ATHLETICS

More than a game at Bryan

Few school-related activities get the pulse pounding like a good athletic contest.

Whether it's a soccer team racing up and down a green field, or a basketball team elbow to elbow under the basket straining for a rebound, athletics is a significant part of the college experience.

The Bryan College experience.

Dr. Sandy Zensen, athletic director and head soccer coach, believes Bryan's athletic program complements the college's mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world. "Being a part of Bryan College, our mission statement has got to extend to what we do in athletics," Dr. Zensen said. "If we're not helping in that process, I'm not sure we can justify our existence here."

And, for that matter, an athletic program is an expected part of the college experience. "It's part of our culture, our society. It has something to do with campus life, providing an identity for our students," the coach said. "It has to do with being ambassadors for the college and provides for us a stage on which to promote the college and ultimately the kingdom of God."

"I cannot envision a college in our culture without some form of athletics."

"It seems that Bryan students couldn't imagine that either. Some 135 students, approximately a quarter of the student body, participate in one or more of seven varsity and two junior varsity sports. These include varsity soccer, basketball and tennis, plus JV soccer and basketball, for the men, and soccer, volleyball, basketball and tennis for the women.

For the student-athlete, intercollegiate athletics may offer a variety of rewards, but one factor seems to draw each to his or her sport - a love for the game.

Melody Owens, a member of the Lady Lions soccer team, received her Christian education degree from Bryan in May, but elected to take more classes so she could use another year of eligibility. "For me, I love athletics and want it to be part of my life as much as possible," she explained.

Oliver Street is a member of the Lions' soccer team who plays "because I love the sport." But he also recognizes "soccer is my window of opportunity to get an education."

Jill Reeves, who plays both soccer and basketball, plays because "It's part of my life. I thrive on the competition and performance."

And Bryan Anderson, a member of the basketball team, realized a life-long goal when he made the Lions' squad. "Since I was a kid I have wanted to play college ball," he said.

But they also realize they are here to get an education.

Dr. Zensen is proud of the fact that for the past nearly 10 years "we are averaging about 10 Academic All-Conference or All-Americans per year."

This means they earn at least a 3.5 grade average (on Bryan's 4.0 scale) and letter in their sport. They're doing the job in the classroom."

At the same time, the coaches and athletes understand they are doing more than simply competing on behalf of the college — they are representing Christ. Women's soccer Coach Marc Neddo said it was a particular encouragement to see this played out on the soccer field this season.

"We never got a yellow card all season," he said. "A lot of the non-Christian teams asked, 'are you Christians?' They noticed the girls were out there for more than to win a game, that there was something greater than the game. That was neat."

Bryan Anderson said he has seen this aspect of athletics since he has been playing at Bryan. "I used to look up to older guys playing college ball, and now I guess I'm in a situation where continued on...page 8

40 years ago, the story was similar

by Tom Kenner, Vice President for Advancement

Recently, my friend Tex Williams, '53, sent me a copy of the October 1949 Bryan Newslette (for you youngsters, that was the news publication of the day). A percentage of that issue was devoted to the building project of the current Administration Building, which ended up being over 40 years in various stages of construction.

An article entitled "Urgent Needs" began this way: "Four months of the 1949-50 fiscal year have passed and we lack $1,525.08 of meeting our $3,000 monthly income budget for this period. With the increased expenses of a larger staff it is barely that we receive $4,525.08 for operation during October. Our building fund gift income has barely kept pace with expenditures. We are expecting to receive the shipment of steel joists any day, and when it arrives, $4,384.06 will be needed to pay for the joists."

One might be tempted to belittle the challenge of the day. After all, the college survived. Those dollar figures do not astound us. But survival in 1949 called for faithful sacrifice as the Lord directed.

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POSTMODERN MORALITY

From the President
Dr. William E. Brown

We should have seen it coming.
For more than 30 years advertisers have tried to convince us to throw off the shackles of authority and live on the edge, to be ourselves, to have it our way. We have become accustomed to this brand of Postmodernism, which has defined popular culture.

Now, the moral confusion in American public discourse has taken a decidedly postmodern twist. With Bill Clinton hailed as our first "Postmodern President," the events of 1998 underscore the sweeping nature of the "Postmodern" world, which rejects the promises of the "Modern" world that have dominated our culture since the Enlightenment. The unfulfilled hopes of scientific progress and dreams of world peace have faded into the background. The Modern experiment failed.

Postmodernism can best be described as an attempt to forget the past and ignore the future by living for the "right now." Each person is like a site on the worldwide web. Our personality and priorities can change with a click. We decide what values to embrace and store them in our list of favorites.

As a result, Postmodern morality is subjective; a personal journey where the idea of shared moral truth is meaningless. Truth with a capital "T" is transformed into truth with a personal pronoun: "my truth."

In the Postmodern scheme, appealing to God as the source of truth and morality is laughable. The results are a wide array of challenges to a biblical worldview. Here are a few examples:

All morality is a personal choice

The reasoning:
"There is no morality 'out there,' it is all 'in here.' No one has my experiences or can understand my journey. Anyone who attempts to impose moral judgments on me is merely oppressive. Who are they to tell me how to live?"

The response:
How can we live together in our society if everyone is following his own rules of morality? It's like playing a game where all of the participants make up their own rules. Who wins? Who loses? What's fair? The result is chaos, frustration and anger.

"Choice" is the mantra of Postmodern moralists. There is no truth, no absolute morality, just definitions and personal experiences. In the Postmodern scheme, the subjective nature of truth demands that issues related to morality remain private. The same is true in public morality where a smorgasbord mentality toward morality prevails.

Publicly, this way of thinking took center stage in the early debates over abortion. The "right to privacy" clause of the Constitution was extended to take precedence over other rights and protections, including the life of the unborn child.

Forgiveness is easier than permission

The reasoning:
"The underlying assumptions that allow me to live by my own moral code have one caveat: my rights end where yours begin. I am unaware of your moral standards, so I will follow my own moral choices until you inform me I have stepped over the line. If I do something disagreeable to you, I am sorry. I recognize that I may have offended your sensibilities and your own moral standards, but please don't condemn me. On my journey of moral awareness I need you to be supportive and forgiving, not critical or sanctimonious. You must grant me forgiveness, otherwise you are guilty of mean-spirited moral superiority."

The response:
"How do you now if it hurts someone?" I asked.
"When they tell you," they replied. "Then you just ask for forgiveness."

There was little thought given that God's character and will are the standards for what is right and wrong and that we should conform our lives to Him.

What is forgotten in this reasoning is that forgiveness and consequences are two separate issues.

David honestly pleaded for forgiveness for his gross sins (Psalm 51) but the consequences for his life were devastating (2 Samuel 12:21).

Let him who is without sin cast the first stone (John 8:7)

The reasoning:
"Maybe I've failed in your eyes, but nobody is perfect. You have failed at times, too. We are all human and I don't need hypocrites accusing me of wrongdoing when they are constantly failing. Even Jesus Christ said so. Only those who have never failed morally are worthy to criticize me."

