

# Perspective

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**In our first luncheon this fall we will hear  
Rev. Randall Spindle's  
"Thoughts on the  
History of Bethany and SNU"  
John Martin introduces Rev. Randall Spindle here.**

Rev. Randall Spindle, Ed. D., J.D. is Professor of Management at Southern Nazarene University, where he has taught for over 30 years. He is also director of student internships for the SNU School of Business. In addition, Spindle serves as Minister of Congregational Care at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. He served there as Minister of Adult Education from 1992-2006. He is the teacher of the adult Forum Class, and periodically leads other Bible studies and adult classes.

Dr. Spindle is an SNU alumnus, receiving his B.A. in Religion and Liberal Studies and also the M.A. in History and Secondary Education from Southern Nazarene University. He completed the Ed.D. in



History and Higher Education at Oklahoma State University and the J.D. from the University of Oklahoma Law School.

He and his wife, Dr. Debra Spindle, live in Oklahoma City where she is a librarian for the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library.

They have two adult sons, Tim and David. Randall enjoys study and research and spending time with his family.

All ASP members and guests are urged to make their reservations to hear Rev. Spindle on Monday, October 12.

The ASP buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the SNU campus begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon program starts at 11:45 and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Relevant ASP luncheon reservation information:  
Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, October 8th, then please call Mrs. Aleen Drumeller, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 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, October 8th..

**Dr. Jack David Arnold,  
Luncheon Sponsor.  
In loving memory  
of my beloved professors  
at Bethany-Peniel College, 1946-1950:  
Professors James Robert Emmel,  
Carol Spruce Lundy,  
and Annabelle Laughbaum,  
Who taught me well  
and loved me unconditionally  
through it all.**



*Welcome Back!  
Elections this Month*



**YOUR PRESIDENT'S  
POINT OF VIEW**

*by Jack David Arnold*

**Let's plan for success at the Academy  
because "failing to plan is planning to fail"**

***"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope  
and a future."***

--Jeremiah 29:11 (*Holy Bible*, NIV)

On August 3, 2009 members of the Administrative Council of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) held a Summer Retreat at the Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon, Oklahoma, and set goals and made plans for the coming 2009-2010 academic year and beyond.

Organizations which are successful tend to have three traits in common: (1) they know where they are; (2) they know where they want to be; and (3) they have a plan for getting there. I heard one wise motivational speaker say in Washington, D.C., "If you don't know where you are going, then you'll probably end up somewhere else."

The Council members took the time to state the goals in specific terms, wrote them out in detail, learned about the problems and available solutions, and became willing to work as hard as necessary to achieve these goals when the opportunity comes along in the coming academic year. Failure is not an option.

American statesman and philosopher Benjamin Franklin (1706-90) was an advocate of strategic planning. "**Failing to plan,**" he wrote, "**is planning to fail.**" The Summer Retreat participants demonstrated one of the laws of life: a plan is an indispensable tool to a successful professional organization like our Academy.

What holds for the Academy holds true for the accomplishment of any goal. Without a "road map," our minds wander aimlessly and are ineffective in reaching out for solutions. By putting together a plan in much the same way we would use a road map—by being systematic and studying the various alternatives—we focus the direction of our thoughts and find ourselves capable of reaching any goal we please.

Many people know what they want out of life, but few turn their dreams into a carefully planned success map. They often depend on lucky "breaks" or the help of others. When they fail,

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***"Sharing a  
Continuous  
Flight"***

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### ASP VOLUNTEERS

by Elbert Overholt



"There is great satisfaction and enjoyment in helping others." This is how Irwin Harris expressed his feelings about volunteer service.



Irwin and his wife, Arlita, are both active members of our community. Both were actively engaged in developing the Bethany Centennial Historical Record that will be published soon. They support their fellow residents in Southern Plaza by going

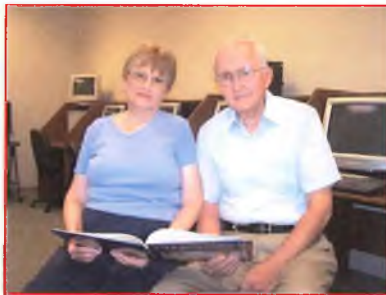
along side and sharing their experiences and understanding. Irwin serves as the President of the Southern Plaza Residents Association.

