Hopeless?
Not believers!
Hopelessness is a common condition for much of mankind today, but Christians are different. Dr. William E. Brown examines hopelessness -- and the hope of believers. Page 2

Businessmen his audience
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Hopeless in Seattle... and the rest of the world

I was enjoying an informal chat with a group of Russian teachers while I was in Moscow. As we discussed the differences in our cultures I noted that everyone seemed to know I was American, even when I walked down the street.

I asked, “How is it that people know I am not Russian?” I knew it wasn’t my clothes. When I walked around town I wore jeans and a Chicago Bulls jersey, just like half of the Muscovites I saw.

“Is it the way I walk?”

The teachers laughed. “No, it’s not the way you walk.”

“Well what is it?” I playfully demanded.

They talked among themselves for quite some time. Then they became very somber. One of them spoke up. “It is your face,” she said through the translator.

“My face? What is so different about my face?”

They talked among themselves, nodding slowly. The teacher looked at me for a moment and then said softly, “You have hope.”

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Inner-city Denver is a scary place. Gangs, drive-by shootings, drugs... it’s all there. It is even part of the lives of children. Kent Hutcherson, director of Colorado Uplift and father of a Bryan student, spent some time with me in several schools in the urban center. At an elementary school, we spoke to a group of boys and asked them about their families. They all had a relative in prison, which seemed to them to be no real tragedy. One boy described the brutal rape of a family member who subsequently died from the attack. His detailed description of the sexual assault was delivered with emotionless signs. He is 10 years old.

I asked the principal of the school what characterized the kids he saw everyday. He said nothing as we watched a group of fourth graders file past. “They have no hope,” he finally said, his eyes burning with tears. Denver is not different than Seattle or Dallas or Washington, D.C. Inner-city America breeds despair.

Losing Hope

At one time, accidents were the main cause of death for teenagers. Youth were active, fun-loving and often tragically reckless.

Now, suicide tops the list. Hopelessness is not only epidemic, it is endemic in our culture, a part of the very fiber of our postmodern society. You see it in the hollow humor of David Letterman, the shallow story lines of prime time television and in the meandering dark subjects of Hollywood films. It is the dominant theme of the growing array of angry young rock groups. Adults may not listen to Nine Inch Nails, Smashing Pumpkins, Alanis Morissette or Marilyn Manson, but our kids do. They hear Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails scream at his pre-teen and teen audiences: “Your God is dead, and no one cares. If there is a hell, many consider the hope of Christ to be a false hope, a fairy tale,” (Molly Yard) or a “childish dream” (Nietzsche). Those who believe that there is no meaning in life try to put a colorful shroud on their lifeless statues and proclaim that their disbelief is really “liberating” (Madalyn Murray O’Hair) or “ultimately... exhilarating” (Stephen J. Gould). They often viciously attack those who are humble and bold enough to point to Christ as the only hope for the world.

But take heart. Jesus told us, “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first” (John 15:18). Rather than anger, our response should be love, concern and even grief that they do not know the One who came to show us that there is hope. Let them rant and rave about religion in schools and managers on public property. Hope will still burn brightly; the truth will ultimately win.

In a recent issue of The Humanist, a publication dedicated to the destruction of religion, this letter appeared:

Dear Editor:

I do not wish to continue my subscription to The Humanist. During my subscription time, I couldn’t help but notice that Christianity and the Bible were targets of criticism by the magazine.

This negative attitude prompted me to investigate the subjects of criticism. I have now found the Lord and am a happy church member. Thank you for your help.

The Christmas season does not give a false hope but rather a glimpse into deep truths where one day hope becomes reality and faith becomes sight. So we must be ready, when people ask, to give an answer for the hope within us (1 Peter 3:15). They will ask, if they see it in our faces.

Finding Hope

Why is there such hopelessness in our blessed land of plenty? The apostle Paul has the pointed answer: they are “without hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). The connection between hope and God cannot be broken. At the horizontal level, life is hopeless; but when we look in the manger at Bethlehem, on the cross at Calvary and in the empty tomb nearby, we know that hope is alive.

For those who know Christ, He is our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), therefore we are to “rejoice in hope” (Rom. 12:12). Paul admonishes us that our hope in Christ should keep us patiently enduring: “For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” (Rom. 8:24-25). In today’s world, hope is the distinguishing feature of the Christian.

The hope of heaven and eternal bliss with God is not pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die dreams. It is this hope that motivates us in the present. C.S. Lewis said, “Hope is one of the theological virtues. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither.”

Attacking Hope

Many consider the hope of Christ to be a false hope, a fairy tale,” (Molly Yard) or a “childish dream” (Nietzsche). Those who believe that there is no meaning in life try to put a colorful shroud on their lifeless statues and proclaim that their disbelief is really “liberating” (Madalyn Murray O’Hair) or “ultimately... exhilarating” (Stephen J. Gould). They often viciously attack those who are humble and bold enough to point to Christ as the only hope for the world.
Magnussen out of sports, into 'business' ministry

For 13 years, Neil Magnussen introduced college athletes to the news media and the public. Today he's helping introduce businessmen to Jesus Christ.

Neil, a member of the Class of 1977, moved from his position of sports information director at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to become associate editor for the Christian Business Men's Committee in 1995. At CBMC he edits the organization's newsletter, CB, and handles advertising and helps write articles for Contact, CBMC's quarterly magazine.

Until he left the university, athletics had always been a major part of Neil's life. He came to Bryan as a soccer player and played on two NCAA national championship teams ('75 and '76) and helped coach a third.

When he graduated from Bryan, after a 2 1/2-year tour as a production line employee at Dayton's La-Z-Boy chair plant, he began coaching soccer at UTC in 1980, moved into the sports information area part-time in 1982 and took over full-time in 1984.

"Athletics always seems to be an underlying current in my life," he said. "For some people it ends when they leave college; for me it didn't. Even though I'm at CBMC and not involved in athletics, my kids are involved."

Neil credits his freshman advisor, Dr. Robert Spoede, with a comment which encouraged him to earn his degree in psychology and successfully complete his college career. "There is no doubt the Lord's hand was in getting me to Bryan," he said. "I wasn't a great student, but I worked hard sometimes. Dr. Spoede told me to take easy courses and have a good time because he didn't think I would be there more than a year. That really motivated me." Staying in school meant more than simply earning his degree. In his junior year he and Judy Welch, '79, began dating and, in 1978, they were married.

After he graduated in 1977 he worked for Walter Seera as an admissions counselor for a year, then went to La-Z-Boy. "After four years of college, I really didn't know people in Rhea County," he said. "At La-Z-Boy I got to know people that live in Rhea County and established a wide variety of people. Bryan can't help but be significant." During the same time, Neil worked as a soccer referee in Chattanooga, occasionally calling games with a man who was a friend of the athletic director at UTC. This contact eventually led to his being hired to coach the new UTC soccer team part-time, and going to work for his friend part-time at a company in Rossville, Ga.

When his friend left the company, Neil eventually lost his job, but immediately was hired to serve as administrative assistant to the UTC athletic director. After daughter Candace was born he began to realize that coaching involved too much strain on his family life, so in 1984 he asked to be relieved of his coaching responsibilities. In 1984 he moved into the sports information directorship full-time.

"I loved the job," he said. "But with a growing family and the time demand of the job, from August through the first of April, I just wasn't home. In August I would be at work by 6 a.m. and not get home until after 9 p.m. with two-a-day football practice. As soon as football season was over, I jumped into basketball. And when basketball ended in March I jumped into spring football. Things didn't slow down until mid-April."

Being around athletes and coaches was something he loved, so the demands of the job were not a burden. And the Chattanooga area's support of UTC athletics was another exciting aspect of his work. "This community is unique in that the media pays so much attention to UTC. I've never seen a school the size of UTC (8,300 students) get the media attention UTC does. It was fun for me, not a job."