The response:
This challenge has a greater impact because it carries an implied biblical approval and in some Bibles appears in red letters. Setting aside the obvious misuse of the passage (John 8 refers to a public execution, not a public confrontation) and ignoring the many passages which call us to correct and rebuke (2 Tim. 4:2; James 5:19-20; etc.), the demand never to judge the moral acts of others is frightening. As John Leo points out, this way of thinking is reflected in the growing numbers of college students who are reticent to criticize the acts of Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin.

Postmodern morality is nothing new. The worldview that removes God from the center of life results in a culture that struggles to define itself morally. When a society rejects God, it becomes, in the words of Nietzsche, "free floating;" a culture with no moral foundation, no moral center. In Postmodern morality, the arguments sound different but they are the same old reasons given to defend moral relativism, the belief that questions of right and wrong are not absolute, but dependent upon person, place, time, and circumstance. In his book, Modern Times, historian Paul Johnson, concludes, "All forms of relativism have an innate tendency to generate moral collapse since they eliminate any fixed anchorage and launch the ship of state on an ocean where there are no bearings at all."

While Johnson was referring to the moral struggles in public policy during World War II, his words sound alarmingly current.

No wonder we didn't see it coming.

Dr. Arliss Roaden of Brentwood, Tenn., left, and Mrs. Betty Ruth Seera of Dayton, Tenn., have been appointed to the Bryan College Board of Trustees. Dr. Roaden is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and works as a consultant after a career in higher education administration, including serving as head of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, president of Tennessee Technological University and dean of Ohio State University. Mrs. Seera is a member of the Bryan Class of 1974. She is active in her church and community ministries.
Sen. Frist outlines challenges in visit to Bryan

Education, senior citizens and tax relief are three matters Congress will address in the coming year, U.S. Sen. Bill Frist said during a visit to Bryan College in November.

Sen. Frist met with students, administrators and community leaders during his stop in Rhea County, part of a day-long swing through East Tennessee.

But the key to successfully addressing these needs is for servant leaders to acknowledge the spiritual dimension and return to the spiritual roots of this country.

Dr. Carson said American higher education is in good shape, but problems are evident in grades kindergarten to 12. "Public education, K-12, is failing in the sense we have not captured the innovation and creativity we must to be competitive in the world arena." He cited statistics showing American seniors in high school rank 19th in the world in their mastery of science and math, while elementary students rank much higher.

"Something happens between the early grades and high school," he said, and called for an effort to reverse that trend.

In response to a question, he said Republicans believe the federal role in education must be to empower local educators to raise standards. He pointed out that "taxpayer money sent to Washington gets lost in about 400 programs. Of every dollar sent to Washington, about 30 cents gets sent back." And he called for a system to "allow some choice" of schools for students.

The Social Security problem is simple to solve, but there must be presidential leadership to achieve that goal, the senator said. Without calling him by name, Sen. Frist said President Clinton has made great pleas to delay action on tax reform "until we save Social Security. That sounds good, but for over a year he has used that to say, 'don't touch anything.' He has never presented a plan. He knows if you present a plan you might lose votes, and he leads by polling.

He said the Social Security program can be saved by taking "the top two percent of the 12 percent workers pay and invest it in a savings account. That's enough to fix Social Security. It's never been done, but that takes presidential leadership.”

He said that plan would cost about half the projected $1.5 trillion budget surplus over the next 10 years, and advocated using the other half to pay down the national debt and for tax relief.

Sen. Frist said he and Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, believe "we have an obligation to the youth of America and to the current working generation to let them keep a little more of the money they make every day, to invest in education, business or whatever. We expect a 1.5 trillion surplus over the next 10 years. I believe we ought to let individuals keep a significant portion of that to invest as they see fit."

Before his luncheon remarks, Sen. Frist spoke with students about his duties in the Senate, some of his priorities and how he became interested in public service. Later he spoke with local officials about their concerns involving the federal government.

...continued from page 1, '40 years ago' lesson in stewardship. Sometimes when I share specific dollar figures some feel their ability to give isn't relevant, thinking that the "little" they could give wouldn't matter. I think our Lord points to an entirely different paradigm — His economy is not dependent on present and future value of funds, or any other human construct. What He calls for is simple: Obedience within our ability. When we respond as His Spirit directs, the human rules don't apply.

Think about that, then consider that, in my work, I have met people I consider to be financially liberated at all levels of earthly income.

Another thought from the article...the phrase "barely kept pace" seemed to jump off the page at me. By the time this correspondence reaches you, your workmen will have completed the finish work of that portion of the Student Life Center, and we will have begun transporting the Argo's equipment to its new home. A partial Certificate of Occupancy and glossy photography can easily mislead you into complacency.

The truth is, we have a great distance to go in human terms. The phrase "barely kept pace" is highly descriptive.

Am I discouraged? No! God has enabled us to far exceed any previous horizon in our vision for Bryan College.

Is your participation relevant? Absolutely! Your prayer and your prayerful worship in giving is of the utmost value. Don't be tempted to think anything less.

Christ offers victory over temptation

Temptation is a fact of life all believers face, but we can find victory in the cross, this fall's Stately Distinguished Christian Scholar lecturer told students.

Dr. D. A. Carson, research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, looked at the temptation of Adam and Eve and Hezekiah to develop principles about temptation, then turned to the Book of James to offer encouragement for those facing "various trials."

"Turning to Hezekiah, Dr. Carson pointed out that 'it is possible to be fundamentally a faithful servant of the Lord and fail miserably in the end.'

"'We must not minimize Hezekiah's abilities. He was a great man. He was willing to trust the Lord. He was willing to crush the idolatry that had raised its head in the land. He realized that the serpent Moses had made had become an idol, so he smashed it. And yet, he ended badly.'"

"As long as you are in this world there will be temptations, struggles, fights. Some of you will be targeted by the bitterness of failure; some by the arrogance of success. It is essential to fight on all fronts for one's whole life. Real Christians stick. Real Christians have the grace of perseverance."

"He said believers, particularly successful leaders, face temptations in four areas — false priorities, self-righteousness and self-importance, pride and complacency."

"Christians cannot afford to believe the whole cause of Christ depends solely on one person. 'Most of us go through life worried that people won't think enough of us; Paul worried that people would think too much of him.'

"He quoted a comment by Carl F.H. Henry when he was asked how he managed to avoid becoming proud of his accomplishments: "'How can anyone be arrogant when he stands beside the cross?' Do you want to end well? Resolve to stand beside the cross all the days of your life."

"Christians face the possibility of persevering through trials or of failing the test, but Dr. Carson suggested James 1 gives us the key to victory.

"Trials come to help us develop perseverance. 'The athlete perseveres to develop perseverance. So the Christian. You cannot learn endurance unless you experience troubles. Consider trials joys because they are developing perseverance and perseverance is developing character.'"

"Dr. Carson said the reward for withstanding the test is the crown of life. 'The Christian is constantly living with eternity's values in view. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on that heavenly life. Is this reward theology? Yes, but it's not merit theology.'"

