'My Life Is in Your Hands' sets theme for 64th commencement celebration

Perhaps the song Christina Day sang at the Vesper service before graduation best summed up the spirit of Bryan’s 64th annual commencement in May: “My Life Is in Your Hands.”

As she introduced her song, Christina read Jeremiah 29: 11 and II Corinthians 12: 8-9, speaking of the Lord’s good plans for His children and the sufficiency of His grace.

That sentiment was reiterated again and again as students reflected on their years at Bryan and anticipated their moving to the next phase of their lives.

In his graduation address, Practical Christian Involvement President John Stonestreet developed that theme further.

“This ceremony, this day and our mentalities on this day are a specific reflection upon our human tendency to measure our endeavors by a practical paradigm of success. This paradigm is based on results, the ‘what’ that we are trying to accomplish.

“However, if there is one thing I have become aware of in my years at Bryan, it is that God’s way of defining things and my way of defining things are more than likely drastically different. And because He is God, His definition is drastically more significant than mine.

“All of us here have one thing in common for sure, whether tomorrow for us is the day after our graduation or just simply the day after today; true success in life will be determined by God’s definition of success and not our own.

“Therefore today, as we all reflect on the past and look ahead to the future, I issue each of us the challenge of a Biblical paradigm of success. I believe this paradigm is described by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21: ‘For me, to live equals Christ.’

“Success is most easily defined by our pursuits, our ‘whats.’ I challenge us to find success in an abandoned identification to Christ. As I pursue success in my life, I am reminded of a statement made by my high school basketball coach: ‘I am not afraid of failing, I am afraid of succeeding at something that does not matter.’

“I challenge you to pursue success, I challenge you to pursue Him.

“As Jim Elliot prayed: ‘Take my life, my very blood if Thou wilt, for it is only of value as it flows from Thine altar.’

Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown acknowledged some of the visible evidences of success as he opened the graduation service.

“Bryan College students generally rank in the top 20 percent of graduates nationally as measured on standardized tests. We provide a good education here. That, coupled with our emphasis on the Lord Jesus Christ, makes a Bryan education especially significant.

“We don’t want to train students to adjust to today’s world, but to confront, challenge and change today’s world.”

And the Rev. Ronald Ragon, pastor of Brainerd Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., who received a Distinguished Service Award, (Please see Graduation, Page 8)
Where have all the sinners gone?

At three I had a feeling of ambivalence toward my brothers, and so it follows naturally, I poisoned all my lovers.

But now I'm happy; I have learned the lesson this has taught; that everything I do that's wrong is someone else's fault.

"Psychiatric Folksong"
Anna Russell

We live in a culture that cries for liberation from moral restraints. After all, doesn’t Burger King tell us, “Sometimes you gotta break the rules?” Even Healthy Choice cereal admonishes us to free ourselves: “You gotta make your own rules.” Liberation advertising is the rage now. Why? Because rules get in the way of personal happiness and fulfillment.

But sometimes when we do make our own rules, we get caught. Public opinion and common sense morality are not as forgiving as a commercial might lead us to believe.

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DNA or DAD?

Naturalism is the worldview most officially entrenched in academic and judicial systems. Naturalism teaches that everything is natural, there is no supernatural. What happens in the world is the result of physical laws and processes. There is no God, truth is science, morality is social convention. As a result, behavior is explained exclusively by physical causes, either genetic or environmental.

Our genetic make-up, we are told, inclines us to certain kinds of behavior. Our DNA determines if we are given to overeating, shyness, promiscuity, violence, or homosexuality. The list of genetically determined behaviors grows every week as research into “genetic psychiatry” and other related fields churns out findings. The basic assumption is that our personalities are inherited from the genetic material passed on from our parents.

New Scientist magazine devoted its May 3 cover story to this area. Christopher Badcock, author of PsychoDarwinism, believes that the father’s genes builds the emotive side of the child while the elements of the intellect are determined by the mother. In other words, we have our father’s emotions and our mother’s brains.

After genes set the agenda for our personalities, our environment finishes off the job of making us totally incapable of bearing responsibility for our actions.

Abusive fathers, poverty, tragic losses or painful memories can be reasons for any number of behaviors. Clearly, our genetic make-up and past experiences make an impact on our current behavior, sometimes overwhelmingly so, but the error is defining all behavior in its totality by these factors. All of life is in some ways an overcoming of our natural inclination to sin.

Past Lives and Future Lives

Last month in a Santa Fe courtroom, 50-year-old Roger Katz claimed that his sexual relationship with a 14-year-old student dated to their past lives in Tibet more than a thousand years ago when she saved his life by taking an arrow meant for him. He was merely repaying her for the sacrifice she made for him. The judge didn’t buy it.

This New Age belief, a form of Transcendentalism, is the prevailing sentiment for Americans who want a religion without “moral restraints.” The assumptions are that all reality is divine. There is no God “out there,” rather we are all a part of “God,” the divine organizing force of the universe. As in Naturalism, we must find truth and morality within ourselves; there is no moral code to guide us in this physical world.

In this view, behavior is determined by any number of spiritual influences beyond our control. Psychic forces, astronomical events or energy flows can cause trauma resulting in inappropriate behavior. As Roger Katz tried to argue, past lives can influence behavior. Bruce Goldberg in his book Past Lives/Future Lives argues that since all of history is a great cosmic circle, even our future reincarnations can dictate our behavior today.

I am not responsible for my actions because they are influenced by powerful forces beyond my control. I am not a sinner because there nothing to sin against.

Whose fault is it?

The scandal of Theism is that it teaches that morality is determined outside of the individual, even outside of society itself. Our quest in life is not to determine what is true for me but rather to conform my life to what is truth. The Gospel is hard to grasp by those who do not admit personal responsibility for their behavior: “Why do I need forgiveness if I am not responsible for what you call sin?” For this reason, Christianity in America is being promoted as therapeutic, life-enhancing or fulfilling in an attempt to appeal to those who feel no sense of guilt for their sin.
WORLDVIEW WEEKEND: Helping young people think about their world

Instead of hymns, there are nihilistic lyrics from Nine Inch Nails. Instead of a sermon, there are video clips of "Forrest Gump."

No, it’s not a church which has rejected the faith; it’s a church trying to help its young people think about the world around them.

"Making Sense of Your World: A Worldview Weekend Experience" brings these and other snippets of the world where teens live to challenge them to look at the world through the lens of Scripture. "Our primary purpose is to help people understand what it means to be a Christian in a secular world," Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown explained.

