A different kind of ‘normal’

“Normal” is taking on a new meaning at Bryan College.

Most classes are meeting in classrooms - a few are still in Rudd Auditorium and the Rhea County banquet room in the cafeteria; faculty and staff are back in offices and the library has reopened after the disastrous fire of Feb. 6.

But the third floor has been cleaned off the Administration Building, interior walls on the first and second floors are being demolished and faculty and staff members are working with architects to determine just how to rebuild.

Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown told faculty and staff on March 1, that decisions about the building would be made by the end of March or early April, depending on recommendations from the architects and the settlement offer from the college’s insurance carrier.

“We want you to help design this building,” he said. “We have a plan that’s two years old, but the situation has changed and we want to make sure what we do reflects the needs we have now and the plans we have for developing the college.”

But until “normal” again includes the Administration Building in its definition, students will be having classes and faculty and staff offices will be housed in modular buildings, the dining room will be a popular meeting and study site and Rudd’s parking lot will bring back memories of Trailerville.

In fact, former President Dr. Ken Hanna, ’57, a former resident of the original Trailerville, laughed when he remembered his days as a student living in a tiny mobile home. “If you call this Trailerville, just be sure to tell everyone that these trailers don’t have running water or bathrooms hooked up,” he said. “We had water in our trailers, but no bathroom. There was a bathroom for all of us to use, so that’s similar too.”

Other than the inconvenience of offices and classes in unfamiliar places, college life really does seem normal. Students took their spring break as scheduled, PCI ministries continue their regular outreaches in the community and graduation still will be held the first weekend in May.

At the same time, “normal” is changing in positive ways, as the college has hired Dillard Construction, Inc., of Dayton to complete the Student Life Center before the end of the school year.

By the first week of March, the bookstore, Student Development Office suite and Lions Den recreation areas were taking shape on the second floor of the Administration Building when this picture was taken in early March. Looking from the north stairwell, the tower is at right and the walls of the library are in the center background.

After demolition was complete, a temporary roof was to be erected to allow workers to dry the first two floors before reconstruction began.

Workers had almost completed demolition of the third floor of the Administration Building when this picture was taken in early March. Looking from the north stairwell, the tower is at right and the walls of the library are in the center background.

Continued on page 8...

Senter family gift underwrites softball, baseball

by John Carpenter
Herald-News Editor

Bryan College has received a multi-million dollar gift from a Chattanooga family to begin and operate intercollegiate baseball and softball programs.

Bryan President Dr. Bill Brown and Nick Senter of Chattanooga announced the contribution during a press conference held Wednesday at the college.

Senter said because of his love for baseball and softball and his long association with Bryan College, he has named the college as beneficiary of several trust funds. Although the amount of the original endowment was not released, Senter said it would amount to millions of dollars over time for the college.

The only string attached to his money is that “Bryan has gotta come up with winners,” Senter said with a smile.

Bryan College had successful baseball and softball programs until declining enrollment and participation and rising costs forced the college to cancel the programs in the mid-1980s.

Now, the Senter family’s gift will allow the college to again field a women’s softball team beginning in 2002, with a men’s baseball team to follow in 2003.

“This is going to increase our varsity sports offerings to five women’s sports and four men’s sports,” Bryan athletic Director Dr. Sandy Zensen said Friday. “But it’s really going to be important for college life. Currently, we only have tennis in the spring. This is going to bring a new excitement to campus in the spring.”

Earnings from the trusts will allow the college to begin work immediately on construction of a new sports complex to include baseball and softball fields complete with lighting and stadium seating. The gift will also help fund renovation of the existing Student Life Center.

Continued on page 3...
Where Have All the Children Gone?

It's tough being a kid in today's culture.

Experts in child development are struggling with explaining why young children are having such a hard time. In our era of profound prosperity, never has childhood been so filled with trauma and unhappiness. Until the 1950's, deaths of young people were due to polio, tuberculosis or other diseases. Now, with these diseases all but eradicated, children die from stress-related causes.

Five thousand a year take their own lives and 10,000 die from accidents caused by substance abuse. Two million young people are alcoholic. A child's existence is so filled with stress that there are 3.4 million significantly depressed children, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Half a million children and teens are taking antidepressants.

Miniature Adults?

Why has such a morbid view of life enveloped our children? Blame is everywhere. Many fault family breakdown for the increased stress on children. "Divorce didn't just split up our parents. It stole our childhood," writes UCLA student Lee Goldberg in Newsweek on Campus. Other targets are video games, television, materialism, or impersonal day care.

Whatever the causes for the problems, one factor seems to overwhelm them all: children have little time to be children. They are forced to grow up and confront adult issues and the resulting stress is driving them to the brink of despair.

David Elkin, president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, notes that current culture overestimates the competency of children. Autonomy has replaced togetherness as the chief family value. The individual is more important than both the family and the society. The result is an isolation that kids just cannot handle. Kay Hymowitz calls this "anticulturalism" in her book, *Why Treating Children as Small Adults Endangers Their Future - and Ours*.

The late Bruno Bettelheim, University of Chicago child psychologist, agreed. He claimed, "Many young people who today suddenly seek escape into drug-induced dreams, . . . were prematurely pressed to view reality in an adult way."

Stemming the tide of adult themes that children must confront seems an impossible task. Parents can no longer control the flow of information that children receive. While the print media have a level of self-censoring due to reading levels, television and video bombard children with information and images that most cannot deal with. In 1994, when Susan Smith drowned her two sons, psychologist Elkin received a call from a mother who asked, "What do I say to my 5-year old? She saw the news on TV and she is asking, 'Mommy, are you going to kill me?'"

Thinking Outside the Box?

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison and her 31-year-old son, Slade, think the problem lies in repression: children do not have enough freedom to express themselves. In their book, *The Big Box* (Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children, 1999), the Morrisons blame adults for keeping children from enjoying their childhood. The idea for the book, Morrison says, came when her son was in elementary school and his teacher chastised him for his childhood exuberance by claiming, "You don't know how to handle your freedom."

The resulting children's book, illustrated by Giselle Potter, presents a frightening scenario of somber-faced adults who are threatened by childhood spontaneity. After making adults "nervous," three culturally and geographically diverse children are imprisoned in a room-size box where they are given all the material possession of modern society (television, pizza, Barbie, Pepsi, etc.) and have weekly visits from their parents.

The melancholy children bemoan their loss of freedom by trying to explain to the adults that people define freedom in their own way: "If freedom is handled just your way/ Then it's not my freedom or free."

In spite of the noble theme, *The Big Box* misses the mark by a wide margin. The Morrisons' solution that children are naturally good and just need freedom from conventional authorities - a little Sartre and a lot of Rousseau - is troubling. Nonconformity with no limits? Images of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold still haunt us. Freedom untethered from truth? Chaos and anarchventr from mind.

The entire scenario of adults imprisoning children could be terrifying for the target audience (ages 9-12) who may not understand the simplistic metaphor intended. The fact that their parents are presented as co-perpetrators of the imprisonment is particularly disturbing. Even for adults, it is difficult to catch the point of the story. The big brown box that imprisons the children has locks on the inside. The story ends with the three children easily pushing down the walls of the box and escaping into the world to the authors' challenge, "Who says they can't handle their freedom?"

Nonconformity and disobedience are a part of many great children's books, but there is no comparison between *The Big Box* and, for example, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*. Sendak's 1963 classic has 10 percent of the words and 10 times the depth of Morrison's first try at a children's book.

Children Being Children

But the Morrisons make a good point. Children are not miniature adults. They need freedom to be children for a lot longer than current society allows. They need time to "speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child" (1 Cor. 13:11). But more importantly, they need love, care and adult guidance. As every child's friend, Fred Rogers, says, "Children want to be lice the people they love."

From the President

Dr. William E. Brown

Thinking Outside the Box?

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison and her 31-year-old son, Slade, think the problem lies in repression: children do not have enough freedom to express themselves. In their book, *The Big Box* (Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children, 1999), the Morrisons blame adults for keeping children from enjoying their childhood. The idea for the book, Morrison says, came when her son was in elementary school and his teacher chastised him for his childhood exuberance by claiming, "You don't know how to handle your freedom."