"Trials, he said, are opportunities to go forward with God, but if we allow ourselves to be tempted, they can become temptations to fall back.

"'There is something in us that wants that sin (involved in a trial). The text (James 1) says each person is dragged away from his own evil desire. Never get into the habit of blaming God. Get into the habit of facing your own responsibility.'"

"Finally, he encouraged believers to remember the cross when feeling alone and crushed. 'Do not forget God's goodness. God doesn't change. He is never other than perfectly good.'"

"When you are tempted to despair, when the heavens seem bronze, when you're not sure anybody loves you, remember the cross because He chose to give us birth through the Gospel. Do not forget God's goodness.'"
Education majors among best in nation

Bryan College education majors scored in the top quarter of students taking the PRAXIS test for prospective teachers, according to information from the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

And in tests of general knowledge and communication skills, Bryan’s prospective teachers scored in the top 15 percent of students taking the tests.

According to ETS, of the more than 21,300 students who took the elementary education PRAXIS test, Bryan ranked in the 74th percentile. Dr. Ken Froemke, dean and assistant to the academic vice president, said that means that Bryan students ranked higher in their scores than 74 percent of all students taking the test.

In the general knowledge test given to all education majors, Bryan students ranked higher than 85 percent of the 61,700 students nationwide who took the test. They also ranked higher than 87 percent of the 47,800 students nationwide who took the test of communication skills.

Dr. Froemke said the test results tell college officials they are meeting their goal of providing a quality education as measured against national standards.

And Dr. Ann Sidebothom, head of the education program, said the test results also reflect the quality of students in the program. “We get good students who are dedicated and interested in being good teachers.” She pointed out that the high score on the general education test shows that prospective teachers are learning subject content, not just methods of how to teach.

Approximately 30 percent of Bryan students are enrolled in the teacher training program.

Facility/Staff Notes

Dr. Stephen Barnett, associate professor of natural science, presented a paper titled “Possible Tsunamites from the Middle Devonian Duffin Bed New Albany Shale, South-Central Kentucky,” at the Geological Society of America conference in Toronto, Canada, in October. Research for the presentation was conducted in cooperation with Dr. Frank R. Ettensohm of the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Dr. Bill Brown spoke at an ACSI conference in Columbus, Ohio, in October, and led worldview teams to Stone Mountain Community Church in Stone Mountain, Ga., and to a meeting of homeschoolers in Knoxville, Tenn. In November. He also traveled to Colombia, South America, and France in October visiting missionaries and speaking on worldviews.

Dr. RichardCornelius, professor of English, Dr. Whit Jones, associate professor of English, Dr. Ruth Kantzer, professor emerita of English, Dr. Raymond Legg, assistant professor of English, and Ms. Debra Phillips, assistant professor of modern languages, attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting in Atlanta in November.


Dr. David Fouts, associate professor of Bible, and Mr. Ernie Ricketts, assistant professor of Greek and Bible, presented papers at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Orlando, Fla., in November. Dr. Fouts’ paper was titled “Instruction by Whom: An Evaluation of Pentateuchal Authorship,” an examination of the question of who wrote the first five books of the Bible. Mr. Ricketts’ paper was titled “Teaching the Epistles: A Discourse Approach.” The paper presents a method for teaching the letters of the New Testament using a particular linguistic theory.

Mrs. Marcie Froemke, assistant professor of education, has accepted a contract from Zebra Books for two more Regency novels, to be published in 2000 and 2001. These will be her eighth and ninth novels for Zebra.

Mr. Maxie Green, director of technology services, and Mr. Matt Marcus, technology support specialist, presented a session to the Appalachian College Association Technology Summit in October on the new Hannon Technology Center and how Bryan’s faculty members are applying technology in their classes.

Mr. Dennis Ingolfsland, director of library services, had an article published in the October-December issue of Bibliotheca Sacra entitled “The Historical Jesus according to John Meier and N. T. Wright.”

Mrs. LaVonne Johnson, public services librarian, and Ms. Laura Kaufman, technical services librarian, attended the fall conference of the Appalachian Library Information Cooperative at Carson Newman College in September. Mrs. Johnson also attended a training workshop for the Journal Storage project funded by the Mellon Foundation in New York City in October.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid, professor of history, is one of the contributing authors to the Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture, sponsored by the Tennessee Historical Society. He also attended the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala., in November.


Dr. John Liu, assistant professor of physical education, has been selected as a reviewer for the International Journal of Sport Psychology. He also has had an abstract accepted for a Research Consortium poster presentation during the 1999 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance National Convention.

Ann Sidebothom, professor of education, served as an observer/reporter during a Tennessee Education Roundtable at Paris Landing State Park in November. She said the purpose of the meeting was to bring educators, business leaders and state officials together to identify and find solutions to problems facing education in Tennessee.
‘Urban Studies’ offers students look at life in central city

The sounds of traffic driving by provide a backdrop for the group gathered to study a Bible passage in a downtown church. Suddenly, shots ring out nearby. The Bryan

Bryan students and their Colorado Uplift staff friends and leaders are pictured during an informal moment. From left, front are students Scott Dickison, Brent Crowe, James Hutcheson, Emily Mathers and Amanda Hicks. Back are John and Margaret Jacobsen and Brandon Nguyen of Colorado Uplift, Justin Judson, Julie Trujillo and Dr. Kent Hutcheson of Colorado Uplift.

College students flinch; the local young people hardly seem to notice.

Gunshots may not have been something Brent Crowe, Scott Dickison, Amanda Hicks, James Hutcheson, Justin Judson and Emily Mathers heard every day during their semester in Denver, Colo., but they were one of the things that made Spring 1998 different from other semesters in rural Dayton, Tenn.

The six served as pace-setters for the new Urban Studies program, a joint venture between Bryan and Colorado Uplift, a Denver ministry seeking to offer hope through Jesus Christ to residents of inner-city Denver.

Bryan President Dr. Bill Brown said the idea for an Urban Studies program developed from a vision he and Dr. Kent Hutcheson, founder of Colorado Uplift, to expose Bryan students to an urban situation. “I had a desire to provide a real intense urban experience for our students, because the urban world is such a lab for worldviews, for life,” he

said. “And there’s not much of an urban element in Dayton, Tenn.

“In Denver, Colorado Uplift is a very well-run, effective organization in the public schools. Assimilating Bryan College students into their program was relatively easy. Also, we had personnel available to teach the classes in demographics, anthropology and so on.

Senior Justin (JJ) Judson, an elementary education major from Powell, Tenn., summed it up this way: “It was an opportunity to get familiar with some things students here maybe hadn’t been exposed to, to see that there are needs in our own country.”

What they saw was people with physical and spiritual needs, and people who began to understand that Jesus loves them.

The Bryan students were housed at Colorado Christian University in Denver, and spent one day each week in classroom learning situations. The rest of the week they were in Denver public schools, helping or observing, then in relationship-building activities with young people into the nights.

“The kids had been hurt by relationships — their fathers had left them and so on,” junior James Hutcheson explained. “The first couple of weeks the kids wouldn’t tell us anything. We had to break down barriers.”