After Dr. Brown and Dr. W. Gary Phillips published their book Making Sense of Your World, an introduction to the area of worldview studies, they began receiving requests for more information and study resources.

A call like that from Danny Campbell, ’89, a youth minister in Waynesboro, VA., sparked Drs. Brown and Phillips to organize the first Worldview Team a year ago.

A dozen students signed up for the ministry, which included some serious study over the summer in preparation for their visits to churches during this past school year.

Team member Matthew Hargraves, a rising senior from Harrison, Tenn., explained that the worldview team has developed a format involving skits, video clips from popular movies, songs from top-selling musical groups, lecture and discussion to get the kids to think.

"Too often kids listen to, watch, say things without thinking. I want kids to be active thinkers, not just listen and soak things in like sponges."

Dr. Brown said today’s culture is largely passive. "We listen to whatever is playing or watch whatever is on. But we’re called to love God with our minds. We want to elicit a proactive response. We want to challenge kids to think about what they do."

Alicia Mathers, a rising senior from Greenville, S.C., explained that the team works hard to maintain a balance between giving an easy answer to the question “is it bad?” but giving the students the tools to make that judgment themselves.

"Kids are going to test some things," she said, "but they need knowledge to test them. Once we say something is ‘bad,’ they want to listen to it. But if we say ‘let’s listen to it,’ they start to pay attention.

We don’t separate life into ‘worldly’ and ‘religious,’ but ask where does this fit?"

"We want to equip the students of today to live the life of Christ and understand the world around them."

While the formal presentations on Friday night and during the day Saturday present lots of information about worldviews, team member Brad Wing, a 1997 graduate in Christian education, said his most effective ministry has been in homes after the program.

"On stage is fine, but the one-on-one afterward is where the real impact is made. The teens are dying for that," he said. "A lot of them just hang on our every word. We’re good with what we say, how we do it. We put on a good act. But I think they start accepting what we say after they get to know us a little and talk with us after the sessions."

"In Virginia we stayed up to 5:30 on Friday night talking about things, not just worldview, but anything about the Bible. The kids really wanted to keep talking. Saturday night, the parents made us go to bed at 4:30 so we could get up for church the next morning."

The worldview team’s target audience is high school students, but Dr. Brown said a growing number of adults have been attending as well. "The artists we use -- Smashing Pumpkins, Nine Inch Nails, Garth Brooks -- are popular with the young people. A lot of parents have no idea what their young people are watching or listening to."

And while hearing some of those lyrics may be an eye-opener for adults, dealing with the young people keeps team members up to date with where high school students are today. "It keeps me in touch with teens," team member Barbara Wing, a rising junior from Knoxville, said. "As an outsider, they can be more honest with me about what they watch or listen to."

"We were able to show them something different, to bring them to the point of not compartmentalizing their lives into ‘church’ and ‘real life.’ Our faith should impact all our lives," she said.

That concept helped provide one of the high points of the year’s experience for Matthew Hargraves. "On our trip to Pensacola, Fla., a kid came up to me and said, ‘I can’t listen to Nine Inch Nails anymore because I have to think about what they are saying.’"

Youth leader Danny Campbell wrote Dr. Brown after the team visited his church in Virginia, confirming the impact of the presentation. "The Biblical Worldview Weekend with Bryan College students is a great tool to get young people to love God with their mind, and actually think about the music they hear, the movies they see and the decisions they make," he said.

And Brian Carden, youth minister at Grace Bible Church in Dayton, said, "It was very exciting for me to see the students start to understand what it means to look at the world around them from a biblical standpoint."

For information about scheduling a Worldview Weekend Experience at your church, contact Dr. Bill Brown at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, Tenn., 37321-7000, or call (423) 775-7201.
Bryan students recognized during Honors Day ceremonies

Sixty-six students were recognized during Bryan College’s 37th Honors Day assembly April 23.

Honorees included:

Kristie Mattsson, junior from Oviedo, Fla., Laurie Blanton, sophomore from Fayetteville, Ga., and Keri-Lynn Lestmann, freshman from Dayton, Tenn., all received the P.A. Boyd Award, given to students in their respective classes “whose principles and character have secured for them the highest degree of influence over their fellow students.

Bethany Toliver, sophomore from Dayton, Tenn., received the Robert D. Manston Scholarship, awarded to students who are working his or her way through college, has at least a 3.0 grade average and participates in the college work-study program.

Joshua Mullins, freshman from Athens, Tenn., received the Virginia M. Schmickel Music Award, presented to the freshman with the highest achievement in music.

Andrew Heathershaw, junior from Huntsville, Ala., received the Mary McDonald Groves Music Scholarship.

John Bailey, junior from Spring Grove, Va., received the Judson A. Rudd Testimony and Influence Award. The recipient is chosen by the freshman class to the upperclassman having an outstanding Christian testimony and exerts the best Christian influence on incoming students.

James Nichols, sophomore from Dayton, Tenn.; Elizabeth Green, junior from Evansville, Ind.; Tiffany Ashworth, sophomore from Dayton; and Elizabeth Young, sophomore from Evansville, all received John Graves LeDu scholarships, given to worthy Bryan students born in Rhea County.

Jessica Ritterbush, junior from Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Doris Morgan Scholarship, presented to an education major from Southeast Tennessee.

Joy Cheshire, sophomore from Atlantic Beach, Fla., received the Psychology Achievement Award, presented to an outstanding student in the psychology department.

Christina Broome, junior from Dalton, Ga., received the Al Page Memorial Scholarship, presented to an outstanding business student.

Mark Anderson, freshman from Porto Velho, Brazil, received the Frank J. Schmickel Math Scholarship, presented to the highest freshman achiever in mathematics.

Kris McGary, freshman from Antioch, Tenn., received the CRC Freshman Chemistry award.

Simon Sakatos, junior from Newton, N.C., received the American Bible Society Award presented to an outstanding student in the Bible department.

Diana Whorley, junior from Saranac, Mich., received the Psychology Achievement Award, presented to an outstanding student in the psychology department.

Keri-Lynn Lestmann from Dayton, Tenn., Sheri Tillemans from Minnesota, Minn., and Iris Griffioen from Charlestown, W. Va., received History of Western Civilization awards presented the top freshmen in each section of the class.

Dimitri Bogachev, junior from St. Petersburg, Russia, received the Mercer and Bernice Clementson Scholarship awarded to a business administration major who demonstrates leadership potential.

