

Rex Tullis To Speak To Academy At January Luncheon

By Charles Harrison



Dr. Rex Tullis comes to us from a rich background in the field of education and computer technology. He has been Chair of the School of Education at Southern

Nazarene University since 1995. While at SNU he has been responsible for the largest department on campus. He has led in the redesign of the teacher certification program, has introduced new technology to the students and faculty, and has led the department through the NCATE accrediting process. The SNU School of Education now ranks number 1 in the State of Oklahoma for its pass rate on the Oklahoma Teacher Certification Testing program.

Tullis' early experiences in education have included classroom teaching on the 5th grade level and administrative and directive duties in several areas of public education.

Tullis moved to higher education in 1992 when he became the Associate Dean of Graduate Education at Indiana Wesleyan University. While there he developed new directions in a non-traditional M.A. program and supervised the adjunct faculty in the Department of Adult and Professional Studies.

Through the years Tullis has been especially effective in introducing new ideas and technologies to his students and colleagues. He is well-equipped to bring to us valuable information that can enrich our use of those technologies.

RESOLVE

By Anna Belle Laughbaum

I heard from Charlotte today.
"When I was 12," she wrote
(She was my student 40 years ago.),
"A little motto was given to me:
'Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.'
For almost 60 years that couplet
Has been in my heart and mind.
I find each day a new challenge:
Not to do great and wonderful things
But to find a simple task:
To help another, in love . . .
My prayer is as I grow older:
I will not grow old in attitude, in vision."
Is there any better creed than Charlotte's
To make our very own this new year?

Southern Plaza Dessert Tour

By Marilyn Olson

Following the upcoming Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon meeting on January 10th, all Academy members and guests are invited to visit Southern Plaza, located at 36th and College, for Dessert and the special Academy Group Tour. For convenience, Academy members will be offered van transportation in addition to the usual Academy shuttle.

This beautiful Retirement Community was developed by and is owned by Southern Nazarene University with strong encouragement from Academy members. It is appropriate that this special preview for Academy members is offered BEFORE the official grand opening which will be held in early spring.

Please make time in your plans for Monday, January 10 for an additional 30-45 minutes following the usual luncheon meeting to have a delicious dessert and see Southern Plaza for yourself. This is your opportunity to be informed of one of many options for senior adults in the new millenium.

Strategic Planning Committee Meets

By Marilyn Olson

The second official meeting this year of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) will be January 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Royce Brown Building conference room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

The purpose of the SPC committee is to formally develop and recommend plans and activities to ASP leadership which will "capture the imagination, hearts and minds of ASP members and in support of the ASP mission." Visionary planning will insure that the Academy offer much more than our fabulous and well-attended monthly luncheons. The planning for ASP's future will give many opportunities for Academy members.

The committee's recommendations will put action to ASP members' desire for life-long learning and "sharing a continuous flight." Areas being considered in this preliminary phase include improved awareness of ASP, improved communications, opportunities for intergenerational activities, more focused scholarship efforts, and becoming a conduit of senior information.

The ASP of the future

- will help us give—because when we give we are never poor;
- will help us plan and dream—because hope creates energy;
- will help us be involved improving the lives of all ages.

This is a great time for ASP members to make suggestions to any of the Committee. Committee members are Marilyn Olson, Chair, Elbert Overholt, Jack Arnold, Don Beaver, Darlene Overholt, George Cargill, June Phillips, Robert Emmel, Robert Griffen, B. Kaye Stearman, Sam Stearman, Bea Flinner, and Shirley Pelley.

This is a great day to be a senior adult.





Your president's point of view:

By Jack Arnold

A New Millennium: A Great Good for Good

I have a persistent phantasm about what happens to the idealism of our youth. My experience as a college professor revealed consistently that college-bound youth arrive on campuses with ideals. Being smart, it doesn't take them long to figure out what American society promotes as belief and what American society rewards as belief are markedly different. So there arises in students' minds a practical question: "What am I going to park—my ideals or my ambition?"

