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Toby Rowland's "Glorious Windows"



The April Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) luncheon speaker will be Toby Rowland, well-known Oklahoma sports-caster, SNU alumnus, and son of

Dr. Terry Rowland, Nazarene district superintendent in Oklahoma.

Toby is known as the "Voice of the Sooners." Toby's background includes serving as host for television shows on Sooner Sports TV as well as radio shows for Learfield Sports. Additionally, he is the play-by-play announcer for OU football, men's basketball, and baseball.

Rowland worked as a sports anchor, reporter and producer at KWTW in Oklahoma City for 12 years. He is a two-time Emmy Award winner and has won the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Award for best sportscast, and the Society of Professional Journalists Award for Best Sports Reporting. Toby also became the host of the award-winning Friday Football Blitz high school football coverage. Rowland has also hosted the "T-Row in the Morning Show" on KREF Sports Talk 1400 for 13 years. His show is now syndicated statewide.

Toby got his start calling games as the play-by-play voice of Southern Nazarene University Crimson Storm basketball, football and baseball teams. He is a 1995 graduate of SNU,

Toby is married to his college sweetheart, Jennifer. They have three children; Trevor (18), Payton (16) and Chloe (9).

SNU SPRING CALENDAR

Museum of the Bible Lecture Series

April 6—*Paradise Lost* by Dr. David Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Oklahoma

April 20 —*The Bible and Hollywood* by Phil Cooke, Founder and CEO, Cooke Pictures

Space is limited. For free tickets, RSVP

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April 20—Spring Choral Concert

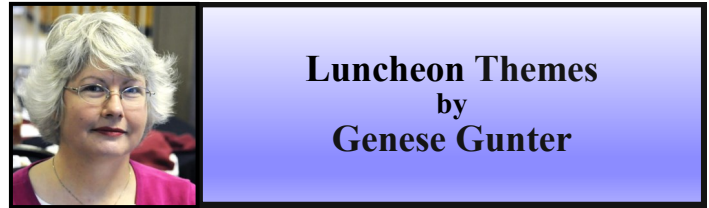
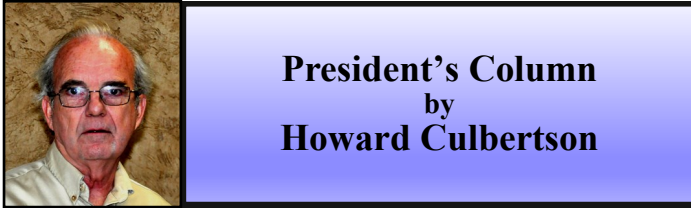
April 28 —Dr. Mark Reigard's Farewell Concert with Dr. Steve Betts

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OUR LUNCHEON ON APRIL 10 begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call asking them to respond. If you have not received a call by Thursday, April 6, RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlinearley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.



Wasn't the name recall ability of our March luncheon speaker, Kerry Austin, amazing? He walked into the Heritage Room a little before 11 a.m. and milled around introducing himself to people.



An hour later, when he got up to speak, he went from table to table with a mike in hand and, with the exception of three people, was able to call every single person by their first name. Wow. Hearing how much he had struggled in school made that display of memory all the more amazing.

It also was fascinating to learn that Bethany City Manager J. D. Cox, our March 9:30 Morning Seminar speaker, came to Bethany from western Nebraska where he was city manager of a smaller city called Alliance. Barbara and I have been to Alliance a couple of times to take grandchildren to see Carhenge, a full-size replica of England's Stonehenge.

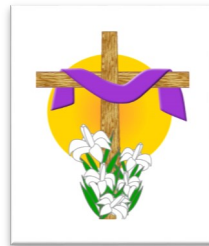
Carhenge was constructed 30 years ago along Highway 87 north of Alliance by Jim Reinders, local farmer and engineer. He used old American-made automobiles which have been painted gray so that they somewhat match the color of the stones at Stonehenge.

I'm still, a little time each day, working on the small creek cleanup project I mentioned last month. I have taken six old tires out of it, including one wide whitewall that must date back at least to the 1960s. A nearby Firestone Store and Shelby's Automotive have willingly disposed of those old tires at no charge. Hooray for small steps!