Tim Shetter, junior from Grandview, Tenn., received the Symphonic Wind Ensemble Member of the Year award.

Andrew Heathershaw, junior from Huntsville, Ala., received the Chorale Member of the Year award.

Kris McGary from Antioch, Tenn.; Jodi Stone from Wilton, Maine, Keri-Lynn Lestmann from Dayton, Tenn., Anita Shaffer from Miamiusburg, Ohio, Mark Anderson from Porto Velho, Brazil, and Laura Bradshaw from Madison, Ala.

Literary Contest winners included: Jennifer Wilson, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., first prize, essay; Kathleen Hicks, senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., first prize, fiction; Joy McCaskey, sophomore from Hilton Head, S.C., second prize, fiction; Shauna Murrey, junior from Beattyville, Ky., honorable mention, fiction; Jonathan

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"I don't think there's another ministry like Summit anywhere in the world!" - Dr. James Dobson

The Summit At Bryan College July 20-August 1

One out of two Christian young people crash and burn in their faith at college.

Being a Christian in today's upside-down, post-Christian world is tough. Its like being at war, and the casualties are high; one study showed that 50 percent of young people who claim to be Christians when they enter college claim to not be Christians when they graduate.

Don't let your young Christian friends be a statistic. Help them be a leader. The Summit at Bryan College will train young people to defend their Christian faith and equip them with the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

The Summit will give young people confidence by showing them the forces shaping their world and providing overwhelming evidence that the Christian worldview is intelligent, reasonable and true.

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Honors Day

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Compton, junior from Perry, Iowa, first prize, poetry;
Daniel Walters, senior from Lilburn, Ga., first prize, poetry; Allison Womble, junior from Hixson, Tenn., honorable mention, poetry; Jeanna Broome, senior from Duluth, Ga., first prize, journalism; Jennifer Wilson, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., second prize, journalism; and Serge Yurovsky, junior from Augusta, Ga., honorable mention, journalism.

Daniel Walters, senior from Lilburn, Ga., Arts and Letters service award.
Liz Ritter, junior from Stevensville, Md., Commoner (yearbook) service award.
Jennifer Wilson, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., Triangle (student newspaper) service award.
Elizabeth Clark, senior from Annville, Pa., Hilltop Players Scholarship award.

Renee Marcus, senior from Sioux City, Iowa, Tennessee/Virginia Athletic Conference All-Academic team and National Christian College Athletic Association scholar-athlete.
Sarah Anne Strickland, sophomore from Kingsport, Tenn., Tennessee/Virginia Athletic Conference All-Academic team.
Jason Schultz, junior from Loganville, Ga., NAIA Academic All-American.
John Stonestreet, NCCAA Academic All-American and TVAC Scholar-Athlete.
Jim Arnold, Phil Jones and Chris Mayberry, TVAC Scholar-Athletes.

P.A. Boyd Prizes were awarded to, from left, Keri-Lynn Lestmann, freshman; Kristie Mattsson, junior; and Laurie Blanton, sophomore. Dr. David Fouts received the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Brenda Nollmeyer received the Nannie K. McDonald Education Scholarship, and Simon Sacatos received the Judson A. Rudd Testimony and Influence Award.

Music award winners include from left, John Bailey, Joshua Mullins, Beth Freeman, Andrew Heathershaw, Sharon Wood and Tim Shetter.

Joy Cheshire received the Psychology Achievement Award, Bethany Toliver received the Robert D. Marston Scholarship, Christina Broome received the Al Page Memorial Scholarship, and Dimitri Bogachev received the Mercer and Bernyce Clementson Scholarship.
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Dr. Gary Phillips, professor of Bible, Dr. Bob Simpson, professor of Mathematics, and Dr. Steve Bradshaw, professor of Psychology, from left, were honored for completion of 20 years of service at Bryan this year.

Sports

Lady Lions get new coach

by Kristi Malszycki
Triangle Assistant Editor

What was the determining factor in choosing Dr. Sheri Mao as Bryan's new women's basketball coach? "She cooks Chinese," replied Director of Athletics Dr. Sandy Zensen with a laugh.

Seriously though, the combination of her education, experience and potential for ministry make her an exciting addition to the college faculty.

Dr. Mao played basketball for four years at Wuhan College in the People's Republic of China as a point guard. Her coaching experience includes eight years at Wuhan, during which time she worked as assistant coach for three years and head coach for five.

During her tenure the team won three regional titles and two national championships. She also worked at basketball camps in the summer at the University of Hawaii and the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Mao earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master's in physical education at Wuhan College, a Master's in exercise science from the University of Hawaii and a Ph.D. in exercise science from the University of Mississippi. She also has done post-graduate work in sports science and first aid safety at Auburn University.

Dr. Zensen said the new coach has "integrity and a work ethic which I believe will be extraordinary."

She was introduced to Bryan by Assistant Professor John Liu, who also earned his bachelor's degree from Wuhan College.

In addition to coaching the Lady Lions, Dr. Mao will teach activity classes in the Physical Education department.

She, her husband and their 9-year-old son will move to Dayton this spring.

Tennis teams show promise, enthusiasm

Bryan's men's and women's tennis teams finished with 3-9 and 4-9 records, respectively, and first-year Coach Bob Andrews is proud of his charges' efforts.

The men notched victories over Clinch Valley and twice over Montreat College, while the women beat Bluefield, Montreat twice and Tennessee Wesleyan. In addition, the men finished tied with King for fifth place in the TVAC tournament, and the women finished tied with King for fourth place.

"Both teams went to the TVAC tournament for the first time," Dr. Andrews said. "They caught a vision for what they could do. That's really exciting. I've talked with them about their workouts this summer, and talked about fall tennis, so we're already working on next year."

Dr. Andrews said the team will miss the leadership and talents of senior Cory Krueger, but he said freshman Matt Snead, who finished with a 9-2 record, would quickly make a strong impact for the team.

"And the good thing about the women is that they are all coming back next year. "I'm really proud of all of them."
Graduation

(Continued from Page 1)

from the college, underscored the critical need to place our lives in God's hands in his acceptance remarks.

"Awards are tricky," he said. "They tend to say 'yea' to a person. There's not much about me to say 'yea' about.
But I agreed to receive this award because of the type of institution Bryan College is.

"I am who I am because of the grace of God. If I am the most important focus of who I am, I have missed the truth. When we must exalt ourselves, we always lose. When we accept the reality of who God is, then He is completion. There is no victory in human terms which can compare with victory in Jesus Christ."