The usual answer, reached rapidly and surely, by the typical college student is, "It would be a shame to abandon my ambition. I'll find a closet where, well-wrapped, I'll carefully store my ideals. After graduate school, I'll join Airdale, Airdale, Whippet, and Pug; then, I'll get married, move to the suburbs, and have children. Then, I'll go to the closet, unwrap the ideals, turn to my children and say, 'Here, kids, play with these'."

And that, my persistent phantasm reveals, is how in America today some of us keep our ideals alive. I'm glad to say that it led me to more serious thoughts about the difference between a career and a calling. Without doubt the two can be, and often are, combined. But they can also be separated. A career seeks to be successful, a calling to be valuable. A career tries to make money, a calling tries to make a difference.

Professor William May of Southern Methodist University has pointed out that the words "car" and "career" come from *carrera*, the Latin word for racetrack. This suggests that a car and a career both have drivers going in circles rapidly and competitively.

"Calling," on the other hand, comes from the Latin *vocatio* (vocation), from *vocare* (to call, which was defined by John Bunyan, the seventeenth century Puritan, as "that whereunto God hath appointed us to serve the common good.")

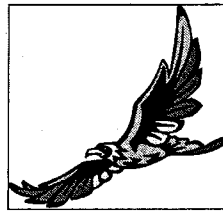
People interested in a career read best-selling books, such as *Swimming with the Sharks*, *Winning Through Intimidation*, *Looking Out for Number One*. A calling, by contrast, is not against ambition, but considers ambition a good servant and a bad master.

When the clarion call of society is "Enrich thyself," it is naïve to think that the humanities on college campuses will automatically humanize students, and the arts will help discourage materialism. Likely as not, they are but cultural icing on an economic cake, particularly if they are taught by professors who can lead emotionally-satisfying lives without finding moral excitement in the subjects they teach.

Plato wrote, "What's honored in a country will be cultivated there." Today we have wonderful athletes and generally inferior politicians, and we deserve them both. Because we have so cruelly separated freedom from virtue, because we define freedom in a morally inferior way, we have entered what Herman Melville called the "Dark Ages of Democracy," a time when, as he predicted, the New Jerusalem would turn into Babylon, and Americans would experience what he called "the arrest of hope's advance."

Small wonder, then that careers are winning hands down over callings. In the absence of a good society, it's hard to be a good person.

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"Sharing a Continuous Flight"

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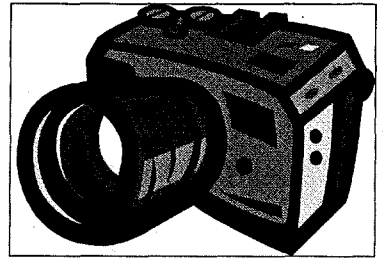


Art's Chuckles

- Always put off until tomorrow what you're going to make a mess of today.
- Don't condemn the judgment of another. You may both be wrong.
- Once upon a time demonstrators were fellows who sold vacuum cleaners.

ASP PICS

PICTURES BY EDITH SONNEVIK PAYNE



Left: The Academy of Senior Professionals welcomes new member **Bobbie Steele**.



Above: **SNU Chamber Chorale** presents Christmas music for ASP.

Right: New ASP member **Pat Burton** enjoys lunching with Academy members. Pat is employed by Southern Plaza management.



Left: **Jack Arnold** and guest (cousin) enjoy luncheon moments.