The resulting children's book, illustrated by Giselle Potter, presents a frightening scenario of somber-faced adults who are threatened by childhood spontaneity. After making adults "nervous," three culturally and geographically diverse children are imprisoned in a room-size box where they are given all the material possession of modern society (television, pizza, Barbie, Pepsi, etc.) and have weekly visits from their parents.

The melancholy children bemoan their loss of freedom by trying to explain to the adults that people define freedom in their own way: "If freedom is handled just your way/ Then it's not my freedom or free."

In spite of the noble theme, *The Big Box* misses the mark by a wide margin. The Morrisons' solution that children are naturally good and just need freedom from conventional authorities - a little Sartre and a lot of Rousseau - is troubling. Nonconformity with no limits? Images of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold still haunt us. Freedom untethered from truth? Chaos and anarchventr from mind.

The entire scenario of adults imprisoning children could be terrifying for the target audience (ages 9-12) who may not understand the simplistic metaphor intended. The fact that their parents are presented as co-perpetrators of the imprisonment is particularly disturbing. Even for adults, it is difficult to catch the point of the story. The big brown box that imprisons the children has locks on the inside. The story ends with the three children easily pushing down the walls of the box and escaping into the world to the authors' challenge, "Who says they can't handle their freedom?"

Nonconformity and disobedience are a part of many great children's books, but there is no comparison between *The Big Box* and, for example, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*. Sendak's 1963 classic has 10 percent of the words and 10 times the depth of Morrison's first try at a children's book.

Children Being Children

But the Morrisons make a good point. Children are not miniature adults. They need freedom to be children for a lot longer than current society allows. They need time to "speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child" (1 Cor. 13:11). But more importantly, they need love, care and adult guidance. As every child's friend, Fred Rogers, says, "Children want to be lice the people they love."
Holiness of God is antidote for sin

An understanding of God’s holiness and a true response to His standards is the only effective way to deal with the problem of sin in a Christian’s life, Dr. Crawford Loritts told a chapel audience in January.

Dr. Loritts, associate director of U.S. ministries for Campus Crusade for Christ, warned his audience that “hardly a day goes by that I don’t hear of another of my friends who has fallen into sin. I don’t know if it’s happening more or if I’m just more aware of it.” When he asked those friends what happened, he said each one told him that, beginning when they were young they established a pattern of managing sin. “They learned how to compartmentalize their carnality. But a time came when they could not longer fake it and the bottom fell out.”

Part of the problem comes from young people, born and raised in Christian homes who become “inoculated with a mild case of Christianity instead of experiencing the real thing. The way to be kept by the grace of God is to embrace how far we are from Him. Part of the problem with sin in the church is that we have lost the concept of the holiness of God. We have lost our respect and awe of God.”

But John tells us that, as a result of an up-close personal experience with Jesus, he sees God as holy, “light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” In I John 1, the Apostle deals with four responses to the perfect standard of God - three false, one true.

The first false response, a false practice, is described in verse 6. John says that if we say we don’t sin, “but walk in darkness,” as opposed to God’s light, we lie. “If your lifestyle is sin,” Dr. Loritts said, “we don’t have a relationship with God.”

The second false response, a false perspective, is described in verse 8. “Sin,” in this verse, is a noun, speaking of the capacity to do evil. “I agree that we need to engage the culture,” he said. “But we have to be very careful that in engaging the culture our souls are not laced with arrogance.

A false pronouncement, the third false response, is found in verse 10. If we say we have not sinned we say God is a liar. “Our problem is that we have a comparative righteousness,” Dr. Loritts said. “When I look at other people I may look squeaky clean in comparison. John says that when we compare ourselves to God, we have the capacity to sin and we have sinned.” The only acceptable response to sin is repentance, both a point and a process.

“The point of repentance is found in verse 9, to confess our sins. Before you can be clean you must come clean, no ifs, ands or buts. We have to say, ‘God, I say what you say about me. The light of God is shining on me.”

The second part of repentance is to change directions.

“Theologically, verse 9 comes before verse 7; confession is first. The second part is to walk in the light as He is in the light.

“You look at the light of God and come clean about sin, then learn new habit patterns and change directions to replace the old sinful habit patterns. You can have victory over your sin, but you’ve go to be sorry enough to change. “You cannot use I John 1:9 as a spiritual rabbit’s foot while you continue your same lifestyle. You’ve got to change. Not until we learn to walk toward the light can we be victorious.”

Dr. Loritts said his next book, due out this summer, will be titled “Make It Home Before Dark,” a phrase he has used with his children for many years. “What I mean is, don’t forget your spiritual point of reference. Don’t allow sin to establish habit patterns in your life. There is cleansing in the blood.”

Senter family gift

...Continued from page 3

soccer field and two practice fields, the installation of lights at the soccer field, a dressing room and storage facility and road and parking improvements for the sports complex.

Brown said site preparation work has already begun on the fields and should be finished by next year. Lights and seating will be installed in 2001. The new sports complex is to be named after the Senter family.

Ongoing proceeds from the trusts will fund scholarships and operation of both baseball and softball programs, according to Brown. Senter has also pledged to help raise the rest of the money needed to completely endow the baseball and softball programs.

“I’m just priming the pump here,” Senter said. “There are a lot of people who are fond of Bryan and are also sports people.” Senter said he would be approaching those people and his many contacts in the sporting goods industry about making contributions to Bryan’s program.

The Senter family has a long history of involvement with Bryan College. Rosabel, Nick Senter’s mother, was involved with the Bryan University Association prior to the founding of the college in 1930, and served on the board of trustees for many years.

Her son, Mark Senter, also served on the board until recently. Nick Senter said he has been coming to the college for sporting events for as long as he can remember. His nephew, Gregg, Senter, was even a member of one of Bryan’s last baseball teams.

Senter’s long-time friend and Lookout Mountain neighbor, Erwin Latimer, is presently a member of Bryan College’s board of trustees and attended the press conference with Senter.

Nick Senter has had a lifelong love affair with baseball. From his days as a prep standout at McCallie School and playing while in the U.S. Air Force, to his many years with Dixie Baseball, Senter has been a student and booster of the game. He served 10 years as national commissioner of Dixie Baseball Inc., and 20 years as its first executive director. Dixie Baseball sponsors baseball and softball programs for half a million children and teenagers annually.

“I’m just a baseball person,” Senter said Wednesday.

“From the time the college dropped baseball, I felt that Bryan College lacked something. I think bringing baseball and softball back will enhance the college’s athletic program and fits into its type of program.”

It wasn’t coincidental that Bryan was taking another look at baseball and softball at the same time that Senter was considering his decision. In fact, when Senter first broached the subject, Brown had plans and cost estimates at hand.

“At the same time I was making out my will and thinking about doing something for Bryan and trying to figure out how to put a hook in it that would force them to add back baseball, this bunch up here was talking about it,” Senter said. “This is a case of God actually working in wondrous fashion. Maybe we ought to name the field, ‘God’s Lard,’ or something like that.”

Senter, who spent 10 years as mayor of Lookout Mountain and 20 years as its parks and recreation commissioner, said he is especially appreciative of the support the City of Dayton has shown for development at Bryan College. The Dayton Electric Department has installed electrical service to the sports complex and will provide and install lights at cost.

“That kind of cooperation is something you just don’t run into,” he said.

Brown and Latimer concurred. “We are very blessed with good relations with the city,” Brown said. “You couldn’t ask for a nicer set-up.” Latimer agreed. “If we need something, [Major] Sam [Swafford] and [City Manager] Frank [Welch] are always ready to help.”
Tragedy demands time for reflection

by Rosalie DeRosset

Editor's Note: Dr. DeRosset, a 1969 Bryan graduate, is professor of communications and general education at Moody Bible Institute. She spoke in chapel in February on the relation of Christianity and the arts, and introduced her topic with memories of her days as a student at Bryan.