But the job was taking its toll at home. "The family was getting in the way of my job, and I mean to say it like that," he recalled. "Judy had been praying the Lord would open another door." "I went to PromiseKeepers in Indianapolis in the summer of 1994. Gary Smalley spoke, and I came away feeling I had a pretty good grip on being a dad and husband. But one thing bothered me -- the amount of time I had with my family."

"Andrew was born Aug. 10, 1988, and I regret to say that for the first nine months of his life I remember very little of Andrew. I think that's why he's really special to me. After PromiseKeepers, I started thinking about my time at home. The kids were playing soccer and baseball, but I wasn't able to see them play. It started to eat at me; I didn't want that for my children."

For a number of years Neil had attended a Bible study with Al Page, late chairman of the Bryan College Board of Trustees and director of U.S. administration for CBMC, and had gotten to know Bob Tamasy, editor of CBMC's publications. After attending PromiseKeepers, Neil and Bob had lunch one day, and Bob said he had gotten approval to hire an assistant. "I said, 'That's great. That will take a load off you. Hope you find someone,' Neil recalls.

That September, Bob asked Neil if he would consider leaving UTC to take the job at CBMC. "I said I might."

With Judy's encouragement Neil pursued the offer and, that fall, committed to make the move. "I told Bob I would not leave UTC until after basketball season. It wasn't because of the season but because I didn't want the unbelievers I had witnessed to thinking a Christian organization took me away and left them in a difficult situation. I also told him I wanted to take a month off between jobs. He said, 'OK.'"

In March 1995 the UTC Mocs won the Southern Conference basketball tournament -- "that was a nice way to go out" -- then took on the University of Connecticut in the NCAA tournament. "It was over early for UTC, but even that was hectic because Connecticut had a huge media following, so we had calls from all over."

After a month-long vacation, he moved into his office at CBMC headquarters in Chattanooga. When he resigned from UTC, he was interviewed for the Moody Radio program "Sports Spectrum," and the program was aired about the time he started at CBMC.

"A week after I started, a sportswriter from Birmingham, Ala., called and said he heard the interview while he was driving. He said he just wanted me to know that he stopped the car and gave his life to Jesus. That was pretty neat confirmation that I had done the right thing."

While he has gotten out of the day-to-day business of athletics, his new job has given him time to see his children play -- he even coached Candace's soccer team and helped coach daughter Carrie's softball team. "I didn't miss a game," he said proudly.

Neil's psychology major may not seem like the typical preparation for a career as a sports information director or editor, but he says it was ideal for learning to deal with a wide variety of people.

"I know it sounds like the party line, but it's true. The broad-based education at Bryan is incredibly valuable. I'd love for my children to go to Bryan."

Educationally, the school was important, and it remains important in other ways too. "Judy and I met at Bryan. We started dating in January 1975, and every third Tuesday of January we go to Bryan, eat dinner in the cafeteria and go for a walk by the river, as so many couples have done.

"It was four years of my life when I met my wife, made friends. Bryan can't help but be significant."
Small Christian colleges offer more than simply education

A small Christian college offers something other institutions can’t, youth speaker Dawson McAllister told a Caravan chapel audience in November.

“A lot of places can teach you how to make a living,” he said. “You are looking for a place to teach you how to live.

“I’m so glad God is involved in a choice of what school to attend. I believe the first most important decision you can make is what you do with Jesus Christ. The second most important is who you marry. Ranking in the top five most important decisions is where you go to college. It will change your life.”

Mr. McAllister, host of a nationally syndicated weekly radio program for youth, said attending Bethel College in Minnesota gave him opportunities to discover and practice the gifts he has used throughout his ministry.

More importantly, “at Bethel College, God helped me find God. When I went off to college, I was not on fire for Christ. I’m glad God loved me despite that.”

A college like Bryan or Bethel gives students the advantage of getting to know their professors personally. “Here they tell me there is one professor for every 14 students. Bug the professors. Go to the professors and say, ‘I’m here to learn what I can in class. But will you disciple me?’”

The lessons learned outside of class can be longer-lasting than the material taught. He said his speech professor told him, “You have potential.” When the professor said that, he had no idea he would be a speaker professionally. “I don’t remember what I learned in his class; I remember he believed in me.

“Find a place where you can get strong relationships, not only with your roommate, but with the professors. And parents, check out the professors as best you can. The power of a professor is awesome.”

A college like Bryan gives young people an opportunity to make the faith of their parents their own. “My prayer is that you will make a decision, led by God, where to go. For some of you, your place is a secular college where you can get involved with InterVarsity or Campus Crusade and be a witness for Him. Others of you could go there and they would have you for lunch.

“Some of you need to be here, on fire for God.”

Mark Cruver, assistant director of admissions, said he and the admissions staff are “extremely pleased with Caravan, the attendance, the response from the visitors. Some of the people were here for the first time. Some said they were testing to see if Bryan was all they had heard it was — and it was. That was encouraging.”

Comments from Caravan guests, solicited on surveys taken as the weekend concluded, ranged from “We felt very welcomed,” to “I was really impressed with the overall attitude of the student body.”

And one respondent said what impressed him was “the approachability of the staff, all the way to the president.”

With 159 students, plus almost that many parents and youth leaders on campus for the November Caravan, Mr. Cruver said Admissions personnel are studying ways to accommodate an increasing interest in Bryan.

“We’re looking at special visit days, such as Veterans Day, when high school students are off school, to absorb the numbers of visitors we are seeing. These days would have a different schedule and format than Caravan, but would give the prospective students the same close look at the college.”

Caravan speaker Dawson McAllister, left, greets students following his presentation to a Caravan chapel in November. He urged students to consider a Christian college because “a lot of places can teach you how to make a living. You are looking for a place to teach you how to live.”

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

The Summit
At Bryan College
July 20-August 1

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Remember!

Alumni Weekend
July 11-12, 1997

Homecoming
Oct. 3-4, 1997
Nineteen students were named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for future success. Those honored include, from left, front, Pamela Brown, Jennifer Wilson, Melissa Carson, Brooke Shepherd, Yuri Wakabayashi, Kathleen Hicks, Dawn Sullivan and Christine Tilly. Back are Jeanna Broome, Heather Brasher, Caroline Day, John Stonestreet, Matt Vander Wall, Genei Keja, Christine Day and Rebekah Batchelder. Not pictured are Renae Marcus, Sarah Beth Nordmoe and Daniel Walters.

Honorary Alumni recognized during Homecoming festivities are pictured with outgoing Alumni Association President Allen Jewett, center. From left are Dorothy and John Bruehl, parents of Business professor Dr. Jeff Bruehl and grandparents of student Julia Bruehl; and Erwin "Lat" Latimer and Lane Latimer. Mr. Bruehl, from Normal, Ill., and Mr. Latimer, from Chattanooga, Tenn., are trustees of the college.

Susie Warren, right, a sophomore from Chattanooga, Tenn., was crowned Miss Hamilton County this fall. Susie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warren, is a psychology major at Bryan where she is active in Chorale, Vision and is a BEM teacher. She will represent Hamilton County in the Miss Tennessee pageant in June 1997. But state pageants are nothing new for her, as Susie was Tennessee's Junior Miss when she entered Bryan. Susie is pictured with Jenni Stephens, the reigning Miss Tennessee, who participated in the Hamilton County pageant.

New officers of the Bryan College Alumni Association include, from left, Dr. Jeff Bruehl, '76, treasurer; President-elect Steve Stewart, '85; Immediate Past President Allen Jewett, '52; President Bud Schatz, '56; Secretary Joy Steele, '75; Vice President Phil Ashworth, '66; Cindy Freuler, committee on elections, '90; and Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, '55x.

High points of Bryan College soccer history have to include the three-year run of NCCAA national championships from 1975 to 1977. Members of those squads were recognized during Homecoming, including those who were on campus for the event, from left, Tim Faugl, '76; Assistant Coach Bob Andrews, '67; Coach John Reeser; Randy Ballard, '76; Assistant Coach Larry Jacobsen, '73; John Shalanko, '77; and Rocky Dacosta, '80.
Sports

Soccer Lions beat Covenant, win NAIA District title

Two victories over Covenant, a trip to the NAIA Regional tournament and a 15-3-1 record add up to one of the most exciting Bryan College soccer seasons in recent years.

