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FAITHFUL *and fruitful*

Although it is officially “Summer Break” for traditional students at SNU - there is still a tremendous amount of activity taking place on the campus. Now, just a few weeks removed from commencement and the graduation celebration of 455 brand new alumni, the mission cycle of SNU continues without interruption.

Some of the significant activities taking place on campus include:

- The construction of the SNU Gate, a component of the Transforming Vision Campaign, is underway.
- Finishing touches are being made on the new recording studio.
- Expansion continues on the art studios.
- The completion of the campus wireless network is near.
- Final details are being attended to for the Laptop Initiative – an experimental program that will equip each incoming freshman with a laptop computer.
- Adult Studies and Graduate programs continue uninterrupted.
- Ten new faculty members have been hired and are preparing for the fall semester.
- Our new Vice President for Spiritual Life, Dr. Brad Strawn, is moving into his office.

And in just a few short weeks we will welcome to campus the incoming freshman and transfer students for New Student Institute, August 19-23 - and the orientation of the Class of 2010.

Off campus – Dr. Gresham and I have had the privilege of attending and giving the SNU Report to nine District Assemblies- with two remaining on the schedule. In those assemblies we have heard a consistent message from our General Superintendents. That message is – and I’m paraphrasing: “It is not enough for the church to be faithful – in addition to being faithful the church must be fruitful.”

Because SNU is the church at work in higher education – we, as well as pastors and lay leaders across our region, have taken this appeal to heart. After 107 years most would agree that SNU has been faithful in the mission to educate for responsible Christian living. Yet, the challenge before us is to continue to educate the next generation of Christian leaders who will live Christ-centered lives in the market place, the classroom, the pastorate and wherever God may lead them to serve.

Just outside my office is the Wall of Missions. It is a graphic reminder of SNU alumni who made a significant commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a culture not their own. This includes those who served through the traditional foreign missions programs as career missionaries, as well as those who gave at least a year of their lives to urban, village or work and witness ministries.

Even as the “summer break” comes to an end and a new semester begins - we welcome the challenge before us, as full partners with our regional churches, to not only be faithful – but fruitful - for the sake of the Kingdom.

Blessings,
Terry N. Toler

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A Model for Making Disciples



Dr. Mike Henderson

Dr. Mike Henderson of Northland Church in Longwood, Florida, is scheduled to present a Discipleship training event for Regional pastors and lay leaders on September 11, 2006, here on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Dr. Henderson is the author of “John Wesley’s Class Meeting: A Model for Making Disciples,” and a sought-after speaker to leaders of many denominations on this subject. This seminar will held from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Royce Brown Business Building, with a luncheon provided at 11:30 am in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons. The registration fee of \$29 includes the luncheon, presentation and any handouts. There are a limited number of scholarships available. Groups of 5 or more registering together will receive a discounted rate.

Register online at www.snu.edu/church_relations or call 800-648-9899, ext. 6314 — to register or inquire about scholarship availability or group rates.

An Afternoon with Leonard Sweet



Dr. Leonard Sweet

Dr. Leonard Sweet, author of several books, including his recent release, “The Three Hardest Words,” will be on campus Monday, October 23, 2006. For a registration fee of \$29 you will have an opportunity to enjoy an informal luncheon buffet with Dr. Sweet at 11:30am and then hear his presentation and have a time for dialog from 1:00-5:00pm. You’ll want to register early for this event – seating is limited. As with our other on-campus presentations there are a limited number of scholarships available. Groups of 5 or more registering together will receive a discounted rate.

Register online at www.snu.edu/church_relations or call 800-648-9899, ext. 6314 — to register or inquire about scholarships and group rates.

SNU Gate Under Construction

As another phase of the university’s “Transforming Vision” campaign has become fully funded, construction of the SNU Gate has begun on the north side of the 39th Expressway and Peniel Street intersection.

Foundation Directors Claud and Betty Cypert, and Bill and Robbie Campbell, have generously funded this project which will exceed, with all landscaping, lighting and signage, \$250,000 dollars. The SNU family is grateful to these loyal alumni and friends of the university for their support in this effort.

Currently, contractors are preparing the area, putting in the concrete base, and constructing the brick and mortar entry gate. This will be a new, highly visible symbol of the university for those who pass by or enter the campus. Its dimensions are impressive by their size and extent — exactly the impression hoped for by the architects.

Dedication of the entry will occur at the annual Homecoming and meeting of the Board of Trustees in November.