Once again, you did not disappoint me. Thanks for your participation in ASP's luncheon themes. A few of you seemed caught off-guard wearing your Paddy day green. Ha-ha. I'll give you an "E" for effort. It pays to read *The Academy Perspective* each month. I can't award a prize if you are not dressed appropriately. And I love giving away prizes.

April theme: ANGELS & EMPTY TOMBS



This is our month to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. It is a season of new beginnings and seasonal re-growth of what appeared to be dead. So, let's dress in a lively manner. Celebrate Easter with gusto!

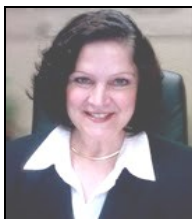
Ladies, wear pastels and spring inspired prints in tops, dresses and sweaters. Men, it is appropriate to wear pastel shades of yellow, blue, green and especially pastel pink along with Easter-themed ties. I'm excited to see everyone all dressed up.

And yes, I'll bring prizes!

Your Sodexo liaison,
Genese.

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The Director's Corner
by
Eunice Trent

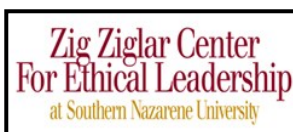
SNU Joins OK Ethics, Selects Zig Ziglar Ambassadors

For more than 25 years, Peer Learning Network, under the leadership of Dr. Loren Gresham, has brought Southern Nazarene University and the OKC business community together to encourage the sharing of business practices, leadership skills, and ethical standards. Because of similar mission and format, SNU has decided to join with The Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium to promote integrity and best business practices.

“Southern Nazarene University believes strongly in the emphasis on ethics in the business place and investing in our leadership to engage with forward-thinking speakers. SNU will support OK Ethics and its program by being a Pinnacle member and will personally host three of this year’s luncheons,” said SNU President Loren Gresham.

In connection with this new partnership, four SNU students were honored as Zig Ziglar Ethical Leadership Ambassadors by Professor Brent LaVigne, SNU School of Business Chair. This honor, which includes a scholarship, was given to the following students:

- Michael Tuttle is a sophomore and business administration/pre-law major. He is interested in corporate or international law.
- Polina Chala is a junior and business administration/pre-law major. Polina has a desire to practice law or be a successful business owner in her hometown of Kharkiv, Ukraine.
- Brady VanZant is a junior and International Business major. Brady has interests in Sports ministry to children through his own nonprofit.
- Kimberly Anderson is a junior marketing/music business major with interests in starting her own company to teach customer service and positive training.



SNU Graduate Returns as President

On August 1, Dr. J. Keith Newman will be coming back home to his alma mater, Southern Nazarene University, to be its new president. Dr. Newman comes to SNU with experience as a police officer, a pastor of large Nazarene churches, and as vice-president and chancellor of two Christian universities.

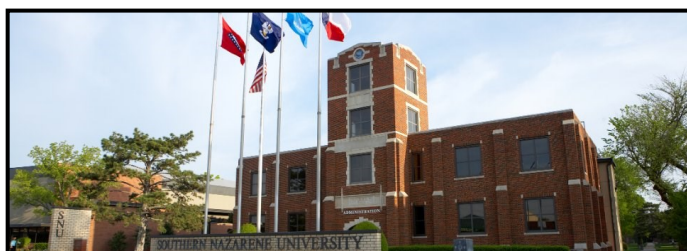


Newman, who earned a master’s degree at SNU, was elected March 24 by the board of trustees to succeed Dr. Loren Gresham, who is retiring after 50 years at SNU as a faculty member, provost and finally president. Newman is coming to SNU from a position as CEO and Chancellor of Indiana Wesleyan University, the largest school in the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. He has been at IWU for eight years. Prior to that, he spent seven years in Ohio as Mount Vernon Nazarene University’s Vice-President of University Relations.

Although he pastored Nazarene churches in Arkansas, Texas and California for 17 years, Newman’s first profession was that of an officer and homicide detective with the Houston Police Department. That is where he met another homicide detective, Carolyn, who later became his wife.