Although the Lions lost their regional match, Coach Sandy Zensen said his team has no reason to be ashamed. "To drop a game to the defending national champions is no shame," he said. "And Lindsey-Wilson won it all again this year. That's not a low note to end the season.

An experienced squad and hard work made the difference this year, Coach Zensen said.

This team has been building for the last three or four years. They've been coming along each year, getting better and stronger. It culminated in a solid performance this year."

"And I can't overemphasize the contribution Claudio Arias made, coming back after his broken leg a year ago. His skill, experience and enthusiasm was a definite spark for this team.

"We'll attempt to repeat next year. That's always difficult. Recruiting will play a big part. Getting the quality of student-athletes we need to keep us at this level will be a factor in our future success."

Recruiting will be critical, as the entire inside midfield will be lost to graduation. Claudio and Felipe Arias and Matt Davies, who have anchored the midfield, will be gone, and the status of two offensive players also is in doubt. Seniors Genci Keja and Gabe Himmelwright may graduate, although they both have another year of eligibility.

"I'm already recruiting a number of players including several international and transfer students" to keep the program on its high level, Dr. Zensen said.

Players making significant contributions this year included John Gosse, a sophomore sweeper, and Paul Gordon, sophomore marking back, both of whom were named to the second team All-TVAC squad and first team All District NCCAA.

Abe Hadzic, a freshman goalkeeper allowed only seven goals in the 12 games he played. "He is the first player since Dave Wilson in the late 80's to be named to the NAIA All Mid-South Region Team. He was first team All American NCCAA, and rightly deserved," the coach said.

Jeremy Davidson, a junior, "was our second-highest scorer, and that's outstanding because he is a midfielder," Dr. Zensen said. "He came up with some big goals over the course of the season, including the first goal in the TVAC championship game, in overtime. He is a second team All TVAC and First Team NCCAA All American."

Genci Keja was our leading scorer with 19 goals. He had the winning goal, at 14 minutes into the third overtime against Bluefield in the TVAC championship.

Gabe Himmelwright was the offensive playmaker, and has been nominated by several coaches as TVAC player of the year. He was first team All-TVAC.

In addition, Dr. Zensen singled out freshmen Brandon Boozer, Seth Jensen and James Hutcherson for their development as players this year and their potential for making significant contributions in the coming seasons.

And, it didn't hurt his feelings, either, that he was named NCCAA District 2 Coach of the Year.

Unity, focus, good health central to Lady Lions' rebound

Unity, focus and good health are crucial to the success of the 1996-97 Lady Lions basketball team, Coach Camille Ratledge believes as her charges tip off their season.

"The difference this year is experience combined with unity," Coach Ratledge said. "We also understand that the reason we're out there is not just for a game, but so God can use us."

Emily Mayo, the lone senior on the squad, will set the pace for the team, the coach said. "We're going to be depending on her leadership physically and spiritually," she said.

And the four juniors -- Sonya Martinez, Shauna Murrey, Andrea Moore and Loranda Siler -- "mesh together well. They will be a big help since they've been playing together since they were freshmen."

Coming off a 7-19 record in the 1995-96 season, Coach Ratledge expects her team to improve this year. "I see no reason we can't finish on top of our conference. Tennessee Wesleyan and Alice Lloyd will be tough this year, but games with the rest of the teams in the conference could go either way. And I believe we can compete with Tennessee Wesleyan and Alice Lloyd," she said.

Members of the Lady Lions' basketball team include, from left, Andrea Moore, Sonya Martinez, Cara Dunaley, Sarah Anne Strickland, Tiffany Roberts, Emily Mayo, Shauna Murrey, Julie Holbrook, Nikki Burnette, Jenny Mathis, Loranda Siler, Crystalle Cable and Jill Reeves. Not pictured is Ronda Bruce.

"This is the most talented team I've had at Bryan, but staying healthy will be a key to our success." Junior college transfer Loranda Siler, from South Pittsburg, Tenn., has been slowed by a back injury, and Tiffany Roberts, a freshman from Spring City, Tenn., also has been struggling with illness.

"If we can keep everybody well, I think we can have a real impact in the conference," she said.
Follow the Lions this season!

Lady Lions Basketball 1996-97 Schedule

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Bryan Life, Winter 1996

Injuries hobble Lions as season opens

“I’m disappointed but not broken.”

That’s how men’s basketball Coach Morris Michalski summed up his team’s performance as the 1996-97 season got under way.

The Lions took a 1-10 record into the Christmas break, as a series of untimely injuries felled several key players.

Among the walking wounded were center Brian Anderson, who was recuperating from summer back surgery; sophomore Randy Evans, who had an appendectomy in October, and junior transfer and leading scorer Chris Mayberry, who had a severe ankle injury in the second game.

Then add a twice-broken nose for forward David Lee and Jim Arnold’s absence until January when the transfer student becomes eligible and the manpower situation became critical.

“On top of that, the coach said, “we played Temple, Lee, Covenant and Western Carolina on the road to open the season. But the schedule will be just the conference in January, and we ought to be competitive there.”

The Lions are continuing to rebuild from last season’s 7-26 record, which followed the ‘94-’95 team’s appearance in the NCCAA national tournament and national ranking in the NAIA. “But we have nine new players this year, and only five players from last year, all less-experienced, so we’re still rebuilding,” the coach said.

“When we’re healthy and we get a couple of our big players back, I hope for improvement.”

“The seniors are providing leadership, character and spiritual depth to the team, but the big plays, the terrific stops on defense, the rebounds...the younger players are carrying the load.”

He said freshmen Reid Daniels and Eric Zensen have been particularly impressive in the early going. “Reid is a super kid who will have a good career. He had a 23-9 point night against Western Carolina, an NCAA Division I school, and he did it on nine shots. And Eric has been a real pleasant surprise. I knew he was good, but I didn’t know he would be this good this soon.”

He had special praise for captains John Stonestreet, Matt Bostic and Tim Lien. “They are every kind of good example on campus. They are the best captains in the TVAC.”

“We have the best managers in the TVAC, the best fans and the best school in the TVAC. Now our goal must be to have the best team in TVAC.”

3 volleyball players earn honors; Beck optimistic about coming season

Coach Jerri Beck believes her Lady Lions’ second-place finish in the NCCAA district tournament is an indication of good things to come.

Her team finished with a 10-18 record, but improved toward the end of the season, plus the promise of most of her team returning make her optimistic.

“Overall we had a good year,” she said. We were a young team -- eight freshmen, three sophomores and one senior -- and we grew in a lot of ways. The girls did a good job making the best of things. I’m proud of all of them. They put a lot of heart into the season.”

The girls’ intensity and ability to adapt to new situations and plans were bright spots in a difficult year. “We did a lot of changing this season, totally changed things around in mid-season,” Coach Beck said. “We saw the beginning of making that work toward the end of the year, and we’ll keep working on that next year.”

She expects all but senior Renae Marcus to return, but Renae’s loss to graduation will create its own “hole” in the lineup. “Renae took a step up this season that we needed as far as leadership on the court. Her skills took a huge step up. This was by far her best year. I’m proud of her for that. Next year we’ll need people to step up as leaders,” the coach said.

Renae’s skills were recognized by other coaches as well -- she was named to the NCCAA All-District team, along with sophomore Amy Lien. Renae also was recognized as a Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference, NCCAA District and All-American scholar-athlete.

Other honors went to Amy Lien and Cheri Stone, who were named NCCAA District All-Tournament players.

Coach Beck praised Amy for her ability to move to a new position this year to allow the team to tap into her strengths. Cheri, she said, showed significant improvement in passing, setting and service return. Tina Johnson “is a consistent hustler and sacrificed for the game.”

