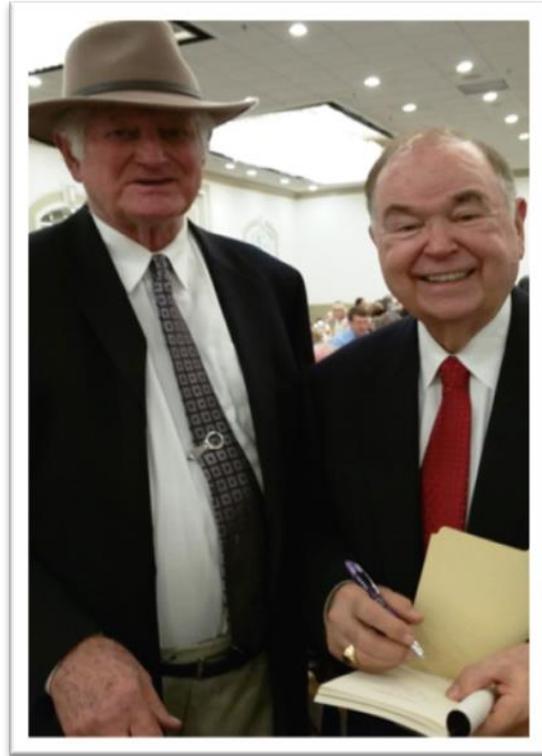


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Dr. David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma was the Town Hall Guest speaker, Friday January 16, 2016. His opening statement, “No generation escapes the opportunity of being tested.” He suggested the USA is at a “Tipping Point.” In the last 40 years, polls stated 74% of Americans trusted government leaders. This year latest research shows 9% trust our elected officials. This year 40% say they are independent. My research found no democracy in history has lasted over 250 years. We are in our 239th year. As citizens, we better wake up and take control of our dear USA. Boren described the rise and fall of the Roman and British empires. My personal reflection is the USA is following this same path as the British and Roman Empire. Proverbs 22:3, “A wise man sees danger, a fool (USA) goes him merry way.



Boren Talked about the condition of the education in America. All statistics and comparisons show a deep decline compared to other countries. He made the point the key to achieve the American Dream was education. My note here in Oklahoma secondary education is a mess. See my Journal Record Column, “Turn Education back to the States”. Part of my analysis is the Federal Dept. of Education is trying to tell us or Oklahoma how to develop or educate children. The Constitution is clear. In 1787, members of 12 of the 13 colonies gathered in Philadelphia charged by their respective state governments with amending the existing Articles of Confederation. Before they were finished they crafted a new Constitution for the United States. The new federal government was created by a compact between that states to serve the union of states and was delegated by the compact to have few and specific powers. James Madison clearly stated in Federalist No. 45: “The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce... The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course

of affairs, concern the lives, liberties and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State.” I personally do not see any hint in the constitution that gives the federal government control over state education. They did it now we need to take it back.

He talked about the total breakdown of our political system. Boren praised the Marshall plan. Emphasized how important democrat, republican, and independents should become friends. He suggested ways the new president could convene small groups in the White house to get to know each other. First priority of the new president, “bring us together”. Second thing was to change the way we fund elections. Ford/Carter election cost \$45 million. This year’s presidential election is costing \$60 billion. He raised the issue of how money influences elections. He said, “it has to stop.”

Next, he discussed education example in Oklahoma in 1976. The State paid 54% of cost of education at the university. This year its 14%. Why is Oklahoma not investing in its best assets?

Oklahoma is number one is cuts in education in US. We are 49 in investment per student. “This has to change” My 2006 Tulsa World column, “That’s Stupid” was against the state lottery. I predicted the present low funding by the legislature. We need to be energy independent. Texas not as hard hit as Oklahoma due to diversification and cut dependent on oil or gas.

This next point: was to *Unite our People*. All of us are identified in groups. “Why can’t we all just love and respect each other. No tolerance for racism in America. The Martin Luther King Jr. Tulsa holiday parade was well attended and very positive.

His point: should double down on volunteerism. Americans rank as the highest rate of volunteerism in the world. We can transform our society. Invest in those with no parents or those who have special needs. We need someone to love us and care for us. A total of 40,000 children in Oklahoma have parents in prison. They need mentoring  
Foreign policy: We need to develop cooperation with other countries. America cannot be the world policeman. Must have the next generation of leaders that understand the rest of the world. Boren asked in conclusion “How long will we be the World leaders?”

My view of the future and US economy, world events and religion is in The Tulsa Beacon on Thursday January 21, 2016. Summary: going into deep recession, something unexpected will shake world. Finally, I call for 2016 to be a significant year of world economic and Biblical events.

Sincerely,

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