He holds a Doctorate of Education from Spalding University with a concentration in leadership. His doctoral dissertation examined the leadership qualities of Dr. J. B. Chapman, an educational leader in the Church of the Nazarene in the first half of the twentieth century.

Dr. Newman and his wife have two children, Andy and Alana. Andy is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University while Alana graduated from SNU.





“Picture Perfect Memory”
Kerry Austin with
Howard Culbertson

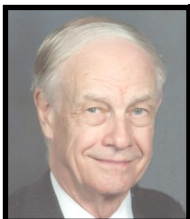


Get Acquainted Moments
Frank Dewey, Dale and Emmalyn German

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MARCH LUNCHEON THEME
“MEET ME IN MAUI”



**The SNU Connection
by
Marion Snowbarger**

“Culture and Christ”

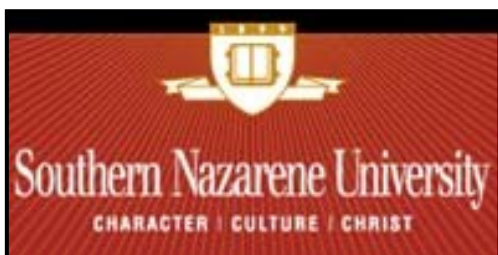
Last month, we reflected on the history and importance of the word ‘**Character**’ within the SNU motto. In April, we will focus on how ‘**Culture and Christ**’, the last two words in our motto, came into being, their influence on our mission statement and the impact the motto has on the University and the community of Bethany.

In somewhat similar fashion as the Trinity, our motto exists as three separate words. Together these words create a guidepost by which we are to live. Throughout the years, the students, faculty and staff have worked to live out this motto. When it comes to cultural events, all one needs to do is look at the SNU events calendar where we have anything from basketball to opera.

Over the last few decades, the word ‘**Culture**’ has come to include more than what is offered in terms of events. It can refer even to the diversity of students who attend this university. SNU seeks to include all types of students and embrace all cultures while maintaining the love of Christ through its mission statement.

Christ is the supreme example of divine love and justice. At SNU, we seek to be like Christ. For this reason, we include it in our motto. Over the decades, the school has tried always to operate with a Christ-like attitude. In Christ, there is room for grace and forgiveness. This is clear throughout our history and as we have examined our motto. I look forward to presenting specific examples of this inspiring topic.

— Corbin Taggart



**Book Discussion
By
Barbara Culbertson**

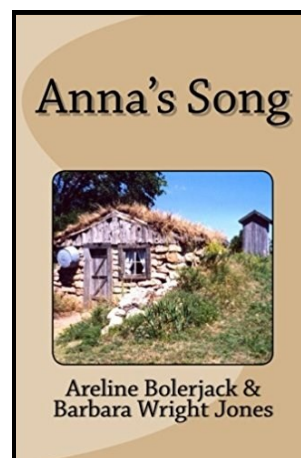
For our April book discussion, we have the privilege to read a fictional book co-written by one of our own ASP members, Barbara Jones. *Anna’s Song* is set in the early 1900s in northern Oklahoma. Many ASP members will no doubt be able to relate to places in what was the Cherokee Outlet; Ellis County, Shattuck, Alva, and Enid. Experiences of Barbara’s grandparents, Anny Mary and Scottie Shroff, gave her inspiration for this book which she wrote along with her aunt, Areline Bolerjack.

Barbara Jones and her husband, Kenneth, were career missionaries for 19 years with the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Mexico and South America. She is an alumna of Southern Nazarene University.

Barbara is a published writer of a biography, short stories and articles, and children’s books. She is also a professional storyteller who performs story programs for various groups.

Dr. Maurine Dickerson, a former English professor at SNU, wrote a synopsis of *Anna’s Song*. She relates that the book “is a story of the hardships of an ordinary young lady with an extra-ordinary faith . . . It’s about truth and goodness, sorrow and evil. . . It is sure to grip your soul and feed your imagination.”

Anna’s Song is easy to read, and you are sure to find it inspiring. Come join us at 9:30 on April 10 in the President’s Dining Room as we discuss this stimulating book!





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Monday April 10, 2017

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
- 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion. President’s Dining Room
- 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 parking lot
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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