety. For nine months he struggled with pneumonia and was unable to train for Everest. It is inspiring to know that Eric recovered and was one of the strongest climbers on summit day guiding Erik W every step of the way from the summit back to the safety of camp IV.

The Peer Learning Network (PLN) was established by Southern Nazarene University in 1995 and is facilitated by the Zig Ziglar Center for Ethical Leadership. It brings together the CEO and leadership teams of Oklahoma-based companies who have committed to be Major Partners in the Peer Learning Network. Partners utilize PLN for the purpose of professional development and pool resources. Members hear world-class presenters share management, leadership and planning ideas and provide a network with a wide array of successful Oklahoma company representatives.

Book by Eric Alexander

The Administrative Council
invites all
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Please make checks payable to SNU and
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Fund, and bring to the luncheon on Monday,
November 14.



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We were so glad that we had carried all our bags with us and had not checked anything.

Lesson number two: Pay attention to instructions.

Lesson number three: Don't despair if plan "A" doesn't work out for you. Usually there is a plan "B" and sometimes "B" stands for "better."

We spent the next two days and nights reminiscing with old friends, seeing old haunts, and remembering the "olden days." Then it was time for the trip home. We decided to check our luggage for the flight home since it would not matter so much if we were separated from it going home. We were going stand-by on the return flight, but since we had arrived at the airport very early we were sure we would not have any trouble. Not so. The weather was very cloudy and all the planes were delayed. That meant that when it was time for us to go, our plane was fully booked with paying passengers. It was the last flight of the day, so we stuck around to see if we still might get on by some miracle. If we could not get on the flight, since our bags were checked, we would not have our pajamas or toiletries, or clean clothes for the morning. Oh my. We waited with baited breath as we watched the paying passengers board the plane. Then we heard the call for the first two stand-by passengers. They picked up their boarding passes and also boarded the plane. We heard the next two stand-bys called, but they did not answer. Then with great relief we heard our names called. Lesson number 4: "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

As we boarded the plane I couldn't help remembering the story we had heard just the day before from one of Dale's classmates. Dave and Barbara were the only classmates who married within the class. When Dave was in second grade he went to a classmate's birthday party. The kid's parents arranged for the kids to play spin a kissing game like Spin the Bottle. Dave had never kissed a girl and was embarrassed and upset, looking for a way to get out of it. He decided to hide in the bathroom. On the way to the bathroom he saw a door to a closet under the stairs and decided to go in there and shut the door. The space was small and pitch dark. He crouched on the floor with his knees under his chin and arms around his knees and cried. As he waited in the darkness he sensed someone else was in the



ASP Calendar

Monday: November 14, 2011

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons

9:30—10:30 a.m. Morning Seminar in the Tullis Room.
(Webster Commons 1st Floor)

11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room

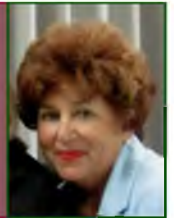
1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the Sawyer Center parking lot

1:15—2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

room with him. He opened the door just enough to let in some light and saw a girl in there. Embarrassed, scared, and panicked, he bolted out of the room, ducked out of the house, and ran all the way home crying. Fifteen years after he and Barbara were married he told her about the party, the kissing game, and the little girl in the closet with him. "Dave," she said. "I was the little girl in the closet!"

ASP "Trek" Time

By Pat Perry



Hi ASP Members

Just a note to let you know that I've planned an ASP trip for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to the "new" Myriad Gardens just in time to see all the Christmas decorations. It should be a fun day to enjoy the upcoming holiday season. Details regarding transportation will follow soon.

After just returning from my NYC/Canada/New England cruise, we have decided to do it again next year since we had

such a great time. If you are interested, let me know and I'll give you the details. I also have information for a Trans-Atlantic cruise from NYC to Rome (13 days) next April, 2012, as well as trying to plan a trip to Ireland.

Have a wonderful year.





LIBRARY NEWS

SNU HOMECOMING NOVEMBER 11-12

By Arlita Harris

Homecoming is always an exciting weekend at SNU as we showcase our campus to alumni and friends and welcome them back. This year's homecoming has some exciting events that you will want to add to your calendar.

Registration opens at Marchant Center 2nd floor (there's an elevator) at 10 a.m. Friday, November 11.