Even after 30 years I find myself surprised to be behind a podium at Bryan in a chapel setting. I distinguished myself at Bryan not for my academic performance but for saying and doing inappropriate things. In fact, at graduation, I received the "most improved" award; I richly deserved it. After my freshman year I had nowhere to go but up.

I have a rich personal history at Bryan, both personal and through family connection. Several of my family members, immediate and extended, attended Bryan; my sister, Karin, and her husband, Jack, continue to serve. Therefore, two weeks ago, I was deeply saddened upon hearing the news that the Ad Building was burning, and was even more shocked when I saw the building this week. The vision lingers like an ache.

When I came to Bryan in 1965, the Ad Building was the center of all student life as it was recently. We had no gym, only two dorms, recently built, the old chapel (which I still prefer to the new if you will), and on more than one occasion I prepared to meet my God upon encountering one or more of those wild and wonderful jars or stuffed creatures. Still, how I regret the loss.

While nostalgia for the past is always bittersweet, what is much more important and painful today is the deep loss anyone who has loved and worked and sacrificed for Bryan must feel. In the 30 years since my graduation, I have watched closer, and it is with deep sadness to watch my college sitedly work for the betterment of this institution. They have, behind the scenes, stuck with the institution without pay raises, sometimes donating their own materials, and even giving from their salaries because they loved and continue to love Bryan.

While students in the next few months will continue to feel some discomfort, it is faculty and staff who have a long, hard haul ahead because the most basic needs and helps are altered or gone. The realities are that many people have suffered a deep, enduring loss of history, personal belongings, teaching notes, books and working comfort, perhaps even psychological and spiritual sense of well-being. They need our gratitude and continuous encouragement.

There is no question that Bryan will go on, and that we rejoice in the sturdiness God has given to the Bryan family. We rejoice over what is left and that no loss of life occurred. We know God is working in the midst of tragedy. At the same time, we must not move too quickly to the positive note, to the quick Bible verse of promise, to the happy face.

Every tragedy provides an invaluable time for reflection, for a community to love and help each other in deeper ways, and for openness to personal and institutional change. The tension is to move forward, then stop and remember the moment of the flames when God was all we could hope in.

In evangelical circles we move too quickly from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Yet, resurrection means little unless we have been meditated on, lingered in and processed Good Friday, the meaning of the death, the dark place where God meets us. Most great works of art, music and literature, indeed the Bible itself, come out of loss and suffering or the understanding that emerges from pain.

When we are busy, we don't do much, perhaps identify with a suffering world. In the days ahead, may we pause to remember what we have lost, to identify with those who still hurt and wonder, and to grow deeper in our walk with the God who cares.

Bryan College Golf Classic

Monday, April 10, 2000

With

PGA TourPro

David Ogrin

David Ogrin is a veteran professional golfer on the PGA Tour. He is a past Champion of the Texas Open and ranks in the top 100 on the all-time money list. He is a graduate of Texas A&M and is a husband to wife, Sharon, and father of three children. He rates his special interests: Christianity, children, and the Chicago Cubs.

Our Mission

To educate students to make a difference in today's world

Our Purpose Today

All proceeds from today's tournament will be used for Student Scholarships.

Bryan College Golf Classic Entry Form

Yes, I would like to enter a team for $300

Yes, I would like to play in the tournament for $75.

Put me on a team.

Yes, I would like to be a Tee Sponsor for $250.

Name of company or person to appear on sign.

Yes, I would like to be a Green Sponsor for $250.

Name of company or person to appear on sign.

Yes, I would like to be a Driving Range Sponsor for $300.

Name of company or person to appear on sign.

Yes, I would like to be a Practice Green Sponsor for $300.

Name of company or person to appear on sign.

Yes, I would like to be a Cart Sponsor for $50.

Name of company or person to appear on sign.

Yes, I would like to be an Awards Banquet Sponsor for $1000

Yes I would like to be a Clinic Sponsor for $1000

List Name, Address & Phone of Players. Also Handicap or Ave. Score and Shirt Size

Put me on a team.

Clip entry form and MAIL TO

BRYAN COLLEGE
P. O. Box 7000
Dayton, TN 37321

Prizes:

- First Flight Winning Foursome
- Second Flight Winning Foursome
- Third Flight Winning Foursome
- Closest to the Pin-Front Nine
- Closest to the Pin-Back Nine
- Longest Drive-Front Nine
- Longest Drive-Back Nine
- Lowest Foursome Score

Bryan College Golf Classic Entry Form

V
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance

Psalm 112:6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Received From</th>
<th>In Memory of</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Charles E. Baldwin</td>
<td>Ann Burwick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ray Burwick</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Briarwood Presbyterian Church</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trenton R. Ellison</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Gunter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bryan Higgins</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roderick T. Leupp</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles M. Jager</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. David Masoner</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fred Moss</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jerry D. Murray</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Geneva A. Nielsen</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. David Overby</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Darrell K. Roberson</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lawrence Roebel</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Randall Rosenbaum</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steven Sanders</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adelia De Vampert Sartor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donald Schuffert</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gretchen Scoler</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wayne Scotch</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romaine Scott Jr.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. Jack Traylor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Helen Vukelic</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Superior Wine and Beverage</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amanda Wallace</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Whaley</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Widmark</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J. E. Wise</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Baptist Church, Orlando</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>In Memory of</th>
<th>In Honor of</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Orthopedic Associates, P.C.</td>
<td>Dr. Tom Bovine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrew Boeddeker</td>
<td>Clyde Boeddeker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steven R. Gintz Jr.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peter R Brantont III</td>
<td>Mark Senter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston Wells</td>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Latimer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. David M. Day</td>
<td>Christina Day and Kathy Day Classen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burns Jr.</td>
<td>Dave and Shirley Stewart</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fred and Ruth Lapham</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carlson          | Betty Wynsema        |
| Wanda Davey                          |                       |
| Wilma Harrow                        |                       |
| Jane Ellen Hodges                    |                       |
| Mrs. Alice Mercer                   |                       |
| John Mercer                         |                       |
| Virginia Schmickl                    |                       |
| Dr. and Mrs. Jack Traylor           |                       |

| H. I. Newell                         | Billie Barrows       |
| Andrew Boeddeker                     |                       |
|                                        | Steve Gehring and Steve Parcell |

| Mrs. Carol Hoffman                   | Dr. Theodore Mercer  |
| Mrs. Alice Mercer                    |                       |

| Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boeddeker         | Dr. Theodore Mercer  |
|                                        | Linda Milner,        |
|                                        | Steve Gehring       |

| Jane Ellen Hodges                    | Patricia Keating Smith|
|                                        |
Lions win TVAC Championship

Bryan's men's basketball team earned a trip to the NAIA national tournament in March when they claimed their first Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference championship.

Coach Morris Michalski, who also received TVAC Coach of the Year honors, said he was informed that the Lions' conference title and 20-13 record was the most significant turnaround in conference history. A year ago, the Lions were 13-20.

“We told ourselves at the first of the year that if we defended a little better — and we did — we could make an impact,” Coach Michalski said.

“We knew we were battle-tested. We had lots of tight games last year, so we knew we weren’t far off.”

“Not far off” didn’t mean there would be no struggles, but they knew they were on the right track early in January when, on the road, they beat Bluefield by 34 points, then UVa-Wise the next night by 12. “That was a turning point,” the coach said.

“The week we beat Covenant at home by 18, then beat a nationally ranked team by 49, then beat nationally ranked Milligan, who was on a 31-game conference winning streak, gave us an exclamation point that we could be special. After that, we began to act that way.”

While he had special praise for his captains — seniors Eric Zensen and Brian Anderson and juniors Jason Beschta and Travis Stevens - he said the team’s success truly was a team effort.

"'Undaunted' has been a big word for us this year,” he said. “We worked hard and never gave up.

“We had good leadership from our captains, and the other guys came along with them. BA (Brian Anderson) had a super year. He did a great job anchoring the middle. He was a strong, positive voice on the team.

“Beschta had a glittering year; he was consistent throughout. Travis had a breakout year - he did a great job picking up the pace the second semester. Then Josh Lien and Renaldo Atkins gave us a great infusion of energy and talent in the second semester.