For further information about SNU’s “Transforming Vision” Campaign, visit www.snu.edu, click on the “Transforming Vision” link or contact the Office of University Advancement by calling 405.491.6311.



5TH ANNUAL

Pastor
Appreciation Day

October 17, 2006

SNU Honors Pastors, Associates and their Spouses

Plan now to join us for a day of fun and fellowship as we celebrate pastors. The festivities begin with a chapel service featuring Fall Revival speaker, Dr. Darius Salter, then be our guest for a luncheon buffet with lots of gifts and entertainment provided by the Toler Brothers. Register online now at www.snu.edu/church_relations or by phone at 800-648-9899, ext. 6314.



'SNU SUNDAY' Celebrated Across the Region

As a denomination the Church of the Nazarene has, for many years, suggested a specific date for congregations to remember and highlight the work of the church in Christian higher education. In 2006, Sunday, April 23rd, was the day set aside for the South Central Region to contemplate the value and importance the church places on Christian higher education. Southern Nazarene University is one of 56 colleges, universities and seminaries in 40 countries around the world that are owned and supported by the Church of the Nazarene.

This year's emphasis was "KNOW *your* UNIVERSITY." Every church on the South Central Region was mailed resources designed to help their congregation – many of whom are likely new to the Church of the Nazarene – know more about SNU and her mission – including a student produced DVD – a children's Sunday School lesson written by members of the School of Education faculty – and other materials for bulletins and newsletters.

The goal is to help every constituent know that - along with over 700 other Nazarene churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas – they are a full partner in this great work of educating young people for responsible, Christian living. SNU could not do what we do without the vital support of pastors and congregations like yours.

As a part of the SNU Sunday campaign in 2006 – a "Sweep" of the Northeast Oklahoma District resulted in university representatives – administrators, faculty, students - making a personal visit to 18 churches on that district – and music and recruitment groups were present in 9 churches on other districts of the Region that same Sunday.

In 2007, Nazarene College Sunday is scheduled for April 22nd – and we hope you will mark your church calendar now in anticipation of receiving helpful resources – designating some time in the service for prayer for SNU – and joining with us in this Kingdom-building partnership.

University Administration Update

Dr. Don Dunnington, who has served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Nazarene University since 1991, submitted his resignation, effective June 30, 2006 but will continue his career with SNU as a member of the faculty beginning with the Fall 2006 semester.

Dr. Dunnington states, "I believe deeply in the mission of SNU. I will continue to do all that I can to support the work of SNU and to contribute to a smooth transition in the Academic Affairs office. Grateful for the opportunity to return to the faculty, I consider service at SNU a great joy, blessing and honor."

Prior to coming to SNU, Dr. Dunnington held assignments as pastor of congregations in Illinois and Indiana and as a theology and ministry faculty member and Chaplain for Trevecca Nazarene University.

Having graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 1970, he proceeded to earn his Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and has completed additional coursework toward a Doctor of Education at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Dunnington has written and published several articles and bible studies for Beacon Hill Press and The Preacher's Magazine.

Dr. Patrick Allen, Provost, will serve as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, in addition to his duties as Provost, until a replacement is named.



Dr. Don Dunnington

SNU Sunday
KNOW *your* UNIVERSITY
APRIL 23, 2006

Education Budget Update

The Assembly Year 2005-2006 is quickly coming to a close for all of the South Central Region – and the support and commitment of our churches is again at a record-setting pace. With two of the eleven South Central Region districts yet to hold their assemblies – the 2005-2006 Education Budget giving stands at over \$2,100,000 and our faithful constituents have already given more than \$250,000 toward the 2006-2007 allocations set by their district.

Certificates will soon be mailed to every church who gave 100% of their Education Budget allocation for 2005-2006 – and we encourage every pastor who receives one of these \$100 tuition credit awards to put it to use. If you do not have a child or grandchild attending SNU – or who will attend within the ten years of validity of the award – we encourage you to present it to a current student from your church – or a sister church – so that they may benefit from your church's faithful stewardship. Thanks be to God for the hundreds of congregations across our Region who fully invest every year in the partnership that makes Nazarene higher education possible.

Rothwell Lectures Available Online

As part of the ongoing effort to resource pastors all across our educational Region - the annual Rothwell Lectures series is available through audio streaming on the SNU Church Relations website. Visit www.snu.edu/church_relations to take advantage of these and other audio resources online. Talk to your district CEU coordinator about the possible use of these holiness lectures and other workshops online and on campus as part of your annual enrichment credits.

We want to know what's happening in your church!