Friday noon, there's a luncheon for retired and furloughed missionaries, missionary kids, alumni, and friends at the Bethany First Church Atrium (contact Howard Culbertson to make a reservation, hculbert@snu.edu)

I'm excited about the 4:00 p.m. dedication of Scott Stearman's new sculpture, The Ten Commandments, which will be located on the east lawn of the library. Then, you may join the 5:00 p.m. Legacy Reception for SNU graduates before 1956 in Royce Brown's Living Center, Room 203. Refreshments will be served.



At 6:00 p.m., the SNU women's basketball team plays Southwest Christian University women at the Sawyer Center. The cross-town rivalry will continue at 8:00

p.m. when the SNU men's team plays Southwest Christian, with former athletes honored at half-time. Between games, the BNC/SNU Benchwarmers and Stormchasers support groups will be honored. During the game, graduates from 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011 will be seated together and will enjoy rekindling friendships on the 2nd floor of the Sawyer Center.

On Saturday, November 12, registration reopens at Marchant Center at 8:00 a.m. Inductees into the Hall of Witnesses will be honored at Cantrell Hall at 9:00 a.m. This year's inductees include Dr. Jonathan Gassett, Dr. Russell and Mrs. Ruth Human, Dr. Ark Noel Jr, Lester and Margaret Dunn, Erma Douglas, Rev. Ed Houston, Rev. Harold Durha, and Rev. Sam Stearman. A reception follows in the Fine Arts Building.

Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., you'll want to visit the SNU Arts Festival along College Street between 39th and 42nd Streets through the campus. SNU students, faculty, alumni, and community artists and musical entertainment will showcase their talent.

The Legacy Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in the BFC Atrium. All graduating classes before 1960 are invited to join (and bring your friends). We know you'll enjoy the program, food, and fellowship! Irwin and I are working on a great program!

At 12:00, Catalyst members for those interested in science and math will meet for lunch in the Beaver Science Building, Room 100.

SNU plays Langston University at 1:30 p.m. I always enjoy the Langston Marching Band - and can't wait until SNU has our own marching band soon.

The All-Alumni Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Sawyer Center. This year, SNU is honoring our former athletes and beginning the Athletic Hall of Fame. First year inductees are Patty (Avalos) Nau-moski, David Baker, Claud and Betty Cypert, Wes Harmon. Jeff Jantz, Ayodelle 'Stef' Miller, Astou Ndiaye-Diatta, Dr. Wanda Rhodes, Carl and Marcia Sawyer, Katrina Springer, and Todd Thurman.

The final event of homecoming weekend is the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in Herrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Make your reservations and order your tickets now at <http://webapps.snu.edu/secure/registration/event.asp?id=31> or call 800-998-4768 or 405-491-6312.



SOME NEW HORIZONS IN SCIENCE

By Paul Scheie

Science and technology are making news at a rapid pace these days. Some of the published reports have the potential of making significant changes to the way we view ourselves as well as how we view the world around us.

At the November 14th Morning Seminar I will direct your attention briefly to the results of three recently published reports. One involves a physics experiment, a second involves archeology and a third concerns neuroscientists and computers. No mathematics will be involved.

The report concerning physics involves a recent experiment that indicated some small objects moved faster than light. The possibility that any object is capable of moving even at the same speed as light would be in direct conflict with theories of Albert Einstein. Should the report be believed, and, if so, what might that mean to us?

The report from archeologists concerns some interesting fossilized bones recently unearthed in Africa. These bones may be related to early hominins (almost human beings) that lived nearly 2 million years ago. How reliable is this report, and what might it mean to us?

From neuroscientists come several reports of controlling robotic limbs via a computer by merely thinking about how you would like them to move, and even a case where a robotic limb sends back to the brain information about the object touched by the artificial limb. Wires connected directly from the brain to a computer and then to a robot offer life changing help to amputees and stroke victims, but also may pose a new problem of ethics

9:30 a.m. on November 14 in the Tullis Conference Room on the lower floor of Webster Commons. You are welcome to come and join us.



October Academy Luncheon

Jack David Arnold

Glen Kastner, Visitor

Eula Mae Neuenschwander



Above: Lois Miers
Left: Anita Lance
Below: Lynne Poole and
Betty Pischel