But when those barriers broke, friendships were built and young people were saved. “It was awesome to see kids come to the Lord. Toward the end of the semester we saw some cry because they knew God loves them. They didn’t think anybody loved them.”

Those relationships were built on the basketball courts or around a crafts table where the Bryan student spent one-on-one time with the children. “One day I was playing basketball with a Vietnamese boy,” James said. “After about 10 minutes I had to go inside and he told me, ‘You’re my best friend.’ Ten minutes! A lot of the kids just don’t get attention.”

Amanda Hicks, a senior elementary education major from Chattanooga, Tenn., said the attention they gave the children truly was appreciated. “The kids enjoyed it. A lot of people our age in their community are into crime, are in gangs or are getting out of gangs,” she said. “They value kids some, but they are not a big priority. Their priority is surviving in the world. Since we were there for them, we gave them attention.”

While the majority of the time was spent in hands-on experiences, there was classroom time of their own to start each week. James Hutcheson’s father, Dr. Kent Hutcheson, president of Colorado Uplift, and other speakers discussed topics including cross-cultural communication and cultural anthropology, as well as give homework assignments.

“We had to work on our journal entries every day — what went on during the day. And there was a big paper at the end,” JJ said.

Urban Studies helped bridge the gap between intellectual knowledge and experience, the Bryan students said.

Although James grew up knowing about his father’s work with Colorado Uplift, he had not spent much time actually getting involved. “This helped me realize I don’t need to go across the seas to be a missionary. Fifteen minutes from my home there is a mission field. Whatever I do, missionary, pastor, business, I know I want to be involved with a ministry to the inner city. People there need to know the salvation message that Jesus came for them.”

JJ, on the other hand, had worked in inner-city settings before. “I would like to teach in an inner

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Lions repeat as TVAC champions

Champions again.
For Coach Sandy Zensen and the men’s soccer team, the second TVAC Conference championship in three years was just as sweet as the first two years ago. Even a season-ending loss to defending NAIA national champion Lindsay Wilson in the regional playoff didn’t dampen their enthusiasm.

“We peaked at the right time,” Coach Zensen said. “We set a goal at the beginning of the year to win the TVAC and to go back to the NAIA regional. That was the focus for the entire year, and we stayed focused on that primary goal.”

He is especially pleased with the title “because the teams in the TVAC are so close, it’s very competitive.” And both playoff wins came on the road — a 1-0 victory over Montreat, then a 4-1 whipping of Milligan. “That was a very convincing win. They didn’t score until the 89th minute of the game when it was 4-0,” he said.

A stingy defense helped the Lions reach their championship goal. Keeper Abe Hadzic finished the regular season with a .9 goals-against ratio, boosted by strong efforts by John Gosse, Tim Knox, Bryan Prudhomme, Paul Gordon and Oliver Street.

But the defense is an area of concern for next year, because of the six defenders, only Oliver will be back for the 1999 campaign. “I’ve started looking for defensive players, made some initial contacts,” Dr. Zensen said. But he’s made one decision already, to move James Hutcherson into the goal. “He’ll be an excellent keeper.”

Lady Lions improve to 8-9 season mark

Hard work, experience and a drive to succeed helped the women’s soccer team “flirt with .500” this season. That goal, set by Coach Marc Neddo before the year began, was reached as the Lady Lions posted a record of 8-9, up from 1-12-1 a year ago.

“We had more talent on the team, a good core of returning players, several in their third year so their experience was helpful, and we played a more realistic schedule, Coach Neddo said.

He commended senior Tiffin Ashworth for her aggressive offense — “Tiffin led the conference in scoring through the regular season with 22 goals” — and junior Mindy Baker and freshman Heather Hammond for their defense.

Freshman Becky Kalz "was the fastest player on the team, a good all-around player.” And Melody Owens, a fifth-year senior provided invaluable leadership. She was the strongest leader on the team.”

Tiffin, Melody and senior Amanda Hicks — “a very skilled player” — are to graduate this year. “They were three impact players I’m trying to replace in recruiting this year,” Coach Neddo said.

He is looking for players with greater soccer experience than he has had in the first three years of the program. “There are a lot of intangibles it’s hard to coach into a player, things they get only by playing.”

In addition to the intangibles, Coach Neddo said he will be recruiting to develop a stronger midfield. “We’ll be looking to build around Adrian Chewen and Becky Kalz, two of my best freshmen this year, and Suzanne Barber and Melissa Vaughn, who will be in their fourth year next year.”

In addition to the team’s won-loss record, the coach said he is particularly pleased with their conduct on the field. “I thought they represented Christ and Bryan College very well. We never got a yellow card all season. “A lot of the non-Christian teams asked, ‘are you Christians?’ They noticed the girls were out there for more than to win a game that there was something greater than the game. That was neat.”

Hard work, good attitude contribute to volleyball turn-around

Bryan’s volleyball team took a step up this season, finishing third in conference standings while compiling a 20-12 record.

Coach Jerri Beck credits hard work and a winning attitude as keys to improving on last year’s 11-16 worksheet. “We started playing with intensity, expecting to win rather than just trying to win,” she said. “We upset some teams early in the conference schedule and gave the girls an idea of what there were capable of accomplishing.”

One of those early upsets came over Milligan in a home match, a feat they were later to repeat on Milligan’s home court, just to erase any doubts. “We hadn’t beaten Milligan in years,” she added.

“Last year I commented that we had a lot of people step up to fill needs. This year, Amy Lien came back after surgery last year; that continued on ....next page
Young basketball squad playing like veterans

The new basketball season was supposed to be a rebuilding year, as the Lions lost four seniors from the 1997-98 squad, but it seems someone forgot to tell the team.

Playing in mid-season form, the 1998-99 edition of Morris Michalski’s Lions roared to a 4-1 start before wading into heart of the conference schedule.

“I’m delighted with where we are at this point in the season,” the coach said. “Most people would not have expected us to get off to this good a start. I’m extremely happy for our kids.”

Five factors have contributed to the team’s positive outlook and early good results, Coach Michalski believes. “These guys showed themselves in the preseason that they enjoy bearing down and making the big plays. They love to compete, not just play. They mesh as a team. They’re a little better defensively than last year’s squad, and they have shown the heart of a lion.”

These qualities were evident in the first five games of the season as they fought back to win four and come close to winning the fifth.

The coach said no single player has the outstanding athletic ability to be considered the team’s anchor. “Last year’s seniors had gifts and abilities that this group doesn’t have man-for-man, so we really have to rely on everyone this year.”

Eric Zensen has stepped into the role of quarterback and playmaker. Joshua Lien has moved from the blocks to the wing to fill a need at that position. “He’s hitting the big shots and playing good defense against smaller players,” Coach Michalski said.

Randy Evans, the only senior, “is much more focused and fit this year.” And Jason Beschta “works hard every day, defining a great work ethic for our team.”

Brian Anderson is our fifth starter. He has worked hard on his athleticism, and he’s got to sustain this climb and keep us strong in the middle.”

