Clarity, Creativity, Power

Goals for Communication Arts

In a culture driven by communication, the ability to communicate effectively is a powerful tool for good or ill.

Bryan's Communication Arts program is designed to equip students to be effective communicators, prepared to make a difference in their world.

Mr. Michael Palmer, head of the Communication Arts department, said Bryan's Communication Arts program fits well into Bryan's liberal arts emphasis and honors the college's namesake.

"Bryan taps into a rich rhetorical tradition," he said. "William Jennings Bryan was a newspaper editor, prolific author and speaker."

Like the Great Commoner, one of the goals the Communication Arts faculty has for its students is to "have a knowledge base so they have something to say with clarity, creativity and power, and then leave here with the ability to say it in sentences that aren't half dead," he said.

Students may choose from three concentrations - theatre (see a related story) and public relations. Down the road, Mr. Palmer said, he hopes to add a third concentration in organizational communication to broaden the immediate career opportunities for graduates.

Underlying the entire curriculum is the commitment to a biblical worldview. "The biblical worldview forms the perceptual filter and ethical grid for how we speak to each other, how we advertise products, how we speak from the pulpit."

"It also elevates the concept of respect. If God is the author of all things, even language, and Christ is even identified as 'the Word', there is a need to respect His tools and the way they are applied."

The example of Scripture is a model for the program. "God is a masterful communicator throughout Scripture, from the visible example of Jesus as a speaker to the use of narrative stories to poetry. We see the speakers and writers relating truth creatively and elegantly for the good of His audience."

In this way, students are challenged to be competent, effective communicators, prepared to take an active role in the business world and having the ability to critically examine and assess contemporary culture. "We want them to be able to see and hear entertainment and political rhetoric with the goal of being salt and light."

To reach that end, students must take five core courses - interpersonal communication, small group communication, rhetorical thought and theory, performance of literature and ethics, issues and trends - and five more courses that address the student's individual interest.

"The degree program is tied in with the humanities, so students leave with a broad educational exposure," Mr. Palmer said. "Because it is a generalist degree, a Communication Arts degree prepares a student for a variety of career possibilities."

Bryan's Communication Arts program is something to sing about - or at least sing for when the theatre program produces a musical. Bryan's production of the popular musical Hello, Dolly! was a combined effort of the theatre and music departments that brought cheers from the audience.

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Theatre program aims to impact culture

Shakespeare once said "all the world's a stage," and the theatre arts program in Bryan's Communication Arts major is designed to take advantage of that dramatic philosophy.

Mr. Bernie Belisle, assistant professor of communication arts, said Bryan's theatre arts program gives its majors "a powerful tool for making a difference in the world."

That tool may be as specific as knowing how to stage a theatrical performance or as general as having a good grasp on the literary history which reflects the development of Western culture.

It also gives individuals the skill to identify with and portray persons different than themselves. "One of the key factors in lifestyle evangelism is identification, establishing relationships. It is inherent in the performing arts that we engage people unlike us, people we might not be able to meet otherwise," he said.

On a broader front, equipping Christians to compete in and influence the dramatic arts is a way to more generally influence today's culture. "For years, Christians abdicated their influence in the arts," he said. "It's time to start taking back some of that territory, or at least influencing it so it doesn't get worse. I feel very continued on page 8...
'God is on the Roll'

When the school year 1999-2000 began, the tension was thick. Memories of Littleton, Pearl and West Paducah made everyone edgy. Schools are trying dress codes, metal detectors, breathalizers, photo I.D.'s and profiling, all in an attempt to control the situations and people that can lead to violence.

Now, with several months behind us, the edginess is still present. But there is concern for a "Columbine Syndrome," an over-reaction to school violence. Jesse Jackson brought this charge in the aftermath of the Decatur, Ill., riot. Barbara Dority, president of the Washington Humanist organization, also thinks the concern about youth violence is overblown, bordering on hysteria. Writing in a recent edition of The Humanist, she sounds positively frazzled when she notes, "More than 95 percent of children are never involved in a violent crime." That statistic is not very comforting to parents and officials since it reveals that in the normal classroom, one to three of the students will be involved in a violent crime.

What bothers Dority the most, however, is the national discussion on cultural spiritual decline. "Unflinchingly facing reality has never been more critical," she admonishes. "There is no evidence that Christians or those who believed in God were selectively murdered." Her unflinching misrepresentation of reality is incredible in light of the fact that eight of the 12 murdered students at Columbine were serious Christians.

Her most distressing views surface in her discussion of Harris and Klebold's well-publicized association with the philosophies of Hitler. "What planet are we on here?" she asks. "If these murderers were adherents to Hitler's doctrines, they would have embraced Christianity and murdered only Jews, atheists and others outside their faith."

She forgets that Harris and Klebold did not ask their victims if they were atheists before killing them. Two years ago, Michael Carneal did not point and shoot into a group of humanists gathered for a pep rally at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky.

Dority's conclusion is that we need more information from law enforcement officials before we know why these tragedies occur. Until then, we must make certain that we do not violate young peoples' civil liberties. Stop searching backpacks and lockers. And for goodness sake, don't overreact and let God back into school.

Dority is right that external safeguards are only band-aid solutions to the problem of school violence. To dismiss God so cavalierly, however, may not be as easy as she thinks. The public attempt to be "God-neutral" evaporates in the face of true human need. Even unbelievers may shift into a God awareness mode when pressed.

In Anna Karenina, Tolstoy's autobiographical character, Levin, is an avowed atheist. In a curious scene that foretells a future life-changing decision, Levin is sitting in an outer room as his wife is giving birth. When she cries out in pain, he falls to the floor and calls out to God to intervene. Real life examples of the "God default" response remind us that God made us incurably and ultimately dependent on Him.

When Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker collapsed during a game on June 13 before 40,000 fans at the Astrodome, the team gathered together on the field to pray. Pictures of the players on their knees were broadcast around the world.

During the democratic protests at Tianamen Square and other cities around China 10 years ago, a spiritual dimension surfaced. One of the student demonstrators, an atheist, said, "When we were at the height of our protest and thought that we might be free, we all had this overwhelming desire to go to church and worship.

In the aftermath of the Littleton tragedy, most of the teenagers ignored the government social workers sent to provide counsel and instead crowded into the local churches.

A university President in Moscow told me, "Our only hope for the future is God." "God?" I asked him. "But you don't believe in God." "I know," he replied. "But He is our only hope." (Figure that out!)

We can add the tragedy at Wegewood Baptist Church or Payne Stewart's death. The presence of God in the face of suffering was real. The opportunity to communicate the hope of the Gospel was open and powerful.

Barbara Dority would never accept this, but these responses reveal the true source of strength to battle the face of evil. Sadly, in a society founded on God's provision of freedom and blessing, He has become a last resort. We have lived so long in a culture of profound prosperity; we are only now coming to realize how far from God we are.

The prodigal took his father's provision of a legacy and ran. When he reached the bottom and came to his senses, his first thoughts were of returning to his father.

Maybe the tragedies of the past few years have brought us to the point of realizing how low we have sunk. Weary of feeding the swine of violence and immorality, it is time we return to our Father. He waits.

Even though God's name is not on the official roll, He shows up at school every day. Courage and strength to those who acknowledge His attendance!
Kendra Laird: Praising God through tragedy

Editor's Note: Kendra Laird, a sophomore elementary education major, gave her testimony in chapel in October. Her story, edited for length, follows.

The whole reason I am testifying is to show the wonderful glory and the power God has shown in my life through an experience that happened three years ago today.