“BA and Beschta were constants. Beyond that, any number of guys stepped forward throughout the season to meet different situations.

“Looking back, this has been a special year. Nothing that happens at the national tournament can diminish that.”

While this year’s team will lose only Anderson and Zensen to graduation, he said they will leave big shoes to fill. “If we can get the right group of recruits to come and step along side the guys we have, we’ll be in good shape. We are looking for team-first guys.”

The coach acknowledged his gratitude for the TVAC Coach of the Year honors, but said that, too, was a team effort. “The kids did a lot of the right stuff,” he said. “And a lot of the credit goes to the assistant coaches — John Stonestreet and Terry Hill. They did a good job. If they didn’t, I couldn’t do my job well.”

He also praised the fans for offering critical support throughout the year. “Our fans always have been good, but they really got behind us. They gave us a dynamic environment to play in.”

The Lions played Oregon Institute of Technology in the first round of the NAIA National Tournament in Branson, Mo., March 8, and lost 50-78.

‘Winning attitude’ marks basketball season

A winning attitude despite a losing season has Ray Burwick smiling as his first year as coach of the Lady Lions basketball team comes to an end.

“Most noteworthy about the season is that even though we had a record of 5-24, the girls stuck together,” the coach said. “There wasn’t the fractiousness that can take place on a team that’s not winning.

“The girls never quit. Even in games that we were down 30 points they kept working extremely hard.”

Coach Burwick praised the efforts of the five seniors — Nikki Burnett, Cara Dulaney, Heather Hammond, Cheri Hogrefe and Jill Reeves — for their contributions through the year.

“Heather, Cara and Cheri didn’t play last year but came back for this season,” he said. “I’m very grateful for their willingness to be part of a new regime along with Nikki and Jill.

“Seniors filled most of the positions, so I’m looking at rebuilding the complete team. I’m especially looking for a point guard to replace Heather and Cara, who shared the position. And it will be important to get a big post player.”

Dr. Burwick said the team’s never-say-die attitude is reflected in several statistics, including ranking third in the conference in blocked shots, third in steals and fifth in both scoring defense and free throw shooting.

Individually, Cara Dulaney led the conference in steals. Kimmie Hill was third in free throw percentage, Cheri Hogrefe was fifth in three-point field goal percentage and Heather Hammond was fifth in assists.

“It was a tough season,” he said. “But the camaraderie and friendships the girls built will make this a season they will never forget. Developing a deeper intimacy with God and for each other were two of the goals we set before the season began, and I think we made good progress; a foundation has been established.”
Lady Lions reach for tennis crown

Untested talent and match-tried experience are ways Coach Bob Andrews might describe his 2000 men's and women's tennis teams.

The men have two seniors — one of whom has never played college tennis — while the women have four seniors, three of whom will be playing their fourth year at Bryan.

A year ago, the Lady Tennis Lions were 7-6, and Alison Villanova won the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference at No. 1 singles.

Alison, a senior, is back for her fourth year with Amy Ford and Wendi Bauman, and senior Dara Ballard will return for her third year on the team.

This should make for a strong squad this year, Dr. Andrews said. The line-up will be the four seniors, Rachelle Elliott (a junior) and (freshman) Jessica Weil.

Two other freshmen, Ingrid Anderson and Sande Ray, will serve as alternates this year, working toward a more prominent role next season.

As this is written early in the season, Dr. Andrews is watching with concern how Wendi rebounds from a knee injury suffered this past summer. Wendi came back with a partially torn ACL and is getting used to wearing a brace that impacts her lateral movement.

Playing from the strength of his returning seniors, the coach said he hopes to overcome the roadblocks posed by always-strong University of Virginia at Wise and Milligan and make a serious run for the conference title.

The men, with only one senior experienced in conference play, face a stiffer challenge to finishing high in the TVAC standings.

Tyler Seera will play his third year at No. 1 singles. He will be backed up by Josh Johnson, a junior at No. 2, freshmen Mike Sheddand Ben Johnston and senior Michael Veloz.

Tyler and Josh will team up for the doubles matches, with Mike Sheddand Jeff Hall, a junior, and Ben Johnston and sophomore Kent Suter.

Matt Snead, who played No. 2 singles in 1999, took the year off from Bryan to teach in China, so Dr. Andrews is expecting him back for his senior year next year.

"Virginia Intermont will be the strongest team we face, and the next strongest probably will be Milligan and UVa-Wise," he said. "This is a consistent team — there's not a lot of difference between No. 1 and No. 6, and that's a good thing; a win at No. 6 counts as much as a win at No. 1."

Coming off a 1999 record of 2-8, the coach sees plenty of room for improvement this year. And with the consistent strength of his team, he's hoping that the record and the conference standings will be significantly better.

Members of the Lady Lion's Tennis Team include, from left, front, Ingrid Anderson, Alison Villanova and Jessica Roman. Back are coach Coach Bob Andrews, Amy Ford, Dara Ballard, Sande Ray and Wendi Bauman.

Members of the Lions Men's Tennis Team include, from left, Kent Suter, Michael Sheddand, Michael Veloz, Joshua Johnson, Tyler Seera, Ben Johnston and Coach Bob Andrews.
...‘A different kind of normal’
continued from page 1
floor, and the cafe, student publications offices and student ministry offices are coming into focus on the third floor.

“The fire so disrupted college life we wanted to make sure the students left here at the end of the year with a more positive image than what the Ad Building looks like now,” Dr. Brown said. “The Student Life Center is going to be a wonderful addition to the campus. We think finishing it earlier than we had originally planned will reinforce the message that we are not going to be defeated by the fire.”

Prospective students seem to be catching the vision that the fire will not defeat the college as well. Two weeks after the fire, some 70 Presidential Scholar candidates and their families visited campus for their interviews and reacted positively to what they saw.

Dean of Enrollment Management Tom Shaw said the damage didn’t seem to bother the visitors. “They were impressed with our students and faculty and the quality of the education Bryan offers. The inconveniences created by the fire just didn’t seem to bother them.

“We’re keeping a close eye on enrollment, and things look real good. In fact, at the first of March, we’re actually ahead of our numbers from a year ago.”

Although the fire destroyed much and damaged more, Dr. Brown is rejoicing in the opportunities it created to be a testimony to God’s grace. “Perhaps we wouldn’t have chosen a fire, but because of the fire, God has allowed our faculty, staff and students to see that He is a good God and works all things for His glory.

“We have seen His gracious provision of our immediate needs and see Him leading as we plan to rebuild our building and strengthen our efforts to educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.”

The worst damage to a faculty office on the third floor was suffered by Dr. Kurt Wise and his assistant, Sarah Hurley, ‘98. Despite the fact that the computer on Miss Hurley’s desk was melted to a third its size, this bag of M&Ms, kept in a desk drawer, was only scorched. The candy was loose in the bag, a fact that intrigued officials at M&M Mars so that they asked to see the bag and its contents for study.

Admissions Counselor Simon Sakatos, ’99, greets a Presidential Scholarship candidate and her mother as the Presidential Scholars weekend opened in February. More than 70 candidates came for interviews and Admissions staff members said they left excited about the opportunities they saw at Bryan.
Twisted steel beams draped over and under debris from the roof litter the floor of the Hanna Technology Center. All that remains of the state-of-the-art training facility are melted ruins of the computers and charred furniture.

Dr. Kurt Wise examines some of his slides in the warehouse housing material salvaged from the Administration Building after the fire. Science and mathematics faculty members particularly spent time in the warehouse checking on the condition of things from their offices or trying to locate material for class.

Workers install the metal studs for the walls of the Student Development suite in the Student Life Center. The second and third floors of that building are to be completed before the end of the school year.

Stefon Gray, left, Matt Colvin, back, and Jim Hallengren work to build computers to replace those damaged in the fire. Their assembly line, backed up by Damien and Renee Daspit, Robert Rader, David West, Bobby Lay, T.C. Mooney, Mick Norris, David Wilkes, Jason Wasser and Patty Duvall, worked throughout the weekend, provided the new machines to go into faculty and staff offices during Spring Break week. Tim Mooney, director of information systems, said his staff went far beyond the call of duty, working around the clock, in the weeks following the fire, working to restore services to students, faculty and staff.