Arlita works full time as the Director of the SNU Library Resources Center. She administers the Library Center, teaches on-line courses for librarians and writes the library column for TAP.

The Harrises recently traveled with a prayer vigil group to the Horn of Africa. They both enthusiastically support SNU student mission trips. Both are engaged in volunteer service in their Western Oaks Church of the Nazarene. Irwin visits and counsels senior citizens of the church and Arlita works with the church Prime Timers.

Another couple enjoying the pleasure of volunteer service is Paul and Mary Anna Scheie. They both volunteer at the Oklahoma Metropolitan Library.

Paul is leader of the Academy Research Interest Group. He also volunteers two days per week at the Oklahoma Science Museum (formerly the Omni-plex) assisting customers in viewing and manipulating the science demonstrations. Paul is a regular helper in the Angel Food distribution system at the Floyd Center helping to fill the special orders.



Mary Anna does knitting for hospice and also for the BFC Swaziland Project. Paul and Mary Anna are the leaders of the ASP Day Trip to Wewoka coming Saturday, October 24. See article on this page.



### Sorghum Day Festival at Wewoka, Oklahoma

The Sorghum Day Festival is held each fall on the 4th Saturday of October. It will be on the 24th of October this year.

The festival features the making of sorghum molasses using 19th century equipment for this process, approximately 100 booths including vendors, showmen, exhibits, Native American crafts demonstrations, and of course, food booths.

We can explore the Seminole Nation Museum, see the Seminole Tribal Law "Whipping Tree," learn about the "oil boom" days of the 1920s-40s, the Wewoka (Barking Water) Creek, the "Wewoka Switch" which was a major shipping hub for trains.

The Seminole County Court House (pictured above) was the site of the first services held to start a Nazarene Church in 1929.

We will travel in private cars (sharing expenses). There is no charge to attend the festival.

Contact person: Mary Anna Scheie

### The Ten Goals of the Academy of Senior Professionals

The following Ten Goals were written and revised by ASP Founder and Director Emeritus Elbert Overholt for the Summer Retreat of the Administrative Council on August 3 at the Spanish Cove Retirement Village; they were then ranked in order of importance by individual members of the Council during the month of September:

1. To more effectively determine the significance of a person's activities: to use time productively, to continue personal growth and development, and to provide service to others.
2. To better organize our lives intelligently so that the years remain beautiful and fruitful to the end.
3. To successfully convert from professional activity as we pursue further cultural development.
4. To prepare for and advance through the final turning point in life.
5. To become more successful in the later years of maturation by raising our personal cultural level.

Ten Goals Continued on Page 4



### RIG WHAT'S NEW

By Paul Scheie

#### BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD SPOT

There currently are commendable efforts in this country to strive for a sustainable Planet Earth, as well as for oil independence, while, at the same time, maintaining our present standard of living.

The problem is that our high standard of living requires the generation of large amounts of power. And this problem is compounded by the millions of people elsewhere who have a much lower standard of living yet aspire to the same level that we enjoy. At the same time, most of the power generated today in the U.S. is accomplished by burning fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal), which are implicated in global warming that may cause unwanted effects on a global scale.

Recent initiatives to wean us from fossil fuels are not very promising on a short time scale. Wind power is predicted, even after 30 years, to provide only about 20% of the necessary power for the U.S. Hence for the near term, and likely longer, we will be dependent on fossil fuels.

So, how do those in the natural gas industry view the situation? The presenter at the RIG meeting on Oct. 12 will be Mr. Todd Ennenga, Director of Policy and Government Affairs for Devon Energy Corporation. He will discuss national energy policy, the current political climate, and supply and demand as they relate to Devon Energy. Accompanying him will be Ms. Alesha Leemaster, Senior Communications Specialist for Devon. She may assist in answering some of your questions.

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#### *Ten Goals Continued from Page 3*

6. To learn to adjust to life's crises and experience the fulfillment of assisting others through life's crises.
  7. To seek meaning in life and apply it to daily living.
  8. To advance to more personal fulfillment.
  9. To find during the autumn of life meaningful ways to use what we have learned and experienced during the summer of our wisdom.
  10. To organize and execute appropriate groups and activities to implement the above goals.
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### LIBRARY NEWS

BY ARLITA HARRIS

October is a very exciting month at the SNU Library, as we will be bringing up the new state-of-the-art integrated library system (i.e. catalog) to replace the old Sagebrush system, which was designed for elementary school libraries. It's interesting that New York Public Library System has also installed Innovative Interfaces Millennium with Encore this summer.