God always gives us blessings in disguise. But before I talk about my life-changing experience, I want to mention that my mom died on the ninth of June. That was a blessing because now I don’t have to worry about how much pain she’s in. She had a really horrible painful earthly life, but now she’s rejoicing up there with God in glory.

Three years ago on Oct. 26, I was in a devastating car accident. I was 16, a junior in a large Colorado high school. I loved academics, drama, sports and especially music. I loved writing songs and singing them to our wonderful Savior. Music was an expression of my walk with God. I also play the piano and flute.

I was a soloist for a group called “Upward Bound.” We traveled across the nation performing concerts in different churches. I was also the leader of my Bible and prayer group at my high school. I was very concerned about the kids at school knowing our Lord and Savior.

I grew up in a Christian home. My Dad and Mom were in the ministry and had pastored for over 20 years. I have two older brothers and one younger brother. I’m the only girl. I never thought that disaster would strike my family, but it has four times.

The first was when my mom got cancer. The second was my family splitting and breaking apart. The third was my accident. The last one is that my mom died. Soon I learned Job 1:21 and that says, “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.”

Prayers were prayed for me across the nation. I was in a coma for almost three months and had to be shaved. I was starting completely over. I was without any control of my body. I could not walk or talk. What beauty I had was gone. I could not breathe, eat or anything else for a long time.

Through these trials, God has taught me to totally depend on Him and on His strength and not my own because we don’t have any that we can rely on ourselves.

The night when my car accident happened, I was driving home from a Christian concert and had three friends from my youth group riding along with me. Five minutes before the accident happened I told them to make sure they had their seat belts on. I think this was a message from God because if we didn’t have our seat belts on I wouldn’t be up here speaking. You wouldn’t even know me.

All of a sudden my steering and brakes locked and my car just rammed up against the cement median and went up as high as an overpass. It flipped three times and landed on the roof, crushing me down below the steering wheel. The other kids were all right, but it took the paramedics 20 minutes to get me out of the car. They had to resuscitate me three times because I had no vital signs.

My injuries were very extensive. I had TBI - traumatic brain injury - my spinal cord was injured, my neck was broken in two or three places, and I had several other broken bones and many lacerations. They told my parents that I only had a 30 percent chance of ever coming out of my coma and that I probably would be paralyzed from my neck down. But God was there. He had a little different plan. Prayers were prayed for me across the nation. I know many of you guys here prayed for me, and I want to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart.

I had to have surgery almost every day while I was in the hospital because they had to do a lot of work to restore what was injured.

They put me into a head and chest halo, drilling four holes into my head. I had a tracheotomy put into my neck so I could breathe, and they had a feeding tube into my stomach so they could feed me. I had bones grafted back together in my neck. I was on a respirator for two weeks.

I was taken to Craig Rehab Hospital in Denver, Colo., where Christopher Reeve went for his recovery. I was in a coma for almost three months and had to have brain surgery to remove the dried blood that was in the membranes of my brain, so my head had to be shaved. I was starting completely over. I was like a baby. I couldn’t control my body functions. I could not walk or talk. What beauty I had was gone. I had no hair, my teeth spread apart and my face was covered in brain injury acne. Overall I was in the hospital for seven months and then daily therapy for the next year.

I will probably be in some form of therapy for the next five to seven years. That is how long it takes the brain to heal.

I found I have lost most of my talents, but there was one thing I did not lose and I’ll never lose, and that was my relationship with God, because He is always there.

I really felt like I was God’s tool because I would ask from the neurosurgeon to the person cleaning my room, “Do you know God?” I know that Romans 8:28, is so true. “Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Not death, not things present, nor things to come.”

God has performed many miracles in my life. The first one is I’m alive today. I can walk again, even though the doctors have never seen one example of a C 6-7 [cervical spine] split apart as far as mine was. The spinal cord goes right in the middle of those vertebrae and my spinal cord was only bruised, so that is quite a miracle too.

I do struggle every day with the abilities and relationships that I have lost. I have chosen to give them all to God because He’s the one who allowed all this and He has the best plan.

Usually within a year after a TBI, a person loses all their friends, but I haven’t lost ALL. Some friends are unable to put who you were before with the person you are today, so that is why they choose to quit a friendship.

It is common that someone facing recovery from traumatic brain injury loses all their confidence, and one person put it like this: “How would you like it if one day you woke up and you had a different brain? Would it be good? No.”

With a different brain, I have felt that way sometimes but not always. There is a constant struggle inside of someone with that kind of injury because they are reminded every minute of every day that they are not the same person that they once were.

In my case, for instance, I only have one “wonderful” hand to do everything. I talk and laugh a lot differently. Sometimes my mind struggles to get out some of my thoughts. I have faced days in the past where I just wanted to be who I was before. I believe that God was and still is in the process of creating something new in my life. We all need to be content with how we are today. I admit that physically I’m totally different but my heart is still the same. I’m still me.

I want so badly to be able to finish Job 1:21, that says, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Through my story, God’s compassion and love has grown in me and has made me realize how awesome He is and how I don’t deserve any of His glory. God is the One Who deserves it all. I’m just an instrument that He uses. So I just praise His name.
The retractable med tech  

by Terry Hill

Armed with a business administration degree from Bryan College, Scott Pinson, '89, has moved into a role as a regional sales manager for Retractable Technologies, a medical sales company located in Atlanta, Ga., where Scott also makes his home.

While Bryan wasn’t really on his list of potential colleges, he listened to the advice of his grandparents and visited the campus.

"I went to a public high school and really had little interest in attending a Christian college," Scott said. "I was seriously considering Georgia Tech or Auburn University. However, my grandparents really wanted me to look at Bryan College, because they knew some people from their church that went there.

"When I visited the campus, I immediately fell in love with the school. I especially liked the fact that Bryan was a smaller school and that it was only about three hours from home. That seemed to be a good distance, because I remember thinking I could go home any weekend I wanted, but it was a little too far for my parents to ‘just drop in.’"

"I also remember that the upperclassmen that I met made a significant impression on me. They were able to personify to me the type of person that I wanted to be like upon graduation from college."

Family was important to him, even before his college decision, and remains so today.

"I know now more than ever how very blessed I am to have grown up in a great Christian home," Scott remarked. "My parents are two of my greatest heroes. They always kept me, my brother and my two sisters involved in church activities. They were then and still are today very close to me and fortunately for me live in the Atlanta area."

Friendships formed at Bryan are usually a fond remembrance and with Scott they are no exception. He further explained, "My closest friends I found at Bryan still remain my best friends in the world today."

What is so special about an education at Bryan College? Why do young people continue to enroll in a small college in rural East Tennessee?

Scott believes that the value of his Bryan education has remained consistent across the years. "Bryan College, in many respects, allowed me to claim my personal faith in Jesus Christ as my own," he said "When I graduated, I no longer had a faith that was just the ‘faith of my parents,’ but one that I could rest firmly on for myself.

"While in my classes, with my professors or among my peers, I was able to constantly search out, scrutinize and challenge my own belief in God and the world around me. I believe that is the true worth of my Bryan College degree."

"Since college, I have had the opportunity to work for several top organizations including IBM, Hallmark Cards and Johnson & Johnson Medical," Scott stated. "I truly believe that the skills that I developed while at Bryan have given me the ability to be highly marketable in today’s competitive business world."

And as he is marketable in the business world, he’s marketable personally in some areas. "I’m still single and looking for the right one," he reflected. When informed that more than 65 percent of Bryan students have found their mates while attending school here, Scott commented, "Who knows? I may still be able to find a Bryan woman."