Jennifer Wilson, editor of The Triangle student newspaper, challenged the graduates "to hold fast to the hands that have guided us thus far, and to reach out and up to the nail-scarred hand that leads us further still.

"Luke 12:48 says, 'To whom much is given, much is required.' What an awesome responsibility we carry as we leave this hill to become the educators, pastors, doctors, nurses, communicators, musicians, friends, mothers and fathers of the next generation. But we have been fully equipped with life lessons, academic requirements and spiritual challenges.

Let us never forget where Jesus has brought us from and where we could have been. May the motto of Bryan College, 'Christ Above All,' become more than just words on our diplomas.

"There is a world out there just waiting to be changed, and by the grace of God, we can be the catalyst. We have come so far, and He has been so good."

Jennifer Wilson gave one of two graduation addresses and received roses on her special day.

Golden Grads, who returned to Bryan to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation in 1947 include, from left, Ruth Kuhn Simmons of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Angic Garber of Counselor, N.M.; Mary Lisec Almand of Doraville, Ga.; and Kenneth R. Marken of Highland Springs, Va. They are pictured with Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, '55, right.

Matt Bostic receives his diploma and congratulations from President Brown as registrar Ron Petitt looks on.

Seniors gathered in a circle at the close of vespers as Dr. Brown, center, had some words of encouragement, and class sponsor Morris Michalski, back right, offered a prayer on their behalf.

President Dr. Bill Brown and new alumnus Tim Lien share a moment following graduation.
Graduates earning special recognition during commencement included, from left, front, Jennifer Travis, Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award; Carron Powell, Christian Education Award to Outstanding Senior; Brooke Shepherd, Alumni Faithfulness and Loyalty Award; and Christy Tilly, Highest Scholastic Record at Bryan and Psychology Award. Back are John Maggard, Outstanding Senior in Business Award; and Matt Vander Wall, Melvin M. Seguine Award.

Commencement honors went to, from left, Pam Sarrell, for the most progress at Bryan; Christin Winkler, Senior Math Award; Jeanna Broome, P.A. Boyd Award for Senior Woman; and Sarah Beth Nordmoe, F.R. Rogers Senior Award in Music.

English Professor Dr. Ray Legg seems to be offering Chris and Holly DeWald a deal on a graduation hood as the two prepare for the commencement ceremony. Actually, he was simply showing them how to drape the symbol of their degrees.

Graduation was a family affair in more ways than one, as History Professor Dr. William L. Ketchersid, above center, knows. This year his son, Bill Jr., and daughter, Beth, both received degrees in History. Also, Natalie Cruver, wife of Assistant Director of Admissions Mark Cruver, received her degree in Liberal Arts, and Renee Marcus, wife of Educational Resource Technology Center Coordinator Matt Marcus, received her degree in Liberal Arts with Elementary Education certification.
Lion Tracks

Visit the alumni page at Bryan's Worldwide Web site

WWW.BRYAN.EDU is the new Bryan College website. On it you can find Alumni information and other college news and pictures. The alumni e-mail directory is there and will be frequently updated. We are setting up an Alumni Directory database which will have regular updates and additions of alumni names and addresses.

No longer will you have to wait three years for a new directory to be published. Look for alumni pictures to appear there in living color!

You may also communicate with our office on the internet at alumni@bryanet.bryan.edu. More often than not you will get an immediate response (during office hours!).

Homecoming dates are Oct. 3-4. Be sure to mark your calendar. We will have the third annual alumni choir singing, with one number led by former professor Jerry Woughter, who led choirs during the '50s. Join us for a special time on the Triangle and check out the site of the new Student Center.

Chancellor Kenneth G. Hanna, '57, and Vice President Stuart C. Meissner, '56, retired effective June 30. We wish them well as they continue to serve the Lord in new ministries.

Stu was the first Bryan College voice major and we hope to see him in October at the alumni choir concert.

See a related story on Page 15.

From the Alumni Director

Paul Ardelean

30's & 40's

Reunions
Class of '37
July '97 (60 years)
Class of '42
Oct. '97 (55 years)
Class of '48
May '98 (50 years)

EDWARD, '39, and JOYCE (HIRSCHY), '40, de ROSSET reminisce about their retirement home in Evans City, Pa., as Joyce recalls that the house in which they live became the Hirschy family residence in 1927, 70 years ago, when her father, Norman Hirschy, became pastor of the Amana Baptist Church. The house was home for the six children, all of whom graduated from high school and eventually went to college. Four of the children were married within a year and a half in 1941 and 1942 and went on to foreign mission fields. This included JOYCE, DANIEL, '41, and KATHRYN (HIRSCHY), '43x, HOYT. This residence has been held in the family and was available for Ed and Joyce at their retirement from missionary ministry in Peru. Their four children (including KARIN TRAYLOR, '64, and ROSALIE de ROSSET, '69) and two spouses were with them for Christmas. The big family event was the arrival of the first grandchild, Rachel Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, to Fred and Carol de Rosset, who reside in Berea, Ky., and are professors at Berea College.

MIIRIAM LEVENGOOD, '47x, Dayton, Tenn. has retired but continues to be active with TMM Ministries and Cumberland Springs Bible Camp, working with her brother, ALBERT, '52, and wife JOYCE (COOPER), '52, LEVENGOOD, who direct the ministry, and her niece, KATHY (LEVENGOOD), '86, and husband, MIKE HATHAWAY, '86, Miriam has assisted with ladies' retreats at camp, shared celebration of the 50th year at Cumberland Springs, spoke at camp sessions, and also has been active at her church in the mission's program and senior citizen activities. She is grateful for the repair of a left-eye detached retina and renewed vision. She has enjoyed visits of family and friends in her Dayton home.

50's

Reunions
Class of '51
Oct. '96 (45 years)
Class of '57
July '97 (40 years)

IAN, '50, and JUNE, (BELL) '51, HAY, have retired after 45 years of ministry with SIM. Ian was General Director for many years. He also served many years as a trustee of Bryan College, many of them as chairman. They took up residence in the SIM retirement center in Sebring, Fla., and welcome one and all to stop in for a visit.