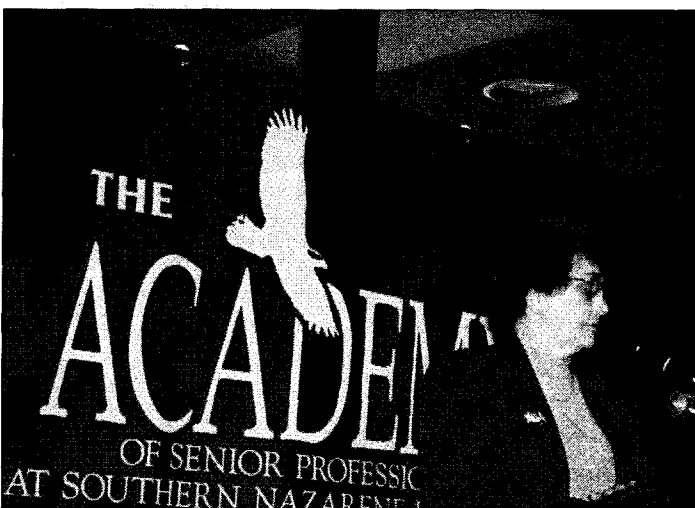


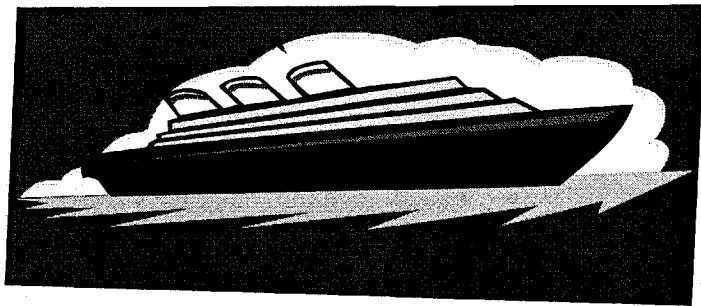
Left: New ASP members **Richard and Carol Spencer**.

Below: **Bea Flinner** introduces luncheon program. New banner is displayed behind the head table.

Right: **Marilyn Olson** chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. See article page 1.

Below: December luncheon featured elaborate table decorations.





Emmels Cruise the Empires of the Black Sea

By James R. (Bob) Emmel

Recently Naomi and I boarded a Lufthansa jet and in seven hours we were in the floating city of Venice, Italy. To step from that jet into this amazing city was a thrill indeed. We had driven to Venice several times previously, but approaching it via air took on a new significance. It was like a glistening gem on a cushion of blue as we observed the amazing network of canals used as waterway streets. Venice is, and always has been, a city apart, a unique blend of West and East. Traces of Byzantine and more distinct oriental influence appear everywhere. "Queen of the Seas" was the proud slogan of her heyday, and Venetians continue to proclaim that their city is without doubt the most beautiful in the world. Gondolas on her canals and thousands of pigeons at St. Mark's Square with its beautiful Cathedral built with a mixture of styles, a grandiose Gothic palace and the Grand Canal are but a few of the notable trademarks of this city of waterways, which are the chief means of transportation.

It was at this historic port where we boarded the magnificent Holland American vessel, the *Ms Rotterdam*, for a cruise long to be remembered. We were ushered to our elegant stateroom of the veranda deck, where we had a wonderful view of one of the most calm seas we have ever seen, with its very glassy-like ripples. In fact, our entire cruise gave us an unusual calmness on the Mediterranean, Black and Aegean Seas—not a sign of rain during our entire experience. Most of the cruise took place on the Black Sea. It is easy to see why the Russians delight in their holidays at the Black Sea ports.

Some of our main ports of call included the following: Olympia was an unforgettable experience of walking through the excavations of this very well-planned city of antiquity. Few spots in the world can compare with Olympia, famous for temples, schools, a stadium

and Statues created at the height of Greece's Golden Age. Here in the 8th century BC were inaugurated the ancient Olympic Games, the great contribution of the Peloponnesians to the peace of mankind. This architectural wonder of antiquity commands the attention of the world, the place from which stems our modern Olympics—a memorial to that ancient wonder of the Grecian Empire. We marveled at this city of amazement, which is the seat of the modern day Olympic games. For us, these amazing games have taken on a totally new and meaningful appreciation.