David Luther, Kelly Stultz to sing at Carnegie Hall

Dr. David Luther, professor of music, and Kelly Luther Stultz, ’93, have been selected as two of the core musicians to perform in concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City in January.

Dr. Luther sang in 1998 with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers in Mr. Shaw’s final appearance with that group at Carnegie Hall.

This year, he and his daughter will be two of the core musicians in the 150-voice choir which will perform Mozart’s Requiem on Jan. 14, 2000. As members of the core of the choir, they will receive a stipend to cover expenses, including travel, for the event.

They will be responsible to learn the music before traveling to New York for a week of rehearsals before the concert. But Dr. Luther said the Mozart Requiem is one of his favorite choral works. He led the Bryan College Chorale in that piece in 1993.

Conductor James Conlon, the only American ever appointed permanent director of the Paris Opera in France, will lead the ensemble.

Members of orchestras in the New York area will combine to accompany the singers, who were selected in a worldwide audition.

"Bringing together artists of this caliber should produce a world-class performance," Dr. Luther said. "What a tremendous honor to include in such a setting, surrounded by the best in classical music."

After graduating from Bryan in 1993, Mrs. Stultz earned a master’s degree in music. She and her husband, Andy, live near Chattanooga, and she teaches voice part-time at Bryan and at Lee University.

Several Bryan alumni and faculty appeared in the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Symphony & Opera’s production of Madama Butterfly in November. Dr. David Luther made his debut with the CSOA as The Bonze and Kelly Luther Stultz, ’93, appeared in her second CSOA role as Kate Pinkerton. Trish Kinney Ferrell, ’90, operations coordinator for the CSOA, appeared in the Geisha Chorus, along with Sarah Beth Wade, ’93. Dr. Mel Wilhoit appeared in the Men’s Chorus. Pictured, from left, in their costumes are Mrs. Wade, Dr. Wilhoit, Dr. Luther, Ms. Ferrell and Mrs. Stultz.

Third Generation at Bryan

Five students enrolled this fall represent the third generation of their families to attend Bryan. They include Kim Hobbs, daughter of Carolyn Jewett Hobbs, ’74, and granddaughter of Allen Jewett, ’52; Tim Murphey, son of Tim Murphey, ’73x, and grandson of Robert, ’50, and Ruth Currie, ’51x Murphey; Sonia Samuelsen, daughter of Craig, ’76, and Diane Lord, ’78, Samuelsen, and granddaughter of Ralph Samuelsen, ’59; Tyler Seera, son of David, ’74, and Betty Ruth Barrows, ’74x, Seera, and grandson of E. Walter Seera, ’68; and Mike Sheddan, son of Frank, ’74, and Barb McCarrell, ’72, Sheddan, and grandson of Mayme Bedford, ’65. Tim Murphey and Kim Hobbs are pictured with Director of Alumni Ministries Brett Roes, ’88. In addition to the third generation students, 37 children of alumni are enrolled as second-generation students.
Ann’s sudden death deeply saddened and impacted those at the college. As a friend of over 20 years, we were privileged to know Ann, Ray and their children and were continually blessed by her presence.

As we look at her life, my wife, Barbara, who first met her in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Ann spoke to a Christian Women’s club, remembers her as a person of tenderness, sweetness and vulnerability sharing how God had taken past points of impossibility. Through the years she continued to be used of God in various ways in our lives, her family’s lives and in the lives of hundreds of clients.

A student who had never met Ann but attended her memorial service at Bryan chose to make her topic of a communication class assignment defining a Godly woman.

She helped many students in just two months to get past their own points of helplessness.

For me, Ann conveyed acceptance and love that made me feel better after being with her. She will be greatly missed.
Volleyball has ‘another good year’

“Another good year” is the way volleyball Coach Jerri Beck would describe her team’s season - growing experiences, some good victories and some room to grow more.

“We started the season strong but we battled with a few things at the end to keep with the flow. I would have liked to see us finish better,” she said.

The Lady Lions ended the season with an 18-14 record, down from 20-12 a year ago. “We had high expectations for the season,” the coach said. “Eighteen and 14 is not bad, but our expectations were higher based on our knowledge and what we believed we could do. Coming off a good season the year before, we achieved a lot but wanted more.”

One of those achievements included reaching the finals of the Sewanee Tournament at the University of the South. “It was an encouragement to the girls to get that far,” she explained.

Sewanee figured in another highlight, as the Lady Lions recorded a victory over that team in their final home game after losing two matches earlier in the season. “And we beat Milligan at the beginning of the year.”

One encouraging factor was the number of close matches, where the Lady Lions played to five games before a match was decided. “We won some, lost some,” Coach Beck said. “That makes it harder to handle when we lost, but it was exciting.”

She had special praise for her four seniors. Marla Osborne struggled with injuries throughout the season but worked hard and demonstrated leadership for the team.

Ronda Bruce “came back from knee surgery last spring. She did well for us in the middle.” In the final game, against Milligan, Ronda scored eight solo blocks, a career high.

Jessica Miller “came a long way as a player. She had tremendous growth as a hitter and on defense.” Jessica recorded her 1,000th kill in the final home game against Sewanee.

Amy Lien was back for a fifth year this fall and recorded her 1,500th kill during the TVAC tournament. “Amy did a good job for us this year changing positions. She was an outside hitter last year and changed to middle hitter this year,” the coach said.

Coach Beck will be looking to replace two middle hitters and an outside hitter this year, and is looking to freshmen, including Lindsey Hamilton, Brook Fleming, Laura Smith and Jenny Heaton to step up to the challenge. “They got good playing time this year and should be a key for us next year.”

Players receiving post-season honors included Kelly Ambrose, Karen Chamberlin and Jessica Miller who were named TVAC Scholar-Athletes; and Jessica Miller and Amy Lien who were named NCCAA All-Region and All-Tournament players. Amy also was named to the All TVAC squad.

Lady Lions' Basketball Schedule

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Women's soccer sees gains, room to grow

If it's possible to be proud and dissatisfied at the same time, that's what women's soccer Coach Marc Neddo is as he looks back over the 1999 season. A record better than the final 4-11 mark would have been nice, but even that was overshadowed by the significant improvements the team made and by the positive testimony his players maintained through a difficult year.

"I'm not disappointed with our record or with the effort the girls put forth," Coach Neddo said. "We're getting better, and so are the teams we play. Every game we lost we lost to a better team. We lost two games we could have won, and won one game we should have lost."

A stronger schedule contributed to the disappointing record, but even against stronger foes the Lady Lions showed new strength.

Brevard (N.C.) College, new to the schedule this year, brought with it a 44-0-1 record over the past two years, Bethel College's team made the playoffs this fall "and several teams we beat last year didn't play us this year," he said.

Among the "old" teams the Lady Lions faced was Milligan, this year sporting two members of the Nigerian World Cup Team, one of whom was averaging six goals a game when Milligan came to Bryan to play. Senior Becky Kalz, "a tenacious defender," drew the defensive assignment for that opponent. She held her own only two goals, "an outstanding performance," the coach said.

Seniors turning in superior performances this year included Heather Hammond, Hanna Jenkins and Mindy Baker.

"Heather has been an impact player all season," he said. "She played with a lot of heart and had the best intensity level on the team. Hanna was a solid leader on the defensive unit, and Mindy was the best captain we've ever had."

"The silver lining to this season is that I started five freshmen," he said. "That bodes well for the future. They gained a lot of game experience, and I've always said that games are the best coach."

Mr. Neddo said it is apparent that the team's skill level is growing, although, "I expect the team to work on developing their fundamental skills this off-season and summer." But he's encouraged that the team members "have seen the gap between our team and the others in the conference. I've challenged them to work harder than the other teams to close the gap."