Not only are the starters working hard, the coach said a strong bench makes the team a double threat. “We have six players scoring in double figures right now and a couple more who could also. That has to make it tough on our opponents, because they can’t stop one player and shut down our offense.”

With the Lions off to a strong start, Coach Michalski is trying to balance his enthusiasm with the initial results and the overall youth of the team. “I’d be happy to duplicate the number of wins from last season (16),” he said. “But it’s hard to overlook the way the guys are playing now. We’re not going to concede any game.”

Coast Michalski assisted this year by former Lion John Stonestreet, who also is serving as head junior varsity coach; David Lee and Dan Carver, student assistants.

Mao counting on improvement for Lady Lions

The present may be cloudy, but the future looks bright for the Bryan College Lady Lions basketball team, Coach Sherri Mao believes.

A young team — seven freshmen and a college transfer who has no college basketball experience, make up eight of the 12-member team. But Coach Mao is enthusiastic about the team’s attitude. “The girls are working hard. We have had a tough beginning, but they haven’t given up. Their performance is getting better.”

She pointed out that the Lady Lions opened at Trevecca and suffered through a 60-point loss. Concentrating on eliminating costly mistakes has helped the team’s performance. We have played good halves, but need to put together a whole game.” She is looking for her charges to play a fast-paced game with tough defense.

Guard Jenny Mathis is the only senior on the team. Jill Reeves, Nicki Burnett and Dara Ballard are juniors, but Dara has only one year of college basketball experience. Their leadership, Dr. Mao believes, will be important in providing leadership for the young team.

“I am hoping for quick improvement so we can represent Bryan well,” Coach Mao said. “I’m satisfied with the attitude and effort on and off the court. In the long run, this team is going to be very strong; they can be tough.”
Athletics is more than winning and losing.
Judge Puckett wants Christ to shine through his practice of law

For Larry Puckett, '73, law is what he does — a Christian is what he is. "I would call myself a Christian who happens to be a lawyer, not a Christian lawyer and definitely not a lawyer who happens to be a Christian," he said in his office in the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland, Tenn. That perspective colors his approach to law, as a practicing lawyer for 17 years and now as a circuit court judge for the past year.

"When I went to law school, a lot of Christian friends seemed to have the attitude, 'Why throw in with all those thieves and robbers? How could you defend someone who is guilty?'" he said.

As a general practitioner of law in a small town, Larry did represent defendants in criminal cases, "although I never held myself out to be a criminal lawyer."

"I think the law is an ideal vocation for a Christian who is patterning his life after Christ, advocating for those who are guilty. In representing people charged with crime, I never felt I was in a position that called into question anything I believe as a Christian."

A year ago, Larry left his private practice and became an assistant district attorney, prosecuting crimes in Tennessee's 10th Judicial District. But that career didn't last very long, as Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist appointed him to the bench just a few months after his job change.

His approach to the judiciary is similar to his practice of law. "I try to be a good lawyer, to be an ethical lawyer," he said. "We have a set of rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Tennessee which govern the practice of law and govern the practice of judging. Those rules are roadmaps on how to do the job with excellence. Any Christian ought to live personally by a standard much higher than the law sets.

"I think people expect me, because they know I am a Christian, to live in accord with what I believe. When I say something, I want to be as truthful as I possibly can be, and not allow another person to be deceived.

"You don't get to be a judge if people can't rely on you. If I do the wrong thing and it is pointed out to me, I'll do whatever I can to make it right."

His journey to the law began with a history degree from Bryan. He couldn't find a job the summer after he graduated in 1973, so he accepted an offer to become, with classmate Brent Ferguson, Bryan's first admissions counselor.

It was a good thing he stuck around, because he and Patty Baker, '75, began dating in her junior year and were married the summer after she graduated. Larry considered seminary, a path his brother and brother-in-law took after college, "but I never felt the call to full-time ministry."

He also rejected the idea of graduate school in history leading toward a life as an academic. Instead, he took the Law School Admission Test and applied to two law schools in Tennessee.

"I wanted to know what the law was for my personal benefit," he said. "I wanted to know how society works, and the only way to know that was to know the legal system.

"I did want to be of use to people, to have a life where what I did daily was of significance in other people's lives.

"And I love history. I love biographies of famous men and women. I think the first biography I read was of Andrew Jackson, then Sam Houston and Abe Lincoln. Those three were lawyers and politicians who made a difference in this country."

Larry said he was anxious to finish law school, so he concentrated almost exclusively on his studies and job as a clerk at a Memphis law firm. "I learned a lesson in law school, to be balanced; I wasn't then."

During his time in law school, Larry and Patty lost a baby. That experience "heightened our sense of what is important," he said. Since their other children — Andy, 16, Anna, 14, and Elizabeth, 12 — came along, he has balanced his work load by coaching soccer, basketball, baseball and track. The family also became active in a local church, and now is helping with a new congregation their church has planted.

"My joy is seeing people confronted with the realities of the hardships of life and sticking with the Lord," he said.

In addition to his service to church and community, Larry has kept involved with Bryan, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1987.

"The Lord led me to become a student at Bryan College, then an employee of the college, president of the Alumni Association and finally a trustee."

"The college was God's place of nurture and discipline for Patty and me during those student and employment years. God used Bryan College to prepare us for lives with meaning and purpose for His kingdom, honor and glory. Patty is teaching English, speech and drama at Cleveland High School, using her teacher certification attained through Bryan."

"Since we have received so much through Bryan College, it is a delight to be a part of sustaining the ministry as a trustee "of the school."

Maybe he wasn't called to be in a full-time vocational ministry, but Larry Puckett certainly has adopted the challenge of using his Bryan education to make a difference in his world.

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city school," he said. "I have worked at a Boys Club and Girls Club in an inner city and I like the kids." For him, the benefit of the program was personal spiritual growth, rather than a new vision.

"My faith was strengthened. The experience strengthened and refined my faith, helped me to trust God more. Sometimes I felt like quitting, but He gave me endurance."

Amanda said, "I think God is giving me a burden for kids like this. I had thought I'd be interested in teaching in an inner city school, but had only read about it. Now I've seen it; I have a better idea of what's involved."

Now that Bryan College and Colorado Uplift have a semester of Urban Studies under their belts, school and program officials are evaluating the future of the program.

Dr. Brown believes Urban Studies has a place in the Bryan curriculum. "Our mission is to 'make a difference in today's world' and today's world is increasingly urbanized," he said. "To spend a day with the vice mayor, to ride with a policeman, to see a homicide investigation, to go into the projects gives a different perspective than learning about it in a classroom from books."

This year, Dr. Brown plans to hold the program during the summer to see if there are advantages from that perspective.

We need to consider whether to make it part of the curriculum for all Christian education majors — even to require it of all students before they graduate. We need to look at a number of options."

Whatever ultimate form the program takes, the first participants agree it has a valuable role to play for Bryan College students — and in the lives of the inner-city young people they touch.
Career Placement working for alumni, not just students

"Career placement" to most people may mean helping students find a job after they graduate. That's true, but Bryan's Career Placement office is concerned about alumni as well.