To experience the new catalog, go to <http://encore.snu.edu> or visit the library's website at [www.snu.edu/library](http://www.snu.edu/library) and enter a search term (author, title, subject) into the google-type box that appears there. You will be provided with electronic resources, print materials, archives, recordings, DVDs, and many other materials with the locations given for each item. Click on an item to find further details, book jackets, and summaries of the items. If the item is checked out, it can be reserved (held) for you when it is returned. If it is in, the new catalog will tell you where the item is located so you can retrieve it from the shelf.

Cloud tags on the right of the screen help you find related subject headings. You may enter your own Community tags to identify which books are being read by the ASP book club or for other purposes.

Periodical articles and government documents are found on the lower right-hand side, providing federated searching of EbscoHost, First Search, Gale, JStor, and Biography Reference Bank, as well as other web resources. To search the databases, ASP members will need to enter their name and SNU ID number (found under the barcode on the new SNU ID cards). If you haven't picked up your new ID card, stop in the Student Development Office on the lower level of Webster Commons. ASP members are entitled to free SNU ID cards which permit checking out two items at a time and use of the library's online databases for free.

Thanks to Don Dunnington, Jan Reinbold, Gwen Hackler, and others who worked and saved money to replace the old system before my arrival. I just get the glory of telling you and others about it!

Blessings, Dr. Arlita Harris, SNU Library Director

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# ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOT 2009

## (SAMPLE BALLOT)

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**NEWS TO USE**  
by Shirley Mears

It is so easy to get caught up in our daily to do list that we seldom think about: how life is really short and fragile. Fifty years after our death, no one will know or care about how our lives were spent. They will not care about our education, homes, cars, clothes, or vacations. What will matter in fifty years is whom we influenced and whose lives were impacted because we lived.

Kent Humphreys is the recipient of the Sixteenth Annual CBMC Salt & Light Award. The banquet will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Kent Humphreys has been a business leader for nearly forty years. While owning and operating a nationwide general merchandise distribution business, he worked with the nation's largest retailers. Since selling the family business in 1997, Kent has continued to be involved in real estate, private equities, and a medical distribution business. From 2002 through 2007, he was President of the Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI), an organization that equips and encourages Christian business owners who desire to use their companies as a platform for ministries. Kent now serves them as a worldwide ambassador for FCCI ([Christ@Work](mailto:Christ@Work)).

Kent and his wife, Davidene, have written several books, and their interviews can be heard by going to [www.thegospelstation.com](http://www.thegospelstation.com) and clicking on the Ministry Interviews tab. Look for Interviews: Number 51 and 74.

To learn more about the CBMC Salt and Light Award Banquet, please call 405-749-9418, or e-mail; the website is [okc.cbmc.com](http://okc.cbmc.com).



*Obituaries*  
By Lecil Brown

Paul Gresham was born January 3, 1911 at Portales, New Mexico Territory, the son of Lunia Houston and Carrie Anderson Gresham. He departed this life at Bethany, OK July 5, 2009 after a wonderful life of 98 1/2 years. He grew up in Altus, OK and graduated from Bethany-Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University) in 1933, the early years of the Great Depression. After earning a masters degree from the University of Oklahoma, he went to teach at Bresee College in Hutchinson, KS. It was there that he met and married Martha Elizabeth DeWitt on June 10, 1936. Paul and Martha taught for the next 18 years at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, TN. During these years, he earned his PhD. from Vanderbilt University while serving as principal of Trevecca High School. Their two sons, Loren Paul and Daniel Kay, were born during these years at Trevecca. Following their service there, he taught at Honolulu Christian College and served as acting president for two years. Thereafter, Dr. Gresham served as professor of history for 22 years at Pasadena College (now Point Loma University). Dr. and Mrs. Gresham returned to Bethany in 1977. Drawing upon his scholastic and teaching experience, he made a large contribution to SNU in research and writing. He wrote an outstanding biography of Dr. A.M. Hills titled *Waves Against Gibraltar*, and other scholarly works. He was a charter resident of Southern Plaza. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Martha, his son Daniel Kay Gresham, two sisters and one brother. He is survived by his son, Dr. Loren Gresham and his wife Linda Brown Gresham; his granddaughter, Lynette Suzanne Gresham Strawn and her husband Dr. Brad Strawn and two great-grandchildren, Evan Bradley and Keaton Paul Strawn. A memorial service was held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene at 11 AM on Friday, July 10, 2009.