STERLING, '51x, and RUTH ANN (ADAMS, CONE), '51x, THEOBALD have spent much of their two years of their marriage traveling to Brazzaville, Congo, to visit Ruth Ann's daughter and family, to Canada to be with Sterling's brother the last few days of his life, and to attend the funeral of Ruth Ann's nephew in Minnesota. In the summer they attended the Grace Brethren International Conference in Toronto and included visits to other sites in Canada and northern New England. At Thanksgiving, Sterling's children and families were with them in St. Louis, and at Christmas Ruth Ann's families from the South joined them and enjoyed a bit of post-Christmas snow. The Theobalds were able to attend the recent Bryan commencement to share with Ruth Ann's aunt, ANGIE GARBER, '47, on the 50th anniversary of her Bryan graduation. The Theobalds' E-Mail address is: Argentruth@aol.com

From Gordon and FRANCES (HENDERSON), '53X, PRICE were married Oct. 26, 1996, in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Evansville, Tenn. RUTH (BUNCH) HOOKER, '52, was her attendant. Other Bryanites present were PATRICIA HENDERSON, '75; CELIA DIXON, daughter of former professor Leslie Dixon, and FRED, '36, and MAYME (SHEDDAN), '65, BEDFORD. Their new address is: 3051 Pleasant Road, Evansville, Tenn., 37332, phone (423) 365-7228.

DALE, '54, and MARTHA (SHEFFIELD), '55, PAYNE recently returned to Brazil for a short-term ministry to help establish a local church and find a Brazilian pastor. They also assisted in the Vacation Bible School program which attracted more than a hundred children each day. They expected to return to the U.S. in April and are making their home in Englewood, Colo.

BOB, '56, and Wanda HEARING are living in a mobile home park in Jackson, Miss. They have started a Good News Club in a housing project near them with an average of 18-20 children each week. As regional director for Child Evangelism Fellowship, Bob and Wanda have traveled to most of the states of the Southeast. They assisted for 10 days a Atlanta at the CEF Olympic outreach. They held instruction classes for "Teaching Children Effectively" in Jackson, and now have a class made up of students from Korea, Taiwan, Japan, South Africa and Mexico. At the 12-day Mississippi State Fair last October, more than 3,400 people came into the CEF tent to hear the story of the Wordless Book and more than 1,500 responded to receive Christ as Savior.

PEARL RATHBUN, '56, has shared in several celebrations in last months of her ministry in Seoul, Korea. She spent a week in China and not only climbed part of the Great Wall, but worshipped with 1,200 Chinese in the only three-self church in the province where she stayed. At Thanksgiving she celebrated in Taiwan with TEAM friends during their annual conference. The final evert of HLLX's 40th annual conference was held in December with more than 1,400 guests sharing in
celebration to God for His blessing. They shared a taste of the seven-meter long decorated cake made for the occasion. Pearl plans to leave Korea July 10 to fly to Chicago and make her home with a friend in Wheaton. She will retire from TEAM by Nov. 1, but will travel to visit friends before then as she completes 38 years with radio ministry in Korea.

Ted and SHIRLEY (SMILEY), *'57 KINGSMITH traveled from their home at Windsor Gardens Adult Community in Denver, Colo., with their daughter and two friends to share in the program for 60 missionary children during their annual conference at Schladming, Austria. Ted and Shirley assisted with the little ones. They were also able to visit their daughter near Paris and spent a week with their son and family in a Vienna suburb. They continue to minister at the chapel in their community where many are excited about Bible studies.

MYRA (CONNER), *'57, MARTIN and Jerry Rice were married March 29 and have moved to Northport, Fla.

MARILYN LASZLO, *'59, experienced the misfortune of having a fire destroy most of her belongings and those of her parents and aunt for whom she cared on her parents' farm. All are safe, but pray for Marilyn in the loss of many irreplaceable items such as family heirlooms, films and artifacts from Papua New Guinea.

60's
Reunions
Class of '62
Oct. '97 (35 years)
Class of '67
July '97 (30 years)

DAN '61x, and SHELBY (SKINNER), *'63, HARRISON have completed 10 years in affiliation with InterVarsity Fellowship and Dan's responsibility to help organize Urbana Missions conferences in 1987, 1990, 1993, and 1996. Dan accepted a new challenge May 1, to serve as International Director of Middle East Media. The vision of MEM is to make the gospel available to every Arab home by the year 2020. MEM has a membership of 100 Christians, 80 of whom are Arabs from the region. They plan to primarily use secular media channels and publish a magazine for youth, providing a literature ministry and quality television programs to be viewed by millions across the 23 Arab nations. The Harrisons expect to move soon to Cyprus, where the office of MEM is located.

LORETTA (PEMBLETON) COMSTOCK, *'62x, and Kermit Goodenough were married Feb. 14, in Camptown, Pa., where they are making their home near Kermit's mother, who needs special care. Lorrie moved her office equipment and supplies for her children's work from Michigan to their home in Camptown. She plans to conduct a VBS in Michigan in mid-July and has engagements in Florida in September and in Maryland in October.

REBEKAH (BOLLMAN), *'63, and Paul MARCY are grateful for 30 years of married life including the blessings of their sons, Tim and David. They continue to live in Wheaton, Ill., where Paul has worked for 22 years at Wheaton College. He is now working to upgrade the HVAC computers. Becky is teaching student with ADD/ADHD, finding it a very rewarding challenge.

RUSSELL KAUFMAN, *'65, has completed his work for the Doctor of Ministries degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and graduated June 14. He has accepted a pastoral position at Fellowship Bible Church in Phoenix, Ariz. His new address is: 11515 W. Clover Way, Avondale, AZ 85322; phone (602) 877-5577.

Ron and INGA (STENBERG) *'68, NEELY in Jonkoping, Sweden, are seeing fruit for their ministry as individuals come to know the Lord. They are thankful for a couple who have joined in their work. Their Bible camp which will be held in June has been a good outreach in past years. The Neelys have been assisting in the translation of a new Swedish Bible.

70's
Reunions
Class of '72
Oct. '97 (25 years)
Class of '77
July '97 (20 years)

John and JOYCE (BUCE), *'70x, LARRABEE arrived in Manaus, Brazil, April 17, to join several other missionaries as they serve under Baptist Mid-Missions. They will be concentrating on Portuguese language study, along with unpacking and setting up housekeeping. In June, they plan to return to the US until Aug. 10 for Joyce to complete a final session for her master’s degree in sacred music and for John to visit several churches.