Athens, the capital of Greece, only six miles from the sea, holds an undeniable fascination for every visitor—so many centuries spanned, so much of Western civilization rooted in a single city. Oh, the depth of inestimable awe that hits the soul as one approaches this astounding city. It is indescribable. Viewing the Acropolis galvanizes ones entire being. Battered and incomplete though it may now be, the Acropolis possesses such majesty that it still ranks among the world's true wonders. This city gave birth to many of Western civilizations' foundational roots. There seems to be an awesomeness to Athens that gives it an element of sacredness. One could spend weeks bathing the soul and mind with these wonderful ruins of Athens with its historical significance. Our total beings were simply thrilled with this part of our cruise.

The next issue of the *Perspective* will take us through still more amazing historical wonderments as we continue this memorable Black Sea journey.

ASP/SNU Offer Recreational Schedule



Sawyer Center-Jogging track

Monday—Thursday
1:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Broadhurst Swimming Pool

Monday & Thursday
Monday—Thursday
Saturday

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm





"If you ask me"

By Vada Lee Barkley

Are you afraid to fail? I ran across the following item that helped me to face that fear.

"You've failed many times, although you don't remember."

"You fell down the first time you tried to walk."

"You almost drowned before you learned to swim."

"Did you hit the ball the first time you swung the bat?"

"Heavy hitters, the ones who make the most home runs, strike out a lot."

"Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs, he struck out 1,330 times."

"R. H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on."

"Novelist John Creasey got 753 rejections before he published 564 books."

"The message is, don't worry about failure. Worry instead about the chances you miss when you don't even try."

"You can't win if you don't play the game."

I keep a copy of these reminders on my desk. They encourage me greatly when as many as five rejections slips come in one day. During the past year I have at times had as many as 20 submissions in the mail at once. Some found a home; most did not.

Sometimes I feel like a pastor who said, "I resign every Monday morning."

Who knows? Maybe St. Paul felt that way occasionally. But he testified to the Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phil. 4:13).

"Through Christ" we can do "all things" He wants us to do. With Him to strengthen us, we cannot fail to accomplish His purpose for us.

What will you attempt for Christ this year?

Council Action

By Elbert Overholt, Director

In recent action your Academy Council considered the matter of membership dues for the next fiscal year. The recommendation for an increase of dues to \$12.00 per year will come before the Assembly at our annual meeting in April. If you approve of their recommendation, it will give the Academy a better opportunity to serve you; particularly with the increased cost of publishing and distributing *The Academy Perspective*.

The initiation fee and first-year dues recommended will be \$18.00 per individual. The dues will be prorated for those who join in the middle of the year.



A look at a book

By Wini Howard

PRINCESS SULTANA by Jean Sasson

The author of *Princess Sultana* spent ten years in Saudi Arabia. The book is supposed to be a true story told to her by someone she got to know well while she was living in the country.

As a woman you will relate to the women of that culture, eternally grateful that you live in America. As men, you will be ashamed to know that men can be so cruel and domineering.

Inhumanity to women is the basic theme. The fact that the male head of a family has the power of life and death over his daughters is appalling. No man would be punished for disposing of a daughter that is displeasing him. Also a daughter can be literally imprisoned in her own home (in some remote area such as an attic) if she is being rebellious to her father's wishes: for instance, refusing to marry the one he has chosen for her. These are examples of the complete male dominance apparently still existing in what we think of as our modern world.

Through reading *Princess Sultana*, one learns much about "how the other half of the world lives!"



RIG'S FINAL REPORT FOR 1999

By Bea Flinger

The Research Interest Group (RIG) met for its last meeting of the twentieth century! God willing, we will be privileged to make the transition from one century to the next! This will be a time of changes, new ideas, and progress.

We were happy to welcome Carol Spencer as a new member. That was her first time to attend a RIG meeting, and since research is one of her interests, she decided to join with us without further contemplation. Welcome, Carol!

The decision was made to print internet address in TAP (*The Academy Perspective*). Watch for additional information on this item at a later date.