And with the combination of the strong group of sophomores and the freshmen who have a year of experience under their belts, she believes next year holds a lot of promise for the Lions.

Follow the Lions this season!

Lady Lions Basketball 1996-97 Schedule

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Children look forward to their weekly meetings with BEM teachers throughout the year

BEM teachers reach 1,800 children weekly
Melissa Carson, a senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., is the BEM president. Mr. Ricketts said, "Melissa loves to teach, and she is certainly gifted in teaching and organization. Her heart aches at the thought of all those kids not getting to hear God's word, so she spends countless hours making sure everything is ready."

PCI’s largest outreach is through BEM, with some 120 students involved, reaching about 1,800 children each week. But individuals -- not numbers -- are the motivating force as Bryan students try to show the love of God through their lessons.

Melissa Carson, BEM president, learned the needs of the children during her three years as a teacher. "The kids have been a real motivation to me," she said. "You see a lot of children who never hear about Jesus anywhere else. They tell you about their home life -- some situations are terrible. They need your love. It's exciting to be able to give them that love."

As important as loving the children is, it is also important that they be taught, and that’s where much of the administrative work for the BCM staff comes in. Each week teachers must turn in lesson plans, which are reviewed by BEM Vice Presidents Johanna Gelatt or Jessica Ritlerbush. "We require the lesson plans to make sure we know what the teachers are teaching and to keep them accountable," Melissa explained. The seven team captains, one per grade level, also observe a different group each week to offer suggestions and help if the teachers need assistance.

Melissa said the BEM leadership is not so much concerned with teaching skills as with having a heart for the children. "A good teacher is someone who has a vision, even if they can’t see the results; someone who knows God is going to use what they do. If they have a heart for children, they will show the Lord in their efforts."

Tutoring emphasizes academic growth
Laurie Blanton, a sophomore missionary kid from Pakistan, is Tutoring president. Mr. Ricketts said, "Laurie is a godly young lady who lives her life as if she has an audience of One."

PCI’s smallest ministry has two major challenges -- to help grade-school students improve academically and to help them see the love of Christ through their tutors. "We concentrate on one-on-one work with students, mostly elementary students, who are referred by teachers or parents," Tutoring President Laurie Blanton explained. "Tutors meet with their students once or twice a week for an hour at a time.

Referrals come from parents, teachers or even the Rhea County Juvenile Court. "One eighth grade girl was referred by the court," Laurie said. "Her mother works, so she didn’t know her daughter just quit going to school until she missed a lot of days. She’s been tough."

Others aren’t so tough -- just the usual academic challenges of a child having difficulty with reading or math or another subject. "Most of the kids we get are pretty intelligent but just need some one-on-one atten-

Backyard Missions: Working toward sharing Christ in Rhea County
Joy Woodcock, a junior from Waynesville, N.C., and Don Hixon, a sophomore from Renfrew, Penn., are Backyard Missions co-presidents. Mr. Ricketts says they are perfect complements of the spiritual and physical aspects of ministry as they plan work and share God’s love.

Backyard Missions, the newest PCI ministry, is designed to touch people where they live -- in their homes. "This is an evangelism ministry," Backyard Missions Co-President Joy Woodcock said. "We want to show people the love of Jesus, and tell them about Him when the opportunity presents itself."

To create these opportunities, members of Backyard Missions volunteer to work at homes throughout Rhea County for people who have physical needs but limited resources. "We do yard work, little repair jobs, we've painted a house," Joy explained. "Backyard Missions grew out of a desire on the part of Scott Hill, a 1996 graduate, to reach out to the community. "He thought this would be a way to get to know people, by offering to help," Joy explained. "The first year there were four of us who tried to get things started."

They contacted local social service agencies and arranged for a few projects the first two years. "This year we got in touch with the county executive, and he has tons of things for us to do. It’s an exciting connection there. He’s glad to see what we’re doing.

"He said the people in the community have the idea that people at Bryan stay on Bryan Hill. He said he’s glad to see students involved with the community."

In addition to lining up worksites, County Executive Billy Ray Patton has helped secure supplies for some of the projects, including paint for the house-painting from Dayton Paint and Glass. The Dayton Wal-Mart store also has provided supplies for the ministry, Joy said.

(Please see Tutoring, Page 9)
Students and their little PALS form strong relationships.

PALS: Providing stability for children

Tina Godsmark, a junior from Knoxville, Tenn., is PALS president. "Tina has an amazing heart," Mr. Ricketts said. "I've never heard her give up, even when circumstances would make me want to tear out my hair."

A sense of stability, commitment and love are things which children can expect from their Bryan College PALS.

Becoming a PAL is a more involved process than for other PCI ministries. There is a formal application and a psychological test the student must take before being accepted. Then they are matched with a child between the ages of 6 and 12 to begin a relationship which is designed to last as long as the Bryan student remains a part of the program.

"If a freshman comes in and gets involved, he can have the same little PAL all four years," Tina said. "A lot of students keep contact with their little PAL over the summer, and some students, after they graduate, keep up with the kids as long as they're in the program."

How that relationship develops depends on the interests of the PALS.

"Students do a lot of different things with their PALS, like bringing them to the college for a meal, going to the park or playing ball," Tina said. "Some take their PALS to church or to ball games here."

Because the children typically come from disadvantaged or single-parent homes, they can form strong attachments with their big PALS. "The reaction of the children depends on the home life," Tina explained. "Some of them look at their PALS almost as a parent, because we are sometimes the one stable factor in their lives."

Tutoring

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"This is more academic than PALS," she said. "The parents and teachers want to see academic improvement. The kids like their tutors and like them to come see them. They get a lot of attention they don't get otherwise."

And it's the prayer of those in the Tutoring ministry that that attention will point their students to the Great Teacher, Jesus.

SAM says 'thanks' to seniors

Dimitri Bogachev, a junior from St. Petersburg, Russia, is president of Senior Adult Ministry. Travis Ricketts said Dimitri "has a heart for the elderly. He is very organized, very good for that ministry."

Sharing God's love and maybe even standing in for absent family members are two of the roles members of the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) team play in their weekly visits with some of Rhea County's senior citizens.

Dimitri Bogachev, SAM president, sees both aspects of the ministry as a way to respect and pay tribute to the generation which made his generation possible.

"We all have grandparents or elderly parents. We have to pay tribute to what they have done, especially when we see so many lonely people dropped at nursing homes by family members."

Six groups, totalling 30 students, visit two nursing homes, two assisted living homes (owned by Bryan alumni David, '80, and Mary (Barrett), '81, Zophi) and a community senior citizen center each week, conducting Bible studies, singing, playing games and just talking with residents.

"It's a very rewarding ministry," Dimitri said. "On the surface it is not very glamorous; we deal with a lot of pain and illness. It's hard to explain the excitement because of the stereotype most people have of old people."

"You minister to those people, and there's a lot of feedback. It may not be very articulate, but seeing people smile, or hearing them say they very much appreciate what we do means a lot."

This year the Senior Adult Ministry team is seeking ways to involve the seniors in activities at the college. In November, college students made Christmas cards to send to residents in Rhea County nursing homes. In December a number of seniors were invited to the college's Christmas concerts.

In February, the SAM and PALS will host a Valentine's Day party at the Rhea County Nursing Home. This will give senior citizens an opportunity to spend time with college students as well as children participating in the PALS big brother-big sister-type ministry.

"We're also trying to reach senior adults in the community outside nursing homes," Dimitri said. "We give Backyard Missions information for some of their projects based on our contacts."

As they impact the lives of seniors, members of SAM hope to enlist more students in their efforts. "Our goal for next year is to add another nursing home," Dimitri said.

Making spring break count

Kristie Mattsson, a junior from Oviedo, Fla., and Brad Fox, a junior from Knoxville, Tenn., are co-presidents for Break for Change. Mr. Ricketts said, "Kristie is overflowing with the joy of the Lord. As I've watched her and Brad planning this year's trips, I've seen she truly trusts Him. Brad has a heart for missions and is willing to make sacrifices to serve God."

What do inner-city Chicago, rural Southwest Virginia, Eleuthera and Haiti have in common? For some 65 Bryan students, they represent cross-cultural missions opportunities and are the targets of Break for Change.

"We see Break for Change as an opportunity to change the world of others, and, in the process, to put ourselves in the position to be changed by God," said Kristie Mattsson, co-president of the ministry. "We hope Break for Change will help break down stereotypes about cultures we are not familiar with, and provide exposure to parts of the world we're not familiar with."

Break for Change (BFC) happens each year during Bryan's Spring Break. This school year's dates are Feb. 28 to March 8, 1997.

Kristie said BFC team members see their ministry as part of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission. "We want to give students an opportunity to participate in the Great Commission during the spring break count."

(See BFC, Page 16)
Alumni Director takes work team trip to Brazil

During November and December I served on a missions work team in Brasilia, Brazil. Eighteen of us flew from Atlanta on Nov. 23 and returned on Dec. 8 after two weeks doing construction work for the national organization which will be taking over for the Wycliffe Bible Translators organization training translators who will work with indigenous peoples both in Brazil and other countries.

We prepared the dormitory and classroom buildings for 32 students who will begin studies there on Jan. 6, 1997.

We also built a 10,000-liter water storage tank. During my first week in Brazil I received notice that I became a grandfather again. Janet (Ardelean) Schmidt, '81, and husband, David, adopted a daughter, Macy Jane, born on Nov. 24.

From the Alumni Director

Paul Ardelean

25. Documentation is complete and they are all at home in Houston, Texas.

As Alumni Director I was able to interact with alumnum Dr. Wittlur Pickering, '56, who is President of a Bible school he has founded there in Brasilia. I also visited with Fred and Linda Niehoff, parents of alumni Heidi (Niehoff) Barkman, '89, and Eric, '91X. I also met a 15-year-old Brazilian girl who is a prospective student.

ALUMNI WEEKEND/HOMECOMING dates are important to remember. We had excellent gatherings at both last year and want to do even better this year to get as many as possible back on campus.

ALUMNI WEEKEND is July 11-12, 1997, and will honor the classes of '57, '67, '77 and '87. HOMECOMING dates are Oct. 3-4, 1997.

The Roseyssey

With Apologies to the Dactylic Hexameter of Homer's ODYSSEY Chiseled onto the Rosetta Stone by Herman Shakespeare Deciphered by R.M. Cornelius

Sing, O fair Muse, of the exploits of one who did travel the Gold Realms.

Leaving Peru and the land of her birth and then coming to Bryan--Lotus Land years she enjoyed although meeting the Cyclops of Harbrace.

Then to Chicago and Island of Moody, where King of the Air Waves Gave her a radio program in Spanish and added some teaching: Writing and English and yearbook advising and guest speaking widely.

Sailing with Circe at Northeastern studies in English Lit. Master's. Next to the Island of Trinity Son God for studies in Scripture. Serving as Trustee at Lotus Land College, she shared her deep wisdom.

Then to the Underworld land of dead writers and doctoral studies: Sirens of Rhetoric, Charybdis of Derrida, Scylla of Decon.

Sing we her courage and honest analysis, sparkling with humor. Ninety-six Honor of Outstanding Bryan Alumna we give to Rosalie deRossett: thinker incisive -- pragmatic and Christian.

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40's
Reunions
Class of '41
Oct. '96 (55 years)
Class of '47
May '97 (50 years)

CLYDE BROGAN, '44, was honored by his high school, Sebring McKinley High School, as one of five graduates to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, on June 22, 1996. Only 24 alumni have been thus honored. Clyd attended Dallas Theological Seminary after graduating from Bryan and received his Th.M. in 1947. He retired in 1985 and is involved in a writing ministry. EUGENE, '44, and ERNESTINE (HEALAN), 44, ROSENADU continue their missionary ministry from their home in Greenville, S.C. Their children helped celebrate Eugey's 75th birthday. Their work on a Sango translation for African students in Central African Republic (CAR) is assisted by JOHN DE ROSSET, JR., '67, an MK from CAR. Missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions have been able to continue the work that was disrupted by evacuation last spring because of civil unrest and rioting, but trained Africans cared for the work during the evacuation.

C. SUMNER WEMP, 45x, Dallas, Texas, shares the news of his recovery from a July 10th quadruple bypass heart surgery, which the doctor advised after an examination. The good news in addition to his recovery is that he had the opportunity to witness to the nurses, and six of them prayed to receive the Lord Jesus. Another nurse who attended him at home also responded to the Gospel message. By fall he was ready to resume two or three meetings a month. In the past three years he has mentored about 200 pastors, missionaries and evangelists either personally or by cassette tapes.

PAUL E. SMITH JR., '48X, began his 29th year as associate professor of Philosophy and Religion at Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary. He is also included in the Marquis Who's Who in America, 1997 Edition.

50's
Reunions
Class of '51
Oct. '96 (45 years)
Class of '56
July '96 (40 years)

BRUCE, '50, and NITA (BOOKAMER), '49X, BRICKEL, just celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in Winona Lake, Ind. During the past 13 years they have owned Furniture Factory Outlet, which they are in the process of selling so they can be fully retired. Nita has had eight surgeries in the last 18 months but has bounced back from each. They have three sons, one daughter and 11 grandchildren.

FRANCIS BRILL, '50, has moved to a nursing home, the Mother Hull Home, following a severe stroke. His address is 125 E. 23rd St., Kearney, Neb., 68847. His wife, Edith, is residing in Gibbon, Neb.

ERNE, '52, and LOIS (CARTWRIGHT), '54X, LEE have completed 40 years with Wycliffe and received forty-year pins from Director Freddy Boswell, a special song, "Earnest Lee, Lois Lee," to the tune "Earnestly, Tenderly, Jesus is Calling," and an anniversary cake. They continue their ministry in the Solomon Islands with Ernie teaching at the Kohimarama Bible Institute and Lois teaching in the women and directing sewing projects.

JOHN, '54, and Joyce (JOHNSON), '54, RATHBUN reminisce from their home in Mesquite, Texas, that it was 35 years ago in November that they set sail for Korea to begin their missionary career. In partial retirement, John is working part-time with TEAM, still speaking in church missions conferences, advising candidates and introducing pastors and churches to TEAM. Friends from Glen Ellyn Bible Church near Chicago, where John grew up, hosted a retirement gathering in their honor. Joyce is no longer teaching English at Dallas Baptist University, but has responded to a need from Korea to write radio scripts for an English program, "Our Daily Bread." Last August the Rathbun family had its first reunion with JOHNN MARK, '60, and DEBBIE (HENRY), '60, Rathbun from Fairbanks, Alaska, with Danielle and Joshua; JOEL, '82x, and Katrina RATHBUN, who hosted the event at their camp in Potosi, Mo.; Jim and Kimberly Rathbun with Hannah Joy at home from missionary service in Venezuela; and Joanne, a personal fitness trainer in Mesquite, Texas. John and Joyce visited Bryan College and Dayton when they attended the Grace Bible Church missions conference in November.

GEORGE, '55, and Norma HABERER are living in Cornelius, Ore., and ministering at the Community Baptist Church, which continues to grow and is seeking a new location. The Habererers made a trip to Panama City, Fla., to attend George's mother's funeral in July. They expected to visit their children and grandchildren in Alaska in August.

SEYMOUR, '56, and Lois, '56x, ASHLEY are working at the Wycliffe office in Dallas, Texas, checking the revised Tausug New Testament and proofreading in preparation for printing. Seymour also is setting up a committee to complete the Tausug Old Testament project using national translators from the Philippines.

MARLEEN BECK, '56, reports from the Ocana Bible Institute in Ocana, Colombia, where she serves with TEAM. All their students returned for the second semester in July after working in area churches, at a national youth camp, and in Bible translation during the time between semesters. The annual missions emphasis day sponsored by the OBI students in August was well-attended by area evangelicals.

JOY (LESLEY), '56, BOSTROM spent two weeks in Ecuador with Medical Missions, International in May. She worked in the pre- and post-op room at the hospital on the island of Misne. The following week was spent in Botoga, Colombia, visiting their oldest son, Mark, and his wife, Paula, who are proud parents of Andrea Ruth, born July 25. Mark and Paula are working on the Tatuayo dictionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

JIM, '56x, and Barbara PITTS spent the summer in the U.S., traveling 17,000 miles with meetings in 34 churches. The Bethel Regular Baptist Church in Great Falls, Va., provided a house for them to call home between trips. They were able to visit each of their four children and five grandchildren. Four of their young people from 'Children's Haven of Morocco arrived in the U.S. to enroll in colleges this fall.

LARRY, '57, and SHIRLEY (ARDELEAN), '56, FEHL have emphasized leadership development this year as they work from SIM's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. Last summer they had 60 adults and 30 children on campus every day for classes and a noon meal. Twenty-one long-term appointees were accepted to begin securing their prayer and support teams. In September Larry and other SIMers went to New York City to discuss how SIM can work with churches in that area to reach the growing ethnic population there. Their three daughters and spouses (all of whom are Bryan alumni) along with their children all spent time with their parents in the summer. (See the '80's for reports.)

CHARLES, '57, and Shirley MOORE attended and had a Wycliffe display at two banquetsin Marion and Fort Wayne, Ind., where MARILYN LASZLO, '59, spoke. Marilyn stayed with the Moores as did a new Wycliffe couple who were traveling with the banquet team. The Moores continue their involvement with MKs at Taylor University. Last fall they began their sixteenth year with Wycliffe, their thirteenth year at Taylor and their forty-first year of marriage.

JACK, '58, and Norma CANADY spent seven summer weeks traveling in six states and Canada to attend conferences, sponsored by Village Missions. The mission is serving 254 communities in the U.S. and 42 in Canada. Their children and grandchildren, except for one daughter's family, visited them in Dallas, Ore., last summer and were guests of Jack's 86-year-old mother at a restaurant dinner.

CARY PERDUE, '59, from the Sugar Grove Church of Goshen, Ind., spent two weeks ministering in Bulgaria. The first week he taught theology to nine pastors. He had prepared notes that were translated into Bulgarian so they could follow his interpreter more closely. Then he spent four days in southwest Bulgaria, where he preached to about 175 people, including many Gypsies, in a Baptist church. He taught basic Bible doctrines each evening to an average of 18 people.

MARILYN LASZLO, '59, marked 30 years with Wycliffe in August. Twenty of those years were in Hauna Village, Papua New Guinea. Her next decade is being launched with the writing of a new book with Ken Anderson to cover her entire ministry with Wycliffe. She was scheduled to return to Papua New Guinea in November, to visit until mid-December. At home in Valparaiso, Ind., she is helping her sisters care for their aged parents and aunt.

Keep in touch! Read Lion Tracks
Wayne Funderburg, '60, is an area director for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Upper Michigan, with his home in Quinnesec, Mich. After a week-long training program in June, he taught in a Bible school and held five-day clubs in July, and presented exhibits at county fairs in Northern Michigan in August.

Russell and Nancy (Goehringer) '60s, Ebersole were scheduled to leave their home in Shamong, N.J., in November for extensive travels. Russ had appointments in Thailand and Vietnam during the first two weeks of November and Nancy planned to join him in London to spend the last two weeks in Budapest, Hungary, to minister at the annual retreat of missionaries serving in central and eastern Europe under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Russ was also scheduled to preach in the Baptist Church in Oradea Romania, on Dec. 1, and to teach in Bible school on Dec. 3.

Loretta (Pemberton) Comstock, '62x, with home base in Sawyer, Mich., spent a busy summer with six vacation Bible schools in three states, a Child Evangelism Fellowship tent at a youth fair in Michigan, and preparations for a trip to Guatemala from October to December. In Guatemala, she taught in a Kid’s Camp and participated in the children’s Christmas parties.

Dan, '63x, and Shelley (Skinner), '62, Harrison have entered a new phase of family life since their youngest of four daughters graduated from college this year. Along with Dan, who is missions director for the Urbana conference in December, are two of their daughters who are involved in InterVarsity Missions, serving in leadership positions for the Urbana conference.

David, '65, and Ann (Kelly), '65, Lind had a good beginning to their school year at the Fortaleza Academy in Ceara, Brazil. They are expecting to relocate the Academy in the same city as soon as plans can be completed to secure a more modern facility in a growing area of the city.

Dick and Nita (Karges), '68, Papworth continue their ministry in Aloha, Ore., where Dick spends his full time with Radio Voice of Christ, which is a daily radio outreach to Iran and the Persian world. Nita is working for the fifth year as a substitute instructional assistant and volunteers a couple of hours a week at the career center at the high school where their daughter, Amy, attends.

Karen (Hogue) Hoffman, '68, and her two daughters spent three weeks in England and Scotland last July. It was a dream come true for Karen who is an English major and a children’s librarian. Her husband, Dick could not attend but he kept things on track at home. Their daughter, Joy, 19, is now a junior at Western Maryland College majoring in English.

Paul, '68, and Sandy Timblin are back in Germany beginning their sixth term after a four-month furlough. While in the U.S. they visited 24 of 27 supporting churches. In May they attended the graduation of their oldest son, Paul Robert, at Piedmont Bible College, and greeted their new granddaughter, Bethany, born to Paul and Laurel. In July they had a family reunion after attending Jennifer’s graduation from Cedarville College and Joel’s and Dana’s wedding in their home church in New Kensington, PA. They anticipated a new class this fall of 60 students at Brake Bible Institute when they returned to their home in Lemgo, Germany, where Paul is teaching an extra course on the doctrine of the church.

Chuck and Sally (Carlson), '69, Keller were scheduled to leave their home in Makinen, MN, in the care of their daughter, Maria, and her husband as the Kellers with three children fly to Cambodia for renewed ministry there. They plan to make their home in Ban Lung for two years under Wycliffe Bible Translators for the Brao Krong people. They plan to learn the language better, help produce and teach literacy books and stories, translate and publish more Scripture, teach some Brao people to translate and help the young church to make it their project, and to make a dictionary. They will be part of the team of World Concern, a Christian relief agency that is also interested in a literacy project.

Denzel, '69, and Carol (Lomas), '69, Maek plan to move to Wheatland, Wyo., in February when Denzel assumes the pastorate of Wheatland Bible Church. They have been in Hammond, Ind., at Bethel Bible Church for more than 12 years. They are beginning their search for housing in Wheatland.

70's

John and Joyce (Buce), '70x, Larrabee shared in testimony at the July Olympics in Atlanta, where more than 500 people expressed faith in Christ as Savior. They are continuing their meetings in preparation to return to Brazil to share in leadership training and church planting in the Amazon Basin as soon as their support is provided - hopefully by the end of 1996.

Phil, '71, and Judi Horton, are living in Nigeria where Phil is teaching Bible and science at the University of Jos. They would appreciate your prayers as they adjust to the different living experiences in Africa.

Jack, '71, and Esther, '72x, Lile have been in Mexico City since July 1995. They have been working with the Accelerated Reader program with their students. Jan was one of 12 winners in the U.S. and Canada, and the only winner from Tennessee. She has been teaching for 16 years, and has been recognized as an Accelerated Reader model classroom teacher. She was also selected as Teacher of the Year in 1981 and 1995.

Happy New Year

from your friends at

Bryan College
Joy Company, which stands for Jesus, Others and You. They do performances in nursing homes, inner-city work, banquets, retreats and Sunday night services. Bertha is still teaching special education at the largest vocational school in Ohio, the second largest in the U.S. She is also teaching karate at a local church. Their son is a Church of God minister in Rolla, Mo. Their new address is 2989 Rhoades Road, Farmersville, Ohio 45325.

David and Joy (Ebersole), '82x, McQuade welcomed a son, Matthew Dale, on Aug. 8 in Mentone, Ind. The couple lives in Nancy’s grandmother’s farm house, where Matthew was born just a few minutes after Joy’s mother, Nancy (Goehring) Ebersole, '69x, arrived from her home in New Jersey.

David and Joy (Ruth), '83, Skinner have been responsible under Operation Mobilization to follow up on 12 new recruits in Papua New Guinea who completed an intensive three-week orientation program. These young people will pursue training during the year before going on.

Bryan College Estate Planning Survey

Please take a few moments to complete this survey and mail it to us. Your responses will help us design seminars to better meet the needs of our Bryan College friends. When we receive your completed survey, we will send you a free copy of Your 1996 Personal Planning Guide, which contains tips on estate planning, taxes, investments, retirement and charitable gift planning.

1. Estate Planning Priorities Please indicate which three estate planning needs are most important to you and your family. Place 1 next to the item which indicates your most important need, 2 for your second most important need, and 3 for your third most important need.

- Distribute estate with minimal shrinkage
- Reduce capital gains taxes
- Maximize charitable gifts
- Increase current income/reduce income taxes
- Increase retirement income
- Safety of investments
- Provide for guardianship of minor children
- Grow of investments
- Choose healthcare options in case disability strikes
- Other

2. Seminar Convenience Preferences. Please mark 1 for your first choice and 2 for your second choice relating to your preference for the seminar for each of the five categories below.

- In attending an estate planning seminar, which of the following would you prefer?
  - one-on-one in your home
  - with a small group in a hotel/restaurant
  - with a small group in a home
  - in a church
  - at Bryan College

- What is the farthest you would be willing to travel to attend the seminar?
  - 0-10 miles
  - 11-20 miles
  - 21-50 miles

- What is your preference for meeting time?
  - weekday evening
  - weekend daytime

- How much time would you be willing to invest in attending the seminar?
  - 1 hour
  - 90 minutes
  - 2 hours
  - 3 hours

- When would you prefer the seminar to be held?
  - January-March 1997
  - April-May 1997
  - September-December 1997

(Please check the appropriate categories.)

- Gender: Male Female
- Age: 20-40 41-59 60-70 71 or older

- Legal documents you already have:
  - Will
  - Living Trust
  - Living Will
  - Durable Power of Attorney

- Last time you reviewed above documents:

Name
Address
City State Zip
Phone

Please clip and mail to:
Bryan College, Estate Planning Department, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321-7000
fax (423) 570-9956
to various fields in mid-1997. The Skinners rejoice in seeing the fruit of their ministry among their friends in PNG.

RAY, '83, and WENDY (FEHL), '84, KORDUS from Hickory, N.C., with their children Avery, 3; and Yvonne, 18 mos., enjoyed vacationing with the Fehl parents in a condo near Charleston, S.C. Joining them were GLENN, '86x, and CINDY (FEHL), '86x, PUZEF from Ashland, Ky., with their children Rachel, 4; and Hannah, 2.

TIMOTHY, '84, and ANITA (TUCKER), '91, HOSTETLER announce the birth of their son, Timothy John, on Sept. 17, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

MONIQUE (Pierce), '83, COCANOUGH, writes about her son, Robert, age 20 months, who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia on March 20 and chemotherapy was begun that night. After several bone marrow aspirations and chemo treatments, Robert was declared to be in clinical remission April 18. After additional treatment, another bone marrow test on Sept. 18 showed no leukemia cells. Chemotherapy is being continued on a reduced schedule and Robert is doing remarkably well. During this period his sister, Caitlin, 6, came down with chicken pox. Since Robert had no immune system at that point she could not live at home. Emotionally this was a difficult time. Things are going better now and they would appreciate your prayers as Robert progresses.

JEFF, '84, and Lisa RYAN announce the birth of their son, Connor William, on Sept. 17.

Nick and LORI (TREBING), '84, SENOFSKY joined a group of Christians from Jacksonville, Fla., to go to Almaty with East West Ministries on a short term missions trip in September. They were assisting a new Bible school graduate to contact people in Almaty with the hope of establishing a new church. Nick will also be using a video camera to promote the training division of the mission in Kazakhstan.

TITUS HANHAM, '85, working with Navigators in Magadan in far eastern Siberia, recently shared with his teammates and six Russian Christian friends in a visit to the farming community of Talon, a bus ride of four hours from their home. They spent five days meeting people in a village of about 900, holding public meetings to explain the Gospel with the aid of a video, and answering serious questions. There was great spiritual hunger for God and desire for Christian fellowship, since they have no church experience. Many in this village responded to the truth of God’s Word.

DAN, '86, and SONYA (KNECHT), '87, BICE announce the birth of their daughter, Raney Marie Knecht Bice, on Oct. 18. JOHN BRUNER, '86, his wife, Brena, and son, Grant, were visiting from California when Raney was born. They kept Zachary, 3, and Sophie, 19 months, busy while Sonya was at the hospital.

MARK, '86, and SHERRY (ROBINSON), '86, EGNER announce the birth of their daughter, Lecandra, on Sept. 16. Lecandra joins Kelsey, 9; Max, 2; and Nathan, 7.

Scott and NANN (COX), '87, MORRIS are in the Dallas area for a one-year foot and ankle fellowship at Baylor Hospital. After nine years of residency, the fellowship will complete Scott’s orthopaedic surgery training. They are enjoying the Bryan College influence in Texas. Pastor BILL BREWER, '75, is a Bryan graduate, as is neighbor JEFF RYAN, '84, Randy’s Sunday School teacher.

CINDY MURDOCK, '86, and many others. Scott and Nan also announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine. She joins Matt, 5; Randy, 4; and Rebecca, 2.


SCHAUN, '87, and DARLENE (MIDDLETON), '86, MYERS were unable to attend the Class of 1986 reunion in July but did send their greetings.

Jonathan David Wood

Tim and ELIZABETH (BRANSON), '87, WOOD announce the birth of their son, Jonathan David, on Aug. 14. Jonathan was born in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Mark and SHARI (METZGER), '88, ARNOLD announce the birth of their son, Noah Thomas, on Aug. 10. Noah joins Rebekah, 4, and Caleb, 2.

ANDY, '88, and KAY (POWELL), '88, BRUNER welcomed their fourth child, Jacob Cameron, to the family on Nov. 16, in Dayton, Tenn. Andy has been teaching linguistics at Bryan College and Kay has the class in phonetics. Andy will have two more courses second semester while Kay stays home to care for Jacob, along with Elizabeth, 7; Matthew, 5; and Michael, 2. They are established on E-mail at andybruner@juno.com if you wish to communicate with them.

DAN, '89, and ELIZABETH (BOOKOUT), '90, CAMPBELL announce the birth of their second child, Paige Michael, on Oct. 22 in Waynesboro, Va. Paige joins William, 2 1/2.

MICHAEL, '89, and Claudine DAVIS announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Emmanuel. Michael plays football for the Cologne Crocodiles in Germany.

JACQUELINE LEE, '89, had a busy fall term as she oversaw a staff of helpers running the childcare program for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Horsley Green, Buckinghamshire, England. She also participated in a missions trip to Africa and to challenge United Kingdom Christians nationwide as part of a three-member dance team.

90's Reunions
Class of '91
Oct. '96 (5 years)

Alumni who took part in Ingrid Krein Morris’ wedding include, from left, Gretchen Mann, '89; Beth Hornish, '91; June Crabtree, '91; the bride; Trish (Kinee) Ferrell, '90; Amy (Barth) Mgraff, '90; and Diana (Forbes) Hokcomb, '94.

Steve and INGRID (KREIN), '90, MORRIS, were married in Greenville, S.C., on Aug. 24. They are making their home in Lawrenceville, Ga. Steve works for the U.S. government. Many Bryan College alumni participated in and/or attended the ceremony.

Shawn and LAUREN BELL (HUDSON), '90, HARRISON announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Elisabeth, on June 8. The Harrisons have moved to Lombard, Ill., where Shawn has enrolled at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

KIM LEE, '91, is boarding moderator at the Marymount International School at Kingston-upon-Thames in Surrey, England. She spent the past summer in Calgary, Canada, where she has returned to UK, where she and Jacqueline can keep in touch more easily.

McKayla Elise Kinsey

Vern and JENNIFER (REYNOLDS), '91, KINSEY announce the birth of their daughter, McKayla Elise, on July 24.
PAUL, '92, and Terri WHISNANT are serving as missionaries with International Servants in Belize City, Belize, Central America. In September they had 60 young people come for camp for six days and five nights (with another 30 or 40 who came occasionally to the Bible teaching meetings). Terri took several teenage girls who went to visit other teenagers, and they led three to Jesus. In their monthly outreaches the Whisnants have been getting 70-80 young people from five different villages to come together once a month for five hours to play Bible games and hear about Jesus. Belize has its hazards getting 70-80 young people from five different villages to come together once a month for five hours to play Bible games and hear about Jesus. Belize has its hazards including many poisonous snakes, tarantulas, scorpions and even "pistol packers," one of whom shot at the Whisnant car as it passed through a crowd.

LELA (BAHRUTH), '93X, OSBORNE stopped by the Alumni Office in October with JENNIFER (REYNOLDS), '91, KINSEY and daughter McKayla Kinsey. Lela and GAINES, '92, are living in Tucker, Ga., where she works as a realtor with Century 21.

KOLLEEN SUSAN HOLEY, '93, and David Lamar Long were married Oct. 26 in Akron, Pa. They are living in Talmage, Pa., and Kolleen is faculty secretary at Lancaster Bible College, where David is studying for a degree in youth ministry. He also serves as youth director at Ebenezer E.C. Church in Brownstone, Pa.

KEVIN, '94, and TONIA (MCCLAFLIN), '94, NIEDERER, announce the birth of their son, Dakota Lee, on Oct. 14. He joins sister Victoria, 1 1/2.

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Chris and Chanin Gilman, Kendall and Daniel

CHRIS, '94, and CHANIN (ASHWORTH), '93, GILMAN announce the birth of their second child, Daniel Chase, on Oct. 17. He joins Kendall, who is 21 months old. Both sets of Daniel's grandparents are alumni: BARRY, '69, and NANCY (LEININGER), '68, and PHIL, '66, and KATIE (MCCROSKEY), '67, ASHWORTH, 'David', '95, and Vicki JOHNSTON announce the birth of their daughter, Bethany Elise, on Nov. 5. She joins Amanda, 3 1/2, and Faith, 1 1/2.

RICHARD LAMAR SMITH, '96X, and HILARY KILE DAVIS, '96, were married Nov. 16, in Columbus, Ga.

Heath and AMY JOYCE (CASTLEN), '97X, SMITH were married Sept. 7 at First Baptist Church in Dayton, Tenn.

with the lord

David, husband of VICKI (PAULSON) MONTBRIAND, '66, died in September 1996.

Come home to Bryan-- on the World Wide Web

Coming to your computer soon -- Bryan College's own site on the WorldWide Web.

Sometime after the first of the year, the college’s website will go on line, with an address still to be determined. But LAN Manager Tim Mooney said once the site is operating, anyone can go to any web browser and search for "Bryan" or "Bryan College" and find the new location.

We’ll publish the exact address once it is secured.

The new web site is just the latest step in Bryan’s commitment to computer technology. In 1984, Bryan’s library began cataloging books on-line. BryanNet, one of the first on-campus networks available to students, came along a few years later.

In 1993, the library began experimenting with on-line reference sources, then made the service available through BryanNet. Even though the college’s library may contain only 83,000 volumes, students have access to more than 20 million volumes through Internet connections.

Bryan's first homepage on the web was unveiled May 8. Alumna Debbie Durant, '79, designed the page, which was mounted on a website maintained by alumnus Paul Johnson, '93. This multimedia page generated 2,000 "hits" by Thanksgiving, and nearly 100 student inquiries were received over the Internet.

With the college’s own website, more information will be available, and more frequent updates will be possible, Mr. Mooney said. “A homepage makes information available; a website gives you administrative control of the page, and makes multiple pages available. For example, each department could have its own homepage on the Bryan site.”

Tom Shaw, dean of enrollment management, said the website should help many high school students who have never heard of Bryan consider Bryan as their college choice.

"Besides being able to navigate around the user-friendly pages and learning more about the college, they can also request information or apply for admission via e-mail," he said.

"The college admissions profession is increasingly more high tech, anticipating the influx of computer-educated high school students who know how to use the WorldWide Web for lots of things, including the search for a college or university.

"An Internet connection is critical. It's an important link to society, whether you're talking about alumni, professional colleagues, donors or prospective students."

Bryan President Dr. Bill Brown said the new site will give the college "access to literally millions of people, providing information about Bryan College. Having a site, a good site, is very important. We plan to keep it fresh."
Break

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year," she said. "A lot of students want to get involved in missions, but can’t afford it during the summer, for whatever reason. “We do it during the school year to give students practical involvement with missions, not just sending money.”

Teams are returning to Chicago and Eleuthera in the Bahamas this year, and making new journeys to Hillsville, Va., and the island nation of Haiti.

In Chicago, 20 students will be working with Jesus People USA, doing street evangelism, a work project and food distribution to the homeless.

The Eleuthera team of 10 students is planning to do Gospel programs in public schools, and may do some construction work.

Joy Ranch in Virginia is a home for children from distressed homes. Eighteen Bryan students will do repair and maintenance jobs and spend time with the children playing and leading worship services.

Students in Haiti will work with New Missions in food and clothing distribution and doing open-air and house-to-house evangelism.

Students are responsible to raise their own support, ranging from about $150 for the Stateside locations to some $800 for the overseas trips, but Kristie believes the mission is worth the cost.

“On every trip I’ve been on, God has taught me new things about myself from working with the team and with other people,” she said. “We go to minister, but God reverses the process and works on us. Everyone I know has come back different.”

It’s the same ministry as “Gimpers,” but His Hands President Jeremy Toliver said the PCI puppet team adopted its new name this year to better reflect the nature of the group.

With its new name comes a broader vision for outreach. “This is the first year we have tried to do something outside supporting BEM,” Jeremy said. “Recently we did a program for children’s church at a church in Dayton, and we had an opportunity in Chattanooga to do a presentation for some AWANA groups.”

But the primary focus remains support for BEM, helping teachers with their classes each week. Two teams of seven students each work toward this end.

“By songs, skits and the straight person interacting with both the puppets and the audience, we hit issues important to the particular audience,” he said.

Because the audience changes each week, His Hands members have only two regular skits to learn, although they have developed special programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and are planning an Easter show as well.

Jeremy said the only prerequisite for membership in His Hands is a desire to minister through puppets. “We have some training videos, and at the beginning of the year we had a couple from Chattanooga give us a training session,” he said. “It’s the attitude the students have toward the ministry that makes it work.”

High on Jeremy’s list of priorities is upgrading “everything” His Hands team members use. “This year Bryan Women’s Auxiliary gave us a grant to buy three new puppets, and we really appreciate that. But they are so expensive, and we need new sets too.

“And I’d like to have a third team which would minister to groups other than children,” he said.

His Hands captivates an audience with puppetry skills -- and the message.

It’s not too early to plan for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming ’97!

Alumni Weekend
July 11-12, 1997

Reunion Classes: ’57, ’67, ’77, ’87
Free rooms - Kids eat free
Call a classmate and meet at Bryan!

Homecoming ’97 - Oct. 3-4
Special features include:
3rd annual Alumni Choir
Alumni v. Varsity Volleyball
and Basketball

Homecoming soccer game
Alumnus of the Year presentation
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