Rudd Chapel's parking lot is the temporary home for classrooms, faculty and administrative offices and a computer lab while the Administration Building is rebuilt.
Most of us, I would bet, have lived long enough to have been in a situation where there were factions and divisions. If they had made a movie of my experiences in the corporate world the title and subtitle would have read something like this, "How to Swim with the Sharks-And Only Sustain Flesh Wounds!" Can you relate?

Have you ever been in a disjointed church? Nothing is more devastating to individual lives than dysfunction in the body of Christ. The wake of destruction, usually caused by immature individuals over petty non-essentials, can take decades to sort through and clean up.

In my mind the most positive thing that has come from the fire in the Administration Building on Feb. 6, is genuine biblical unity. Our students, faculty, staff, donors and most of all our alumni are walking in unity like we have never experienced before. Only God could bring about such a beautiful result from the ashes of devastation. David writes in Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"

Many alumni who haven't had contact with Bryan for decades have been calling, writing and coming to campus to express their sorrow about the fire and their desire to be of assistance. One alumna expressed that she had never before taken pride in her alma mater until she saw how the alumni where rallying and the Christ-like manner in which the school administrators were responding to the tragedy. Here are just a few of the other responses we have received:

"Bryan means so much to Chad and I we cannot put into words all that we feel." Chad, '89, and Elizabeth Gower, '90.

"I take great encouragement from Dr. Brown's and the entire Bryan community's insight and faith." Cheryl Hoffman Little, '82.

"I only attended Bryan in 1975-76, and have many fond memories of that year." Nancy Smith Farnum, '79x.

"John and I are so proud to say that we went to Bryan College. Your testimony during this time is WONDERFUL!" John, '72, and Jeanette Armendariz Young, '72.

"Let me know if I can help in any way." Debbie Durant, '79.

"It has been almost 30 years since I walked the halls of Bryan and remember some of my classes on the third floor of the Ad Building as if they were yesterday." Charles Bane, '76.

"Whatever you need, just ask. I mean it!" Dawn Hoffman, '89.

"I was in Japan when I heard about the fire; God must be up to something!" Sonny Beckham, '88.

"Just wanted you to know we are praying for the school." Wayne, '67, and Rosemary Brooks, '67.

"Imagine my surprise and disbelief when I picked up a copy of USA Today and read about the recent fire in the Admin Building. I know God has a purpose for everything." Debra J. Richardson (not Doc's daughter, the other one), '83.

"Got a message this morning about a serious fire at Bryan it set me to praying immediately...standing with you, brother." Keith Palman, '75.

I'm reminded of Christ's prayer for us in John 17:23 "I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Only God has the ability to bring about what He requires. It is exciting to be right in the middle of what He is doing at Bryan College. We are at the beginning of the beginning of the beginning of the impact that a unified body of Bryan Alumni can have on a lost world.

Would you stand together with us in Christ-like unity as we, the alumni of Bryan College, bound together in love, make an even bigger difference in today's world for Jesus Christ?

**ALUMNI MATTER**

**Unity from Ashes**

"Bryan means so much to Chad and I we cannot put into words all that we feel." Chad, '89, and Elizabeth Gower, '90.

"I take great encouragement from Dr. Brown's and the entire Bryan community's insight and faith." Cheryl Hoffman Little, '82.

"I only attended Bryan in 1975-76, and have many fond memories of that year." Nancy Smith Farnum, '79x.

"John and I are so proud to say that we went to Bryan College. Your testimony during this time is WONDERFUL!" John, '72, and Jeanette Armendariz Young, '72.

"Let me know if I can help in any way." Debbie Durant, '79.

"It has been almost 30 years since I walked the halls of Bryan and remember some of my classes on the third floor of the Ad Building as if they were yesterday." Charles Bane, '76.

"Whatever you need, just ask. I mean it!" Dawn Hoffman, '89.

"I was in Japan when I heard about the fire; God must be up to something!" Sonny Beckham, '88.

"Just wanted you to know we are praying for the school." Wayne, '67, and Rosemary Brooks, '67.

"Imagine my surprise and disbelief when I picked up a copy of USA Today and read about the recent fire in the Admin Building. I know God has a purpose for everything." Debra J. Richardson (not Doc's daughter, the other one), '83.

"Got a message this morning about a serious fire at Bryan it set me to praying immediately...standing with you, brother." Keith Palman, '75.

I'm reminded of Christ's prayer for us in John 17:23 "I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Only God has the ability to bring about what He requires. It is exciting to be right in the middle of what He is doing at Bryan College. We are at the beginning of the beginning of the impact that a unified body of Bryan Alumni can have on a lost world.

Would you stand together with us in Christ-like unity as we, the alumni of Bryan College, bound together in love, make an even bigger difference in today's world for Jesus Christ?

**30's**

**Reunions**

**Class of '40**

October '00 (60 years)

RALPH, '37, and Kay TOLIVER had a busy year in 1999, visiting their children and grandchildren and other relatives at their home in Lititz, Pa., or in trips to relatives' homes. They visited grandson JEFF, '93x, and his wife MICHELLE (ZIELINSKI), '94x, GREEN in North Carolina; flew to Mobile, Ala., to see sister Shirley Sutton and husband John; and flew to Columbia, S.C., for a weekend with daughter SYLVIA (TOLIVER), '67, and Dan MACNEILL and their daughter, Gwen. Grandchildren BETHANY TOLIVER, '99, JEREMY, '98, and wife, ALANA (YEDERLINIC), '98, TOLIVER, and Judi Toliver, a senior at Bryan, were Christmas visitors. The senior Tolivers host the monthly SEND mission prayer meeting and attend the monthly OMF prayer meeting in Lancaster.

**40's**

**Reunions**

**Class of '40**

October '00 (60 years)

**Class of '45**

October '00 (55 years)

TOLIVER, '99, JEREMY, '98, and wife, ALANA (YEDERLINIC), '98, TOLIVER, and Judi Toliver, a senior at Bryan, were Christmas visitors. The senior Tolivers host the monthly SEND mission prayer meeting and attend the monthly OMF prayer meeting in Lancaster.

**Lion Tracks**

SOLON, '43x, and KATHRYN (HIRSCHY), '43x, HOYT, Winona Lake, Ind., shed their high school 60th anniversaries—for Solon in Ashland, Ohio, and for Kathryn in Evans City, Pa. The Hoyts enjoy sharing in the ministry including the choir at their local Grace Brethren Church.

JEAN (CLARK), '45x, EARL, Nashville, Tenn., has limited her activities to going to church, doctor, grocery store and post office. She has "new" knees but lower back problems. She has lived in her present home 20 years and has keen memories of 26 years in Panama where her two daughters grew up.

WARD, '45x, and Agnes (Pay) TRESSLER, Fremont, Ohio, celebrated three anniversaries this past summer. They include Ward's of graduation (1948) from Grace Seminary, the 50th anniversary of the Chico, Calif., Church where they ministered several years and the 60th anniversary of the Fremont Grace Brethren Church where they were honored as the pastor and wife who had served the longest — 23 years.

ROBERT, '44, and ALICE (TUCKER), '47x, ST.
JOHN still live in Tacoma, Wash., where they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary last year. Now in their early 80’s, both have had some health problems but have improved recently. Their son, Bob, died three years ago leaving his wife and two sons. Their other three children are married and their 11 grandchildren are busy in academic pursuits.

WANDA BURCHAM, '49, moved from St. Petersburg, Fla., to the retirement community in Penney Park, Fla., near Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla., with a welcome to any who may be able to visit her. NELL PEARSON, '49, makes her home in Edinburg, Texas, where she is helping in the library at the Bible Institute. She has also been helping in the library at the Wycliffe Bible Translations Center in Dallas. She is grateful for medical tests which brought good reports.