Marlene Fouts, director of the new Career Placement office, has been busy since July 1, planning, organizing, counseling, networking — essentially doing whatever it takes to convert a formerly part-time operation into a full-service department. Some of the early evidence of her efforts can be seen at the Career Placement site on Bryan's world wide web homepage (www.bryan.edu).

Over the course of the year, employers send hundreds of job opening notices to the college, opportunities which are posted on the website. "We share this information with our students, of course," Mrs. Fouts said. "But we post it on the web page too so our alumni can find it as well. There is a large market for people with two or more years of experience out of college, and we want to do everything we can to give our alumni the opportunity to compete for these jobs."

In addition to the job postings — and maybe as important for workers who haven't been looking for a job for several years — is a link to extensive information on interviewing, resume preparation and writing cover letters.

"I have been amazed, pleasantly surprised, at how much time I spend with alumni going through career changes," Mrs. Fouts said. "They are looking for help learning how to re-market themselves with resumes and interviews."

She said alumni are welcome to do this in person, over the phone or by e-mail (careers@bryan.edu), whatever is most convenient. When an alum calls looking for help with a job change, he or she opens the door to a full range of services. "I ask, 'Do you know what you're looking for?,'" Mrs. Fouts said. "I may recommend a couple of books for them to read to help guide their thinking, then they give me feedback and we explore possibilities."

"Exploring possibilities" may mean simply looking at employment possibilities, or it might even involve career testing to find a field for which one is better suited.

One possibility that is still being developed is a network of alumni who are willing to notify the Career Placement office of job openings in their companies. "If you know of an opening in your organization, send it to us and we'll advertise the opening," Mrs. Fouts said. "That doesn't mean you have to hire a Bryan student or alum, but it will give students and alumni the opportunity to apply."

While Mrs. Fouts is busy dealing with the "usual" career services, she also is considering ways to improve opportunities for employers and job seekers to use her office. "We're looking at putting resumes on-line, doing an electronic job fair, maybe even opening a chat room on the web and having an employer in to do interviews that day. The possibilities are amazing."

Here are two ways Mrs. Fouts says you can help her today — and help other Bryan alumni:

Send your e-mail address to our on-line directory for quick notification of job possibilities, and mail her a card (Marlene Fouts, Bryan College Career Placement, PO Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321-7000), send an e-mail (careers@bryan.edu) or fax a note (423-775-7330) with information about your company, including name, address, phone and e-mail and the name of the appropriate human resources personnel so she can begin to develop a relationship with them.

With the help — and participation — of alumni, the results can be amazing too.

Jenny Mathis, daughter of Bill and Phyllis Mathis of Rossville, Ga., was crowned queen and Ben Kreloff, son of Steven and Michele Kreloff of Clearwater, Fla., was named king during homecoming ceremonies at Bryan College recently. Jenny is a senior communication arts major who plays on the Lady Lions' basketball team and has taught in the senior communication arts major who plays on the during homecoming this fall. Alumni of Rossville, Ga., was named king of Clearwater, Fla., was named king of Dr. David Luther during the homecoming program in the new Student Life Center cafeteria. Although the building was several months away from being finished at the time, alumni saw enough to give them an idea of the beautiful facility the building will be when it is completed. And they agreed that the choir sounded great in the new surroundings.

New officers for the Alumni Association were introduced during homecoming in October. Pictured, from left, are Treasurer Don Eifrid, '88; President Steve Stewart, '85; outgoing Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, '55x; Past President Bud Schatz, '56; and committee on elections member Sharon Padgett, '87. Not pictured are President-elect Jan Balko, '75, '98; Vice President Bob Andrews, '67; Secretary Laura Kaufmann, '87; and committee on elections members Kari Ballentine, '91; and Becky Patterson, '96.

Brenda Wooten, who worked for more than 23 years at Bryan College in Support Services, the mail room and most recently as administrative assistant to Stu Meissner and Tom Kenner, vice presidents for college advancement, recently resigned to begin a business in Dayton. Mrs. Wooten resigned at the end of September, but Mr. Kenner asked her to stop by his office during the October trustee's meeting when she was recognized by the board and was made an honorary alumna of the college. From left are President Bill Brown, Alumni Director Paul Ardelean who made the presentation, Mrs. Wooten and Mr. Kenner.

Bill Webb, maintenance electrician at Bryan since 1982, was named an honorary alumnus of the college at homecoming this fall. Alumni Director Paul Ardelean said, "Bill has done everything from taking care of electrical problems to running cable for the campus computer network as part of his job. But more than that, he has touched the lives of many of the students who have worked with him over the years. His positive attitude has been a real encouragement to all of us." Outgoing Alumni Association President Bud Schatz, right, presented the honorary alumnus certificate to Mr. Webb.

Alumni Director Paul Ardelean was honored with a reception on his retirement effective Oct. 31. Paul completed 14 years of service to the college, serving as dean of men and alumni director. Pictured with Paul, center, are his wife Janie, '91x, and Vice President for College Advancement Tom Kenner.
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two children for three weeks in Fairbanks, Alaska, to go deep-sea fishing, play golf, and pick gallons of raspberries and pails of wild blueberries. A few months later they flew to Rubio, Venezuela, for a three-week visit with son Jim and wife, Kimberly, and granddaughter Hannah. Daughter Joanna joined them for a tour of a coffee plant, swimming in late December and observing Jim and Kimberly in the ministry in school.

LLOYD, ’58, and Marilyn DOW, who live in Kalamazoo, Mich., are enjoying retirement serving with Pioneer Missions in Orlando, Fla., for four months each year. Lloyd was a teacher and principal in Michigan for 32 years. The Dows have three children and two grandchildren.

BONNIE PRATT, ’58, moved to Redding, Calif., from Minnesota where she had served with the Evangelical Free Church Mission for six years. Earlier she had served with TEAM for over 30 years, working in the Wheaton, Ill., headquarters. Her e-mail address is BonniePratt@compuserve.com.

Gary and ALICE (TOBELMANN), ’59, FREDRICKS returned to Nairobi, Kenya, after a pleasant summer visit with family and friends in the U.S. This year they have 120 students at the Nairobi Theological Seminary, with Alice teaching “Principles of Biblical Counseling” and Gary teaching Old Testament classes. They were in the States when the bombing of the American embassy took place in Nairobi, and many of the NIST students have been involved in trauma counseling of those who lost loved ones.

with daughter Andrea, who will be living this year with Janie’s sister in Minnesota. Janie returned to her teaching second and third grade children, from seven countries at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines.

JIM BOOTH, ’67, and his wife, Patty, recently moved to Montague, Mich., from Ooltewah, Tenn., where he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Montague Area Public Schools. Jim had served as a principal in the Hamilton County, Tenn., school system.

