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November Luncheon to Feature Dr. Loren Gresham, President of Southern Nazarene University

By Milton Sonnevik

It is again a high honor and privilege to welcome Dr. Loren Gresham as speaker to the Academy of Senior Professionals on Monday, November 12, 2001. This community is indeed fortunate to have a man of his stature leading and guiding our university.

Dr. Gresham has been part of this community for many years and really needs no introduction. He has a rich family heritage in the Church of the Nazarene. However, to refresh our memories, here is a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Gresham.

Dr. Gresham was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and attended Trevecca Elementary Training School. When his parents changed teaching



President Loren Gresham

positions from Trevecca Nazarene College to Pasadena Nazarene College, Pasadena, California, he attended and graduated from Pasadena Academy. He graduated from Pasadena Nazarene College, now Point Loma Nazarene University, with a major in history. His further education was at the Uni-

versity of Southern California, where he obtained a Master's Degree in International Relations. He earned his Ph. D. in political science

from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Gresham is also a family man. He married Linda Lee Brown in 1964. They have one daughter, Suzanne Lynnette Strawn. She and her husband, Dr. Brad Strawn, have two sons, Evan Bradley and Keaton Paul.

Dr. Gresham's career at Southern Nazarene University began in 1967 as a professor of Political Science and History. As a Fulbright Scholar, 1970-71, at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, he formed wide acquaintances with leaders in many areas of national life. In 1985 he was selected by then President Ponder Gilliland to serve as Provost of Southern Nazarene University. In 1989 the SNU Board of Trustees elected Dr. Gresham to serve as President of the University, the office he currently holds.

President Gresham serves also on numerous boards for the Church of the Nazarene. He serves as Chair of the World Mission Department of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, Chair of the World Evangelism Fund Formula Study Committee, and is a member of the Board of directors on the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

You Are Invited to an Open House

Dr. and Mrs. Gresham invite the entire membership of the Academy to their home for an Open House immediately following the luncheon.

Their address is:

*5000 N.W. 59th Street,
Oklahoma City, OK*



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

The Poison Pen Letter Sent Without a Name

On September 11, 2001, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City crumbled before my eyes. The Pentagon was pierced to its inner courtyard. Although this tragedy occurred hundreds or thousands of miles away, I felt as if it had also happened in my den in Farmers Branch, Texas, as I watched the unbelievable, horrible spectacle on television. Then, President Bush declared solemnly, "We're at war."

**And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of war:
see that Ye be not troubled:
for all these things must come to pass,
But the end is not yet...
All these are the beginning of sorrows.
—Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 24: 6, 8**

Since that tragic day in September, I've been hearing a lot of talk about "bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age." One television pundit got my attention when he asked this chilling question, "Do we have the belly to do what must be done?"

The Bush administration and the media assign these tragic events to a concerted terrorist attack. *Terrorism* is designed to accomplish a single end: to prove to a large, secure population that it is not invulnerable; it is generally done by those who feel they have no other means to make their situation felt; and it is the ultimate failure of human communication: **the poison pen letter sent without a name.**

This event signals a massive failure of the intelligence community, which often seems to be staring intently in the wrong direction just when the next disaster strikes. In 1995, the Oklahoma City bombing was laid at the door of an undefined Arab source until we learned some days later that the terrorists came from within.

Tamin, a writer and columnist in San Francisco, who comes from Afghanistan, wrote a rational, thought-provoking, but rigorously honest commentary about the attack on America. Because of the importance of what he says, I would like to quote at length from him.

"I speak as one who hates the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden and want something done about these monsters. But the Taliban and Bin Laden are not Afghanistan. They're not even the government of Afghanistan. The Taliban are a cult of ignorant psychotics who took over Afghanistan in 1995. Bin Laden is a political criminal with a plan. When you think *Taliban*, think *Nazis*. When you think *Bin Laden*, think *Hitler*. And when you think *the people of Afghanistan*, think *Jews in concentration camps*.

"It's not only that the Afghan people had nothing to do with this atrocity. They were the first victims of the perpetrators. They would exult if someone would come in there, take out the Taliban and clear out the rats' nest of international thugs holed up in their country.

"Why don't the Afghans rise up and overthrow the Taliban? They're starved, exhausted, hurt, incapacitated and suffering. There are thousands of widows, and the Taliban have been **burying these widows alive in mass graves. The soil is littered**

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Memoirs Writers Workshop Reports

By Vada Lee Barkley

The Memoirs Writers Workshop met October 8, 2001, in the Faculty Lounge.