LAYMAN, '49, and HELEN (PARDEN), '48, have had a dramatic year in 1999, with illness and celebrations. They missed Lyman’s 50th anniversary fellowship at Bryan because of his illness. With the help of church friends, Lyman and Helen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, in the hospital. Their four children visited with their families—Michael in August and the other three with their nine grandchildren at Thanksgiving. In February, Helen had surgery for removal of a malignant tumor followed by radiation treatments. Through all of these experiences, Lyman and Helen were able to have a ministry by giving their testimonies in adverse circumstances and trusting God for fruit.

Allen and Shirley Jewett and their grandchildren

ALLEN, '52, and Shirley JEWETT, Morristown, Tenn., celebrated their 50th anniversary last summer with their “gang” of 24 and enjoyed a double celebration with JOEL, '51, and PAULINE (JEWETT), '51x, KETTENRING. Allen’s sister, at the Kettenring’s daughter’s home in Chattanooga. The Jewetts are pictured with their 13 grandchildren including two daughters of CAROLYN (JEWETT), '74, HOBS, two daughters of DOUGLAS, '77, and Sharon JEWETT, and three children of CATHY (JEWETT), '80 and John BEALE. Allen goes to Snedeville each Sunday to lead the music for worship and teaches the Sunday School lesson on local cable TV. He continues to play the saxophone.

ALBERT, '52, and JOYCE (COOPER), '52, LEVENGOOD, Dayton, Tenn., continue their ministry with Tennessee Mountain Mission, now known as TMM Ministries, but with the director’s responsibilities turned over to MIKE HATHAWAY, '78, husband of KATHY (LEVENGOOD), '78, daughter of Joyce and Albert.

MILLIE MOSBY, '53x, Harwood Heights, Ill., maintains her affiliation with SIM USA from her home in the Chicago area. She also teaches two weekly Bible classes at her church and has some other church ministries. She visited her friend and former co-worker, Rowena Marion, 84, who lives at the SIM village in Sebring, Fla.

TOM, '54, and RUTH (SUTTON), '51, TAYLOR, Dublin, Pa., in August shared in a Taylor reunion. They have 13 grandchildren, one daughter, JANE (SUTTON), '49, and ED, '48, LIEB, who retired from missionary service in Brazil to live in Crestview, Fla.

DALE, '54, and MARTHA (SHEFFIELD), '55 PAYNE, left for Brazil in February, to go to Mossoro, Brazil, to fill in for a missionary who was to leave in March. They expected to visit their daughter, Sharon, who lives in Sao Paulo. Their Brazil address is Caixa Postal 194, 50619-970 Mossoro, RN, Brazil.

BUD, '56, and GINNY (SEGUINE), '54, SCHATZ, Dayton, Tenn., are occupied with challenges and opportunities for serving the Lord. Bud is teaching a course in public relations and directing yearbook activities at Bryan College. Ginny assists in the office at Grace Bible Church and is involved regularly in Rhea County Christian Women’s Club.

ROBERT, '56, and WANDA HEARING, North Webster, Ind., launched with Child Evangelism Fellowship the CEF Mailbox Club. With a slow beginning last February, it has grown to almost 10,000 students to whom they have mailed more than 94,000 lessons. More than 600 saved indicated their trust in Christ through the ministry of the Mailbox Club.

Gary and ALICE (TOBELMANN), '59, returned to Nairobi, Kenya, after a visit to the U.S. to see their sons, Scott and wife Shelley in Fort Worth, Texas, and Mark, who joined them from California, and also to see Alice’s mother in Virginia. They continue to teach at Nairobi Seminary and to participate in church ministry. They first moved to Kenya in 1972, came to the U.S. in 1978 for Gary to attend seminary for four years, and then they went back to Kenya. Now they are facing another move after May graduation at the seminary, when they plan to return to the U.S. to help care for Alice’s mother who is 89. They seek the Lord’s leading for their future ministry.
as Bible school and senior citizens ministries.

RON, '73, and BARBARA, '73, DAVIDSON, Loganville, Ga., celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary by going to see the Norman Rockwell exhibit at the High Museum of Art. They also took a trip with their son, Eric, and his wife, Bonnie, to California. Barbara is rejoicing in her improved health with her blood counts improving after over two years of illness. Their two sons and one daughter are all married and honoring the Lord in their advanced education and chosen careers.

GEO - '63, and LYNN (PUFFER), '73, JORDAN, Quito, Ecuador, with Mission Aviation Fellowship, witnessed the eruption of the Gua-gua Pichincha volcano, which looked as if an atomic bomb had exploded over Quito as the mushroom cloud rose 12 miles over the city. Tons of volcanic ash were dumped on most of the city for the first time since 1660. Nine active volcanoes, known as volcano alley, surrounded Quito, cradled in the Andes at 9,600 feet above sea level. The Jordan family has stocked up on food, water, flashlights and other emergency items.

DOUGLAS MAINS, '74, and his brother DWIGHT, '84, joined their parents, Robert and Audrey Mains, and four other siblings for a family reunion at Fall Creek Falls last July. The Mains' grandson, Chad Owens, will graduate this year, and his fiance, SONYA WARREN, is a '99 grad. Robert and Audrey Mains, are active retirees living in Dayton.

ROBERT (BOB), '75, and ELLEN (COX), '74, CONRAD are Knoxville residents. Last November Bob had the privilege of traveling with three others from his church, Cedar Springs Presbyterian, to India. They visited two schools for Indian Mk's, and Bob also visited his sister, BECKIE (CONRAD) NICHOLSON, '72, and her family in Pakistan.

STEVE, '76, and MARCIA (KRICK), '78, STRAUSS, SIM missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, are rejoicing in the growth of the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology that was started in January 1998 and has 62 students this year. Steve worked with Dr. Eshetu, principal of Mekane Yesus College, the other accredited evangelical theological college in Ethiopia, together with an interim board that developed a curriculum and constitution for the new school. The Master of Theology involves two years of class work and a thesis. Majors are offered in Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology and Church History, the latter emphasizing the church in Africa.

Michael and DONNA (MAYER), '77, WEIRICH serving under New Testament Baptist Enterprises, Inc., with their son and daughter are planning to move to the Maranhao region of North Brazil next summer. They have been home in the U.S. for a year after a four-year term in the Azores Islands of Portugal. Mike has also been involved with evangelistic meetings in the West Indies, West Africa and North Brazil.

Michael, Donna, Jonathan and Charisa Weirich (CURRY), '78x, TABER continue their association with the American Messianic Fellowship International (AMFI) from their home in Lansing, Ill. Last November, Wes and Lori spent 10 days in Israel with their AMFI team. In October, Wes returned to Hong Kong to renew friendships with some of AMFI's supporters and to present their work to a couple of churches new to AMFI. Their son, Josh, is serving the Lord in Mexico and living with an uncle and aunt. He is working with a youth group and being asked to substitute teach advanced math at a Christian high school in Puebla, and conversational English to some college professors. Daughters are Jennifer, who is a college student; Kathryn, who graduated from Munster High; and Christine, who is in high school freshman.

Jack and ELIZABETH (BREA), '78x MENDICE are moving to the Island Bay of Guanaja, just off the west coast of Honduras, after living in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, for nearly 13 years. Jack, a civil engineer, will focus more on fulltime ministry. Last year he got his pilot's license and the Lord provided a Cessna 206 for ministry. Jack will help in the Mosquitia region to carry much-needed medical relief. They also hope to open a small missions school and are praying for two women or a married couple to teach. They wish to cover both elementary and secondary grades.

Steve and RUTH (VANDER MOLEN), '79, PORTER are in the U.S. and were able to spend Christmas with family and friends, making their home with Ruth's mother, Alice Vander Molen, in Grandview, Tenn. They plan to return to Nigeria sometime in July. Mark and PRISCILLA (CHAPMAN), '79, YOUNG, Dallas, Texas, recap their past 10 years as a time of settling. Mark completed his Ph.D. in 1990, then for five years they were in Poland to be part of God's work there in seminary teaching. In 1995 they uprooted their family to resettle in Dallas, where they have spent the last four years settling in to Mark's teaching at Dallas Seminary. A high point in 1999 was the trip for Mark and Priscilla to Israel in May with 550 in the group led by Chuck Swindoll and Steve Green. Mark was "bus prof" to have devotions with their busload of 48.