PAUL, *'72, and ANNETTE (HENDERSON), *'73, HAYWARD at their home in Empangeni, South Africa, have enjoyed sharing the 270 bananas from their back yard -- some went to the families in a multicultural fellowship, along with lunches given to their staff members at the TEAM Bookshop and to friends who work in neighboring shops. Their bookstore ministry is thriving and providing opportunities to talk and pray with those burdened with personal problems. Their daughter, Anne, was at home with them for two months after finishing her studies at Wheaton in December. She and her friend, David Osieiski, became engaged during his visit to South Africa and plans are being made for a July wedding in Wheaton.

DANN, *'73, and LINDA (HOWARD), *'73, SPEICHERING, announce the arrival of Malcolm Arin, 4 years old, and brother Isaiah Adam, 3, to their household. They write from Sioux City, Iowa, that “Linda and I have been pursuing the adoption of two boys for the past year. Though this may seem strange to some of you, it has been a matter of prayer and conversation for some time. When we approached our four about the prospects, we were pleased they were for the adoption. The prayers, discussion and classes continued until this fall.” The adoption will be finalized in July. Their daughter, RENAE, graduated from Bryan in May with a degree in Elementary Education. She is married to MATT MARCUS, *'94, who is on Bryan’s staff training area teachers how to use their computers in the 21st Century Classroom.

MALCOLM AND ISAIHA SPEICHERING

PETER, *'74, and SARIANNE, *'73, TRINH maintain their home with their three children—Preston, 15, Tiffany, 13, and Nathan, 9, and computer business in Dallas, Texas. Peter is still very much involved in missions, having traveled to Panama eight times and to Poland three times in 1996. Sarianne is teaching an adult Sunday school class for the 14th consecutive year.

GENE, *'74x, and LYNN (PUFFER), *'73, JORDAN work from their MAF office and home in Quito, Ecuador, where Gene is Latin America Regional Manager. He is able to encourage MAF staff as he travels to several Central and South American countries. The Jordans welcome senior dorm kids to their “second home,” hold weekly outreach meetings for 70 high schoolers, lead Bible study in Spanish with an international group of new Christians, and provide hospitality for visiting work groups and MAFers from Shell. With daughter Kim graduating from high school and planning to attend Wheaton College, the Jordans are taking a longer furlough. Their daughter Kelley hopes to return to Ecuador for the fall semester of school, and Gene will continue his responsibilities by using E-mail and making a few trips to Latin America.

Steve and JANICE (RASH), *'74, TROSTLE with their children Stephanie and Jonathan, are excited about their ministry in Portugal. They have had several teams helping with the work on the Lisbon Training Center. Two new families were scheduled to arrive in March. Their daughter, Stephanie, plans to travel to Kenya with a ministry team from Pensacola Christian College for summer evangelistic ministry.

LOREN, *'75, and PAM (MARTIN), *'78, BAUGHMAN in Ukarampua, Papua New Guinea, have been the support team for translators Neil and Kathy Vanaria, who are working among the Mesem people in Morey Province. Last December the Baughmans were privileged to attend the dedication of the Gospel of Mark along with the Vanarias and the local people. In May, the Baughmans were scheduled to return to the U.S. for 10 months. They request prayer for Pam’s health.

PAUL, *'77, and ANTIONETTE (LAYMAN), *'79, COMBS and their son, David, write about their recent trip to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly called Saigon, in Vietnam, where they spent a week viewing the various places of interest. They plan to be at Paul’s class reunion on July 11-12, so plan to be here and get the news firsthand. I have selected a picture (on the following page) of the three of them and their guide at the entrance to the Chu Chi Tunnels, which supposedly linked all the way to Hanoi.

Bartolome and REBECCA (GHOOLDSTON), *'77x, CALLES, who live in Villagordo, Spain, are working with their local fellowship of believers to secure or erect a church building. At the end of June they plan to make their furlough home with Rebecca’s parents in Dayton, Tenn., as they seek to share their vision for the people of Spain and especially for their village of 4,000. Jack and LIZ (BREA), *'78, MIDDENCE believe they are being led to the island of Guanaia, which is off the coast of Honduras. As a teacher there, one would have to teach two or three grade levels, much like...
A Vietnamese guide is pictured with Antoinette, Paul and David Combs at the Chu Chi tunnels.

homeschooling. Their new address is: TGU 00044, P.O. Box 025387, Miami, Fla., 33102-5387. Their son, Samuel, is 19 months old.

DR. MILDRED (WOMBLE), '78, THOMPSON and husband Doyse have been appointed to Dominica in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their job is to coordinate youth ministries by teaching and training adult youth leaders. Their primary effort will target teenagers.

JOHN DAVIS, '78, has been named vice president of sales and marketing for the Eastern U.S. for Beverly Hills Car Collection, an independent Budget Rent-A-Car licensee. He will represent the company in the Eastern U.S., arranging car rentals for individuals who travel to California. John and his wife, KATHY (KENSEY), '79x, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their two sons.

CHARLES, '79, and SHARON (WOYCHUK), 81, GOODMAN, also in Spain in the city of Valdemoro, are using “El Puente” with a graphic illustration on their card to introduce their ministry and open the door to talk about the bridge between God and man. They have identified several Evangelical Christians in their town and planned a literature campaign to open the way for further contacts with local people. Alicia Lee Goodman was born on May 22, and joins brothers Drew and Taylor.

80's Reunions

Class of '82
Oct. '97 (15 years)
Class of '87
July '97 (10 years)

MARK, '80, and Maritza PADGETT attended SHARON (PADGETT), '84, WILSON's wedding (see below) in March, travelling from Costa Rica with their two children, Stacy and Rachel. ANN (EDWARDS), '86, and NATHAN, '88, PADGETT, with their daughter, Karyn, attended as did DOUG, '93 and SHARRON (LICKING), '87, PADGETT, with their three sons. Kevin, Michael and Ryan. Michael has been cancer-free for one year, and Doug and Sharron send thanks to all who prayed. Doug is employed with a printing company in Chattanooga, and Sharron is a stay-at-home mom.

Joe and BECKY (STAFFORD), '80, COX, working under Inherit A. Blessing, Inc., have recently been to Vietnam where Joe conducted training sessions for lay people on the BEE World Church-Based Training Center program. Joe traveled to the Middle East in March and was scheduled to return to Vietnam in May. The Coxes make their home in Morrison, Colo. E-mail: 77464.2024@compuserve.com.

Nathan and ANITA (JAGGERS), '80, STRAND have a good report on their work with Inner City Impact in Chicago. Last year, 1,082 individuals were impacted through ICI, some through weekly evangelistic programs with an average of 326 attending each week. More than 100 youth were involved in weekly small group Bible studies, 21 youth were in the leadership development programs, an average of 49 children and youth were taken to a local church each week, and their camping program involved 357 youth in the evangelism/discipleship process. Goals for this year have been set a little higher in each area with the desire to reach more young people for Christ.