Dr. Laughbaum introduced her book *Nine Glimpses of My Life*. She explained her reason for writing it. Her nieces and nephews, to whom the book is dedicated, kept saying, "We need to know more about you." Then she reviewed each chapter briefly.

Jack Arnold read his book review on Pulitzer Prize Author Richard Lee Rhodes' book on violence and terrorism.

The next meeting will be Nov. 12, 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Commons Fireside Room, Main Floor.

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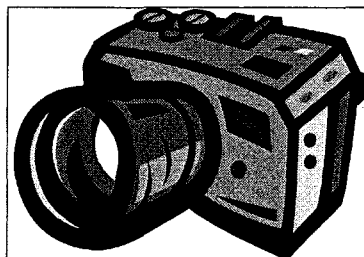
Don't spoil the present by dwelling on the past.
Don't spoil the future by neglecting the present.

— Anonymous



ASP PICS

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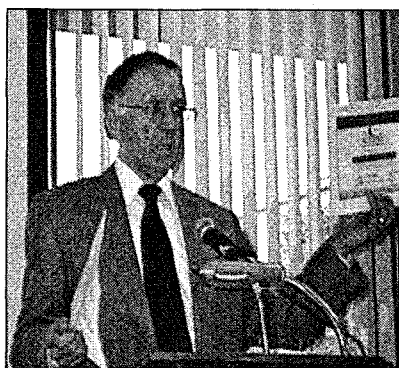


Jim Poteet talks to the ASP Luncheon about his experiences with the "After School Program" for school children in a one-square mile area around SNU and the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.

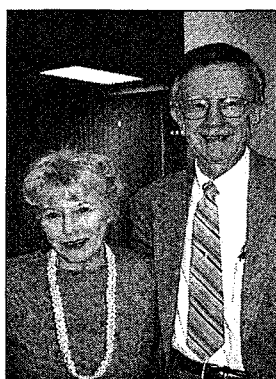
Linda Gresham, director of the SNU Excel Auction, talks to academy members at the ASP Luncheon about how they might volunteer to be helpers for the Auction.



Catering director for SNU Marriott food service, Margaret Greenwood, goes all-out to provide pleasant surroundings for the serving line at the ASP Luncheon.



Don Beaver talks about the ASP Membership Certificate prepared for the ASP membership



The ASP welcomes Jim and Shirley Posey to membership in the Academy



A visitor to the Academy, Noel Tuck, enjoys the Luncheon fellowship

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with land mines; the farms were all destroyed by the Soviets.

“What about bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age? Trouble is, the bombing has been done. The Soviets took care of it already. Make the Afghans suffer? They’re already suffering. Level their houses? Done. Burn their schools into piles of rubble. Done. Eradicate their hospitals? Done. New bombs would only stir the rubble of earlier bombs.

“What can be done, then? Let me now speak with true fear and trembling. The only way to get Bin Laden is to go in there with ground troops. When people speak of having the belly to do what needs to be done, they’re thinking in terms of having the belly to kill as many as needed. Having the belly to overcome any moral qualms about killing innocent people.

“What’s actually on the table is Americans dying to fight their way to Bin Laden’s hideout. It’s much bigger than that because to get any troops to Afghanistan, we’d have to go through Pakistan. Would they let us? Not likely. The conquest of Pakistan would have to be first. Will other Muslim nations just stand by? You see, where I’m going. We’re flirting with a world war between Islam and the West. Who has the belly for that? Bin Laden does. Anybody else?” (E.D. DuPre, personal communication [e-mail], September 19, 2001)

**And if any of you would punish in the name of
righteousness and lay ax unto the evil tree,
let him see to its roots; and verily he will find the roots
of the good and bad, and the fruitful and the fruitless,
all entwined in the silent heart of the earth.**

—Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

In light of this crisis, a quick look at newspapers or television or a surf on the Internet shows that all the responsible groups representing Arabs in this country have already chosen to stand as Americans with their fellow citizens in this difficult time. They are calling for justice. They are offering their resources to help the victims of these intolerable acts. They are praying to God to protect the country and their fellow citizens. In short, they are behaving as thoughtful, compassionate human beings.

Many millions of decent Americans happen to be Muslims. They attend our schools, serve society as college professors, attorneys-at-law, physicians and surgeons, waiters and cabbies. Yet they are routinely mistaken for terrorists and have often been the targets of painfully misdirected threats and violence.