Dave, Jan, Jaimee and Justin Bothwell

Dave and JAN (WIGGERS), '79, BOOTHWELL are happily situated at Wkich, N.C., assisting at the JAARS Aviation Department which Dave manages. Dave was scheduled to go to Indonesia in January to attend the Indonesia Aviation Department board meetings and do some evaluative interviews. The couple spoke at a missions conference in Michigan last October. Jan has improved health and considers herself healed. She and Dave both serve in an increasing capacity at their local church. Their daughter, Jaimee is enjoying college, and son, Justin, got his driver's license in January.

Tommy and JENNY (TAYLOR), '79x, PERSCHKE run a ranch for girls and boys in western Pennsylvania.
sad to leave old friends, they are thankful for the house the Lord has directed them to and the new friends they are making. Their daughter, Christina, 12, was baptized in August at the church’s first baptismal service. Kelly, 9, as well as Christina, each had a special trip with Mom last summer. Kelly’s trip was to Chicago with lots to see and Christina went with Mom to Niagara Falls. Young Kyle is a kindergartner this year leaving some free time for Kathy. Kyle’s trip was with his Day grandparents.

Larry and DARLENE (RAGLAND), ’81, LaPLUE, Morristown, Tenn., enjoyed numerous trips and activities including Darlene’s surprise 40th birthday party shared by many friends. During the year Darlene directed two musicals sung by a homeschool choir. She is homeschooaling all five LaPlue children and mingling with other homeschool families.

FRED, ’87, and Juanita TUCKER, ’94, DUONG welcomed their fourth daughter, Lydia Nicole, on Oct. 11, 1999, in Dallas, Texas, where they are attending training courses for missionaries. They enjoyed the management course with emphasis on cross-cultural management, personnel and crisis management, and interpersonal skills. Their assignment has been finalized for going to Thailand. Fred began in January a temporary assignment in the International Human Resources Service Center in Dallas, while Juanita stays home with the three youngest girls and completes her English as a Second Language certification. Their daughter, Rebekah, is in second grade. In August they expect to leave to take the Asia Field Training Course in Manila for two months to learn to live in another culture.

Shelley, Jayne and John Will Hutcheson
ANDY, ’88, and KAY (POWELL), ’88, BRUNER returned from a 10-day visit to Tawatana, but were happy to be back at their home in the village to find the door open, the house cleaned and food brought in by neighbors. Andy spent his time working out problems about their building project, and then the family returned to Honiara with Andy assuming responsibility as director at the Wycliffe headquarters for Solomon Islands for six months. Their four children have responded well to these changes with Libby speaking Arosi in the village, Matt enjoying games and rolling in the surf, Michael catching fresh-water shrimp and Jake shaking hands with everybody. The Bruners plan for a six-month furlough beginning in July, to locate in Dayton, Tenn., for the children to return to the same school.

Dennis and CELESTA (BEACHY), ’88, RICHARDSON serve with InterAction Ministries in Anchorage, Alaska. Dennis works with Native Men for Christ to encourage leadership within the organization. He also meets with other believers to discuss issues and pray with these believers about their ministry. Celesta assisted in organizing a ladies’ retreat and was excited to see a local lady take a leadership role in the event. Hospitality continues to be one of the key tools God has given for ministry to many different people.

SHARON FLENNKEN, ’89, is a legal secretary/receptionist with Willis M. Bragg, attorney at law, in Charlotte, N.C. She also makes and sells Home d’Cor handicrafts at local church craft shows. Early last year Sharon became active at Forest Hill Church. She thanks the many Bryan alumni who have prayed concerning her back problems. She has greatly improved.

JACQUELINE LEE, ’89, who has been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Horsleys Green, England, was married last year to Keith Robinson with a church wedding and a Victorian picnic reception.

KIM LEE, ’91, Jacqueline’s sister, was her chief bridesmaid. The couple shared in a Wycliffe course on the basics of the Christian faith and counselling to prepare them for ministry when they move to Canada.

JIM WOYCHUK, ’89, Dallas, Texas, who attends the Faith Community Church, is looking forward to joining his pastor and two other men in the area to go to Manipur and Mizoram states in India. They plan to leave Dallas on May 15, and return June 2. Their schedule includes visits and ministry in three churches where they will speak two or three times a day to groups of pastors, youth and women.

DAVID, ’90, and Kathleen WILLSON announce the arrival of their adopted daughter, Olivia Grace, born Aug. 26. She was born three months premature but has since been discharged from the hospital with a clean bill of health. Kathleen and Olivia have been in Fiji for social welfare personnel to monitor progress, but they will soon return home to Sydney, Australia. David is CEO of an organization, Quest Australia, that is coordinating the Christian community’s involvement with the Olympics.

Bob and ANITA (REUTER), ’90, URBAN write from Moscow, Tenn., announcing the birth of their son, Peter James. Peter was born Feb. 8, 1999, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. He joins his older sister, Anna Beth, 2.

CRISTA CORNELIUS, ’90, had a very busy year in Changchun, China, as the director of the English language program for visiting students. She said good-bye to the graduating students early in the summer and then began preparations with the aid of her assistant, Emily, for the group to arrive in the fall. But in September, Emily had to leave for a month when her father died, so Crista began teaching Emily’s classes, delegating some of the less intensive work to helpers. Interruptions with telephone service and utility failure (no hot water at times) added to the stresses, but Crista’s students credit her with a knack for organizing, creativity, a cool head and language abilities that enabled her to meet the challenge. A delightful summer experience was the reunion with her parents, RICHARD, ’55, and DONNA (BLACK), ’47, CORNELIUS and brother CRAIG, ’87, and family in Hawaii and the visit of her parents to her place of operations in China.

Gerson and TANIA (TUSUZIAN), ’90, BERTHAULT in Sao Paulo, Brazil, have an active family and church life. Tania is occupied with family activities for their three sons, Lucas, 5, Marcel, 4, and Jonathan, 2. Gerson, pastor of the Filadelfia Church, has noted that the membership has grown from 63 to 83 this past year. About 35 others are in the process of being integrated into the church. Their youth group has 20 regularly involved. Gerson has also added new responsibilities in teaching in the SETA program at the seminary and has accepted the position of substitute dean in the absence of a fellow teacher who has left to work on his master’s degree.

Phil and DEBBIE (HUSSY), ’91, AARON rejoice in the birth of their daughter, Tori Elizabeth, on Jan. 28, 1999. The family resides in Papilion, Neb.

Phil, Debbie and Tori Aaron

BETH (SIMPSON), ’92, and Kevin POOLE announce the birth of their son, Matthew Thomas, on Aug. 6, 1999. Three months later, his cousin, Margaret Hannah Mann, daughter of DOUG, ’92, and SUSIE (SIMPSON), ’92, MANN arrived on Nov. 16. They are pictured with proud grandfather Dr. Robert Simpson.

TIM, ’92, and JODI (ROUSE), ’93, WEHSE announce the arrival of

Margaret Mann, left, Dr. Bob Simpson and Matthew Poole


REBECCA (Burch), ’93, BROWNELL has been approved for a psychology internship with Broughton Hospital in Morganton, N.C., beginning July 1. She and husband, Phil, will move from Portland, Ore., once Rebecca has finished her dissertation and a few final courses.

Jarrel and ANNETTE (Stone), ’93, WATT were married May 29 in Arlington, Texas. Annette’s sister, ADINA (Stone), ’91, SCRUGGS attended as matron of honor and GLYNN STONE, ’95, the bride’s brother, sang at the ceremony. Jarrel works as a computer technician at Bell Helicopter and Annette teaches voice at Arlington High School and Fielder Road Baptist Church. The couple resides in Arlington.

Caleb Fish

Bryan graduates welcomed by the family of Autumn and Philip Wehsé:

Gerson, pastor of the Filadelfia Church, has noted that the membership has grown from 63 to 83 this past year. About 35 others are in the process of being integrated into the church. Their youth group has 20 regularly involved. Gerson has also added new responsibilities in teaching in the SETA program at the seminary and has accepted the position of substitute dean in the absence of a fellow teacher who has left to work on his master’s degree.