Some new topics under consideration for research include health, animal fat and health, polling, women's health, and genealogy.

RIG is considering the possibility of offering an occasional workshop on research methods. This will be a way of expanding our work to include those who may be interested in information not readily available from other sources.

AGAIN, we ENCOURAGE those who have (or do not have) an interest in research, to attend the RIG meetings. The next meeting will be February 14, 2000, 9:30—10:45 a.m. in Royce Brown, Room 135.

Arnold (Continued)

In a bad society, common integrity may look like courage.

But decent human beings are still everywhere to be found, people who see life as service, as a calling to serve the common good. My persistent phantasm reveals the hope that the generous and intelligent self, long dormant in many Americans, will awake and begin to assert itself. **The year 2000 can be a great good for good!**

Who wants the new century to witness the continued shedding of the tears and blood of the innocent? Already I sense a new willingness to tithe time as well as money to serve the common good.

All of us, at any age, with or without college degrees, can work for peace, for social justice, and for the preservation of the environment. All of us, at any place, can speak out against bigotry in all its nefarious forms.

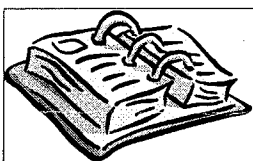
No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else. And no one makes a greater mistake that the one who does nothing because he can do only a little.

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." Those who have attended a candlelight service or have been on a candlelight march know how much more inspiring are thousands of little flames than those giant light that illuminate ball parks.

All of us who have read Jesus's parables know that when God gives the talents—even one—we must give the effort. Besides, serving the common good is so much more fulfilling, less boring, than pursuing private gain.

I believe that God is calling each and every one of us to show up, to "double the heart's might," to help one another build a more just and generous society at home and a genuine global community that hates war and holds nature in reverence.

Our calling in the New Millennium is like God's call to Moses: arising from the world's pain, it is a call to alleviate that pain by sharing it. And with so much in bud, the moment is so ripe.



Mark
Your
Calendar

January 10

- 9:30-10:45 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Shuttle to Commons from BFC Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ASP Luncheon Meeting, Heritage Rm.*
- 1:00 p.m. Shuttle to Parking Lot from Commons
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Administrative Council, Royce Brown 135

*For reservations, call 405/789-2036 or 405/942-5305

Remaining ASP luncheon dates for 1999-2000:

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| January 10, 2000 | April 10, 2000 |
| February 14, 2000 | May 8, 2000 |
| March 13, 2000 | |

Beautiful Music
Enjoyed by ASP

By Bea Flinger

The December 13th luncheon meeting of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) was highlighted by the sounds of Christmas music. Philip Miller, a professor in the School of Music at Southern Nazarene University, led the program. He is one of the newer professors in that school, and after having been privileged to hear three of his musical performances, one is convinced that he is doing a great job with his responsibilities.

The presentation by the Chamber Chorale, led by Mr. Miller, was a time well-spent, as they sang beautiful songs of the Christmas season to the enjoyment of all present. After their program, the entire room was filled with the singing of both sacred and secular songs—also led by our guest director, who provided the accompaniment.

To those who were not aware of the fact, it came to my attention that the outstanding performance by "Mary" in the "Two from Galilee" musical drama presented at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, was Krista Olmstead Miller, wife of Philip. Together, they comprise a wonderful "team." Krista is a graduate of our own SNU.

To enhance the enchanting holiday mood of the luncheon were beautiful ceramic table decorations made possible by two of the ASP members. All in all, the December, 1999, Christmas luncheon was an appropriate closure to 1999, as we will soon enter the next century. May the year 2000 be one of experiencing the beautiful presence of God as we serve Him, and in so doing, serve others.



Mind Teasers

By Art Barkley

- You can't see eye to eye with a person when you're looking down on him.
- It's important that folks know what you stand for. It is equally important that they know what you won't stand for.
- America is the only country in the world where men get together to talk hard times over a \$10 steak.
- There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.
- What I do to today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.
- We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon.