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Bryan's new WorldWide Web address is [www.bryan.edu](http://www.bryan.edu). Check it out!

## 'My Life Is in Your Hands' sets theme for 64th commencement celebration

Perhaps the song Christina Day sang at the Vesper service before graduation best summed up the spirit of Bryan's 64th annual commencement in May: "My Life Is in Your Hands."

As she introduced her song, Christina read Jeremiah 29: 11 and II Corinthians 12: 8-9, speaking of the Lord's good plans for His children and the sufficiency of His grace.

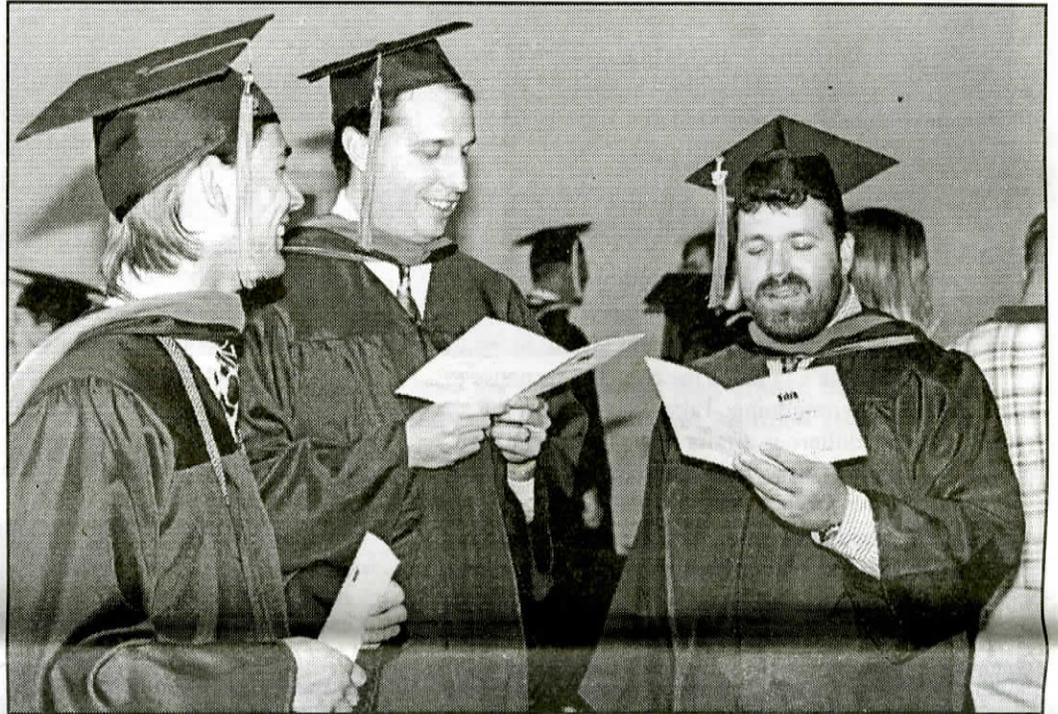
That sentiment was reiterated again and again as students reflected on their years at Bryan and anticipated their moving to the next phase of their lives.

In his graduation address, Practical Christian Involvement President John Stonestreet developed that theme further. "This ceremony, this day and our mentalities on this day are a specific reflection upon our human tendency to measure our endeavors by a practical paradigm of success. This paradigm is based on results, the 'what' that we are trying to accomplish.

John Stonestreet "However, if there is one thing I have become aware of in my years at Bryan, it is that God's way of defining things and my way of defining things are more than likely drastically different. And because He is God, His definition is drastically more significant than mine.

"All of us here have one thing in common for sure, whether tomorrow for us is the day after our graduation or just simply the day after today; true success in life will be determined by God's definition of success and not our own.

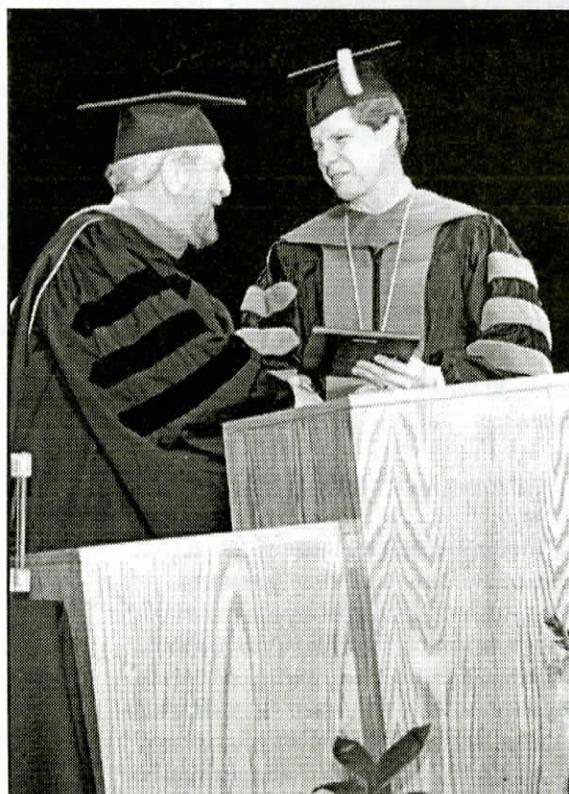
"Therefore today, as we all reflect on the past and look ahead to the future, I



Matt Vander Wall, left, Randy Nichols and Kelly Bridenstine, right, check the program before graduation



John Stonestreet



The Rev. Ronald Ragon receives the Distinguished Service Award from President Brown.

issue each of us the challenge of a Biblical paradigm of success. I believe this paradigm is described by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21: 'For me, to live equals Christ.'

"Success is most easily defined by our pursuits, our 'whats.' I challenge us to find success in an abandoned identification to Christ. As I pursue success in my life, I am reminded of a statement made by my high school basketball coach: 'I am not afraid of failing, I am afraid of succeeding at something that does not matter.'

"I challenge you to pursue success, I challenge you to pursue Him. "As Jim Elliot prayed: 'Take my life, my very blood if Thou wilt, for it is only of value as it flows from Thine altar.'"

Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown acknowledged some of the visible evidences of success as he opened the graduation service.

"Bryan College students generally rank in the top 20 percent of graduates nationally as measured on standardized tests. We provide a good education here. That, coupled with our emphasis on the Lord Jesus Christ,

makes a Bryan education especially significant.

"We don't want to train students to adjust to

today's world, but to confront, challenge and change today's world."

And the Rev. Ronald Ragon, pastor of Brainerd Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., who received a Distinguished Service Award,

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### Class of 1997 at a glance

103 graduates, 49 men, 54 women, from 24 states and 6 foreign countries; 67 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 36 Bachelor of Science degrees.

# Where have all the sinners gone?

*At three I had a feeling of  
Ambivalence toward my brothers,  
And so it follows naturally,  
I poisoned all my lovers.*

*But now I'm happy; I have learned  
The lesson this has taught;  
That everything I do that's wrong  
Is someone else's fault.*

- "Psychiatric Folksong"  
Anna Russell

We live in a culture that cries for liberation from moral restraints. After all, doesn't Burger King tell us, "Sometimes you gotta break the rules?" Even Healthy Choice cereal admonishes us to free ourselves: "You gotta make your own rules." Liberation advertising is the rage now. Why? Because rules get in the way of personal happiness and fulfillment.

But sometimes when we do make our own rules, we get caught. Public opinion and common sense morality are not as forgiving as a commercial might lead us to believe.

"It's someone else's fault" is the common response to most charges of wrongdoing. Take, for example, the recent spate of adulterous affairs in the news. The high-profile personalities all were quick to blame something (or someone) else for their romantic dalliances.

Michael Kennedy, son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, blamed alcohol for his affair with his children's babysitter. The *Globe* was heavily criticized for "setting up" Frank Gifford with a woman who "enticed" him into infidelity. Bomber pilot Lt. Kelly Flinn fell victim to an "overly moralistic" code of conduct practiced by the Air Force, her defenders claim. Journalist Eleanor Clift added that Flinn just "fell in love with a cad."

We are asked to feel compassion for those among us who are victims of circumstances, whether they are cognac, collusion or cads.

What has led America to become a society of victims? It is not as simple as saying we have lost our allegiance to traditional morality and family values. The answer is much deeper and not always easy to understand: a collision of worldviews. How we look at life at the deepest levels forms the foundation for our values and behavior.

## DNA or DAD?

Naturalism is the worldview most officially entrenched in academic and judicial systems. Naturalism teaches that everything is natural, there is no supernatural. What happens in the world is the result of physical laws and processes. There is no God, truth is science, morality is social convention. As a result, behavior is explained exclusively by physical causes, either genetic or environmental.

Our genetic make-up, we are told, inclines us to certain kinds of behavior. Our DNA determines if we are given to overeating, shyness, promiscuity, violence, or homosexuality. The list of genetically determined behaviors grows every week as research into "genetic psychiatry" and other related fields churns out findings. The basic assumption is that our personalities are inherited from the genetic material passed on from our parents.

*New Scientist* magazine devoted its May 3 cover story to this area. Christopher Badcock, author of *PsychoDarwinism*, believes that the father's genes builds



## From the President

**Dr. William E. Brown**

the emotive side of the child while the elements of the intellect are determined by the mother. In other words, we have our father's emotions and our mother's brains.

After genes set the agenda for our personalities, our environment finishes off the job of making us totally incapable of bearing responsibility for our actions. Abusive fathers, poverty, tragic losses or painful memories can be reasons for any number of behaviors.

Clearly, our genetic make-up and past experiences make an impact on our current behavior, sometimes overwhelmingly so, but the error is defining all behavior in its totality by these factors. All of life is in some ways an overcoming of our natural inclination to sin.

## Past Lives and Future Lives

Last month in a Santa Fe courtroom, 50-year-old Roger Katz claimed that his sexual relationship with a 14-year-old student dated to their past lives in Tibet more than a thousand years ago when she saved his life by taking an arrow meant for him. He was merely repaying her for the sacrifice she made for him. The judge didn't buy it.

This New Age belief, a form of Transcendentalism, is the prevailing sentiment for Americans who want a religion without "moral restraints." The assumptions are that all reality is divine. There is no God "out there," rather we are all a part of "God," the divine organizing force of the universe. As in Naturalism, we must find truth and morality within ourselves; there is no moral code to guide us in this physical world.

In this view, behavior is determined by any number of spiritual influences beyond our control. Psychic forces, astronomical events or energy flows can cause trauma resulting in inappropriate behavior. As Roger Katz tried to argue, past lives can influence behavior. Bruce Goldberg in his book *Past Lives/Future Lives* alleges that since all of history is a great cosmic circle, even our future reincarnations can dictate our behavior today.

I am not responsible for my actions because they are influenced by powerful forces beyond my control. I am not a sinner because there nothing to sin against.

## Whose fault is it?

The scandal of Theism is that it teaches that morality is determined outside of the individual, even outside of society itself. Our quest in life is not to determine what is true for me but rather to conform my life to what is truth.

The Gospel is hard to grasp by those who do not admit personal responsibility for their behavior: "Why do I need forgiveness if I am not responsible for what you call sin?" For this reason, Christianity in America is being promoted as therapeutic, life-enhancing or fulfilling in an attempt to appeal to those who feel no sense of guilt for their sin.

Like it or not, we come to God on His terms or not at all. Admitting our sinfulness is the first step to finding God. Rarely heard today, even among Christians, is the cry of David, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51:3-5). The godliest among the biblical writers not only acknowledged their own sin but the sin of their families, friends and society (Nehemiah 1:5-7; Daniel 9:4-14).

Claiming responsibility for our actions is not popular, but necessary. The morally weak will always blame others for their failings. It takes moral courage to admit sin, ask for forgiveness and move ahead.

So what is the biblical message to America? "Just do it!"

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# WORLDVIEW WEEKEND: *Helping young people think about their world*

Instead of hymns, there are nihilistic lyrics from Nine Inch Nails. Instead of a sermon, there are video clips of "Forrest Gump."

No, it's not a church which has rejected the faith; it's a church trying to help its young people think about the world around them.

"Making Sense of Your World: A Worldview Weekend Experience" brings these and other snippets of the world where teens live to challenge them to look at the world through the lens of Scripture. "Our primary purpose is to help people understand what it means to be a Christian in a secular world," Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown explained.

After Dr. Brown and Dr. W. Gary Phillips published their book *Making Sense of Your World*, an introduction to the area of worldview studies, they began receiving requests for more information and study resources.

A call like that from Danny Campbell, '89, a youth minister in Waynesboro, Va., sparked Drs. Brown and Phillips to organize the first Worldview Team a year ago. A dozen students signed up for the ministry, which included some serious study over the summer in preparation for their visits to churches during this past school year.

Team member Matthew Hargraves, a rising senior from Harrison, Tenn., explained that the worldview team has developed a format involving skits, video clips from popular movies, songs from top-selling musical groups, lecture and discussion "to get the kids to think."

"Too often kids listen to, watch, say things without thinking. I want kids to be active thinkers, not just listen and soak things in like sponges."

Dr. Brown said today's culture is largely passive. "We listen to whatever is playing or watch whatever is on. But we're called to love God with our minds. We want to elicit a proactive response. We want to challenge kids to think about what they do."

Alicia Mathers, a rising senior from Greenville, S.C., explained that the team works hard to maintain a balance between giving an easy answer to the question "is it bad?" and giving the students the tools to make that judgment themselves.

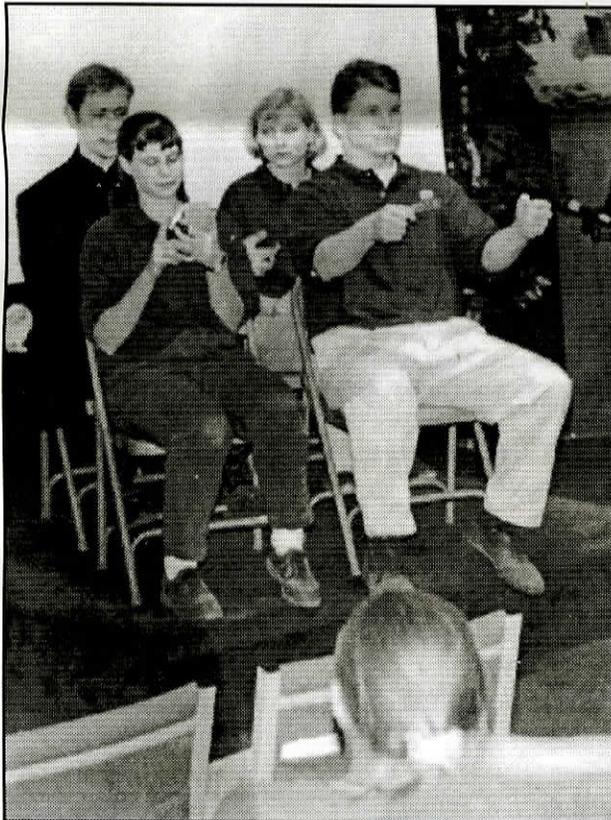
"Kids are going to test some things," she said, "but they need knowledge to test them. Once we say something is 'bad,' they want to listen to it. But if we say 'let's listen to it,' they start to pay attention. We don't separate life into 'worldly' and 'religious,' but ask 'where does this fit?'"

"We want to equip the students of today to live the life of Christ and understand the world around them."

While the formal presentations on Friday night and during the day Saturday present lots of information about worldviews, team member Brad Wing, a 1997 graduate in



Members of one of the two Bryan College Worldview team are serious about their efforts, but they have a lot of fun with what they do. From left are Beckhy Batchelder, John Stonestreet, Matthew Hargraves, Dr. Bill Brown, Diana Whorley, Brad Wing, Alicia Mathers and Barbara Wing.



Brad Wing, Diana Whorley, Barbara Wing and John Stonestreet perform a skit to introduce a variety of worldviews to their audience.

us go to bed at 4:30 so we could get up for church the next morning."

The worldview team's target audience is high school students, but Dr. Brown said a growing number of adults have been attending as well. "The artists we use -- Smashing Pumpkins, Nine Inch Nails, Garth Brooks -- are popular with the young people. A lot of parents have no idea what their young people are watching or listening to."

And while hearing some of those lyrics may be an eye-

Christian education, said his most effective ministry has been in homes after the program.

"On stage is fine, but the one-on-one afterward is where the real impact is made. The teens are dying for that," he said. "A lot of them just hang on our every word. We're good with what we say, how we do it. We put on a good act. But I think they start accepting what we say after they get to know us a little and talk with us after the sessions."

"In Virginia we stayed up to 5:30 on Friday night talking about things, not just worldview, but anything about the Bible. The kids really wanted to keep talking. Saturday night, the parents made

opener for adults, dealing with the young people keeps team members up to date with where high school students are today. "It keeps me in touch with teens," team member Barbara Wing, a rising junior from Knoxville, said. "As an outsider, they can be more honest with me about what they watch or listen to."

"We were able to show them something different, to bring them to the point of not compartmentalizing their lives into 'church' and 'real life.' Our faith should impact all our lives," she said.

That concept helped provide one of the high points of the year's experience for Matthew Hargraves. "On our trip to Pensacola, Fla., a kid came up to me and said, 'I can't listen to Nine Inch Nails anymore because I have to think about what they are saying.'"

Youth leader Danny Campbell wrote Dr. Brown after the team visited his church in Virginia, confirming the impact of the presentation. "The Biblical Worldview Weekend with Bryan College students is a great tool to get young people to love God with their mind, and actually think about the music they hear, the movies they see and the decisions they make," he said.

And Brian Carden, youth minister at Grace Bible Church in Dayton, said, "It was very exciting for me to see the students start to understand what it means to look at the world around them from a biblical standpoint."

***For information about scheduling a Worldview Weekend Experience at your church, contact Dr. Bill Brown at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, Tenn., 37321-7000, or call (423) 775-7201.***

## Bryan students recognized during Honors Day ceremonies

Sixty-six students were recognized during Bryan College's 37th Honors Day assembly April 23.

Honorees included:

**Kristie Mattsson**, junior from Oviedo, Fla.; **Laurie Blanton**, sophomore from Fayetteville, Ga.; and **Keri-Lynn Lestmann**, freshman from Dayton, Tenn.; all received the P.A. Boyd Award, given to students in their respective classes "whose principles and character have secured for them the highest degree of influence over their fellow students.

**Bethany Toliver**, sophomore from Dayton, Tenn., received the Robert D. Marston Scholarship, awarded a student who is working his or her way through college, has at least a 3.0 grade average and participates in the college work-study program.

**Joshua Mullins**, freshman from Athens, Tenn, received the Virginia M. Schmickl Music Award, presented to the freshman with the highest achievement in music.

**Andrew Heathershaw**, junior from Huntsville, Ala., received the Mary McDonald Groves Music Scholarship.

**John Bailey**, junior from Spring Grove, Va.; **Elizabeth Freeman**, junior from Rising Sun, Md.; and **Sharon Wood**, junior from Mauldin, S.C.; all received an M.A. Cooley Memorial Scholarship, awarded music students who demonstrate special musical ability.

**Kathleen Hicks**, senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Brynoff Scholarship in English, awarded a student with ability, personal character and financial need.

**Serge Yurovsky**, a junior from Augusta, Ga., received the Theodore C. Mercer Scholarship, awarded the editor of the student newspaper.

**Kristie Mattsson**, junior from Oviedo, Fla., received the Catherine McDonald Communications Scholarship, given to a student based on academic merit and progress.

**Sarah Beth Nordmoe**, senior from Knoxville, Tenn., received the Hilltop Players Senior Award, presented in recognition of her contribution to the Bryan College drama troupe.

**Brenda Nollmeyer**, junior from Clermont, Fla., received the Nannie K. McDonald Education Scholarship, given to a student based on academic merit and progress.

**Chris Petty**, a junior from Ringgold, Ga., received the Greek Award, presented to an outstanding student in the study of the Greek language.

**Joy Woodcock**, a junior from Waynesville, N.C., received the Christian Education Award for an Outstanding Underclassman.

**Nick Daniels**, Orlando, Fla.; **Mandy Mayhood**, Rochester, N.Y.; **Jeff Schumacher**, Plymouth, Ind.; **Kelly Moore**, Kenilworth, N.J.; **Brad Wing**, Dayton, Tenn.; **Carter Rocky**, Newark, Del.; **Melissa Carson**, Chattanooga, Tenn.; **Kristy Diller**, Churubusco, Ind.; **Christina Day**, Indianapolis, Ind.; **Andy Graham**, Kennesaw, Ga.; **Jeremy Toliver**, Dayton, Tenn.; **Rebekah Batchelder**, Alburg Springs, Vt.; **Daniel Walters**, Lilburn, Ga.; **Patrick Muncey**, Elizabethton, Tenn.; **Cara Helping**, Indian Harbor Beach, Fla.; and **John Stonestreet**, Beatyville, Va., all seniors, received Practical Christian Involvement Outstanding Faithfulness and Loyalty awards for their participation in PCI ministries during their years at Bryan.

**Diana Whorley**, junior from Saranac, Mich., received the American Bible Society Award presented to an outstanding student in the Bible department.

**Bruce Barnett**, junior from LaFayette, Ga., and **Jason Schultz**, junior from Loganville, Ga., received the Lawrence E. and Lillian C. Payne Scholarship, presented to Biblical Studies majors with at least a 3.0 grade

average on Bryan's 4.0 scale.

**Joy Cheshire**, sophomore from Atlantic Beach, Fla., received the Psychology Achievement Award, presented an outstanding student in the Psychology department.

**Christina Broome**, junior from Duluth, Ga., received the Al Page Memorial Scholarship, presented to an outstanding business student.

**Mark Anderson**, freshman from Porto Velho, Brazil, received the Frank J. Schmickl Math Scholarship, presented to the highest freshman achiever in mathematics.

**Kris McGary**, freshman from Antioch, Tenn., received the CRC Freshman Chemistry award.

**Simon Sakatos**, junior from Newton, N.C., received the Judson A. Rudd Testimony and Influence Award. The recipient is chosen by the freshman class to the upper-classman having an outstanding Christian testimony and exerting the best Christian influence on incoming students.

**James Nichols**, sophomore from Dayton, Tenn.; **Elizabeth Green**, junior from Evensville, Tenn.; **Tiffin Ashworth**, sophomore from Dayton; and **Elizabeth Young**, sophomore from Evensville, all received John Graves LeDu scholarships, given to worthy Bryan students born in Rhea County.

**Jessica Ritterbush**, junior from Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Doris Morgan Scholarship, presented to an education major from Southeast Tennessee.

**Keri-Lynn Lestmann** from Dayton, Tenn., **Sheri Tillemans** from Minneota, Minn., and **Iris Griffioen** from Charles Town, W. Va., received History of Western Civilization awards presented the top freshmen in each section of the class.

**Dimitri Bogachev**, junior from St. Petersburg, Russia, received the Mercer and Bernyce Clementson Scholarship awarded to a business administration major who demonstrates leadership potential.

**Tim Shetter**, junior from Grandview, Tenn., received the Symphonic Wind Ensemble Member of the Year award.

**Andrew Heathershaw**, junior from Huntsville, Ala., received the Chorale Member of the Year award.

Freshman English term paper awards were presented to **Kris McGary** from Antioch, Tenn., **Jodi Stone** from Wilton, Maine, **Keri-Lynn Lestmann** from Dayton, Tenn., **Anita Shaffer** from Miamisburg, Ohio, **Mark Anderson** from Porto Velho, Brazil, and **Laura Bradshaw** from Madison, Ala.

Literary Contest winners included: **Jennifer Wilson**, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., first prize, essay; **Kathleen Hicks**, senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., first prize, fiction; **Joy McCaskey**, sophomore from Hilton Head, S.C., second prize, fiction; **Shauna Murrey**, junior from Beattyville, Ky., honorable mention, fiction; **Jonathon**

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# Honors Day

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**Compton**, junior from Perry, Iowa, first prize, poetry; **Daniel Walters**, senior from Lilburn, Ga., first prize, poetry; **Allison Womble**, junior from Hixson, Tenn., honorable mention, poetry; **Jeanna Broome**, senior from Duluth, Ga., first prize, journalism; **Jennifer Wilson**, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., second prize, journalism; and **Serge Yurovsky**, junior from Augusta, Ga., honorable mention, journalism.

**Daniel Walters**, senior from Lilburn, Ga., *Arts and Letters* service award.

**Liz Ritter**, junior from Stevensville, Md., *Commoner* (yearbook) service award.

**Jennifer Wilson**, senior from Ooltewah, Tenn., *Triangle* (student newspaper) service award.

**Elizabeth Clark**, senior from Annville, Pa., Hilltop Players Scholarship award.

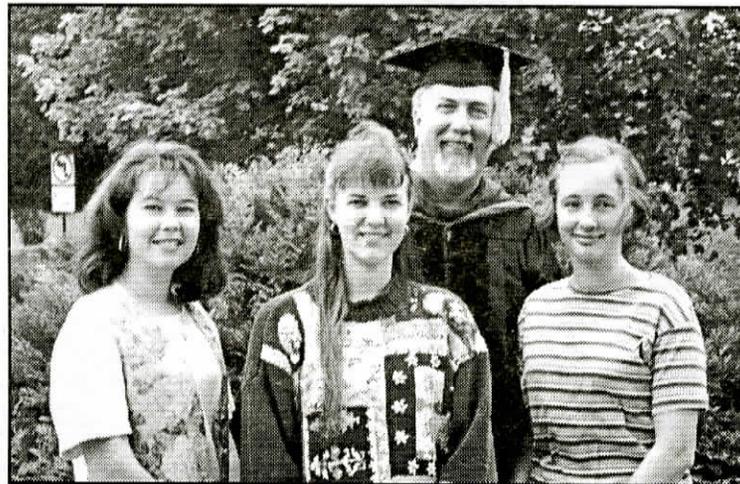
**Renae Marcus**, senior from Sioux City, Iowa, Tennessee/Virginia Athletic Conference All-Academic team and National Christian College Athletic Association scholar-athlete.

**Sarah Anne Strickland**, sophomore from Kingsport, Tenn., Tennessee/Virginia Athletic Conference All-Academic team.

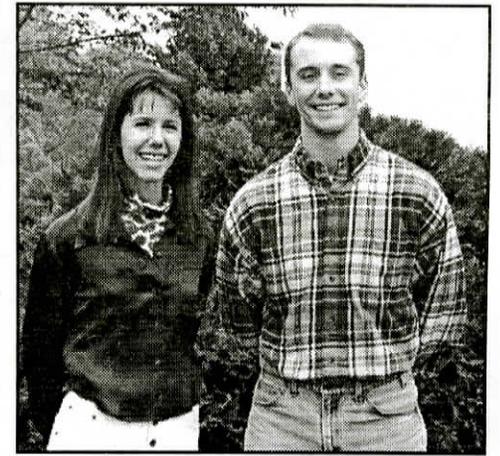
**Jason Schultz**, junior from Loganville, Ga., NAIA Academic All-American.

**John Stonestreet**, NCCAA Academic All-American and TVAC Scholar-Athlete.

**Jim Arnold, Phil Jones and Chris Mayberry**, TVAC Scholar-Athletes.



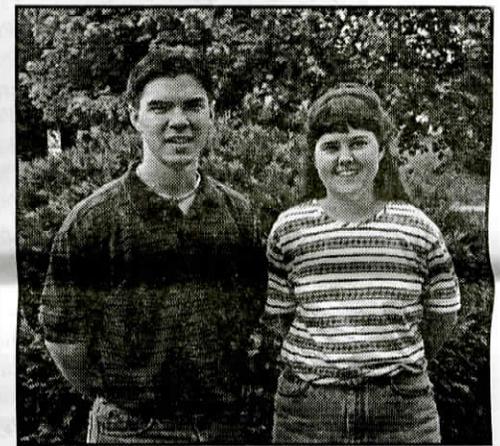
P.A. Boyd Prizes were awarded to, from left, Keri-Lynn Lestmann, freshman; Kristie Mattsson, junior; and Laurie Blanton, sophomore. Dr. David Fouts received the Outstanding Teacher Award.



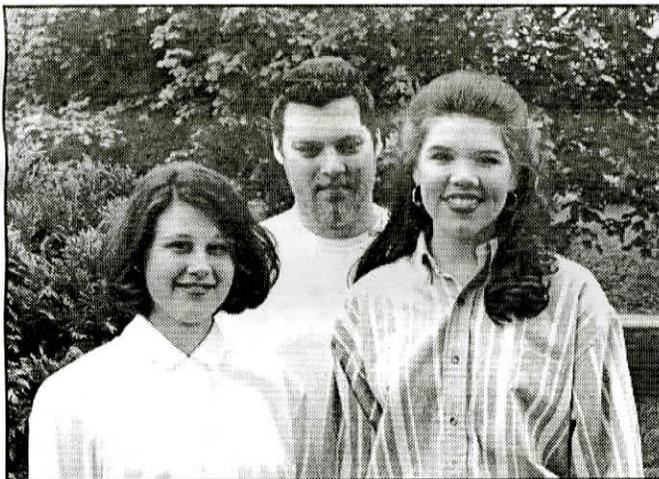
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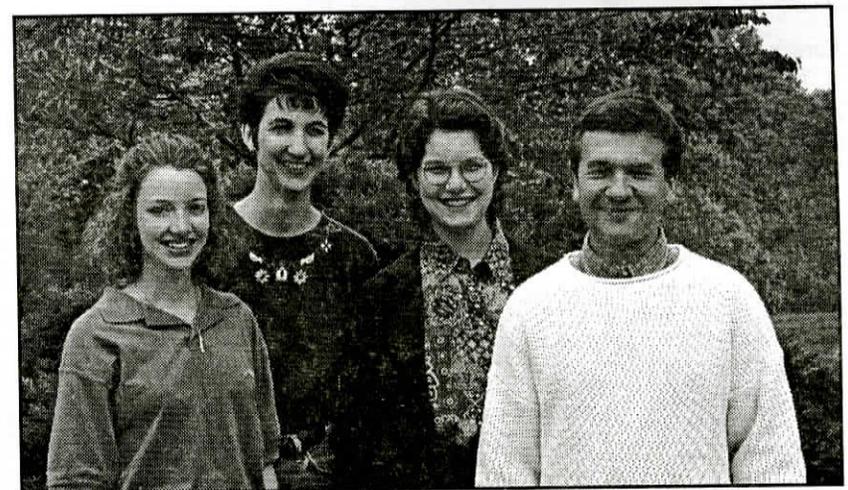
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# Members of the Bryan College Class of 1997

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- + Pamela Renee Brown  
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*cum laude*
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*Church Music*  
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*Greenville, S.C.*  
*cum laude*
- Christina Lynne Day  
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*Christian Education*  
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- Holly Ann DeWald  
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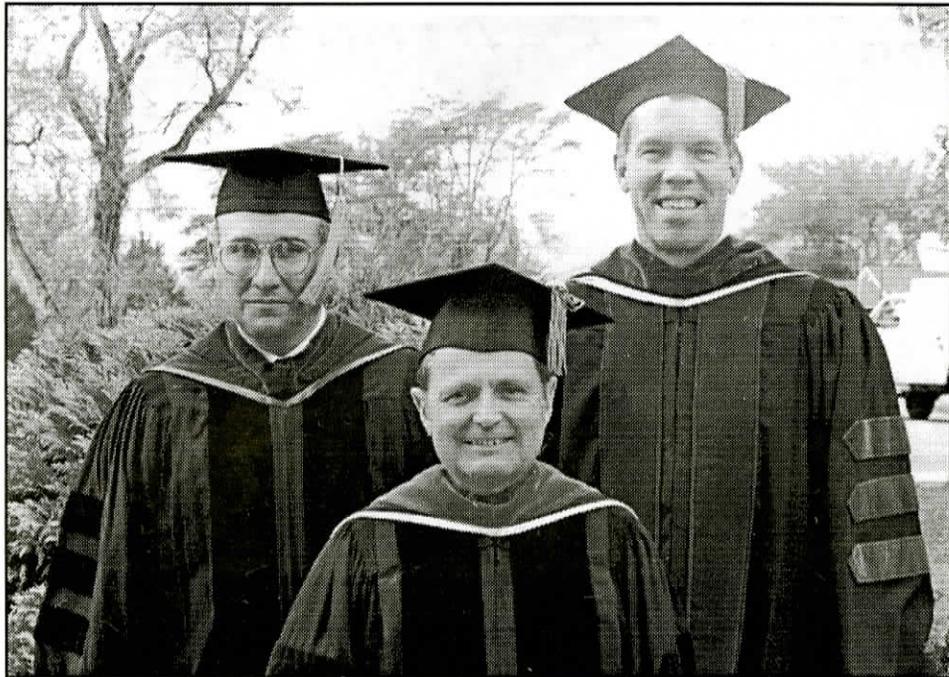
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*Monrovia, Md.*
- Elizabeth Ann Ketchersid  
*History*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- + William Lee Ketchersid  
*History*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- Kristen Sue Kocher  
*Psychology*  
*West Jefferson, Ohio*
- Quinton John Kocher  
*English Literature*  
*West Jefferson, Ohio*
- Cory Paul Krueger  
*Christian Education*  
*Dhahran, Saudi Arabia*
- Aimee S. Lee  
*Psychology*  
*Sarasota, Fla.*
- Timothy John Lien  
*Bible*  
*LaHabra, Calif.*
- Kelly Nichole Lorenzen  
*Psychology*  
*Alpharetta, Ga.*
- Pamela Tennyson Martin  
*Psychology*  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*  
*magna cum laude*
- \* Shawn Joseph Mosher  
*History*  
*Omaha, Neb.*  
*summa cum laude*
- Randall Edward Nichols  
*Bible*  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*
- D. Andrew Penney  
*Christian Education*  
*Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.*
- + Carron Danielle Powell  
*Christian Education*  
*Dublin, Ga.*  
*cum laude*
- + Stacy Lynn Price  
*Church Music*  
*Jonesboro, Ga.*
- \* Elizabeth Anne Ritter  
*Communication Arts*  
*Stevensville, Md.*
- Carter Lee Rocky  
*Christian Education*  
*Newark, Del.*
- Monica Diane Rollins  
*Communication Arts*  
*Athens, Ga.*  
*cum laude*

- \* Pamala Jane Sarrell  
*Psychology*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- William Ivan Sarrell  
*Psychology*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*  
*cum laude*
- Jeffrey Wayne Schumacher  
*History*  
*Plymouth, Ind.*
- Lauri Brooke Shepherd  
*Communication Arts*  
*Winter Springs, Fla.*  
*cum laude*
- D. Alan Smith  
*Bible*  
*Stone Mountain, Ga.*
- Jeremy Charles Smith  
*Communication Arts*  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*
- Randall Stappenbeck  
*Bible*  
*Signal Mountain, Tenn.*  
*cum laude*
- John B. Stonestreet  
*Bible*  
*Berryville, Va.*  
*cum laude*
- Haven Nicolle Strickland  
*Communication Arts*  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*
- Samuel K. Teasley  
*Christian Education*  
*Acworth, Ga.*  
*cum laude*
- Christine Lynnette Tilly  
*Psychology*  
*Florence, Miss.*  
*summa cum laude*
- \* Jeremy N. Toliver  
*Communication Arts*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- + Marcy Ann Treat  
*Christian Education*  
*Charlotte, N.C.*
- Heidi Elizabeth Van Brocklin  
*Psychology*  
*Windsor, Colo.*  
*cum laude*
- Matthew Vander Wall  
*Bible*  
*Ft. Collins, Colo.*  
*cum laude*
- Neil Daniel Walters  
*English Literature*  
*Lilburn, Ga.*  
*magna cum laude*
- Brian M. Ward  
*Communication Arts*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- \* Mark Daniel Wegner  
*English Literature*  
*Georgetown, Texas*
- Beth Erin Wilson  
*History: Secondary*  
*Education*  
*College Park, Ga.*  
*cum laude*
- Jennifer L. Wilson  
*Communication Arts*  
*Ooltewah, Tenn.*  
*cum laude*
- Bradley Todd Wing  
*Christian Education*  
*Monroe, N.C.*  
*cum laude*

- Christopher Michael Wood  
*History*  
*Mauldin, S.C.*
- \* William Clark Zoeller  
*History*  
*Louisville, Ky.*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- \* P. Abiel Baker  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Dacula, Ga.*  
*cum laude*
- Rebekah Lee Batchelder  
*Liberal Arts*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Alburg Springs, Vt.*  
*cum laude*
- \* Daniel M. Boot  
*Mathematics: Secondary*  
*Education*  
*Belem, Para, Brazil*
- Heather Joy Brasher  
*History: Secondary*  
*Education*  
*Freidrichshaten, Germany*  
*cum laude*
- Laurie Melissa Carson  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*  
*magna cum laude*
- Tom Henry Cybulski  
*Business Administration*  
*Bradenton, Fla.*
- + Carl J. Diebold,  
*Business Administration*  
*Charlotte, N.C.*
- Suzanne Michelle Gann  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Lawrenceville, Ga.*  
*magna cum laude*
- Johanna Ruth Gelatt  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Meriden, Kan.*
- Andrew Kirkland Graham  
*Mathematics*  
*Kennesaw, Ga.*
- Cara Anne Helping  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Indian Harbor Beach, Fla.*  
*cum laude*
- \* J. Grant Hendrix  
*Business Administration*  
*Mebane, N.C.*
- \* Joanne Elizabeth Huckle  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Franklin Lakes, N.J.*
- \* Elliott A. Hudson Jr.  
*Business Administration*  
*Mebane, N.C.*
- \* Genci B. Keja  
*Biology*  
*Tirana, Albania*  
*cum laude*
- John David Maggard  
*Business Administration*  
*Lake Wales, Fla.*
- Renae Alin Marcus  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Sioux City, Iowa*  
*magna cum laude*
- Mandy Lee Mayhood  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Rochester, N.Y.*
- Emily Marie Mayo  
*Physical Education*  
*Dallas, Texas*  
*cum laude*
- Robert Theodore Mejeur  
*Biology*  
*Lantana, Fla.*
- John Paul Montgomery  
*Mathematics*  
*Richmond, Va.*
- Kelly Moore  
*Business Administration*  
*Kenilworth, N.J.*
- April Leigh Moseley  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Chattahoochee, Fla.*
- \* Patrick W. Muncey  
*Physical Education*  
*Elizabethton, Tenn.*
- Sarah Elizabeth Nordmoe  
*Music Education*  
*Knoxville, Tenn.*
- \* Brian L. Osborne  
*Physical Education:*  
*Elementary Education and*  
*Secondary Education*  
*Pikeville, Tenn.*  
*cum laude*
- Amy Lynne Pepple  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Sugar Grove, Ill.*
- Tabitha Arlene Rasnake  
*Music Management*  
*Hopkinsville, Ky.*
- + Deanna Margaret Stephens  
*Business Administration*  
*Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.*
- Dawn Michele Sullivan  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*  
*summa cum laude*
- + Alison Michele Taylor  
*Liberal Arts:*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Dallas, Texas*
- Michelle Wiley Teasley  
*Mathematics:*  
*Secondary Education*  
*Marietta, Ga.*  
*magna cum laude*
- Jennifer Ann Travis  
*Business Administration*  
*Dayton, Tenn.*
- Yuri Yakabayashi  
*Biology*  
*Nagano-Shi Nagano-Ken*  
*Japan*  
*cum laude*
- Brent D. Walker  
*Business Administration*  
*Ooltewah, Tenn.*
- Christin Dionne Winkler  
*Mathematics:*  
*Secondary Education*  
*Scottsdale, Ariz.*  
*magna cum laude*
- + December Graduate  
\* August Candidate



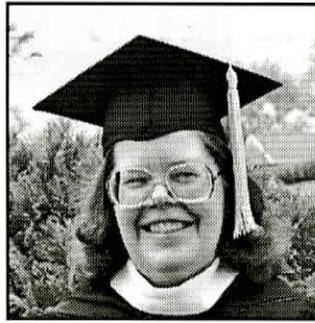
Dr. Gary Phillips, professor of Bible, Dr. Bob Simpson, professor of Mathematics, and Dr. Steve Bradshaw, professor of Psychology, from left, were honored for completion of 20 years of service at Bryan this year.



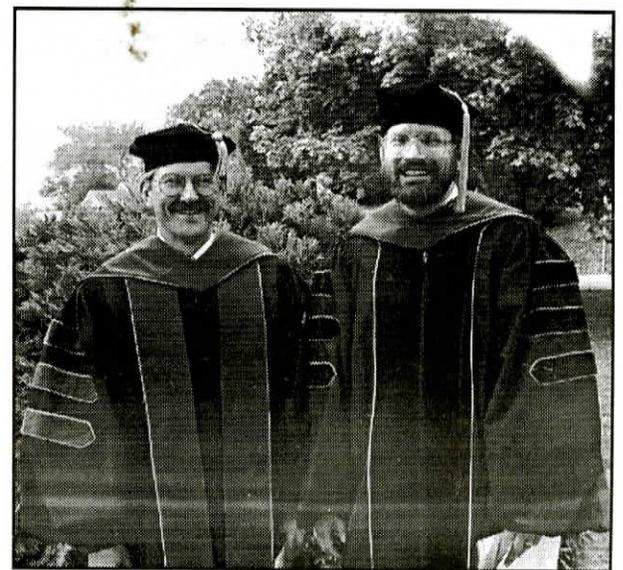
Bryan College said "good-bye" to six faculty and staff members at the end of this school year. Leaving the college are, from left, Amber Marks, resident director and secretary in the Student Development Office; Kristy George, admissions counselor, Asst. Professor of Accounting Walter Jahneke; Women's Basketball Coach Camille Ratledge; and Dean of Men Chris Watkins. Not pictured is Gary Schnittjer, instructor of Greek and Bible.



Staff members recognized for years of service include, from left, Tim Hostetler, executive director of operations, 10 years; Margie Legg, executive assistant to the president, 10 years; Bill Webb, electrician, 15 years; Pat Kinney, accounts payable clerk, 20 years; and Jim Barth, development officer, 10 years.



Mrs. LaVonne Johnson, above, was recognized for 10 years of service to the college. At right, Dr. Jeff Bruehl, right, and Dr. Whit Jones, were recognized for five years of service.



# Sports

## Lady Lions get new coach

by Kristi Malszycki  
Triangle Assistant Editor

What was the determining factor in choosing Dr. Sheri Mao as Bryan's new women's basketball coach? "She cooks Chinese," replied Director of Athletics Dr. Sandy Zensen with a laugh.

Seriously, though, the combination of her education, experience and potential for ministry make her an exciting addition to the college faculty.

Dr. Mao played basketball for four years at Wuhan College in the People's Republic of China as a point guard. Her coaching experience includes eight years at Wuhan, during which time she worked as assistant coach for three years and head coach for five.

During her tenure the team won three regional titles and two national championships. She also worked at basketball camps in the summer at the University of Hawaii and the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Mao earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master's in physical education at Wuhan College, a Master's in exercise science from the University of Hawaii and a Ph.D. in exercise science from the University of Mississippi. She also has done post-graduate work in sports science and first aid safety at Auburn University.

Dr. Zensen said the new coach has "integrity and a work ethic which I believe will be extraordinary."

