Trustees give 'green light' to begin SLC construction

The trustees of Bryan College gave the "green light" to begin construction of the Student Life Center in mid-September as the Campaign for Bryan College had established a sufficient financial foundation for the project.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony held during Heritage Day services in March, a team of trustees and other volunteers continued to work aggressively to gain support of area businesses, foundations and individuals. College leadership earlier resolved that construction of the Student Life Center would begin only after the cost of student scholarships had been raised for the life of the three-year campaign.

"The central purpose we exist is to educate students," said President Dr. William E. Brown. "Although the new facility will be a wonderful tool for us to use in our educational ministry, we can now pursue building without compromising the financial support offered students who attend Bryan. We praise God for his provision and for the confidence we have that we can move into this new facility posthaste."

Construction equipment moved onto the campus to begin site preparation as workers completed removing trees from the area between the Triangle and Rudd Auditorium where the new building will be located.

Dr. Brown said that EMI Corporation, the general contractor, estimates the project is to be completed in 300 days, in time for the building to be ready for use when the 1998-99 school year begins.

"We are pushing ahead in faith with this project and the campus development plan," Dr. Brown said. "The trustees unanimously voted to begin construction."

Trustee Erwin D. "Lat" Latimer, co-chairman of The Campaign for Bryan College, said, "This is the largest project ever undertaken by Bryan College. It will have a real impact not only in Dayton but in all of Rhea County and the surrounding area.

"What thrills me so much is the unanimous participation by the faculty and staff in the campaign. This has given a real impetus to the growth of the school."

Vice President for College Advancement Thomas F. Kemner said, "Campaign officials and volunteers are continuing to receive support for The Campaign for Bryan College, which will fund the campus development plan, including a new student fitness center, renovations to the Administration Building and residence halls and expansion of the library.

"We are gratified at the response as we have presented the story of Bryan College to new friends and as we reminded our alumni and friends of the great work God is doing here," he said. "We solicit your prayers that God will bless in this effort so we can continue to improve the already high quality of education Bryan College offers its students."
Moscow Lights: Mir Christianity?

All the lights are on in the Moscow subway. On my first visit to Moscow in 1992, I was struck by the dreary darkness of the public transportation. Two out of every three lights were burned out. My Russian friends told me there was not enough time, money or interest to replace them. Moscow's subway cars reflected the dismal mood, even despair, of the Russian people after the fall of communism three years ago. On my travels to Moscow since then, the darkness never changed. Until now.

This summer, the Moscow metro stations and trains glittered with fresh cleaning and bright lights. Is this a signal that hope is returning to the slumbering giant?

Days of Hope; Years of Despair

The Russian enigma still remains. The early days of the Revolution promised the hope of an advanced society abundantly meeting the needs of each citizen. The ideals of Marx seized the imagination of a world emerging from the horrors of the First World War, the “War to End All Wars.” Lenin thrust himself upon a weary Russian people with the promise of political and economic stability. Socialism, he proclaimed, was inevitable. Russia was not behind the West but at the forefront of societal evolution. Many around the world believed him.

H.G. Wells wrote that when he met Lenin, he was impressed with his intellect, drive and dreams. “I believe,” Wells wrote later, “that through a vast sustained educational campaign the existing capitalist program can be civilised into a collectivist world system.”

But Lenin’s interpretation of Marx never materialized into the worldwide movement he expected. Capitalist societies did not evolve into socialist states as he predicted. Instead, communism flourished among impoverished countries which traded their prevailing totalitarian regime for a communist one.

And for Russia, Lenin’s dream of a collective utopia became an intolerable nightmare. Professor Stepyon Mominov of Russia’s Education University in Moscow notes that totalitarian regimes (which include Communist Russia, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Imperial Japan and scores of smaller and lesser-known dominions) have six major characteristics:

1. Ideological education in the schools to develop a “collective personality”
2. Controlled mass media which are used to manipulate the mind of the people
3. The suppression of creative intelligentsia, particularly writers
4. The isolation of the people from their historical foundations (“the past is bad, the present is all that is good”)
5. The isolation of the people from the rest of the world
6. The artificial cult of personality (The leader becomes “God”)

Those of us raised in the land of the free find these characteristics reprehensible. We are reminded again that representative democracy is a safeguard against totalitarianism.

Moving Forward: East or West?

So where is Russia now? The economic and political instability of Russia has caused many to worry that the country is ripe for another regime. Is Russia teetering on the brink of a return to communism?

Most in Russia laugh at the idea. The reversion to any form of totalitarianism is remote. They have thrown off the shackles of Marxism and the beginnings of democracy are taking root. Information technology no longer allows the people to be kept in the dark about the rest of the world. The economy is slowly making its way out the dark ages toward stability. The inflation rate in 1995 was over 200 per cent. Last year it was 22 per cent — still high but not monstrously unbearable.

The struggle now is not between democracy and communism, but between the nationalist thinkers and the internationalist thinkers. This is the “eternal disease” of Russia, says Professor Mominov.

The small dark cloud of Russia’s proposed anti-religion law is not a return to communism or oppression, but another “Russia vs. West” controversy. The flood of Christian missionaries, fringe cults and eastern religions into the spiritual vacuum created by 70 years of official atheism has caused most Russians to feel manipulated and patronized. The law, misguided perhaps, reflects a popular sentiment that foreign religions have no place in Russia. Free speech and worship are not freedoms easily mastered even in America after 200 years of practice.

The hope? The near future has no outstanding leaders, but a growing number of intellectuals are finding their way into elected office. Politics and government, once forbidden territory for the average Russian, are now becoming everybody’s business as the Russian people chart a course for the future.

In spite of reports to the contrary, interest in the spiritual dimension of life continues to grow. New churches are springing up and “God” is a respected topic of conversation among academics and political leaders.

Very Old, Very Young

Professor Mominov sees a greater hope, an historical one. “We are an old country. For more than 1,000 years we have survived. We possess the maturity that only suffering can bring.”

Russia may possess a long history, but not all agree that Russia is old. A Russian university president has another perspective. “Our country is very young,” he said. “We are less than 10 years old. We do not know what we will become, but we will never be what we were.”

What will Russia become? A novelty T-shirt selling well in Moscow has a likeness of Lenin outlined against the golden arches. The shirt, called “McLenin’s” sports the motto, “The Party’s Over!” on the back. Indeed, the party seems to be over. Front-page news discussions continue on whether Lenin’s body should be returned to St. Petersburg and buried or ritually burned. In protest, a small group of extremist followers of Lenin planted a bomb at the new monument honoring Peter the Great (most Muscovites, by the way, would rather have it blown up anyway).

But the genuine sentiment of the Russian people is seen in the number who come to view the preserved body of Lenin still on display in a mausoleum in Red Square. A few years ago, people stood in line for up to two hours to walk quickly by the remains of the founder of Russian communism. Now, there is no wait at his tomb. Interest has dwindled. Russia has moved on.

Some have likened Russia’s transitional pains to the difficulties encountered by the space station Mir. Since February, the 11-year-old space station has suffered serious problems, most caused by old software, antiquated equipment and out-of-date policies. A new infrastructure is needed if the aged station is going to continue to function.

For Russia to continue, a new infrastructure is needed; not just economic and social, but primarily spiritual. Atheistic Marxism has failed and the programming it provided for the Soviet regime must be replaced with truth. True freedom is found only in Christ (John 8:32), and as His message is spread, hope will become a commodity in Russian society.

The major Players in the future of Russia is God. National leadership is important, but “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directeth it like a watercourse wherever He pleaseth” (Prov. 21:1). The idea of God’s intervention, for so long relegated to the files of mystical theories, is still difficult to comprehend for many Russians. One university dean told me, “I do not believe in God, but God is our only hope” — a statement only understood in light of the historical and spiritual turmoil which has brought Russia to its present situation.

I spoke with a Russian student who just returned to Moscow after a five-year absence. “What changes do you notice?” I asked him.

“I see hope,” he replied quickly. “The people on the streets — they are smiling.”

Russia still has a long way to go. The future may be brighter than once thought — at least all the lights in the subway are on.

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Presidential Scholars

Damien Daspit is the Presidential Scholar in the Natural Science division. Damien, son of Eileen Daspit of New Orleans, La., is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, where he was active in the Bible and BETA clubs, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society, ran cross country and was president of the Young Republicans Club.

Thanks to his participating in advanced placement courses, he entered Bryan with 32 hours of college credit, and hopes to graduate in three years.

He learned about Bryan College from his youth pastor, who had been a student of Dr. Peter Held, vice president for student life, when Dr. Held was at Southeastern Bible College.

"I was looking for a college with a real strong spiritual emphasis and good academics, and those are hard to find," he said. "I knew Bryan offered more than academics - liberal arts from a biblical worldview."

At Bryan, Damien is a math and computer science major and is working in the computer department. "I'm helping with the network upgrade, and that's great experience," he said.

After graduation he plans to pursue a master's degree in computer science, then establish a business providing networking installations for companies or use his computer skills for missions.

Melissa Gann is the Presidential Scholar in music. Melissa, from Lawrenceville, Ga., is a graduate of Killian Hills Christian School where she was active in the honor society, orchestra, spring drama, choir, and was class secretary in ninth and 10th grades.

She learned of Bryan from her sister, Mischa, a 1997 graduate, but didn't plan on attending Bryan. "I applied to Bryan and one other school and applied for scholarships at both. But I asked God to open or close doors because I wanted to do what He wants," she said.

"I received the Presidential Scholarship and thought that was probably my open door. The day after I signed the paperwork I got a letter from the other school saying I had gotten a scholarship there too. I decided that was God's timing, that He wanted me here."

Melissa is interested participating in one of the Practical Christian Involvement ministries, particularly the Senior Adult Ministry. "My grandmother was in a nursing home, and I learned how important it is when people visit seniors there," she said.

After graduation she would like to teach piano in her own studio, or perform as a concert pianist.

Mitchell Hoskins is the Presidential Scholar in Business Administration. Mitch, from Cedar Springs, Mich., is the son of Mark and Joy Hoskins. He is a graduate of Cedar Springs High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, senior class treasurer, was a member of the wrestling team (which won the state championship his sophomore year) and played baseball for two years.

Mitch learned about Bryan from his uncle, a youth pastor in Trenton, Ga. "He told me Bryan is a very good school, challenging, and that I would enjoy it," he said. "I found out about the Presidential Scholarship about five days before the deadline, so I sat down and wrote the essay, then came down for the interview. I didn't know if I would be able to come financially, so it really helped."

The Presidential Scholarship interview weekend was held the same weekend as the district wrestling tournament, an event he passed up to compete for the scholarship. "I found out that one of the guys I would have wrestled finished third in the state - and I had beaten him during the season," he said.

Mitch chose to come to Bryan as much for the spiritual foundation he expects to receive as for the quality education.

"My first four years in school I was in a Christian school, then I was homeschooled a year and the rest of the time I was in public schools. "I wanted to go to a Christian college to grow spiritually, to get a good base before I go to work," he explained.

When he finishes college he is considering entering the banking and finance field or some type of business management.

Judi Toliver, daughter of Ralph and Marilyn Toliver who are missionaries to Peru, is the Presidential Scholar in Bible. Judi completed a year and a half at Rhea County High School while her parents were on home assignment in Dayton, Tenn., and another year and a half through the University of Nebraska High School correspondence program. She entered Bryan in an early admissions plan which will allow her to complete her high school graduation requirements during her freshman year of college.

With half of her high school experience spent in Peru, Judi didn't have many opportunities for extracurricular activities, but she did enjoy spending time in an Quechuah village in Peru with her parents.

Judi, who is the granddaughter of Ralph, '37, and the late Rebecca (Hager) Toliver, '38, said she has known about Bryan "so long I can't remember not knowing about the school." Her brother, Jeramy, is a member of the Class of 1997, and her sister Bethany is a junior.

Like her parents and grandparents, Judi is planning a career in missions, so the Bible and Christian Education program was a natural choice for her major. "I knew Bryan has a good academic program, and I knew it would give me the opportunity I wanted to mature spiritually and in other ways," she said. She hopes to work in a literacy program, possibly with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

At Bryan, she plans to become involved with one of the Practical Christian Involvement ministries, possibly working with high school students or His Hands, the puppet ministry. She also is considering playing intramural volleyball and singing in the chorale.

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New Faculty/Staff

Dr. Sherri Mao brings two national championships and 10 years of coaching experience to her new position as Bryan's women's basketball coach. Dr. Mao earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Wuhan College of Physical Education in China, the alma mater of Dr. John Liu, assistant professor of physical education, before coming to the United States. She earned the M.Ed. degree in physical education from the University of Hawaii and the Ph.D. degree in exercise science from the University of Mississippi.

She and Dr. Liu knew each other slightly from their time at Wuhan, but met again at a conference at Auburn University. In later contacts, Dr. Liu encouraged her to apply for the Bryan College position.

He told her of Bryan's strong academic program and Christian commitment, two factors which were very appealing. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to develop my career and spiritual life," she said. "That's very important to me. It's a unique opportunity.

Dr. Mao expresses a philosophy which fits closely with the athletic department's emphasis on academics first. "Our players are students first and athletes second," she said. "On the court, winning is important, but looking at the whole picture, we want to have students reach their academic goals and seek spiritual growth. That is more important for me. I will try to help them in all areas — academic, spiritual, social and performance."

Nicole Arias has returned to Bryan College with her husband, Claudia, as resident director in the Student Financial Aid Administrators, and this year serves that organization as president. She also has returned to Bryan College with her husband, Claudio, as resident director in the Student Development Office.

Mrs. Arias, a member of the Class of 1995, was simply looking for a job when she applied for the position, "but I realized later that this was something God could use to let me minister to girls at Bryan. Things I've learned since I graduated have already been able to share."

Following her graduation with a degree in psychology, Mrs. Arias worked at a Headstart center at her home in Peachtree City, Ga., before her marriage. In addition to her official responsibilities, she will be playing an important supporting role as Mr. Arias serves as an assistant to soccer coach Dr. Sandy Zensen and as he coaches the junior varsity men.

Anne Rader has joined the Bryan staff as director of financial aid.

She is a native of Davison, Ky., and spent the past 21 years in Hartsville, Tenn., including 18 1/2 years in the financial aid office of the Tennessee Technology Center. Before moving into the financial aid area, Ms. Rader worked as a high school English teacher and for the Kentucky and Tennessee departments of employment security.

While at the Tennessee Technology Center, she was active in the Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and this year serves that organization as president. She also participated in a number of Southern Association accrediting teams.

She learned of the opening at Bryan when she heard that Peter Travers had taken a job with the State of Tennessee. "I didn't know that much about Bryan," she said. "When I was reading the catalog I was excited when I realized Bryan is a Christian college and they put it in writing."

Ms. Rader and her two children, Robert, 19, and Lara, a senior at Rhea County High School, moved to Dayton in May.

Tina Wade of Burlington, N.C., has joined the Bryan staff as resident director for Long residence hall and secretary in the Student Development Office.

Miss Wade is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in accounting, and is nearing completion of a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education with an emphasis on youth ministry from Columbia International University (CIU).

After graduation, she worked a number of years in the accounting field. "Then I felt God calling me into full-time ministry," she said. After working as business manager for her church for two years, she entered graduate school to prepare for a more direct ministry.

"God showed me I have a heart for women and for discipline. I worked as a resident assistant and in the dean of women's office at CIU and loved the experience. I was looking for some way to get into this type of ministry when the opportunity at Bryan came open."

Mike Weller, a recent graduate of Ohio University with a master's degree in athletic training, is the new athletic trainer at Bryan.

Mr. Weller is from Whitehall, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus, and earned his bachelor's degree from Capital University in Columbus. "I had the idea of going into medicine, but that plan changed. I enjoy athletics and working with athletes and this field allows me to be involved with both."

During his master's program he spent six months working at a sports medicine facility in Chattanooga and served as head trainer at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Contacts there led to his name being recommended to Dr. Sandy Zensen, who called Mr. Weller three days after he received his master's degree and initiated the contact which led to the job.

"I'm at Bryan because it's Christ-centered. The faculty, staff and athletes are focused on what God can do. And I wanted to work in a small-college setting."

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SPORTS

Men's Soccer

They're bigger, faster and their hopes are high as the Bryan men kick off the 1997 soccer season.

Coach Sandy Zensen is hoping for a season to rival 1996, when the Lions won their first Tennessee Virginia Athletic Conference championship and earned a berth in the regional tournament. The season ended with a first-round loss to defending national champion — and eventual repeat national champion — Lindsay Wilson.

"We have eight returning starters and six other returning players," Dr. Zensen said. "At the playoff level, experience is extremely important. You have to have been there to experience and learn how to handle that stress load."

Even with the experienced players returning, and an encouraging crop of freshmen and transfers, Coach Zensen is hesitant to make a prediction about his team's prospects. "Right now (late August when this was written), we have an encouraging crop of freshmen and transfers, Coach Zensen is hesitant to make a prediction about his team's prospects."

"We have players from different areas of the world, with different styles of play. It's my job as coach to mesh the play- ers, develop a style of play which is uniquely our own."

The coach is looking to All-Region goalkeeper Abe Iludic to have a significant role in determining outcome of the Lions' season. "I believe he has stepped up to be a leader this year, on the field and off," Dr. Zensen said.

"I think our defense will be really solid. We have three returning starters: John Gosse, a junior sweeper who was All-TVAC; sophomore Paul Gordon, marking back who was all-conference; and Jason Schultz, a senior marking back."

Midfielders Jeremy Davidson and Neville Johnson and forwards Genci Keja combine speed and experience with an explosive ability to score. But the coach is considering moving Genci to midfield "because of his experience and ability to direct the attack."

Eleven freshmen and a number of transfer students bolster the roster, including four Dr. Zensen expects to contribute immediately. Sophomores Oliver Street from Jamaica and Jeff Haley, and freshmen Moines Drumond and Roberto Filho should see extensive playing time this year, he said.

As defending TVAC champion, Coach Zensen expects the Lions to face stiff competition from Covenant and Bluefield and, possibly Milligan, a college which has taken significant steps to strengthen its soccer program.

Members of the men's soccer varsity squad include, from left, front, Roberto Filho, Jayson Davidson, Paul Gordon, Charles Fox, Jason Schultz, Jeremy Davidson, Pete Mitchell and Moines Drumond. Back are Asst. Coach Claudio Arrias, James Hutcherson, Oliver Street, Neville Johnson, John Gosse, Nate Krogel, Gabe Himmelwright, Genci Keja, Bryan Prudhomme, Seth Jensen, Abe Hadzie and Coach Sandy Zensen.

"I expect the conference title will be decided by these four schools," he said.

Ladies Soccer

The Lady Soccer Lions are kicking off their second season as a varsity team with a goal of improving on their opening campaign's 4-8 record and vying for a conference playoff berth.

Coach Neddo said the team suffered a loss of talent to graduation, injuries and non-returns, "but so far, the team is playing smarter than last year's team in their runs and passing combinations." Playing smarter will be a key to making up for the loss of the entire starting center of the team, and he is encouraged to "see some improvement from last year."

He is looking to returning players Gayle Couch at forward, and Mel Owens, the midfield playmaker, to provide direction for the team. And "Amanda Hicks, Melissa Vaughn and Suzanne Barber will have to be workhorses. On defense, sophomores Mindy Baker and Jenny James will have to take on strong leadership."

He said he expects freshmen Misty Ray and Kelli Hays to step in early and offer key help to the young squad.

Coach Neddo expects Covenant and Tennessee Wesleyan to battle for the conference championship. But four of the six teams in the conference will make the playoffs, which puts the playoffs as a realistic goal. "We're going to try to win two conference games to have a chance to make the playoffs," he said.

The season's success will depend on keeping the 15 players healthy - 11 are needed on the field at one time - and on taking advantage of every opportunity which presents itself. "We're trying to gain a competitive edge wherever we can. I have to look at different plans and things to develop that edge," he said.

"We need support. Even though we're 'green,' we'll put on a good show."

Volleyball

A young team with solid experience makes Coach Jerri Beck believe good things are in store for the Lady Lions' volleyball team this season.

Coach Beck, beginning her fourth year at the helm, said although the season offers great potential, "we need people to step up as leaders. We have three juniors who are all very good leaders, but it will take effort by the whole team," she said.

Part of the volleyball team's schedule is new this year as the NCCA has realigned districts, "but we won't play most of those until the tournament," Coach Beck said. New district opponents include Asbury College, Trevecca, Cumberland College of Kentucky and Oakland Christian.

But Tennessee Virginia Athletic Conference foes remain the same, and the coach is expecting Montreat, Milligan and Covenant to be strong again this year.

"We have 10 players this year, and I expect to play a rotation with eight or nine, so everybody will be contributing," she said.

"We're a lot further along this year than we were at the same point last year. We were on a different summer workout schedule, so the girls are in a lot better physical shape. Because of that, we have been able to get into skills quicker this year."

"At this point we are concentrating on what we do, not worrying about the other teams. As we get into the season we will be able to start looking at the specifics of the other teams."

"I see real possibilities with this new conference and with so many back," she said. "I'm hoping for a good season."

Members of the Lady Lions Volleyball team include, from left, front, manager Melissa Dodge, Cheri Stone, Karen Chamberlin, Tina Johnson, Jan Moore and Marla Fisher. Back are Asst. Coach Jack Taylor, Jessica Miller, Amy Lien, Rebecca Richardson, Ronda Bruce, Stephanie Miller and Coach Jerri Beck.
General Borisov proclaims his faith

If there had been doubt that the Cold War is over, Gen. Vycheslav Borisov laid them to rest, at least for those in chapel on Aug. 25.
Gen. Borisov, who had been deputy commander of Soviet forces during their war in Afghanistan, proclaimed his faith in Jesus Christ and the Russian people's love for Americans during his chapel presentation.
Speaking through an interpreter, the general, who still is on active duty in the Russian army, explained that he committed his life to Christ as his helicopter was falling to the ground after being struck by enemy fire in Afghanistan.
"I clearly understood in a few seconds I would be dead. I didn't want to die, to go to hell. In those moments I remembered all my past. I remembered the five Soviet generals who died in the same way."

He said he remembered some soldiers who had been brought to him for counseling because of their Christian faith. "They said, 'General, there is a God, and every man will meet God here on earth or at the great judgment day. You can put us in prison, you can put us before a firing squad, but we will not betray Christ.'
They said, 'General, if something bad happens to you, Marx and Lenin won't come to your aid, but God will.'

"In my falling helicopter I remembered their words and I turned to God. I said, 'God save me.' Then the impact occurred. When I woke up, I saw the mountains and blue sky, so I knew I was not in hell. I saw the bodies around me, heard the shots and saw the wreckage of my helicopter and knew I was not in heaven. The idea penetrated my mind that there is a God and he who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. As I could, I thanked God."
After his release from the hospital, healed of injuries his doctors said would leave him totally handicapped, he has dedicated his life to introducing fellow soldiers to Christ.
As a result of his efforts, Russian soldiers are given Bibles, and there are even Bible studies on Russian military bases.
"I know who made me well. Who should I believe - Marx and Lenin or God, who gave me a second life?"
His rank and experiences have given him opportunities to share his faith with his Russian colleagues and his American counterparts. "When I spoke at the Pentagon, the American officers were jealous of me. You can distribute Bibles to your soldiers; we can't. I asked why not and they said the law prohibits it.
"I told some of the generals in the Pentagon, 'Since you are prohibited from preaching to your soldiers, come on over. You can preach to our soldiers.'"
He said he views himself as a soldier - "A Russian general, a colonel of the State of Kentucky and a private in the army of Jesus Christ."
Dressed in his military uniform, he said, "I am armed. I have the most powerful weapon mankind has ever had - I received it from the hands of American Christians. Who can show me a more powerful weapon than the Bible?"
"It has been around for 2,000 years. It doesn't rust, doesn't get old, doesn't need fixing. We don't have to put it in the warehouse. We will need it as long as there is life on earth. This weapon is love, life and strength. "Why do we look at the Bible as such a religious item only? It is the best history of ethics and morals of man. It is the best source of everything invented and discovered by man. What man can consider himself educated and cultured who has not read the Bible?"
He said Russians view the Bible as the source of America's strength and greatness. "Russia 80 years ago was forced to take the path of Satan. In Russia, over 40 million Christians died for their faith. Today, Russia is reaping the harvest of bad choices. More than half the population is living below the poverty line, and it continues to decline and will continue to decline until Russians come to accept God with their minds and hearts. The ideology of communism has disappeared, but the reality of Christ is not living in their hearts.
"Russia is a fantastic example to show us if we lost everything but our faith in God, we lost nothing; but if we had everything but lost our faith, we have nothing. That is why Russia needs Bibles, prayer, forgiveness for past sins."
He said Russians are insatiably curious about all things American. "When I go back to Russia I have many questions to answer. They want to know every detail, but they refuse to believe that in American public schools the Bible is not taught. They say, 'That is impossible. That IS America. Have the Americans forgotten their history begun with prayer, the Bible, church?'
"I tell them, 'Let's pray for America that they can have the Bible. The Russian people know more than everybody that it is impossible to raise their children without the Bible. "The best ideologies every proposed to men have all flown away, but Christianity remains. Only Christianity is from God.'"
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School Opens (continued from front page)

Senior Class President Dave Mundy said his class wanted to do something special to welcome new students into the Bryan community and revive the tradition of initiating new students which had ended the year before. “One of the things which brought the Class of 1998 together was the day in chapel when they told us, ‘Freshmen may remove their beanies.’ We talked about how we could create that same effect without a spirit of intimidation or humiliation. From the first, we decided we wanted to love this freshman class into the Bryan family.” From that grew the idea of washing their feet. “This was not done as a religious ritual,” Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held explained. “This was done as a symbol of the seniors’ desire to be servant leaders for the new class.

There was time for fun after the serious business of Convocation. From left, Amanda Hicks, Sarah Crist, Heather Ingersoll and Jenny Wilson enjoy a moment together at one of the lions guarding the main entrance to the Administration Building.

“This truly initiated them into the spirit of Bryan College, who we really are. We wanted even the way we initiated new students to reflect Bryan’s mission statement, which is ‘Educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.’ This year the senior class took the challenge to find something uniquely Christian as a way to initiate the freshmen.”

During Convocation Thursday night, Academic Vice President Dr. David Masoner formally welcomed the new Presidential Scholars (see related stories on Page 3), then challenged all students to seize the opportunity to grow, change and excel.

“I have worked at some larger universities in my 35 years in higher education and have observed that students change in college,” Dr. Masoner said. “You will change. But for the first time in 35 years, I am not afraid for students because of the changes the Lord will work in students during their years at Bryan.

He pointed out that the Academic Profile assessment of college students, a nationally normed test, shows test scores of Bryan freshmen exceed their peers at other liberal arts colleges. “As seniors, Bryan students rank in the upper 10 percent compared with seniors at other liberal arts institutions.” Dr. Brown also reported that the college had received word that day that, for the fourth consecutive year, Bryan has been ranked in the top tier of Southern liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Richard Cornelius, the senior faculty member in length of tenure, offered an overview of the college’s history, emphasizing a legacy of service. This legacy was part of William Jennings Bryan’s life, as well as the example of countless students and graduates through the years.

“Our new student headgear made a comeback this year. Many new students chose to wear the beanies during orientation week they got to know the school and upperclassmen got to know them.

Moving in to the residence halls is a labor-intensive task, but family members, new and old friends and some volunteers from First Baptist Church in Dayton helped make the task easier. Particularly, orientation Saturday is one day no one seems to mind if vehicles get parked at the front door of the residence halls - as long as it’s not all day.

Part of the fun of the all-college picnic at Fall Creek Falls State Park near Pikeville is the competition between classes. Here, two teams are trying to push a huge red ball from one end of a field to the other, sort of a combination of football, soccer and volleyball.

The Student Development Office was a busy place during registration as, from left, Bethany Toliver, Elizabeth Young, Nathaniel Goggans, Jim Edgar and Jimmy Taylor found out.

College officials and speakers at the 1997 Convocation service included, from left, Trustees Daniel Dorrill and Erwin Latimer, student chaplain Simon Sakatos, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held, Dr. Richard Cornelius, Vice President for Advancement Thomas F. Kemner, Academic Vice President Dr. David Masoner, President Dr. William E. Brown, Trustee Marble Hensley, Vice President for Business Dee Mooney and Trustee Earle Stevens.
Tiffany Snyder, left, and Laura McDaniel get into the spirit of the opening-of-school pool party and unwind without getting soaked.

Drew Robertson, center, was one of hundreds of students, faculty and staff who seemed to be looking forward to enjoying the chicken, baked beans, potato salad and brownies served as the all-college picnic. Margie Legg, wearing the apron, executive assistant to the president, was one of the faculty and staff members who helped cook and serve the meal.

Ashley Siskey, left, shares a laugh with Spiritual Life Conference speaker Taylor Park as Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held looks on. The Rev. Mr. Park is executive pastor of First Evangelical Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Chicken, cooked beforehand but given a last-minute warming over a charcoal grill, was the main course for the all-college picnic meal. Helping with the process were, from left, Sherri Mao, Dr. Bill Brown, Dr. Ray Legg, Walter Jahneke, Doyle Argo, Dr. John Liu, Tom Kemner, Joe Mao, Dr. Jeff Bruehl, Dr. Jack Traylor, Dr. Phil Lestman and Joyce Argo.

Student Development personnel decided to use new technology - a digital camera and computer photographic processing - to speed production of the new student directory. Nate Bauman waits as Educational Technology Resource Center Coordinator Matt Marcus adjusts the camera to take his picture.
40's

GLENN, '40, and Elinor KLAMM, were honored at a Golden Anniversary celebration by their children Roy, Joyce, Harvey, '70X, and Vera, '74X, Irene (Wilson), '69X, KLAMM. Other spouses and grandchildren were also present. All eight churches Glenn served as pastor sent their greetings. ANGIE GARBER, '47, writes about her visit to campus for her Golden Anniversary Class Reunion. She and her twin sister, Alice, celebrated their 85th birthday at the reunion dinner just before Senior Vespers. Her classmates, Clyde, '49, and Ruth (Kuhn), '47, Simmons, were married 50 years ago on June 8. Angie was in the wedding. June 13 was the 50th anniversary of the Brethren Navajo Mission. Angie was their first teacher, joining them after graduating from Grace Seminary in 1951.

50's

GLENN, '52, and Marjorie CRUMLEY in Royal Oak, Mich., have been concerned about the conditions in Zaire, where they served so many years. Their daughter, Kathy, her husband, Tom, and their son Ryan were in the middle of the uprising, and through a miracle they were finally able to fly to Nairobi, Kenya, where they were united with their other three children. The Crumley's adopted African daughter, Ruth, graduated from high school last May and hopes to study voice in college. The Crumleys welcomed their 8th and 9th great-grandchildren last year. Their Bible club ministry in their home area has seen several of the children come to a saving knowledge of Christ.
SEYMOUR, *’55, and LOIS (BEVERLY), *’56, ASHLEY in Dallas, Texas, are working on the second edition of the Tausig New Testament and proofreading the first five New Testament books. The Ashleys are initiators of a conference to be held next year for translators working in contexts like theirs, and will be responsible for making travel arrangements and accommodations. Their granddaughter, Karis, volunteered to do office work for her grandparents as their mission commitment for this summer. Seymour has been taking medicine and special exercise to aid his heart to correct an irregular beat.

MARIE BECK, *’55, was able to spend three weeks with her family in the U.S. during the semester break at Ocanca Bible Institute in Ocanca, Colombia, under TEAM. She reports a good semester with spiritual growth in the students’ lives.

LESTER, *’58, and MARY (GRAYDON), *’58, DOW, write from their home in Maine. They have five married children and 10 grandchildren. Their last visit to Bryan was in 1975 when the family sang at Bible Conference.

Gary and ALICE (TOBELMANN), *’59, FREDRICKS rejoice to see fruit in the lives of ladies in a Bible study in Waithaka, Kenya, Africa, where Alice ministered with a disciple, Juliah. After a year or more Juliah’s relatives began to trust Christ, and now they are reaching out to other families and Juliah is doing follow-up work with them.

60’s

LEE, *’60, and Irene TEMPLER were surprised with a 50th anniversary celebration on April 26 in Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela, where they have been ministering in the print shop under New Tribes Mission. Special music, skits, original songs and presentation of a large book of pictures and cards from family and friends, plus a money tree, “took their breath away.” Also, Irene’s sister from Illinois came for the occasion.

VICKY (PAULSON) MONTBIANDE, *’66, recently was elected county commissioner for District 5 in Bemidji, Minn., where she and her family live. She writes that after the death of her husband, “I was encouraged to run for a county commissioner position that had opened. The Lord directed in my campaign and the election and I was elected to this board. It has been a wonderful new avenue of learning and introduced me to county government. I am enjoying the position and the people I work with; my heart is grateful for a place to use my talents in this area where I can pour out energy.”

DAN, *’65, and LOUISE (GRAHAM), *’66, SHEYDA have considered Charlotte, N.C., their home for the past 20 years, but when they visited in Porto Velho, Brazil last April, they reviewed many happy memories of the year they lived there, when their three children were still small. They spent more than five weeks last March and April during their visit to Brazil presenting furlough workshops to 23 colleagues. They also rejoiced to see how Bible translation has changed lives.

JANIE VOSS, *’65, spent the past school year teaching children in Davao City, Philippines, as she continues her service with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Between May 31 and July 9, she came to the States to visit family and friends, especially her adopted daughters, Andrea and Kim. She was able to visit Kim and her husband, Michael, and their son, Dylan, born Jan. 1, at Ft. Meade, Md., where Mike continues in radio training with the Army. Janie was excited to see her first grandchild! Andrea works in North Carolina.

PAUL, *’68, and Sandy TIMBLIN had a very good school year at the Brake Bible Institute in Lemgo, Germany. Paul and Sandy spent a weekend in March for Bible study in Sindelfingen, where the Mercedes-Benz plant is in Germany. They church gave them a Mercedes (a small plastic model). The traveled with students who performed a musical and dramatic presentation of Genesis in May. They ministered to more than 10,000 people and recorded over 240 who indicated that they prayed to accept the Savior. The Timblins taught at a Word of Life camp for two weeks in June and to a family camp held at their school in July. Their three older children are married and living in Germany; their youngest son, Mike, graduated from Black Forest Academy and entered Bryan College this fall. They would welcome e-mail letters at their address: 101325 3027@compuserve.com.

Chick and SALLY (CARLSON), *’69, KELLER have lived in Cambodia since last November and are located in the small town of Ban Lung, in Ratamakri province, near where Cambodha, Laos, and Vietnam meet. They bought two motorcycles for their family of five, and also have one bicycle. They are on loan from Wycliffe to World Concern, a Christian organization working among the Brao and Krong people, for whom the Kellers have been helping to produce reading materials and doing Bible translation for many years. Their work for World Concern is coordinating a literacy program in the Krong language first and then in the Brao language next year. They have had to develop an alphabet and a written script. They plan to return to the States in the spring of 1999 and go back to Cambodia in 2000, with hopes to spend most of the next 10 years to see all of the New Testament finished. They request prayer for several health problems, some related to accidents they had last spring. Their office e-mail address is: wcambodia@pactok.peg.com.org.

70’s

DR. JAMIE JENKINS, ’72, Atlanta-Marietta District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, recently assisted in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Cobb County, scheduled to be completed in time for the Easter Services in 1998.

Tom and PEG (DRIVER), ’72, KILE have experienced the tension in the political situation in Mombasa, Kenya, but also have had the encouragement of seeing responses to their ministry of Bible classes. Esther was home this summer from college and the family planned to be in the States for two months through mid-September.

LERoy, ’73, and Béckie (CONRAD), ’72, NICHOLSON reported more than 1,400 correspondence school students in Pakistan last year. They and sons Peter, Ben and Nathan returned to the States in July to make their furlough home in Knoxville, near Beckie’s brother, BOB, ’75, and his wife, ELLEn (COX), ’74, CONRAD. Peter entered Wheaton College this fall, and his brother attending school in Knoxville.

JAMES E. HUGHSON JR., ’74, was elected executive director for the United Way in Rutherford County in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He said, “The United Way is only as good as the citizens of the community and the people of this community are very caring people.” Jim was featured on the front page of the “Viewpoint” section of The Murfreesboro Daily News Journal on Monday, Nov. 3, 1996.

JIM, ’74, and PEGGY (WENTWORTH), ’73, STEELE had a busy summer at Cedine Bible Mission and Camp, with Jim overseeing food preparation and Peggy working in the camp office. To their delight, work has begun on the new food service facility with hopes for its use in 1998 camping season. Their son, Jeremy, and his wife, Katrina, work at Camp Classes YMCA in Davi, Texas; daughter Tami returned to Southland Bible Institute for her third year; and Heather spent five weeks this summer with Target Teams in Belgium. Their adopted children are Christopher, 10, and Lydia, 7, both happy campers at Cedine.

KEITH, ’75, and FRANKIE (DILLINGER), ’76, PATMAN, who have been on home assignment in Kenton, Mo., have been advised not to return to Cambodia because of health concerns. Keith has been approved for continued work with Wycliffe in a full-time task of preparing exegetical helps for mother-tongue Bible translators, a need he discovered while working with the Guru people in Cameroon. While Keith works at home, Frankie is reorganizing and completing three papers for Fortgate University for her M.S. degree.

THOMAS W. SMITH, JR., ’75, is working for Smart Supply, Inc. in Greenville, S.C., where he is an outside sales representative. Smart Supply is a wholesale distributor of materials and supplies for auto and furniture upholsterers. Thomas continues serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in an air cargo unit.

MARK TRAIL, ’75, executive director of the six-county Coastal Mental Health/MR/SA region has been appointed executive director of the new 19-county MH/MR/SA region. Mark has worked in the public mental health system for nearly 20 years, having served as director of the Chart-Flint Area Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse program in LaGrange. Mark and his wife have three children.

STEVE, ’76, and MARCIA (KRICk), ’78, STRAUSS began home assignment in July, leaving Ethiopia to live in Michigan until December, then to head for California with their three children. They welcome e-mail marked for Steve Strauss as recipient at: iec.etd@telecom.net.et.

GARY, ’77, and VERNA (HENEGAR), ’78, FRANKLIN, have moved to Marietta, Ga. Gary recently became the pastor of Small Group Ministries at Fellowship Bible Church in Roswell, Ga. They have three children, Timothy, 13, Jonathan, 11, and Elizabeth, 6.

DENNIS, ’77, and RENA (HANNA), ’77, METZGER find life exciting in San Luis, Argentina with surprising events like a fire from an overturned kerosene heater in their frontage. Dennis joined into the baptismal and one young fellow had some clothing burn. A stranger’s fire extinguisher was the Lord’s provision to put out the fire. Dennis recently contracted viral hepatitis A, causing severe weight loss and extended confinement. In July he was beginning to show improvement.

DAVID, ’77, and Lesa TURNER share their teaching ministry at Christian Academy of Guatemala with 40 full- or part-time teachers and administrators, ministering to 200 students with a biblically-based education ‘or missionary children. David was class sponsor for 21 graduates of 1997. He and Lesa helped escort two work teams from the U.S. in June. David began his fifth year of teaching in August, and in September he and Lesa anticipate the arrival of their fourth child to join Calista, Steven and Justin.

Michael and DONNA (MAYER), ’77, WEIRICH recently moved to a different location in Portugal. Flooding in the spring resulted in unsanitary conditions and probably the cause of Donna’s contracting typhoid fever, from which she has now recovered. Michael and their two children tested negative. Three new preaching points have been established through their ministry.

KAREN (JENSEN), ’78, and STEve COLLINS were married May 24, around the cruise ship SS Norway. BOB, ’80, and...
BECKY (WOODALL), '80, JENSEN also participated in the ceremony. Karen works as a legal assistant in a law firm and Steve is resource developer for World Relief. They reside in Duluth, Ga.

CHERYL (ADAMS), '79, and Larry PARKER, were married on July 6, 1996. They are living on a Turkish air base with seven other Americans, none of whom are believers. Sherry is working on an MA degree in counseling through Liberty University.

ELDON, '79, and Becky PORTER with their four children are serving in Bolivia, South America. They have been asked to develop the Center for the Support of Leadership as a resource center to encourage and facilitate the leadership of the emerging Bolivian church. Eldon is also reaching out to an estimated three million unreached Quechua who live between 12,000 and 17,000 feet in the mountains where there are no roads. E-mail address is: eporter@bo.net.

CANDY, '79 and Mark DINGUS, '80, ARMS were on home assignment in Dallas and planned to return to the Solomons in July. In May, SIL's board of directors asked James to do part-time checking on their translation project and apply it. After many delays the Tripura New Testament Bible is now available in both Bangla and Mru and is being printed in Tripura language. Harold reports wonderful unity at their recent field council meetings and seeks God's wisdom in leading the council through a time of transition.

TIM, '78, and Julie STAPLES with their three children came home last summer for a short furlough after three years in Cameroon, Africa, under Wycliffe Bible Translators. Tim continues work as an accounting services manager and is grateful for the arrival of Steve Wittig and family, as Steve will assist in accounting. Julie staffs the Health Office and lectures at the Africa Orientation Course. She and MARY ELLEN KLUCK, '83, care for the health needs of about 350 adults and children. The Staples returned to Cameroon in mid-August.

Doug Ferguson, '79, extreme left, with his three children in front, was able to help Andy Penney, '96, and his youth group when Andy's van had broken down. Andy is fourth from right in back.

DOUG, '79 and FAITH (DUVALL), '79, FERGUSON, who live in Ocala, Fla., where Doug is an assistant pastor, attended an unplanned alumni event when Doug saw a church van broken down along the highway. Seeing the name "Soddy-Daisy" on the van, he stopped to help. Andy PENNEY, '96, was the driver of the van from Mountain View Baptist Church in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn. The Lord led Doug to help them get the van repaired and provided good fellowship!

CHARLES, '79 and SHARON (WOYCHUK), '81, GOODMAN, announce the birth of their daughter, Alicia Lee, on May 22, in Spain. Alicia weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 20.3 inches long.

Steve and RUTH (VANDER MOLEN), '79, PORTER traveled 25,000 miles through 21 states to visit 22 churches during their furlough from Nigeria under SIM. They are grateful for the Lord's supply of new dental equipment, spare parts, and new water pumps as well as shipping expenses to Nigeria. They left Tennessee with their four children to return to their Nigerian home at the end of July.

JIM, '79, and Jane WELLS, along with son Joshua, completed their year of home assignment on July 1. Instead of returning to Colombia they have gone to Venezuela to work in a two-year-old church in Maracay, where they serve under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Their e-mail address is: dadesmith@balconnet.net.

80's

HAROLD, '80, and Shawne EBERSOLE have been working in Bangladesh with Nomphra, a Mru evangelist who has started two churches during the past year. A large group of Mru people came to the annual Bible conference and the recent pastors' training conference for the first time in several years. The Ebersoles' primary goal is to make the Bible available in the heart language of the tribe people and then train them to read and apply it. After many delays the Tripura New Testament Bible is now available in both Bangla and Mru and is being printed in Tripura language. Harold reports wonderful unity at their recent field council meetings and seeks God's wisdom in leading the council through a time of transition.
and to travel to the Solomons for one month each year in consultation with the national translators. During June and July they visited churches and family members and have returned to Dallas to locate a house. James was scheduled to go to the Solomons in August, accompanied by son Philip, to go to the Solomons in August, accompanied by son Philip, to

David, '81, and KATHY (DAM), '82, CLASS with their three children live at White Lake, Mich., where Dave and Kathy have been married for three children live at White Lake, Mich., where Dave is in his ninth year of leading Grace Countryside Church's small group ministry, counseling, missions, and directing Christian education. Dave and Kathy have two children and two other church leaders went to the Solomons a few months ago and were amazed at how God showed them how they would proceed with their visit. Kathy had the privilege of accompanying a group of college students from their church to the Urbana missions conference last winter to fulfill their 17-year-old dream of going to the Solomons for one month each year for their three children.

SANTA DAY, '97, who was a senior at Bryan College and now is an admissions counselor for the college.

DAVID MILLER, '82, recently accepted a position as a senior chaplain at Putnam Correctional Institution ministering to an inmate population of 430 men. David received a Th.M. from Dallas Seminary in 1986 and a M.A. in Counseling from Liberty University in 1992.

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90's

Gerson and TANIA (TUSSUZIAN), '90, BERTHAULT are encouraged by the spiritual and numerical growth in their Fidalefia R. Baptist Church, or "two P's": Prayer and Programs. Small group ministry proved effective and prayer meetings increased from seven people the year before to an average of 45. It was a special joy that Gerson's brother and sister-in-law accepted Jesus as Savior. Now Gerson is teaching in the Sao Paulo Seminary. "How to Study the Bible," and next year they teach in the master's program on "The Theology of Worship." They planned a teacher training seminar at their church and advertised in other churches with the response of 80 people attending the full-day training. Their sons are Lucas, 3, and Marcel, nearly 2, and in September they anticipate the arrival of their third child.

DEBBIE LYN (SLOAT), '90, and Dr. Darren Castro were married July 12 in Severna Park, Md.

KRISTA CORNELIUS, '90, has arrived in the U.S. for a six-month visit with family and friends before taking her new position as director of the English Language Institute for Chinese culture and language training for non-Chinese teachers at the Northeast Normal University of Changchun. After she finished her Chinese classes in June, she spent two weeks in Ulanbaatar, Mongolia, to take two intensive graduate courses on leadership and cross-cultural communications.

TODD, '90, and Patty JUSTICE have returned to the states from a six-year stay in Korea. While in Korea, Todd taught English as a second language and worked as a copywriter for Luck Goldstar Corporation. He and Patty were involved at the Liberty Mission and International Church in Uijeongbu just north of Seoul. They now own and operate the Woodstock Inn Bed and Breakfast in Independence, Mo.

KEN, '92, and April GUTHRIE announce the birth of Brenen Elijah Guthrie on July 1, in Charleston, W. Va.

STEwart and Kara Ritchie

STEwart RITCHIE, '92, and Kara Blackstock were married June 14, in Knoxville, Tenn. Bryan alumni in the wedding included MARK JORDAN, '89; ROB ELDREDGE, '91X; BRIAN MCDONALD, '94; and ANDY JONES, '93. Kara is a May graduate of the University of Tennessee and will teach this fall at John Sevier Elementary School in Maryville, Tenn. Stewart has been promoted to President and CEO of Ritchie Tractor Company. They are living in Knoxville.

DENNIS, '94, and JULIE (BENTSON) '93, RUNNER announce the birth of their first child, Rebekah Ruth, on May 17. They live in Dayton, Tenn.

DREW, '93, and CHRISTY (TORIZ), '96X, TREISCHMANN announce the birth of their son, John Colton, on June 23, in Ft. Myers, Fla. John joins sister, Olivia.

TRINA HOLLEY, '94, received her master's degree in clinical psychology from Jacksonville State University and was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

WILLIAM RITCHIE, '95, and Adriana Gonzalez were married June 21 in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

DAVID JOHNSTON, '95, has moved to Colorado with wife Vicki and daughters Mandie, 4, Faith, 2, and Bethany, born in November, 1996. He is working with Via Software, Inc., in Grand Junction, Colo., Vicki's hometown.

TREVON NELSON, '95, and Gregory Hughes were married June 21 in Charlotte, N.C.

CHRISTY TILLY, '97, and PHILIP PREWETTE, '97X, were married June 21 in Florence, Miss.

BECKY PATTERSON, '96, and JOE GRAHAM, '96, were married in Hixson, Tenn. June 14. Also in the wedding party were MELISSA CARSON, '97; PATRICIA KEITH, '97X; TRACY (STONE) DAVIDSON, '96; BRYAN ECK, '96; JEREMY SMITH, '97; MIKE GILMAN, '96; DANIEL JOHNSON, '96; ALISON TAYLOR, '97; JOHN MAGGARD, '97; and MATT DAVIES, '97. Dr. Bill Brown participated in the ceremony. They now reside at 193 Oak St. in Dayton, Tenn. Becky's teaching third grade at Dayton City School.

HAVEN STRICKLAND, '97, and ANDREW HETHERSHAW, '98C, were married June 7 in Huntsville, Ala.

WITH THE LORD

James Gordon Price, husband of FRANCES (HENDERSON), '57X, PRICE, died June 24, after a short illness. They were married October 1996.

ALUMNI ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR
MEETING NEEDS FOR BRYAN ALUMNI

Just because Bryan College is building a new student center for current and future students, it does not mean that former students have been forgotten. The Estate Planning Department at Bryan College is working with the Alumni Department to provide regional estate planning seminars for alumni.

Representatives of the estate planning department help families with their estate planning needs. They find many have questions regarding their estate plans—planning for retirement, choosing a guardian for children, or deciding whether to have a living trust or a will. The regional alumni estate planning seminars will attempt to answer these and other questions.

The Chattanooga Area Alumni Estate Planning Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Comfort Suites at 7334 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A free breakfast will be provided. A free confidential estate consultation is available for seminar attendees.

For reservations please call the Estate Planning Department and leave your name, telephone number and the number of people who plan to attend the seminar. The office number is 423/775-7308. You can fax or mail the following message to the Estate Planning Department.

Fax to: 423/570-9956 OR Mail to: Mr. Terry Balko, Estate Planning Dept., Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321-7000

TORI SMITH, '97, and Mark Smith were married August 9, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Their children are Morgan, 3, and Carter, 1. They are living in Chattanooga, Tenn.

DAVID AND ZOEY Smith Jr., '95, remarried in Chattanooga, Tenn. They have a daughter, Sarah, 1. They are living in Nashville, Tenn.

Kirsten Prout
It was a time to renew friendships and remember good times as members of the classes of 1957, 1967, 1977, and 1987 gathered for Alumni Weekend July 11 and 12.

In all, more than 100 alums and their families came back to Bryan for Friday’s ice cream social and a full day of activities on Saturday.

After Saturday’s breakfast, alumni met with President Bill Brown for an update on activities at the college and plans for growth. Much interest was expressed in the Campaign for Bryan College, which is the college’s ambitious effort to provide student scholarships and build a new Student Life Center. (See a related story on page 1).

After lunch, while members of the Class of ’87 had their hands full with young children (which is why there is no picture of that group), alumni from the classes of ’57, ’67 and ’77 gathered to catch up with each other. In addition to the personal visits, they also reviewed questionnaires sent in by members of their classes who could not attend.

Outside on the Triangle, the Alumni Office, with the help of some local alumni, offered games and face-painting for the children. Most came away with prizes and gifts, and all had balloons to brighten their day.

A new feature this year, Alumni Director Paul Ardelean said, was a picnic supper on the Triangle, provided by the Argos. “Everyone seemed to enjoy that, and they were able to sit around and visit afterward,” he said.

Class of 1957

Members of the Class of 1957 shared memories and caught up on the past 40 years during Alumni Weekend in July. From left, seated, are Charlotte (Wilde) Schoellle, Donna (Black) Cornelius, Lois (Ringler) Schumacher, Martha (King) Park and Judy (King) Barth. Back are Ken Hanna, Warren Allem, Chuck Moore, Alan Johnson, Larry Fehl, Ray Karr and Jim Barth.

Class of 1967

Members of the Class of 1967, with some friends, met in the Lions Den during Alumni Weekend in July to catch up on old times. Seated, from left, are Jeanie (Stevens) Cook, Lil (Seera) Andrews, Katie (McCroskey) Ashworth and Phyllis (Horton) Stone, ’69. Standing are Stephen Cook, Bob Andrews, Ken Froemke, ’68, Milo Macko, John Stone and John Burns.

Class of 1977

Members and friends of the Class of 1977 who returned to Bryan for Alumni Weekend included, from left, seated, Gloria (Price) Murff, Danny Jelley, Mary Beth (Gamble) Goetz and Debbie (Gainer) Willey, ’76. Standing are Skip Cline, Neil Magnuson, Paul Combs, Brian Schrauger, Rick Bottoms, Beth (Davies) Rogers and Jack, and Sheila McGill.
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