Ponder W. Gilliland was born on February 23, 1918 in Rosston, TX, the fifth of ten children born to Ervin and Tunzel Gilliland. He departed this life on July 11, 2009 at Bethany, OK. He grew up on a farm near the western OK town of Delhi. He attended Oklahoma A&M and Bethany Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University) and later graduated from Pasadena College in Pasadena, CA. He married Floy Cantrell of Porterville, CA in May 1941. He pastured several churches in CA, one in Calgary, Canada, Little Rock, and Dallas. From 1970 to 1985 he pastured Bethany First Church of the Nazarene

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they will often say of those more successful, "They just happened to know the right people," or "They get all the lucky breaks."

Planning for success has no more to do with luck or knowing the right people than does planning carefully for a cross-country trip. It is true that when we start moving toward our goal, we meet people who can help us advance. We will also get certain "breaks" that persons without plans will never get; however, we know that we earned those "breaks" because we had goals and plans in place to help us get there.

Stephen Covey, author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, recommends that they "begin planning with the end in mind." The best planning encompasses what we want to accomplish and where we want to end up. Whether it is a special project or a monthly routine, we must begin by setting a goal that takes into account the steps needed to reach it.

When the Administrative Council members analyzed ten ASP goals for the 2009-2010 academic year at the Summer Retreat, we found it necessary to prioritize them. Although the Ten Goals of the Academy are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this issue, I want to highlight the number one Goal here because I believe it is key or seminal to my understanding about the Academy's *raison d'être*, our reason or justification for existence: **To more effectively determine the significance of a person's activities: to use time productively, to continue personal growth and development, and to provide service to others.**

The number ten Goal states that we should "**organize and execute appropriate groups and activities to implement the other nine goals.**" One exciting activity that we are planning for this academic year is the Senior Adult Conference 2010 (SAC2010), which has as its theme: "Advancing the Quality of Life: A Lifelong Learning Conference." The latter will be held at the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, May 21, 2010.

The SAC2010 Steering Committee has selected Dr. Stan Toler, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, and Mr. Charles P. "Chuck" Schroeder, Executive Director of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, as the Plenary Speakers. Many seminars are being planned that will enrich our "personal growth and cultural development." A silent auction will be held, and luncheon musical entertainment will delight the attendees.

The SAC2010 planners are mentally visualizing the goals we want to accomplish and are recording the steps needed to accomplish them. We know what we want to achieve and are creating plans to get there. We will continue to devote time in the following months to changing our plans as we gather new information and see new opportunities. **We intend to stick with our plans until we successfully achieve our goals because we know that "failing to plan is planning to fail."**



### ASP Calendar

#### Monday: October 12, 2009

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

9:30—10:45 a.m. Research Interest Group in the Student Conference Room, (Webster Commons 1st Floor)

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

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

1:15— 2:00 p.m. Administrative.Council meeting: Faculty Lounge

#### Monday: October 19, 2009

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. SAC 2010 Steering Committee at the Cove

### Welcome Back

by

C. Dale German

**Summer's end with warmth and light,  
Brings autumn's dawn with earlier night.  
Colors change from bright to brown  
And ASP comes back to town.**

**We meet and greet and eat 'til noon  
And find our hearts are still in tune  
To keep on learning day by day,  
And be of service on life's way.**

**So, "Welcome Back!" to ASP  
We meet again in Bethany.  
May hearts be full and spirits high  
In treasurers money cannot buy.**

#### *Obituaries Continued*

in Bethany, OK, and then was elected president of Bethany Nazarene College. It was during his administration the college was re-named Southern Nazarene University. He served on the general board and several committees of the board. Dr. "G" was predeceased by his first wife, Floy, in 1994, and his daughter, Glaphre. He married Ellen Anderson in 1996 who survives him. He is also survived by daughter Marsha Gilliland of San Jose, Ca, son Ron and wife Verlyn of Blythe, CA and daughter Sheri Gilliland of OK City; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, Leon Gilliland of Yukon, OK, and sisters Val Lackman of Bakersfield, CA and Grace Head of Sayre, OK. A memorial service celebrating his life was held in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene at 11:00 AM on July 14, 2009.