One player he expects to see continuing leadership and growth from is freshman goalkeeper Mya Morrison. "She was one of the best keepers in the conference and has been nominated by other coaches for All-American," he said.

As he begins his recruiting efforts, he said his first and second priorities are a fast goal-scorer and a playmaking center-midfielder.

But regardless of his success in recruiting, and despite the final record, he takes pride in the 1999 team because "they let their Christian life shine. It's neat to see their testimony on the field in the way they play and where they draw the line on physical play."

"I can think of a game or two when I walked away disappointed because of a loss. I'd get over the loss in a couple of days, but I still had the sense of pride because the girls glorified God on the field. In the heat of action they kept their focus on playing for God's glory, and that's a lot easier to say than to do."

Men win another league title despite injuries

Another championship and a question of what might have been describe the 1999 Bryan men's soccer season.

The Lions were undefeated in the conference during the regular season en route to a 13-4-1 regular season record. But during the Tennessee Wesleyan game Oct. 20, the team suffered three key injuries.

Top scorer Seth Jensen went down with a knee injury, top defender Isidro Loaiza suffered an orbital compression fracture (a broken bone in his face around his eye) and Gonzalo Cerna dislocated his elbow.

"To that point in the season we were 11-2," Coach Sandy Zensen said. "After that were were 2-2-2. We never recaptured the same level of play."

The injuries, coming a week before the TVAC tournament, crippled the team's shot for a repeat of the 1998 tournament championship. With three key players missing the team lost to Milligan 3-4 in the opening round. Milligan went on to win the tournament.

At the NAIA regional tournament, the Lions again faced Milligan. This time they tied 1-1, with six players out because of injuries. But the Lions lost the shoot-out and Milligan advanced to the final round, where they lost do defending region champion Lindsey Wilson.

"The team this year played with dogged determination," Dr. Zensen said. "They had a tenacious spirit and refused to lose. They came back almost every game. We started slow, but when we found our rhythm we won 10 straight."

Success was a team effort, he said, not the result of a few players' performance. "What made us so tough was that there wasn't any one player the opponents could key on. The team played as a unit. There were no prima donnas. It was definitely a team effort. The guys got along well off the field as well as on the field. Maybe that was a key."

The coach expects the entire team to return for the 2000 season with the exception of Seth Jensen who will graduate this year. "With a few recruits to plug some holes, we should be back in the running next year."

He's particularly looking for a sweeper and a forward, and expects transfer student-athletes and players who gained experience on the junior varsity this year to help strengthen the team next year.

Among players receiving conference and national recognition this season were Moises Drummond, James Hutcheson, Nate Krogel, Isidro Loaiza and Peter Mitchell, who were named to the TVAC All-Academic team. Armando Durante, Moises, James were named to the TVAC All Conference first team, and Peter McGrane and Peter Mitchell were named to the TVAC All Conference second team.

In addition, Moises, James Peter Mitchell and Nate Krogel were named NCCAA Scholar Athletes.

Lions key on defense, speed

Members of the men's basketball varsity and JV teams include, from left, front, Kent Suter, Jared Jones, Shun Malone and Josh Cone. Seated are manager Candi Caudill, Travis Stevens, Bryan Rossi, Bryan Anderson, Coach Morris Michalski, Eric Zensen, Aaron Braun-DuIn, Jason Beschta and Brett Wright. Standing are student assistant Daniel Carver, Asst. Coach John Stonestreet, Michael Carter, David Arute, Steve Myers, Jason Beattie, Matt Pierre, Josh Coffman, James Mitchell, Jonathan Urquhart, Joseph Delph, managers Martha West and Jessie Andrews and Asst. Coach Terry Hill.

A tighter defense and a quicker offense hold the keys for a successful season for the Bryan men's basketball team, Coach Morris Michalski believes.

Although the 1998-99 team finished the season with a 13-20 record, the elements for success were evident even then. "Last year we had a young squad and a couple of key injuries that hurt," the coach said. "But I was pleased that in 15 ball games we played to within six points or less. In every game, nobody was trashing us."

Key to the Lions' efforts this year will be the play of seniors Eric Zensen and Brian Anderson, who are returning for their fourth campaign.

"They have to have a good year for us to be successful. And I'm counting on significant contributions from four juniors, Jason Beschta, Travis Stevens and Shun Malone who are returning from last year's squad, and transfer Jason Beattie."

As the season gets underway, the coach said he feels optimistic. "I like this year's team. I feel they can line up pretty well. I feel we can be 10 deep - two at every position."

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bilities. "It is a good foundation for graduate work in such fields as law, but it also opens the doors for work as an arbitrator, mediator, diplomat or information officer in larger companies. Cross-cultural communications and diplomacy are other possibilities open to our graduates, to name a few," he said.

Tim McIntosh, 1994 Communication Arts graduate now with the Georgia Family Council in Atlanta, found the public speaking experience he gained during his coursework particularly helpful.

"I think back often to the Introduction to Rhetoric class because it was so valuable," he said. "We had to think out loud often, make a case in front of other people in the political arena, Mr. Palmer hopes new graduates will be able to compete and make a difference in their world, like Tim McIntosh is doing."

He also puts his experience from working on the student newspaper and other writing courses - he has a writing minor - to work regularly. "If I didn’t have that experience, I really would have been over my head," he said. "Every job I’ve had has required a lot of writing."

With the Family Research Council, Tim is a writer, researcher and lobbyist for the organization that promotes family issues in Georgia. This follows stints with Georgia Sen. Paul Coverdell and a political campaign consulting firm.

While not all graduates will end up as players in the political arena, Mr. Palmer hopes new graduates will be able to compete and make a difference in their world, like Tim McIntosh is doing.

"I hope we produce Christian citizens effective in interpersonal relationships, with marketable skills and the cultural sensitivity to be salt and light."

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strongly that we need to have a powerful influence in society. It’s happening in small pockets around the country; I want to be part of the equipping process.”

One Bryan graduate who has accepted that challenge is Walker Haynes, ’96. Walker moved to California where he is working to break into the television and film industry. “I had a very idealistic approach to breaking into the industry...that it would happen overnight,” he said. “When I got to Hollywood, I realized that the term ‘overnight success’ omits the phrase “he worked 15 years to become an ....”

But he has found that, as a Christian, he is not alone. “I meet Christians every day in every area of the industry, and I am encouraged. I think the call

Theatre productions cover a range of genres, giving students - and the audience - a broad experience in plays. In the past several years, the theatre schedule has included You Can’t Take It With You, above, and The Heiress, right.

needs to go out stronger than ever to Christians around the country to join the fight here. Christ is alive in the entertainment industry, and He is calling more and more to Himself all the time. There are Bible studies set up on a weekly or bi-weekly basis in the major studios, and these are packed out.”

He found that the education he received at Bryan prepared him “as much as possible for life in Hollywood. As far as theatre goes, there are some techniques and experiences that make stage and film the same as far as acting goes; however, they are two entirely different forms of acting. So while I feel pretty competent as a stage actor, I am very inexperienced as a film/tv actor.

“I think I do have a pretty solid base to build on as far as acting technique goes, but I just need more experience in front of the camera.”

He encouraged students interested in film or television work to take advantage of the Los Angeles Film Studies Center program, offered by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. “It addresses and helps in practically every area relating to film.”

In the liberal arts model of Bryan College, the Bryan theatre program offers a broad exposure to the field. “Students will act, work backstage, do costumes, lights, assist direct and direct,” Mr. Belisle said. “Their senior recital is to direct a one-act play. They may find their niche and do more of that than something else, but they will do it all.”

The “do it all” aspect of the program is reflected in the repertory as well. “I try to choose plays over four years so my students and the audience can experience a variety of styles - comedy, tragedy, drama, farce - from this century to Shakespeare,” Mr. Belisle said. “Variety is important to broaden our cultural awareness, to help us know we are tied directly to the past as a culture. A good way to do this is performance.”

While the quality of the program depends on the quality of instruction, quality also is demonstrated by the type of students involved. “I look for enthusiasm about what a student wants to do,” Mr. Belisle said. “I look for a teachable spirit, someone who can see the big picture, who is not so tunnel-visioned that they say, ‘This is what I want to do and nothing else,’ someone who can see how it all fits together.

“The most important thing is a commitment to be excellent for Christ, someone who desires to be the best with the talent He has given.”

Mr. Belisle has proposed offering a theatre track in the Communication Arts major, to better focus theatre courses for students who plan to work in an acting-related profession. A decision on that recommendation is expected later this year.

To help build the program, Mr. Belisle has developed a patrons program which has raised money to buy needed equipment and supplies. “Now we’re at a point where we need smaller capital outlays,” he said, “so I’d like to direct some of that money toward scholarships.”

Already the Haynes Hilltop Scholarship has been established to help theater students, and other similar grant proposals are pending.

And he is seeking to broaden the impact of the program in the community, working with the Tennessee Valley Theatre, a Rhea County theatre troupe, supporting the Rhea County High School drama program and providing technical support to the annual Scopes Trial reenactment.

“We want to provide a major cultural influence in the Rhea County community,” he said. And reaching out through local contacts and providing excellent programming is one major way he hopes to make a difference in this part of the world."
Alumni renew ties to Bryan during homecoming

It started off with a bang - or whatever sound four contemporary Christian bands make - and ended with hymns of praise as hundreds of alumni and students celebrated Homecoming '99 Sept. 30 - Oct. 3.

And in the process, prospective students got an extended look at the Bryan experience as Caravan coincided with homecoming.

Bryanfest, a concert by four contemporary Christian bands, drew hundreds of students and area fans to the soccer practice field on Thursday of homecoming week.

Hundreds of students and other contemporary Christian music lovers gathered on the soccer practice field Thursday night to hear Big Tent Revival, Just Visiting, Polar Boy and Plaid perform for the Bryanfest concert.

As Vice President for Advancement Tom Kemner summed up that program during the Homecoming Update Saturday night, “Big Tent Revival challenged young people to quit abusing grace, to quit taking sin lightly in our lives. A number of kids responded and a number prayed to receive Christ.”

Friday’s activities included the first Alumni Ironman Golf Tournament, with 45 men and one woman playing golf to raise money to support alumni ministries. They averaged about 80 holes each before gathering at the college for an awards dinner. Dan Harrington, ‘89, was declared the tournament champion and David Tromanhauser, ‘80, was named most valuable player.

Saturday was filled with class and group reunions, an alumni choir rehearsal and, for the children, the VeggieTown Values Bible School, supervised by Dr. Rick Morton and Christian Education majors.

The first Ironman Golf Classic was an opportunity for alumni golfers to compete, raise money for the college and have fun. At the end of a long day - more than 80 holes of golf - Dan Harrington, ‘89, was declared the tournament champion and David Tromanhauser, ‘80, was named most valuable player. Pictured, from left, are Alumni Ministries Director Brett Roes, ‘88, Harrington, Advancement Vice President Tom Kemner, Tromanhauser and Communications Director Terry Hill, ‘71.

Homecoming meant fun for children, too, as the soccer practice field as turned into a carnival arena with games, like this inflatable slide.

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He’s looking to strong play off the bench from sophomore Jared Jones and freshman point guard Brett Wright. “I think he's going to be a good one,” he said.

In addition, “there are some good prospects on the junior varsity. Hopefully, they will come through for us.”

Another key to a successful season will be big plays, Coach Michalski said. “Historically, TVAC is tight top to bottom. There is nobody who is inept in the conference. Whoever makes the big plays has the upper hand. I’d like to think we’re in a better position this year to make the big plays.

“I feel like our preparation, physical and tactical, is better than ever.”

He’s counting on a history of smart, accurate shooting to help the Lions’ effort this year. “Last year we were the best overall shooting team in the nation. We were ranked in the top 10 in field goal percentage, three-point goal percentage and free throw percentage. This strength needs to be carried over to this year, and I think it will be,” he said.

Some of the stiffest competition should come from last season’s conference champion Milligan, a team that went undefeated. “They return all five starters, and four of them are juniors,” Coach Michalski said.

“They are ranked fourth in the NAIA Division II. What makes me think we can play with them is that although we lost to them three times, we lost those games by a total of five points.”

Tennessee Wesleyan, another strong foe this year, finished second in the conference last year. They beat the Lions twice by a total of four points.

Other strong foes will be Covenant, Lee and Tennessee Temple. Although those teams no longer are in the same NAIA or NCCAA conferences as Bryan, the traditional rivalry between the schools makes them important from a morale standpoint.

During the Homecoming Update, Alumni Ministries Director Brett Roes explained that the focus in his new position is “encouraging graduates to become steadfast in Christ to continue making a difference in today’s world. There are four pillars to this - marriage and family, stewardship, worship and worldview.”

Edward, ’39, and Joyce Hirschy deRosset, ‘40, were named alumni of the year in that service.

Bryan President Dr. Bill Brown gave an overview of Bryan’s worldview focus to end the evening, then illustrated the practical value of worldview studies by speaking from Acts 17 during the worship service on Sunday.

“We had a tremendous homecoming celebration,” Mr. Roes said. “I think the many alumni who were here caught a new vision and enthusiasm for the direction Bryan College is heading and renewed their excitement at being a part of the Bryan family.

“This was a great homecoming, and I’m excited about the ways we can build on the successes of this year throughout the coming year and for Homecoming 2000.”

Homecoming soccer game in October.

Mindy Baker, a senior Christian Education major from Knoxville, Tenn., was crowned queen, and Chad Owens, a senior Christian Education major from Rives Junction, Mich., was crowned king during halftime of the homecoming soccer game in October.
Any brand manager worth his salt adheres to Rule #1 of product marketing: You sell the sizzle not the steak. Their ad campaigns blur: “And I’m worth it...Diamonds are forever...Different!”

These commercials promise immediate gratification, increased status with peers and more discretionary time. So we buy — knowing full well that the last time we swiped the plastic for something of lesser value, it failed to satisfy. We bought the sizzle, not the steak.

Are we justified by grace through faith? You bet! Spirit filled? No doubt! On your way to heaven? Absolutely! On any given Sunday we worshipfully celebrate these theological truths, yet in all of their profoundness they fail to answer the nagging question of our soul. Why are we, the Bride of Christ, perpetually unsatisfied?

When we buy the sizzle we believe a lie. “Now, wait a minute,” we interject. “The purchased item does provide some utility!” That is true. But it is not in the benefit that the lie resides. No, the falsehood is much more subtle, obscured by the marketers’ pragmatic boasts. For example, the benefits realized in the purchase of a new automobile are updated safety features, better mileage, reliability, costs less to operate, fits the family and so forth.

The deception, however, interwoven into every facet of the marketing strategy, is this — The purchase of this car promises to bring you as much fulfillment and satisfaction as the people in this advertisement are experiencing. So we, too, just like the unbeliever who is desirous of the illusion as the people in this advertisement are experiencing.