We need to remember the simplest things in such a crisis as this one: that no matter who committed these atrocities, they are very likely a handful of people marching under a banner they have ripped, without consent, from the hands of others. That flag may be an American flag or a Star and Crescent, or some other symbol. It is a piece of cloth in which they have wrapped their nightmare, not an accurate representation of democracy or Islam. When we think of the Ku Klux Klan, we do not think of Christianity, although the cross has been its chosen symbol for over a century.

Terrorism wins only when it forces us to abandon our own best principles.

Muhammad Ali Mazidi, an Iranian friend and colleague at the DeVry Institute of Technology at Irving, Texas, shared this beautiful prayer with me right after the attack on America:

**O, Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity
from the same stock.**

**Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same
household.**

In Thy Holy Presence we are all Thy servants.

All mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle;

All have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty;

All are illumined through the Light of Thy Providence

—Baha’i Prayer

Subject: One

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,

We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs of the burning building,

We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,

We became one generation.

As the firefighters and police officers fought their way into the inferno,

We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,

We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,

We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,

We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,

We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and loss,

We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes,

We become one people.

— Anonymous



"If you ask me"
By Vada Lee Barkley



A look at a book
By Wini Howard

Return to the Hiding Place by Hans Poley

The Quote from the jacket cover of *Return to the Hiding Place* tells us what to expect: "Corrie Ten Boom's family sheltered many from the Nazis. Now their first 'guest' tells the inside story."

Most of the time Poley does have a story to tell that does not overlap with Corrie's story.

If you have appreciated Corrie ten Boom and her life story told in *The Hiding Place* you will undoubtedly enjoy another person's account of his experiences in Holland during World War Two.

Hans was the first person to go into hiding at the ten Booms' home. An 18-year-old Dutch man, he refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Nazi regime. His mother, a friend of Corrie's, asked her to hide him. He stayed there for months and worked with the Dutch Resistance. This meant he was "in and out" of the Hiding Place. As you might expect, he was finally discovered by the Germans and arrested by the Gestapo in February of 1944.

Hans was in the Hiding Place for eight months. He gives us a vivid picture of life with the other "guests" in the ten Boom home. Despite the hardships there were times of fellowship and, yes, fun. It was also a time of spiritual insight and growth for him. All this would help to prepare him for his time in a concentration camp.

His time there was typical of what we have read and heard, such as the cruelty of the guards. Poley's faith sustained him in a remarkable way and his organizational abilities helped his conditions to improve.

Release finally came. He was married to his waiting sweetheart and completed his education. He has had a long and productive life.

This book is available at the BFC library and at the Bethany library.

"There lurks beneath all thought of death a shuddering evasion of thinking or talking about it, lest in so doing one brings it nearer," writes Dr. Robert E. Hough, a Presbyterian minister, in his book, *The Christian After Death*. "... There is probably no subject about which the average professing Christian is more ignorant," Dr. Hough says. Is it any wonder when we never hear a sermon on heaven or hell anymore?

Could it be, as Dr. Hough suggests, that we shun the subject because we're so engrossed in earthly things that we don't think much about the hereafter? Are we so unfamiliar with what lies ahead that we shrink from what breaks our every link with the present? God forbid!

Paul wrote: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." (Thes. 4:13)

Paul gives important information about Christ's second coming and the resurrection of the righteous dead. He speaks of the interim between death and the resurrection (II Cor. 5:1) When our earthly "house of this tabernacle is dissolved", we have "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," he continues. So our spirits are not disembodied after death; they are "clothed" or housed in some kind of body.

Time and space prevent discussing the resurrection. Paul covers that event in his letters to the Corinthians and Thessalonians. Incidentally, the word prevent in King James' day meant "to come before." "The dead in Christ shall rise first," and we'll all meet the Lord in the air.

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**Updates On RIG**  
**(Research Interest Group)**

By Bea Flinger

**"Depression: A Self-Disclosure" will be the topic to be presented at the November 12 RIG meeting.**

In today's society, depression is being experienced by people of all ages from children to mature adults. Extensive research is being conducted on the topic, including the causes, symptoms, and prognoses.

Is there any help or freedom to be found by those who feel so bound by such a serious illness? Yes, there is a strong possibility of successful treatment. At our RIG meeting we will be privileged to have as our featured speaker, Dr. James R. (Bob) Emmel.

Dr. Emmel holds a B.A. degree from Eastern Nazarene College, with a double major in Speech Communication and English/Literature, an M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma with a double major in Speech Communication and Psychology; a Clinical Certification in communicative Disorders from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. from Penn State University in Speech Communication, History and Social Psychology. He has continued to take seminars and do postdoctoral work.