Phil and DEBBIE (Hussey), ’91, AARON rejoice in the birth of their daughter, Tori Elizabeth, on Jan. 28, 1999. The family resides in Papilion, Neb.

Phil, Debbie and Tori Aaron

BETH (SIMPSON), ’92, and Kevin POOLE announce the birth of their son, Matthew Thomas, on Aug. 6, 1999. Three months later, his cousin, Margaret Hannah Mann, daughter of DOUG, ’92, and SUSIE (SIMPSON), ’92, MANN arrived on Nov. 16. They are pictured with proud grandfather Dr. Robert Simpson.

TIM, ’92, and JODI (ROUSE), ’93, WEHSE announce the arrival of

Margaret Mann, left, Dr. Bob Simpson and Matthew Poole


REBECCA (Burch), ’93, BROWNELL has been approved for a psychology internship with Broughton Hospital in Morganton, N.C., beginning July 1. She and husband, Phil, will move from Portland, Ore., once Rebecca has finished her dissertation and a few final courses.
GLYNN STONE, ‘95, was married to Angie Hoodenpyle on June 26, 1999, at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. The wedding party included groomsmen MATT MARCUS, ‘95, and TODD DEVANEY, ‘95, and bridesmaids ANNETTE STONE, ‘93, WATT, and ADINA STONE, ‘91, SCRUNGS. Annette also sang at the wedding. Glynn serves as associate pastor of Fielder Road Baptist Church while working on his Ph.D. at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Angie teaches second grade at a local elementary school.

Mike and Sherry Weller were married Nov. 27, 1999, in Lexington, Ky. Sherry’s father and Dr. Sandy Zensen, Bryan College director of athletics, officiated. Several Bryan alumni who were part of the wedding include matron of honor JULIE HILL, ‘99, MATEYOKES; bridesmaids ALICIA HILL, ‘93, ROWE, NATALIE (CAYWOOD), ‘98, CRUVER, RUTH KROEGER, ‘99, and JACLYNNETTE (PORTERFIELD), ‘95, BROADHURST, musicians Shane Maxwell, a current student, T.R. BLACK, ‘99, DR. DAVID LUTHER, ‘95H, and KARIN (DEROSSET), ‘64, TRAYLOR, and helpers CHRISTINA DAY, ‘97, CARA HELPLING, ‘97, and DAWN (BANKER), ‘95, JONES. Other Bryan folks in attendance were MARK CRUVER, ‘92, DAVID, ‘97x, and SONYA (NOWLEN), ‘96x, HOLDER, GABE, ‘97, and GAYLE (COUCH), ‘98, HIMMELWRIGHT. Winnie Davey, Sharon Zensen, Dr. Jack Traylor, Jeff Sillman, Marc and Michelle Bramlage and student Michelle Hodges. After a week in Estes Park, Colo. The Wellers returned to their home in Dayton, Tenn. Mike is employed by Bryan College as the director of athletic training and Sherry works as Bryan’s assistant director of alumni ministries while pursuing a masters in education at the University of Tennessee.

MARK, ‘96, and WENDY (TAYLOR), ‘96 DAVIDSON are living in Augusta, Ga., where Mark has finished his first semester in medical college and Wendy is teaching first grade at Augusta Christian School. They previously lived in Chattanooga, where Mark worked at the Chattanooga Pain Management Center and Wendy taught at Lee Highway Christian Academy.

GABE, ‘97, and GAYLE (COUCH), ‘98, HIMMELWRIGHT were married June 26, 1999, in Spring City, Tenn. Attendants in the wedding party included JULIE BARFIELD, ‘99, ANDREA (KEMP), ‘97, BOSTIC, MELODY OWENS, ‘98, MELODY (SHEDDAN), ‘98x, RUEHLING, RYAN BUCK, ‘98, GUILLERMO ESPANA, ‘97, and DANIEL FARY, ‘99x. Others participating in the wedding were WHITNEY DEAL, ‘97, FELIPE ARIAS, ‘95, TIM FARY, ‘95, TIFFIN ASHWORTH, ‘99, Kristi Lestmann, Barbara Masoner, Keri-Lynn (Lestmann) Paulson, JANEL SHAFER, ‘99, and Dr. Malcolm Fary. The Himmelwrights reside in Virginia Beach, Va., where Gabe is pursuing a masters in history at Old Dominion University and Gayle is working toward a masters in theater arts at Regent University.

DANIEL, ‘97, and CHRISTIE (WILHOIT), ‘99, WALTERS were married May 29, 1999, at Middle Valley Baptist Church in Hixson, Tenn. The couple lives in Glenside, Penn., where Christie teaches and Daniel is pursuing a masters of theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. They attend Christ the King Presbyterian Church.

ELIZABETH (GREEN), ‘98x, and DAVID HINDMAN, ‘99, were married Dec. 18, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Dayton, Tenn. The Hindmans live in Dayton, where they are finishing school.


Gabe and Gayle Himmelwright

David and Beth Hindman

Travis and Carrie Weldon

WELDON were married Dec. 18, 1999, in Birmingham, Ala. The couple resides in McDonough, Ga.

SUSANNA SHARPE, ‘99, was married to Kyle Biederman on Aug. 28, 1999, in New Braunfels, Texas.

LAURIE BLANTON, ‘99, was a bridesmaid in the wedding. The couple met on an archeological dig in Israel. After a honeymoon in Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., the Biedermans returned home to Anchorage, Ala. Kyle is a youth pastor at Grace Community Church and Susanna works as a secretary for a local dentist.

WITH THE LORD

REV. NORBERT PRUST, ‘52, passed away Oct. 15, 1999, during heart surgery. He had long awaited this homecoming and now enjoys the fellowship of his Savior and Lord as well as his son who passed away many years ago. Mr. Prust is survived by his wife, Betty Jo.

MARRY ANN PERRY SNYDER, ‘71, went home to be with the Lord Sept. 2, 1999, after a battle with cancer. She was a writer in the communications department of Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Chattanooga, Tenn., and enjoyed writing poetry as well. Mary Ann had been an active member of First Presbyterian Church.

GAUS MUSA, ‘82, died in an airplane crash Jan. 31. Gaus, along with several other missionaries, was aboard Kenya Airways flight 431 that went down in the ocean just after takeoff. The flight was headed for Nairobi. Gaus, general secretary of the BIBLE Society of Nigeria, was returning home after a meeting with the leadership of several of the west African branches of Wycliffe’s SIL. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

MICHAEL L. HEPHIS, ‘85, was killed while working on a construction site July 12, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Stacey, and children, Melanie, 10, Josh, 7, and Hannah, 3.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) RITTER, ‘97, passed away Dec. 31, 1999, after a long battle with cancer. Liz had been living in Stevensville, Md., where she was employed by Hecht’s department store. She volunteered much of her time with Grace Baptist School and a special kindergarten class there that she “adopted.” She is survived by her parents, David and Laura Lee Ritter.
SUMMIT 2000
July 23-Aug 4 at Bryan College

Fifty percent of young people who claim to be Christians when they enter college claim not to be Christians when they graduate.

Don't Be A Statistic.
Be A Leader!

The Summit at Bryan College will train high school and college students ages 16-21 to defend their Christian faith and equip them with the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

INSTRUCTORS
Jeff Myers, Director, Summit at Bryan College
David Noebel, President, Summit Ministries
Bill Brown, President, Bryan College
Tom Minnery, Vice President of Focus on the Family
More than 15 other great speakers
PLUS musical guest Danny Byram

INCLUDED
Twelve days of mentorship and teaching with quality speakers and musicians
A power-packed, 500-page notebook with tons of stuff to help you defend your faith
Great meals  Use of collegiate athletic facilities
Two picnics  Air-conditioned dorm room
Discounts on great books  T-shirt
All of this for only $675! Space is limited. Must be 16 or older to attend.

CONTACT
For an application call 1-423-775-7599 or write The Summit at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7705, Dayton, TN 37321-7000 or e-mail: summit@bryan.edu. Visit our web site at www.bryan.edu.