- Have you dedicated a new building in the last year?
- Have you "burned your mortgage?"
- Do you have news you would like to share about your church?

Send news and pictures via email to churchrelations@snu.edu.

Teacher Education Seeks Local Church Partners

The SNU School of Education continues to prepare and graduate outstanding teacher candidates who are exceptionally prepared professionally and individually to meet the needs of students in public schools and also in private school settings. Because teaching positions are often known only in a local area – many positions that our graduates could fill go unknown by them. Here's where you – pastor – or teaching professionals

in your congregation come into the partnership.

If you know of teaching positions in your community's school districts and/or private schools, we would love to know so we could pass along that information to teacher candidates who are preparing to graduate. We would request no other commitment from you, other than your assistance if the candidate

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Harold Graves, Jr. Elected President of NBC



Dr. Harold B. Graves, Jr.

Dr. Harold B. Graves, Jr. was elected as the president of Nazarene Bible College on the first ballot of the meeting of the Board of Trustees in March of 2006 and began serving July 1st of this year. Dr. Graves served as the superintendent of the Northeast Oklahoma District for over five years and had served on the NBC Board of Trustees for 13 years. At the time of his election he was serving as the chairman of that board.

He received two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees in 2004, one from Southern Nazarene University and the other from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two grown children. Their leadership and commitment to SNU was exemplary – and will be missed. We pray God’s best for them in their new role.

SNU Hosts International Bible Quiz

Southern Nazarene University was privileged to host the 10th biannual General Nazarene Youth International Teen Bible Quiz Tournament, July 4-8, 2006.

More than 700 people, approximately 450 of whom were youth from 6th grade thru 12th grade, were in attendance from 33 states, Washington DC, Canada, and Trinidad. Scholarships totaling over \$11,000 were awarded to the top quizzers.

Quiz competitions were held daily in various venues of the campus. Daily devotions were presented by Dave Curtiss, USA/Canada Regional Nazarene Youth International Director, Gary Hartke, Global Nazarene Youth International Director, and Daryle Wright, youth minister from Erin, Tennessee and regional quiz director for Trevecca Nazarene University. Worship music was provided by “Leaving 99,” SNU’s worship team. The participants and sponsors also served in several Bethany/Oklahoma City area ministry projects.

Nightly activities included a barbeque, games, fireworks, and attending an Oklahoma City Redhawks baseball game.

To view Q2006 competition results and learn more about Bible Quizzing – visit online at quiz.snu.edu.

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should come to your community to interview. You could possibly meet them and - if indeed they obtained a position with your local school district, etc. - you could help them assimilate into your community and possibly your church family.

If you would be willing to assist in this endeavor, you may forward any information regarding openings in your area to Dr. Tim Taylor in the School of Education here at SNU. More detailed information regarding this program can be found on the website www.snu.edu/education.

Thank you in advance for any assistance with this process you can give as we continue to strive to prepare teacher candidates to be “salt and light.” You can contact Dr. Taylor directly at ttaylor@snu.edu or 405-717-6223.

McKellips elected Northeast Oklahoma Superintendent

Dr. H. David McKellips was recently elected to the office of superintendent of the Northeast Oklahoma District. At the time of his election, he was senior pastor of the Central Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa, Oklahoma, an assignment he had held for more than 10 years.

McKellips is a graduate of MidAmerica Nazarene University and went on to earn his Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1981 and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, in 2000.

In his ministry career, the Kansas native has served on several boards of the Northeast Oklahoma District, was an anchor pastor and conference presenter for Mainstay Ministries of Wheaton, Illinois, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Nazarene University and Nazarene Bible College. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Nazarene Publishing House.

We congratulate David and his wife, Gloria, on this new leadership role on their district and the South Central Region.



Dr. H. David and Gloria McKellips

YES Conference

South Central Region’s NYI is scheduled to present the YES Conference, July 24-28, here on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

The purpose of the YES Conference is to clarify and/or affirm a call to ministry for high school students. This conference is not designed to be a training session for the ministry; rather it is a time of clarification of the call to ministry. Students will have an opportunity for hands-on ministry experience, getting to see a little behind the scenes work of different ministries.

Special speaker Bo Cassell, Acquisitions Editor for Barefoot Ministries, and former Coordinator for Youth In Mission, will encourage and challenge students as they contemplate their call to ministry – and worship times will feature “Leaving 99,” the SNU worship team.

To register or for a schedule of daily activities and more detailed information about the conference visit www.snu-nyi.org.