Our speaker has taught at Eastern Nazarene College, Point Loma Nazarene University (formerly Pasadena College), and California Polytechnic State University. He was head of the speech Department at Southern Nazarene University (formerly Bethany Peniel College and Bethany Nazarene College) for nine years. This accounts for his being in Oklahoma City presently and his association with the University in the past. Adding to Dr. Emmel's teaching experiences was the privilege of spending one term in Australia.

Extensive professional honors have included being the recipient of a Fulbright Professorship to Italy, and receiving an International Educational Scholarship to Oxford University.

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As a continuing scholar and educator, he has conducted forums, published articles in state, national and international professional organizations, as well as in various newspapers and journals. TAP (*The Academy Perspective*) has also published articles by him.

Dr. Emmels's interests have extended beyond America. He served the United States government in Germany as a Communications Consultant for two years, as well as conductive research work for the School of Business and the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities in Japan while on one of his sabbatical leaves—"a fabulous experience" he says. He and his wife, Naomi, have furthered their knowledge and broadened their experiences through world-wide travel, which will continue as they embark on a twenty-nine day cruise to South America in December, 2001.

AN OPEN INVITATION is extended to everyone who is interested in this special topic to be presented at the next RIG meeting which will take place on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, FROM 9:00—10:00 A.M. on the Southern Nazarene University Campus in the GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COMMONS (Downstairs).



## Library Connection

### "The EBSCO Bonanza"

By Esther Schandorff

[Editor's Note: Esther Schandorff follows Shirley Pelley as Library Columnist. This is her first column for *The Academy Perspective*]

R.T. Williams Library has recently subscribed to an on-line service which will provide rich rewards for anyone working on a research program. This service provides full text of journals in almost every field of study. For instance: the Academic Search elite includes full text of nearly 1,530 journals covering the social sciences, humanities, general science, multi-cultural studies, education, and much more. That is only the beginning.

EBSCO Online Citations gives access to electronic journals as well as titles from publishers who have given permission to re-use abstract information in the database. There are specific files covering nearly all subjects: in the business world, banking, finance, etc; in health nursing has an academic edition of over 520 scholarly full text journals; as well as, a Consumer Edition, Advice for the patient, and Clinical Reference Systems.

How about a Newspaper source? It gives full text for 159 regional U.S. newspapers, 18 international newspapers, 6 newswires, 9 newspaper columns, The Christian Science Monitor, and the Los Angeles Times!!!

I'll close with a Professional Development Collection, ERIC, MEDLINE, Books in Print with Reviews, and MagillOnLiterature which contains all of Masterplots and Masterplots II, Cyclopedia of World Authors, Cyclopedia of Literary Characters, and Magill's Literary Annual.

**You are always welcome at the library, HAVE FUN!**



## ASP Calendar

### Monday: November 12

- 9:00 am Research Interest Group: Commons Conf. Rm.
- 10:15 am Memoir Writing Wkshp: Commons Fire Side Rm.
- 10:30 am Shuttle: West BFC Parking Lot to Commons (Arrivals before 10:30—Go to Faculty Lounge)
- 11:15 am Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Shuttle: Commons to West BFC Parking Lot and Gresham's Open House
- 1:15 pm Open House: Dr. & Mrs. Gresham (See p 1)
- 4:00 pm Book Discussion Group: Southern Plaza

### Tuesday: November 13

- 10:00 am Administrative Council: Commons Fireside Room
- 1:15 pm Strategic Planning Comm: Commons Fireside Rm.



## News Briefs

- **Luncheon Cost Increased**

Please be reminded that the cost of our luncheon has been increased by Marriott as they have increased the price for all organizations such as ours. Your Administrative Council voted to raise the luncheon price to \$7.00 starting in November.

- **Unclaimed Luncheon Reservations Costly**

Your reservation for the luncheon needs to be a commitment to be there for the meal. We are charged for all reservations that we submit so it is very important that you notify Grant Keeton or your telephone caller by Friday noon before the luncheon if you need to cancel a reservation. Your cooperation will save your organization unneeded costs. Thank You.

- **Membership Certificates**

At the October luncheon, free membership certificates were presented to those members who had requested one at the May, 2001, meeting. Certificates not received in October will be available in November. Any member who has not requested a certificate may do so at the November meeting. Please contact Don Beaver

- **Tax-Deductible Contributions**

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the ASP to support the ASP Scholarship Endowment and/or the Senior Adult Conference 2002 (SAC2002), please make your check payable to "Southern Nazarene University" or "SNU" with a notation on the check "ASP Scholarship" and/or "SAC2-002."