The believer, however, has a choice when the promised abundant life is elusive. We are told in John 10:10 that Jesus came “…That they might have life, and have it to the full.” When we look for meaning and satisfaction in the marketer’s product we are, in effect, loving the world. We’re buying sizzle! John 4:10 goes on to say, “This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

If Solomon determined that meaning comes from the fear of God and keeping His commandments, and Jesus stated that all the commandments hinge on loving God and others, and we as believers are continuing to fear and love God, then loving others is the only missing ingredient to the promised abundant life. To find out what loving others should look like we need not look any further than Jesus Christ, the personification of obedient love.

Two decisions hallmark the love of Christ. I believe the keys to the abundant life are found in following Jesus’ example and making these decisions for ourselves.

The first decision is expressed by Paul in Philippians 2:5-8, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!”

Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, “emptied himself,” that is, relinquished control and became selfless, and He “humbled Himself,” that is, He became submitted in attitude. The initial key to abundant life is that of selfless submission to God and to others. Ephesians 5:21 states, “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

The second decision is found in Matt. 20:26-28 “…Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Jesus’ own words give us the second key to the abundant life, “But to serve.” You barley have to read six verses on either side of this passage to find an example of Christ serving others out of selfless submission to God. The Gospels are permeated with Jesus’ acts of service. The subsequent key to the abundant life is that of serving others.

Mother Theresa was kneeling over a bed-ridden leper and cleaning out the infection from an open sore when a reporter from the West entered the room and requested an interview. As soon as reporter realized what she was doing he exclaimed disgustedly, “Oh sick!” He covered his mouth with a handkerchief and remarked, “I wouldn’t do that for a million dollars!” Mother Theresa turned toward the young man and replied with a satisfied smile, “Neither would I.”

My dear friend, nothing that can be purchased with money will bring you the promised abundant life. It is only by following Christ’s example of serving others, by being selflessly submitted to God, that we will experience a consistently satisfying life.

Enjoy your possessions for their practical use and see them for what they are. When it comes to obtaining the abundant life, stop buying the sizzle and start serving others like Ephesians 6:7 encourages, “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.”

In doing so you will be swapping sizzle for satisfaction!

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**Alumni of the Year, 1999**

**Edward and Joyce Hirschy deRosset**

*PSALM FROM PERU*  
By Hermano Shakespeare  
(Any resemblance you thinka to music of Inca is Peru rinka dinka.)

_In '44 His leading to fulfill,  
In Evans City and down in Peru._

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CHARLES (SPUD), ’56, and CHARLOTTE, ’56, WILLOUGHBY, who reside in Lawrenceville, Ga., are pleased with another opportunity for Spud and his son, Steve, to spend October in Cuba to minister in a Bible school and several churches. Charlotte remained in Long Island, N.Y., at Steve's home, so she could help Steve's wife, Suzanne, with the children and grandchildren.

JACK, ’58, and Norma CANADY have spent more than 40 years ministering with Village Missions and now at age 70 Jack has been led to step down from the position of director. They are moving back east to the shore of Maryland to live close to their oldest son, Paul, and his family. Paul and Mary Lou are Village Missionaries who minister at the Wye Bible Church. By June 30, 2000, Jack and Norma will be retired, but during a one-year sabbatical they will make a final trip to all the VM conferences to challenge the missionaries to reach rural North America with the Gospel of Christ.

DEAN, ’58, and Edith FRANKLIN, World Team missionaries, have returned from Trinidad to the U.S. to validate their visas by a year’s absence. In July they shared in a family reunion in Kentucky and spent several weeks in the Philadelphia area where they visited a number of supporting churches. In November they returned for a retreat in Trinidad and a meeting with leaders in Guadeloupe to discuss with church leaders the future of World Team after 50 years of ministry. They make their home in Atlanta area.

JANET CLAYCOMB, ’64, St. Mary, Jamaica, returned to Jamaica after several weeks at home to share fellowship at her home church, Calvary Bible Chapel, in Indiana. She was pleased to see her whole family together and to spend a few days with her 88-year-old mother. Janet reviews the past school year when she had Bible lessons with good response from the children who enjoyed the crafts that helped to reinforce the Bible stories. She is concerned with the economy which is in “terrible condition” in Jamaica, and crime is high because of evil forces and unemployment.

ROBERT, ’65, and ROBIN (SEAVERS), ’65, CRANE, working under SEND International, are serving in Far East Russia and have moved into a new apartment in Magadan. They are grateful for windows that let in some sunshine, a little heat and some hot water, a luxury. They are assisting in the continuing
in Muslim, Hindu and Sikh homes. In addition, last May, Des was one of the trainers for a two-week seminar attended by people from South Africa, Zambia, Ukraine, New Zealand, the United States and Albania. Lynn and daughter Sheila spent a month last summer with Mom Stevens to help fill the gap left by Lynn’s father who went to be with the Lord last February. The three Harper teens, Sean, Dale, and Sheila went to Netherlands in August to be involved with OM’s Missionary Teens Only. During that time Des and Lynn went to Southern Ireland for a weekend reunion with about 200 of the extended Harper clan.

MIRIAM GEBB, ’71x, has just completed 20 years with HCBJ and this year also marks her 50th birthday. She spent the first two years as a missionary in language study in Costa Rica and then had a two-year short-term assignment at the HCBJ hospital in Quito, which was extended to the present. On a recent jungle trip with a young man who was blind, they flew about 25 minutes on a Mission Aviation Fellowship plane and then walked about an hour and a half carrying a TV, a VCR, a generator and a small pharmacy. They showed the Jesus film and other gospel films and were glad that 10 new believers were baptized in a cold stream on the morning they left after a four-day stay.

JACK, ’71, and ESTHER, ’72x, LILLEY, serving in Mexico City with the Aztec team are seeking to reach Mexican business and professional people. Jack finished the last school year with 80 students in courses like “Jesus of Nazareth,” “Biological Interpretation” and “The Writings of John.” The couple cultivated four individuals last spring in regular Bible study. In May the Lilleys went to Wheaton, Ill., for TEAM’s Latin America field leaders’ retreat and other mission business. Their son, John, has a new job at Houghton College as director of the college recording studio; Jennifer, who is living in Wheaton, was recently promoted to director of refugee service at World Relief, and Jessica completed her first year in college.

KIM (ALT) ’74, LUCAS and her husband, Clair, write to us from Philadelphia, Pa. Kim lived at home to make dolls and home-school their two sons, Justin, 18, and Ryan, 16, through junior high. Justin is now a freshman in college. The family worships with a small Reformed Baptist congregation, and has recently started selling books on eBay.

Nard and SANDY (NEUMANN), ’75 PUGYAO were scheduled to go to the Philippines to help with showing videos in the Isan language among Nard’s people, leaving Charlotte, N.C., on Nov. 11, and returning Dec. 15. Nard spoke in missions conferences in October in several states. Their son, Steven, finished his first year with the army in Anchorage, Alaska; Philip spent two weeks in Cshey Music Camp at Philadelphia College of Bible in June and July and continues home-schooling as a senior and plays in the flute choir at the University of North Carolina. Sandy continues as family driver, housekeeper and wife.

SHIRLEY (LEE), ’75 SOVEREIGN writes that she has recently moved and remarried. She and her husband, David, live in Cresco, Iowa, where Shirley is the elementary school principal.

HODGE DRAKE, ’76, has just been named CEO of the Clinton County Family YMCA in Wilmington, Ohio. Hodge sees this as a Christian ministry and thanks the Lord for this exciting opportunity. He and his wife, Diane, have three children: Jake, 9; Shelly, 7; and Chris, 4.