KEN HURLEY, ’68, received the Thelma Raley Teaching Chair at Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Fla., where he is professor of mathematics. Ken was honored in part for his work on a remedial mathematics course he taught, which won the college national recognition. Students supporting his nomination for the teaching chair award said, “In the classroom, Mr. Hurley is enthusiastic as well as entertaining,” and, “He is a master at being able to take a mathematics problem and break it down into smaller parts. He is a very creative instructor.” Ken has taught math for 30 years, most of that at the high school and community college level. His wife, ALICE (COLVIN), ’69, HURLEY, teaches math at Stambaugh Middle School in Polk County, Fla. Richard and NITA (KARGES), ’68, PAPWORTH rejoice in the radio ministry of which they are a part as it is broadcast in the Persian language to Iran. They have two daily 30-minute programs from FEBA Radio in Seychelles. Recently they began broadcasting from a one-million watt AM station in a nearby country in Asia which beams one hour of Persian-language programs each day.

Steve and RUTH (VANDERMOLEN), ’69, PORTER are operating a dental clinic in Miang, Nigeria, Africa, and are completing a major renovation of the clinic area to provide for their new equipment. Problems have been encountered with power surges and/or failures, so Steve has been working on stabilizing the power both for their home and clinic. Their son, Matthew, has enrolled at Hillcrest School as a sophomore this year but lives at home. Ruth continues to teach Nathan and Angie at home.

RAY PARKER, ’69, has been appointed Dean for Curriculum Development at Trinity College and Theological Seminary, Mewburgh, Ind. His e-mail address is 75413.214@compuserve.com.

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have been serving. The move was prompted by closer proximity to high school and Grace Bible Church for the family. Bob has begun working at an industrial plant near Spring City and relinquished his work at Cedline. Marilee is caring for her mother, Margaret Poe, in their home.

PETER, '74, and SARIANNE, '73, TRINH with their three children have taken up residence in Beijing, China, with Peter's business visa for a year's stay. Their main business is to "be available vessels for the Master's use" and with their knowledge of the Chinese language to mingle with the people there. They are homeschooling their children with the aid of another family, and the children are being tutored in Chinese so they will appreciate their roots and can identify with their people. The family plans to visit their home area of Dallas during December.

Nard and SANDRA (NEUMANN), '75, PUGYAO are stationed at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC, but Nard was scheduled for a fall tour with Wycliffe Associates in Michigan and Ohio until Nov. 7. Sandy is homeschooling their son, Phillip, in the tenth grade, and he is also taking band and a weight lifting course at Charlotte Christian Academy. Their older son, Stephen, joined the U.S. Army with a specialty in the Infantry."...

MARK, '80, and Maritza PADGETT have been teaching a course at the ESEPA seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, where they live with their two daughters, Rachel and Stacy. Outside the seminary, they teach a course at the Torchbearer School. Mark is a member of the Costa Rican Adopt-a-People Group Committee to help the Costa Rican church reach out with the Gospel to the approximately 11,000 people groups in the world who have not heard of Jesus Christ. Mark has also taught classes on "Perspectives on Missions" for the Evangelical Missionary Federation of Costa Rica. As a family they participated in ministerial training in a town about seven hours away.

MARK, '80, and Candy GARRETT in Thies, Senegal, serve with SIM USA and are happy to have Candy's sister and husband in Angola become a part of the same mission through the merging of Africa Evangelical Fellowship with SIM. More than 300 AEF missionaries in several African countries are included in this merger. Mark has been teaching English to Muslims, using Bible stories. When Mark read Genesis 2 in their own Wolof language, they responded with understanding, which hopefully will encourage them in the use of their mother tongue. On May 1 (Labor Day, a holiday in Senegal), the mission team hosted a conference for Wolof-speaking Christians.

Nathan and ANITA (JAGGERS), '80, STRAND continue to live and work in Chicago but are leaving Inner City Impact, as Nathan has joined the Moody Bible Institute staff as an administrator in the Practical Christian Ministries department. This department sends 1,500 students out weekly during the school year to different agencies and churches throughout the Chicago area. Nathan's role at Moody will be to connect students to churches and agencies around Chicago. The family address is still 1935 N. Mozart, Chicago, IL. 60647.

SHEILA BARBER, '80, recently returned from leading a short-term mission team to Recife, Brazil. They did construction, medical and dental work as well as evangelism with the children and revival services in the evening. Sheila is pursuing a Master's degree in Bible/Theology.

DOUG, '81X, and DIANE (SPRINGER), '83, FOSTER, write that they are living in Fairgrove, Mich., where Doug is a builder and Diane is the publisher of the town newspaper. They have four children.

HOWARD, '82, and Ann BURGOYNE, announce the arrival in Bellevue, Wash., of Terra Nerissa, on Sept. 4. She joins big brother, Taylor, 8 1/2.

BRENDA (JACOBS) KOPP, '82, writes that the family was able to go to Madagascar for two months this summer to teach English as a second language. On the way home they enjoyed five days in Kenya, going on a safari and fun activities in Nairobi. Brenda is a stay-at-home mom to Stephen, 7, Andrew, 5, and Benjamin. Bob works at ServiceMaster as an accountant. They live in Coral Stream, Ill.

MARK, '83, and Marcia KARKI, write to update their family information. Mark and Marcia (Cross) were married May 5, 1990. Their son, Chandler Elliott, was born on Feb. 19, 1997. Mark continues as minister of music at McMinville, Tenn., First Baptist Church.

DICK, '83, and SARA (MURDOCK), '83, HART are serving with SIM in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Dick is teaching Old Testament Survey at the Bible Institute and decided to teach at least partly in Quechua, the language he has been studying for some time. He is teaching a second course on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit in Spanish, with which he is comfortable. Recently he was named director of the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program for the Evangelical Christian Union of SIM churches in Bolivia. TEE seeks to train leaders through home study courses and weekly small group meetings. Sara continues to work with the puppet team as an outreach to others and also a discipleship ministry to team members. She also gives workshops in churches and records scripts for puppet presentations, as well as managing the family including Daniel and David.

RICK, '83X, and KIM (FIORI), '83, PARKER returned to Brazil and their school teaching, refreshed after several months in the U.S. Rick is teaching Christian leadership along with his vocational classes and Kim is busy running the school kitchen, teaching Phys. Ed., working with the mission family group and keeping up with three Parker boys — their sons are Matt and Grace.

Nick and LORI (TREBING), '84, SENOFSKY, who serve with East-West Ministries, International, live in Houston, Texas, with their children, William, Joshua and Lauren. Last April Nick taught in a Bible conference in Kursk, Russia, about 350 miles south of Moscow. Seeing a need for a pastoral training center in Kursk, he is helping Igor Petrov, senior pastor of Grace Evangelical Baptist Church, to start that center in his church. This fall Nick returned to Kursk with two other teachers to help begin a pastoral training institute.

Ray and ANN (EGNER), '84, BYLE, announce the arrival of Jay David on April 11. He joins sisters Gabrielle, 7, and Abigail, 5. Ann is a free lance writer.

PIPPA (MAXWELL), '84, and Jonathan ASKER announce the birth of Maxwell James on Sept. 20. He joins Samantha, 8, Oliver, 5, and Sophia, 3. Jonathan has a real estate appraisal firm in West Bridgewater,
Mass., where they live. Pippa is a full-time mom. MIKE, '85, and Tricia ALFORD had a great time hosting AIA U.S. sports teams in Capetown, South Africa, including women’s volleyball, men’s basketball, and baseball teams. In all there were 51 people on the three teams, 45 games and matches, 28 clinics, 15 other outreachs, 6,600 people exposed to the Gospel, and 400 decisions for Christ. Mike had the opportunity to be the television announcer for the South African Premier Basketball League for games in Johannesburg and Durban. He hopes to have the Christian NBA video called “Give Me the Rock” shown on national TV. The Alfords’ big news is the arrival of Jessica in mid-October to join excited siblings Megan and Taylor.

JOHN, ’86, and KARIN (FARY), ’84, CARPENTER have established their home and work in Dayton, Tenn., with their three children, Jay, 6, Andrew, 4, and Katherine, 2. John is editor of Rhea County’s newspaper, The Herald-News. Karin has worked with her mother, Lucia Fary, in real estate sales and is now taking over her mother’s clients in the firm of Best Realty. She has won several awards, including two Best of Show awards in the Better Homes and Gardens National Marketing Contest.

BOB, ’86, and AMY (BECKHAM), ’87, HAY, write from Japan that their sons, Alan, third grade, and Andy, second grade, began school the first week of September.

DAVID LINES, ’87, writes that he married Grace Blaauw in 1994. They have two sons, Asher, 2, and Stefan, born in May 1998.

David received his Ph.D. in 1997 from Harvard University. His dissertation is in medieval and Renaissance Italian history. He is a visiting scholar at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Natural Philosophy, based at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, Netherlands. Next year they will move to Munich, Germany, where he has a Humboldt Fellowship for one to two years. Their e-mail address is lines@phil.kun.nl.

SCHAUN, ’87, and DARLENE (MIDDLETON), ’86, MYERS announce the birth of their third daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, on July 19. Brooke weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins sisters Jessica and Brittany.

KERI (BAKER), ’87, and Donald JACKOWSKI, welcomed Ethan Kelly to their home on Oct. 8. Ethan weighed just over 10 pounds and joins brother, Simon, who is 21 months old. They all live in Kansas City, Mo.

RICHARDSON live in Anchorage, Alaska. In August they had their annual native picnic despite windy weather. A group of musicians with guitars led in singing hymns and gospel songs and several believers gave testimonies about victories gained through Christ. Another summer highlight was Rapids Bible Camp held for two weeks with young people from several villages. In the first week, 11 young people accepted Jesus as Savior. Dennis was asked to take the position of administrative director of the organization, Native Men for Christ. They plan several major evangelistic outreachs to native villages for next year. The Richardsons serve with InterAct Ministries headquartered in Oregon.

SUSAN KLAUS, ’88, upon her return from ministry in Ukraine, moved into a house she purchased in Mesquite, Texas. Her e-mail address is susanklaus@juno.com.

MARK, ’89, and Ernestine HOFFER announce the birth of Ruthanne Louise on July 18, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Mark continues to work at Advance Machine and was recently promoted to sergeant on the Green Oak Township Fire Department.

ALAN, ’89, and BETH (HANNA), ’91, McMAMUS had a visit from thieves who broke into their home in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and took quite a number of items while the McManus were in church. They are thankful to have had no personal injury and that their computer was left. About two weeks later they were involved in the storm that passed through Honduras when thousands of people lost their homes and many were killed. Several factors including closed schools, lack of water and food, lack of sanitation service and no propane fuel, made it advisable for the family including young Cameron to leave on Nov. 7 to go to Indiana to be with Beth’s family. They plan to return to Honduras on Jan. 1, 1999.

Anna Beth Urban HOFFER, ’91, and her partner, Kathy, have been busy visiting those who came to the deaf camp in July. They have found several other deaf people to whom they can minister. They are interpreting hymns and choruses for the deaf along with the message at the First Baptist Church in Cuiaba, Brazil. They plan to teach the deaf Sunday school class and work with Brazilian interpreters to take turns teaching the class. Rona had a month’s visit at home until Sept. 23 to visit family and friends and attend a MTW retreat with all the Latin America missionaries.

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David Banks, ‘90, director of LifeLine Counseling Center in Hixson, Tenn., led two marriage courses at Word of Life Church in Hixson. Dr. Banks, who has a Ph.D. in Christian Psychology, developed the courses. David is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and is a board member of AAA Women’s Services. David and SYLVIA (SUGANANDAM), ’89, live in Ringgold, Ga., with their sons, Benjamin, 5, and Caleb, 2.

ANITA (REUTER) URBAN, ’90, and husband Bob, write on the occasion of their daughter’s first birthday that they are expecting another child in February. They trust that Anna Beth will enjoy having a playmate.

ROBERT, ’91, and KARIS (WHITE), ’90, KOEHN traveled to Brazil with stops in Brasilia and San Paulo to visit with friends and the Africa Inland Mission Brazil committee. They were scheduled to fly to South Africa and then to Zimbabwe to be met by AIM missionaries. Their destination is Mozambique, but they needed to secure visas in Zimbabwe and have mail sent there. E-mail: koehnhrmzoz@mta.org.

Rona Halcomb, ’91, and her partner, Cathy, have been busy visiting those who came to the deaf camp in July. They have found several other deaf people to whom they can minister. They are interpreting hymns and choruses for the deaf along with the message at the First Baptist Church in Cuiaba, Brazil. They plan to teach the deaf Sunday school class and work with Brazilian interpreters to take turns teaching the class. Rona had a month’s visit at home until Sept. 23 to visit family and friends and attend a MTW retreat with all the Latin America missionaries.

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Evelyn Grace Istre, left, and Benjamin Isaiah Trammell

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Benjamin Isaiah, born on Sept. 5, 1998, to STEVE, '94, and LYN (AMIS), '94, TRAMMELL, came to visit his new cousin from Pontiac, Mich., where he lives and where Steve works as a programmer for EDS.

EVE (STONE), '92, and David RICHARDS were married in Knoxville, Tenn., on Sept. 20, 1997. Bryan alumni in attendance were CLAY, '95 and PORTIA (STONE), '93, CAUSEY; CHRISTINE (MASSEY) DAVIS, '91; JENNIFER NAVE, '98; MICHELE RICHARDS, '93; JOHN, '67, and PHYLLIS (HORTON), '67, STONE; and PETER STONE, '96. David and Eve also announce the birth of their first child, David John Richards V, on July 8.

LEE ANN (MILLER), '93, and David JAMES, were married on September 5, in Gallatin, Tenn. MATT FRITZ, '94, received his MA in history from Middle Tennessee State University in August. His thesis is titled "James K. Polk and John Bell in the Nullification Crisis of 1832-33." Matt is employed in management with Ruby Tuesday, Inc.

HUGH DWYER, '95X, is a special education teacher in Southampton, Pa., and a high school varsity basketball coach.

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