ALLAN, '81, and KATHY (KINDBERG), '82, COURTRIGHT drove from Waxhaw, N.C., to Tucson, Ariz., for Christmas to share with Kathy’s family of 24 relatives, a memorable family reunion. Allan works with the staff of International Computing and Telecommunications Services (ICTS) to assist Wycliffe translators in the questions they face, aided greatly by the use of E-mail service. Allan was scheduled for trips to Dallas and California for consultation. In June he plans to go to Abilene, Texas, representing Wycliffe at the International Conference on Computing in Missions. Kathy’s work in personnel at Waxhaw is to help in contacting some of the 1,500 people still needed in Wycliffe. She is responding to a number of inquiries from the Urbana conference. Their four children are enrolled at Covenant Day School.

CHARLES and JOAN (TREADWAY), '81, CLARK were married March 29.

NAOMI GLOCK, '81x, was busy traveling during the last half of 1996, when she went from her base in Suriname to Dallas and back, then to St. Lucia, to Holland, and then some trips to the Saramaccan who are in Suriname. She was also involved in moving to an apartment she had formerly lived in. While in St. Lucia for five weeks in August and September, she helped guide the Wycliffe team there in some literacy projects, including preparation of primer series of 80 lessons to teach non-literate nationals to read, a teacher’s manual, a book of short stories, a “transitional primer” to teach literate nationals to read their own language, a travel book in three languages and a book about the solar system. In Holland she visited friends she had known in Suriname and included trips between Holland and Belgium to enjoy the beauty and European culture. Back in her Suriname, she was able to give literacy instruction to five Saramaccans who will be able to encourage literacy teachers in the future. A final news note indicates that the Saramaccan New Testament is sold out! Plans are underway for the revision of this New Testament to be printed after Naomi’s furlough.

Pete and MARY ELLEN (LILLEY), '83x, KLUCK are in Cameroon, working with Wycliffe as support staff for missionaries working in 32 language groups. In April, the Wycliffe colleagues gathered in Yaounde for a spiritual and planning conference, seeking God’s wisdom and discussing translation on projects and priorities. The Klucks offer a training program for new missionaries called Africa Orientation Course, to share cultural do’s and don’ts, and information on food preparation, new forms of travel and all sorts of diseases. In March, Mary Ellen went to an international tropical disease conference in Geneva to learn more to share with the missionaries.

Kevin and ANNE (DEKLERK), '83, MAYER announce the birth of their second child, Kristen Elizabeth, on Feb. 12. She joins Jonathan, 1 1/2.

MICHAEL, '83, and LINDA (LEAPLINE), '82, GORDON live in Wilkesbarre, Pa. They have three healthy children, Michael II, 13, Kyleen, 10, and Benjamin, 5. Mike lost his job last year and is now working three part-time jobs but looking for full-time employment. Linda home schools the children and is very involved in their church. Michael also finds time to be involved in church and serves as leader of the PromiseKeepers ministry.

STEVE, '82x, and GRACE (SCHOETTLE), '82x, WISTHOFF announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Rose, on March 12. She joins Katie, 12, and Tori, 7. Steve is now pastor of First Baptist Church of Bismarck, N.D., and is enjoying it very much. Grace spent the past year working on an annotated bibliography of books covering marriage, parenting and women’s issues. This book will be used by American Baptists and was to be published in May.

ANDY, '83, and CAROL (PERSIANI), '85 PATTON announce their adoption of Kylie Janelle Patton, born July 21, 1996.

Andy is a senior programmer analyst with Data Processing Solutions, and missions chairman at church. Carol has a home business as a Nikken Kylie Janell Patton independent distributor.

DAN, '84, and Peggy OBERG have moved to Lexington, Ky., where he serves as Youth Minister of the Broadway Christian Church. Peggy works for a pharma-
enjoyed their Pacific orientation course where they learned about PNG customs and beliefs, about the wildlife as well as learning some Tok Pisin (a trade language) which helps to communicate in a country which has 800 different languages. They make their home in Ukarumpa and are able to worship on the center at the Tok Pisin Church service where they are reading in the Tok Pisin Bible and singing their songs, finding that they understand most of it. Their sons, Nathan and Ryan, go to local schools, while daughter Leslie stays home with mother and a new puppy.

Bruce and Sharon (Padgett), '84, Wilson were married on March 29, in Shelby, N.C. Brad and Kathy (Dallinga), '84, Koening are experiencing the stress of their new environment and culture in Cameroon with mechanical problems on lights and computer, three-way radio, TV and video player as well as physical struggles with a snake in the kitchen, worms, boils, stolen toys—all hindrances to language study. On the bright side, Brad was able to share the gospel with a man who responded positively, family swims in the river nearby, a full rainbow over the valley, and being grateful for the love and sustaining prayers of friends. They are also thankful for medicines that help Kathy’s ailments, Wayne’s new traveling teacher/supervisor, new solar panels and batteries up and running. Two national Christians have been translating the Noah story in their Ewini language. The Koenigs have completed two years of their four-year term under World Team.

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90's
Reunions
Class of '92
Oct. '97 (5 years)

MARK, '90, and LADONNA (ROBINSON), '90, OLSON announce the birth of their second son, Daniel David, on March 13.

RONA HALCOMB, '91, works at the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, S.C., where she has been in a house parenting job for nearly six years, but plans to leave in June. This has been a "hands on" experience to help prepare her for career missionary service with South America Mission. She will be seeking prayer and financial supporters for her future ministry.

ED ELMORE, '91, has just finished four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is enrolled in flight school with the goal of becoming a missionary pilot. His address is: 21200 S.E. 134th St; McLean, OK 74851.

TIM, '91, and TIFFANY (FULLERTON), '91, SHEYDA are now based in North Carolina, less than five hours from parents and siblings in Charlotte. Tim received his wings in May with the family present to witness the completion of his years of training. He has been assigned to fly helicopters.

Paul and Linda (Rhodes) McDaniel

LINDA (RHODES), '93X, and Paul McDaniel were married on June 15, 1996, in Suwanee, Ga., and are living in Flowery Branch, Ga. Paul is a civil engineer and Linda works as a bookkeeper and office manager for Ambru Homes, Inc.

DOUG, '93, and SHARRON (LICKING), '97, PADGETT announce the birth of their third child, Ryan Mark on March 4. They are also giving thanks for the Lord's work in their son Michael's life. In less than a year's time he is cancer free!

ELLIOIT ISTRE, '93, and MANDY AMIS, '92, were married on May 16 in Hopkinsville, Ky.


BROCK, '94, and KELSEY (HARTZELL), '95, MORGAN announce the birth of their daughter, Dancia Portia, on May 13 in Glendale, Calif.

MELODY (RIDDLE) DURHAM, '95, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. A total of 61 fellowships were awarded in 1997. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American History by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation's secondary schools as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

RACHEL SNYDER, '96, and Wade Ortego were married on March 22 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

GEORGE K. RAEV, '96, renewed his contract with the San Antonio Pumas professional soccer team. During the 1997 season, the Pumas will participate in an international tournament in Mexico City. George continues to work toward his Master's degree and is expecting to graduate in May 1998.

PAMELA RENE BROWN, '97, and Gerald Robert Scarborough were married May 31 in Cleveland, Tenn.

Melody Durham, '96, receives 1 of 61 Madison Fellowships

Melody Riddle Durham, '96, has been awarded a 1997 James Madison Fellowship for graduate study in American History.

Mrs. Durham, a history major at Bryan, is a teacher at the Christian Academy of Knoxville in Knoxville, Tenn.

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C., awarded 61 Madison fellowships this year to secondary school teachers of American history, American government and social studies. The fellowship funds up to $24,000 of each fellow's course of study toward a master's degree, which must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

The foundation is an independent establishment of the executive branch of the federal government, founded and initially funded by an act of Congress in 1986.

Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and the acknowledged "Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, James Madison Fellowships are intended to recruit into teaching people knowledgeable about the origins and development of American constitutional government, to enhance experienced teachers' knowledge of these subjects and thereby expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation's constitutional heritage.

Larry Puckett, '73 named prosecutor

Larry Puckett, '73, has been named an assistant attorney general in Tennessee's 10th Judicial Circuit, which includes four counties around his home in Cleveland, Tenn.

Following his graduation from Bryan, Larry served as an admissions counselor before enrolling at Memphis State University Law School. He has been in a private law practice for more than 16 years.

He has served on the Bryan College Board of Trustees since 1987, and has served as president of the Bryan Alumni Association, president of the Cleveland Jaycees and executive director of the Cleveland Express Track Club, and a deacon of his church.

Please pray for Bryan College
Meissner, Hanna retire from leadership posts at Bryan

They met at Bryan in the mid-50s, one an English major, the other Bryan's first vocal music major.

They came back to Bryan in the 80s, one a vice president, the other Bryan's fifth president.

Now, Vice President for College Advancement Stuart C. Meissner, 56, and Chancellor Kenneth G. Hanna, 57, are retiring, although retirement may not be a very accurate description of the next steps they are planning.

Dr. Hanna and his wife, Mary, came to Bryan as a student on the recommendation of Mary's sister, Dot Underwood, '54, and lived in Trailerville. As a married student, he had little time -- or money -- for much beyond studying and attending to family responsibilities. He remembers that "we arrived on campus with $9.20, and the next morning we bought $9.16 worth of groceries. So I started Bryan with four cents."

But he did have time to sing in the choir, led by Mr. Meissner, at Sale Creek Presbyterian Church.

Eleven years later, he moved to Chicago to become vice president and dean of education at the Moody Bible Institute. There he supervised operations of the day, evening and correspondence schools, the Moody Aviation school and the K-12 Keswick Christian School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In 1985, personnel from Bryan College, including a full-time student, a full-time student, and the college's six presidents, were transferred to the Mooresboro, N.C., campus. As their paths veer away from each other once again, the two leaders will take with them the memories of years of faithful service which has helped more than 1,000 Bryan students to prepare to make a difference in today's world.

Both insist they are retiring from Bryan, not retiring. "I felt Bryan needed a jump start. I wasn't doing a lot of fund-raising and thought we could do what one couldn't. That is when I recommended (Dr.) Bill (Brown) be president and I be chancellor," Ken said.

"Stu echoed that sentiment. "I think part of what I was able to do was help bring some financial stability to the college through strengthening the fundraising efforts. But I feel it is time for a change at Bryan, time for fresh energy."

As they reflect on their service at Bryan, relationships with people are among the bright spots they see.

Ken said, "I'm most grateful, looking back, for the part I may have played in renewing the sense of mission, preparing for growth and getting people in place, not just Bill, but the faculty and staff."

"I did come in with an idea of having two or three people at Bryan capable of doing what I was doing. I wanted to have a number of people who were being groomed for leadership, because I realized I would not be here 30 years like Ted (Mercer) was."

And Stu said his visits to alumni and friends of the college have offered a "side benefit which is very special. I have been able to develop great friendships with alumni and parents. And working here around college students has also kept me thinking young."

Both insist they are retiring from Bryan, not retiring. Ken will take the position of director of Messianic Ministry to Israel, a mission headquartered in Chattanooga, Tenn., effective July 1. Stu will continue a part-time relationship with Bryan as well as begin working with First Counsel, Inc., a fund-raising consulting firm in Charlotte, N.C.

Need a transcript? Here's how to get one

Registrar Ron Petitte reminds alumni and students that his office needs several pieces of information to respond to requests for transcripts.

Transcripts must be requested by the individual who attended Bryan, must be submitted in writing and signed by the person making the request.

The request must include the following information:
- Full name, including maiden name if applicable, and Social Security number
- Dates attended Bryan (year will suffice)
- Address where the transcript is to be sent
- Any special instructions.

There is no charge for the first official transcript supplied to an alumnus, and $5 for each subsequent transcript. Checks should be made out to Bryan College and sent separately if the request is faxed. Faxed requests should be sent to the attention of the registrar at (423) 775-7330.
PLAN AHEAD

Alumni Weekend and Homecoming '97!

Alumni Weekend
July 11-12, 1997

Join us for a time of fun, fellowship and updates on what's happening at your college.
Rooms are free, and children may eat in the dining hall for free.
So make plans now, call a classmate, and meet at Bryan for Alumni Weekend.
Call (423) 775-7216 to reserve your place.

Homecoming '97 - Oct. 3-4
Special features include:
3rd annual Alumni Choir Alumni v. Varsity Volleyball and Basketball
Homecoming soccer game Alumnus of the Year presentation Hilltop Players production Kids eat free!

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