JENNIE L. JOBE, ’76, received her doctorate, summa cum laude, in clinical psychology from St. Johns University during the spring 1999 commencement. Dr. Jobe is the psychologist for Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex in the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

STEVE, ’76, and MARCIA (KRICKA), ’78, STRAUSS at SIM’s ministry in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, said goodbye to 47 adults last summer for reasons of retirement, furlough, medical evacuation, reassignment and end of service for short-term staff. Three Ethiopian teachers from the Evangelical Training College are training in Kenya, the U.S. and England. Search is being made for a new principal to replace Steve, who has begun a two-year project of writing a TEE course on Christology. He is continuing to work on his voice problem with the aid of a speech therapist who guides him to speak slowly and quietly—not easy for one who loves to communicate with enthusiasm. Their daughter, Cara, graduated from Ritt Valley Academy on July 17 and shared in the week of family fun time on shores of the Indian Ocean in Mombasa, Kenya. Three weeks later she entered college in the States.

DENNIS, ’77, and RENATA (HANNA), ’77, METZGER are giving thanks to God for the roof on their new church. They still lack some finishing but they moved their school with its 60 students into the church. In another area they are preparing to open a new fellowship, but they still need a place to meet. Their Bible institute meets each week with seven men to study personal discipleship and leadership training.

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growth and maturation of the church of Magadan and surrounding areas.

PAUL, ’68, and SANDY TIMBLIN, of Lenmore, Germany, had a five-week furlough when they were able to visit both of their parents, some brothers and sisters, and their son Paul Robert and Lauren and their two children. Sandy returned to Germany and Paul stayed for two months more to be with his parents and to make many visits. The fall schedule includes Sandy’s teaching a conversation course in English, Paul teaching the book of First Peter in the evening Bible Institute and courses in Spiritual Gifts and Hermeneutics in two local churches. They hosted Dr. Charles Ryrie for a week of lectures in October and Paul and Sandy were at Word of Life in Southern Germany for board meetings and a celebration of 35 years in Germany.

Dick and NITA (KARGES), ’68, PAPWORTH, Beaverton, Oregon, are thankful for friends who have shared with them in their ministry in Iran for seven years, in California for seven years and in Oregon since 1987. The Papworth family celebrated this year with both daughters being married.

DON, ’69, and SHIRLEY (FLEMINING), ’69x, EMERSON came home from China in August in time to welcome a new grandson in West Virginia and to go on to Word of Life Bible Institute for Jared’s graduation. They were able to attend the wedding of their daughter, Deleena. Before returning to Beijing, the Emersons shared about China in Sunday services in their home church in Perry, Mich. School started in China on Sept. 6, with Don as principal over the International and Korean Department and Shirley teaching grades three and four with communication in Korean, Chinese and English. Their school is open only to foreign passport holders but they have contacts with individuals through various other associations. They advise friends to avoid Christian terminology in letters or E-mail. Their address is: demerson@cenpok.net.

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**70’s**

**Reunions**

**Class of ’75**

July ’00 (25 years)

Class of ’70

October ’00 (30 years)

John and MARGARET (BROWN), ’71, HALLQUIST write from Oak Ridge, Tenn. Their daughter, Kathryn, is a freshman at Bryan and Daniel, an eighth grader, is splitting his schooling between home and the Christian Academy of Knoxville. Margaret works part-time as a home-school coordinator for the academy, and John is an instrument engineer for Lockheed Martin. The Hallquists also serve as foster parents.

Des and LYNN (STEVENS), ’71, HARPER, who serve with Operation Mobilization in Halsewood, England, are ministering mainly with Asians. They have been rejoicing in the response to Christ by two Muslim women recently and by the provision of 8,000 Jesus videos in South Asian languages that have been...
day of singing. Bible teaching, Bible study and fellowship. Their daughter, Kathryn, devours every book she can get her hands on, or she's busy making up songs. She teaches the neighbor children worship songs that she learned in Sunday school. At preschool age, Bryan has learned to ride his new bicycle, write his letters and is doing addition in his head. Younger Ethan has his own version of entertainment such as sharing the rabbit's veggies. The Garretts had a short-term helper this summer and are inviting helpers for future summer terms or up to two years.

Alumni at Connie Branson's birthday party included, from left, Blaine Bishop, Janet Ardelean Schmidt, Daryl Roberts, Tom Branson, Connie Branson, Karey Murphy, Mark Robbins and David Tromanhauser.

CONNIE (REEHOFF), '81x, BRANSON celebrated her 40th birthday this past May with her husband, TOM, '80, at their home in Madisonville, Ky. She was pleasantly surprised to be reunited with Bryan College buddies BLAINE BISHOP, '81; JANET (ARDELEAN), '81; SCHMIDT; DARYL ROBERTS, '81; KAREY MURPHY, '81; MARK ROBBINS, '80; and DAVID TROMANHAUSER, '80. Daryl, Tom, Karey and Blaine had their own BV11 reunion at the same time.

Former residents of Bryan Village held their own reunion during a birthday party for Connie Branson. From left are Daryl Roberts, Tom Branson, Karey Murphy and Blaine Bishop.

Schefferville, Quebec, Canada. Also with these friends they recently had a dedication service for Scripture portions at the Naskapi Anglican church. The Jancewicz family is located in Groton, Conn, until July 2000 for a study leave.

SCOTT, '82, and JOY (THOMPSON), '83, HOOKER have recently purchased their first home, after living in church housing for nine years. The family, including Benjamin, 10, and Sarah, 7, lives in Huntsville, Ala., where Scott serves as minister of music and single adults at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Joy teaches preschool music in the church's weekday education program as well as Sunday school. She also directs the preschool choir and is involved in the church's drama ministry.

JERRY, '84, and CINDY (WILLIAMSON), '84, WALKER are living at the JAARS center in Waxhaw, N.C., through December. Jerry is taking the vernacular nonprint media course to help take God's Word beyond the printed page through videos, auto cassettes, filmstrips and radio. He looks forward to using these tools when they return to Papua New Guinea in July. Cindy is homeschooling their three children and making new friends at JAARS. After Christmas they expect to be located at the new Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, Fla. They are seeking to raise funds for a four-wheel drive vehicle to use in PNG that would allow Jerry to travel to isolated villages with the new media messages of the Gospel.

Brad and KATHY (DALLINGA), '84, KOENIG realize that their three-month "vacation and medical leave" has turned into a 21/2-year furlough. They are eager to return to Cameroon to the city of Bamenda to continue their work with the Ewembi people. They need additional support and additional equipment and supplies to enable them to return to the field with their two sons, Wayne and Evan.

JEFF, '84, and ANGELA (HOWELL), '84, NYBERG announce the arrival of their adopted son, Jon Jeffrey II, on Jan. 9. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. The new parents are thankful for the firm foundation they received at Bryan, as Jeff is a church planter/pastor in Prosper, Texas. Pray for them as they seek to adopt a second child.

ERNIE C. RICKETTS JR., '85, received the Ph.D. degree in Greek linguistics from The University of Texas at Arlington in August. He is a professor at Bryan College, where he has taught Ancient Greek, linguistics and biblical studies for 10 years. He lives in Dayton with his wife, PAULAKAY, '84, and two children, Emily and Jakob.

TITUS, '85, and Anya HANHAM, although delayed in returning to Russia until their support goal is reached, were able to make a trip to visit Anya's family in Magadan in time for David's first birthday on Sept. 11, when grandma could celebrate with them. This fall the Navigators are sending Titus and family to Columbia, S.C., where a group of professionals will teach Russian Language Ministries. They now have 74 percent of their support pledged and trust the Lord for the remainder so they can return to Russia on a long-term basis to work with the Navigators' team in St. Petersburg before they go to Far East Russia.

RANDY, '85, and CAROL (DAVIS), '84, VERNON with their four children are missionary candidates to Hungary under the Evangelical Free Church Mission to assist in new church planting in Budapest. It was on a short-term trip to Hungary in 1998, that the Lord confirmed this ministry to them. They will be teaching and assisting in administration at the Olympia Mosi Resource Center and be involved in evangelism, worship training, and leadership development. They also plan to assist in English and sports camps.

MAJ. ROBERT (BOE) BARINOWSKI III, '85, and Laurie Cardon were married on May 1 at Pittsford Community Church in Rochester, N.Y. The couple flew to Budapest for their honeymoon. They live in Monterrey, Calif., where Boe is attending the Defense Language School to prepare for teaching U.S. infantry tactics at the Venezuelan War College. Boe thanks those who have prayed for him and knows that the Lord has truly blessed him.

Bill and Lynne Brown, left, with Ramon and Deb Torres and their daughter, Naomi.
the birth of their daughter Baylie Kate, on Aug. 11. Baylie weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz. Her big brother, Braxton, 5, welcomes her into the family at their home in Dayton, Tenn.

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BRIAN, ‘87, and DONNA (HOWELL), ‘87, MACKENZIE welcomed their son, Seth Benjamin, into the family on Sept. 6. Seth weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. His three older brothers, Jesse, 7; Kevin, 6; and Adam, 11/2; as well as mom and dad, are adjusting well.

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KEVIN, ‘91, and KARLA (TRAMMEL), ‘93, BOOT believe that God is calling them to overseas ministry under Crossover Communications International (CCI), CCI is committed to helping fulfill the Great Commission throughout Eurasia through church planting, leadership training and medical outreach. As the son of missionary parents in Brazil, Kevin has linguistic and cultural knowledge to prepare him for his role on the CCI-Brazil team to serve as the Director of Mobilization, challenging Brazilians to get involved to reach unreached peoples of the world. The Brazilian church is the third largest in the world and is ripe for mobilization. Karla, after she has learned some Portuguese and settled into life in Brazil, will be helping in the CCI office, using her skills of organization and finances.

BETH HORNISH, ‘92, finds a busy schedule of family duties, covering classes, scheduling, keeping up with e-mail, working with student committees and organizations, and observing teachers which gives her a full day at the Evangelical Christian Academy at Madrid, Spain. They have 59 students this year from 11 nations and 24 mission boards. They need nine new teachers for next year in the areas of elementary, secondary English and computer.

TERRY, ‘92, and Rebecca BROWN announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Nicole. She was born on Oct. 24 and weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. She joins her three older sisters, Hannah, Mary and Sarah.

AMBER (MARKS), ‘93, and John VIOLETTE were married Aug. 7 in Cary, N.C. Bridesmaids at the wedding party included AMY CAMP, ‘93; HEIDI VANBROCKLIN, ‘97; and former Dean of Students, Melody Benson. The couple lives in Clayton, N.C.

TOMMI (REED), ‘93, STARICK announce the birth of their first child, Eric Allan. Eric was born Sept. 1, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 in. long. The Staricks live in Waterford, Conn. where Scott works as an Avionics Technician for Columbia Air Services and Tommi is works at home as a full time mom.

ERIC ALBRIGHT, ‘94, makes the Wycliffe Center in Dallas, Texas, his home as he attends the missionary training program there. During the past semester he met Allison in Dallas and they were both assigned to a country in Southeast Asia. From the middle of June through August they took a survey course together in Eugene, Oregon, and Eric added the Cultural Anthropology course. At the end of the course Eric asked Allison to marry him, so wedding plans were set for Dec. 11, in California. They plan to remain in the U.S. for a year, living in Dallas to prepare for their future ministry.
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**MATTHEW FRITZ, ‘94, and Angela Thomas were married July 24 in Kingston, Tenn. They live in Kingston, where Matt works with management for Ruby Tuesday, Inc., and Angela works in banking. PAUL, ‘94, and REBECCA (BRYAN), ‘94, BONNELL announce the birth of their daughter, Ada Camille. Ada was born Oct. 1, and weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. The Bonnell family lives in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.**

**DANNY, ‘94, and HEIDI (SMELSER), ‘97, COLPO announce the birth of Guilia Danielle Colpo. Danielle, on Sept. 10. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz. The Colpos live in Bessemer, Ala., where Danny does landscaping and maintenance with Agricultural Services and Heidi works as a full-time mommy.**

**ANDY, ‘95, and KIM (NICHOLS), ‘94, DANIELS rejoice in the birth of their son, Alexander Braden. He was born June 26, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 in. long.**

**CHARA (ASHWORTH), ‘95, and Kris ARMSTRONG were married Aug. 14 at Cedar Springs Church in Knoxville, Tenn. The couple resides in Knoxville.**

**DAVID L. JOHNSTON, ‘95, and his wife Vicki announce the birth of their son, Charles Lee Johnson. He was born July 14. He joins his three older sisters, Mandi, 6; Faith, 4; and Bethany, 3. David completed his Th.M. this summer and is the pastor at Valley Bible Church in Grand Junction, Colo.**

**DURINDA COMPTON, ‘96, recently moved from Ohio to Des Moines, Iowa. She works as a librarian at the Des Moines Christian School. She enjoys making new friends through her church and spending more time with family.**

**SARAH BETH (NORDMOE), ‘96, and Alan DOCKERY were united in marriage on May 29. They live in Knoxville, Tenn. SAM, ‘97, and MICHELLE (WILEY), ‘97, TEASLEY announce the birth of their first child, Nathan Howell. Nathan was born Sept. 6 and is very healthy, after a slight infection at birth. Sam and Michelle live in Marietta, Ga., where they work with Campus Crusade for Christ.**

**SUSANNA (SHARPE), ‘99, and Kyle BIEDERMANN were married Aug. 28, at Fellowship Bible Church in New Braunfels, Texas. They live in Anchorage, Alaska.**

**WITH THE LORD**

**HAROLD FUSS, ‘40, went to be with the Lord Aug. 29. His wife, Rosella, survives him and lives in Willow Springs, Ill.**

**ROBERT ENGLISH, ‘55, died Oct. 17, at age 69. He pastored Calvary Church in Bath, N.Y., for 44 years. Bob’s wife, Eleanor, survives him.**

**JANICE (HARTZELL) ARNOLD, ‘59, died Aug. 8, of a malignant brain tumor. She taught for the Humboldt City School system in Humboldt, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, Jerry, and sister, EILEEN (HARTZELL), ‘58, QUINN.**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Wynsema, known also as Betty, completed her 88th year of life and service for the Lord on Nov. 15. During her last years she lived at the Alliance Center in DeLand, Fla., enjoying the fellowship of friends there including former students of Nyack Bible Training Institute of which she was a graduate, and also many Alliance missionary friends. She had served in a secretarial capacity at Bryan College for over 20 years before her retirement. She continued to live on Bryan Hill until her move to Florida.**

**CORRECTION**

An item about honorary alumna Charlotte Jensen in the fall edition of Bryan Life contained some incorrect information, for which we apologize. Mrs. Jensen, widow of former Prof. Dr. Irving Jensen, lives with her daughter, Donna, and Donna’s husband, Phil Carter in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Jensen is the mother of DONNA (JENSEN) CARTER, ‘76; KAREN (JENSEN) COLLINS, ‘78; and ROBERT JENSEN, ‘80.
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