She was introduced to Bryan by Assistant Professor John Liu, who also earned his bachelor's degree from Wuhan College.

In addition to coaching the Lady Lions, Dr. Mao will teach activity classes in the Physical Education department.

She, her husband and their 9-year-old son will move to Dayton this spring.

## Tennis teams show promise, enthusiasm

Bryan's men's and women's tennis teams finished with 3-9 and 4-9 records, respectively, and first-year Coach Bob Andrews is proud of his charges' efforts.

The men notched victories over Clinch Valley and twice over Montreat College, while the women beat Bluefield, Montreat twice and Tennessee Wesleyan. In addition, the men finished tied with King for fifth place in the TVAC tournament, and the women finished tied with King for fourth place.

"Both teams went to the TVAC tournament for the first time," Dr. Andrews said. "They caught a vision for what they could do. That's really exciting. I've talked with them about their workouts this summer, and talked about fall tennis, so we're already working on next year."

Dr. Andrews said the team will miss the leadership and talents of senior Cory Krueger, but he said freshman Matt Snead, who finished with a 9-2 record, would quickly make a strong impact for the team.

"And the good thing about the women is that they are all coming back next year.

"I'm really proud of all of them."

## Graduation

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from the college, underscored the critical need to place our lives in God's hands in his acceptance remarks.

"Awards are tricky," he said. "They tend to say 'yea' to a person. There's not much about me to say 'yea' about. But I agreed to receive this award because of the type of institution Bryan College is."

"I am who I am because of the grace of God. If I am the most important focus of who I am, I have missed the truth. When we must exalt ourselves, we always lose. When we accept the reality of who God is, then He is completion. There is no victory in human terms which can compare with victory in Jesus Christ."

Jennifer Wilson, editor of *The Triangle* student newspaper, challenged the graduates "to hold fast to the hands that have guided us thus far, and to reach out and up to the nail-scarred hand that leads us further still."

"Luke 12:48 says, 'To whom much is given, much is required.' What an awesome responsibility we carry as we leave this hill to become the educators, pastors, doctors, nurses, communicators, musicians, friends, mothers and fathers of the next generation. But we have been fully equipped with life lessons, academic requirements and spiritual challenges."

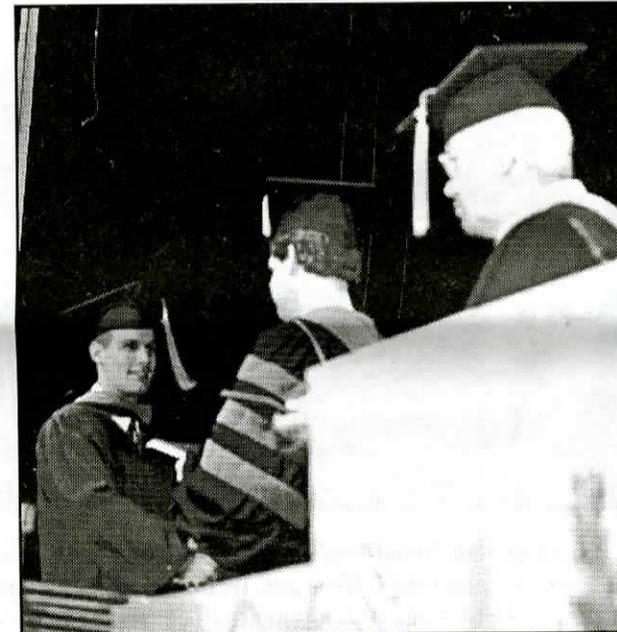
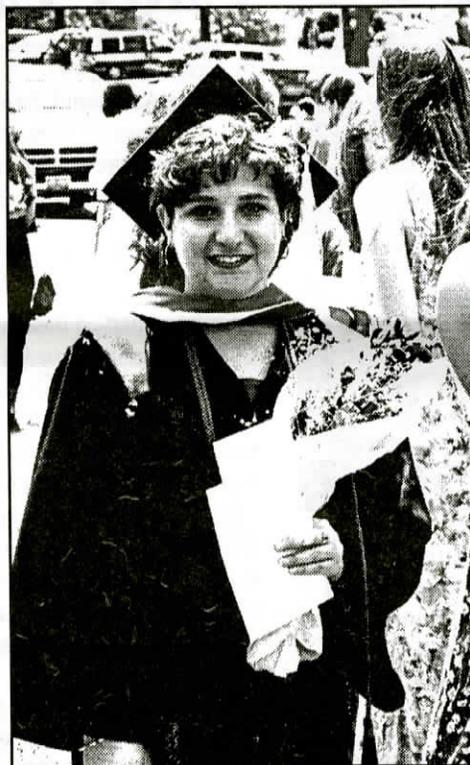
Let us never forget where Jesus has brought us from and where we could have been. May the motto of Bryan College, 'Christ Above All,' become more than just words on our diplomas.

"There is a world out there just waiting to be changed, and by the grace of God, we can be the catalyst. We have come so far, and He has been so good."

Jennifer Wilson gave one of two graduation addresses and received roses on her special day.



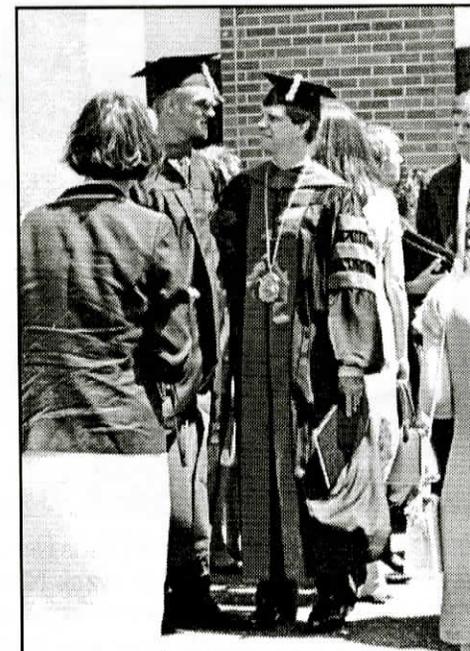
Golden Grads, who returned to Bryan to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation in 1947 include, from left, Ruth Kuhn Simmons of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Angie Garber of Counselor, N.M.; Mary Lisee Almand of Doraville, Ga.; and Kenneth R. Marken of Highland Springs, Va. They are pictured with Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, '55x, right.



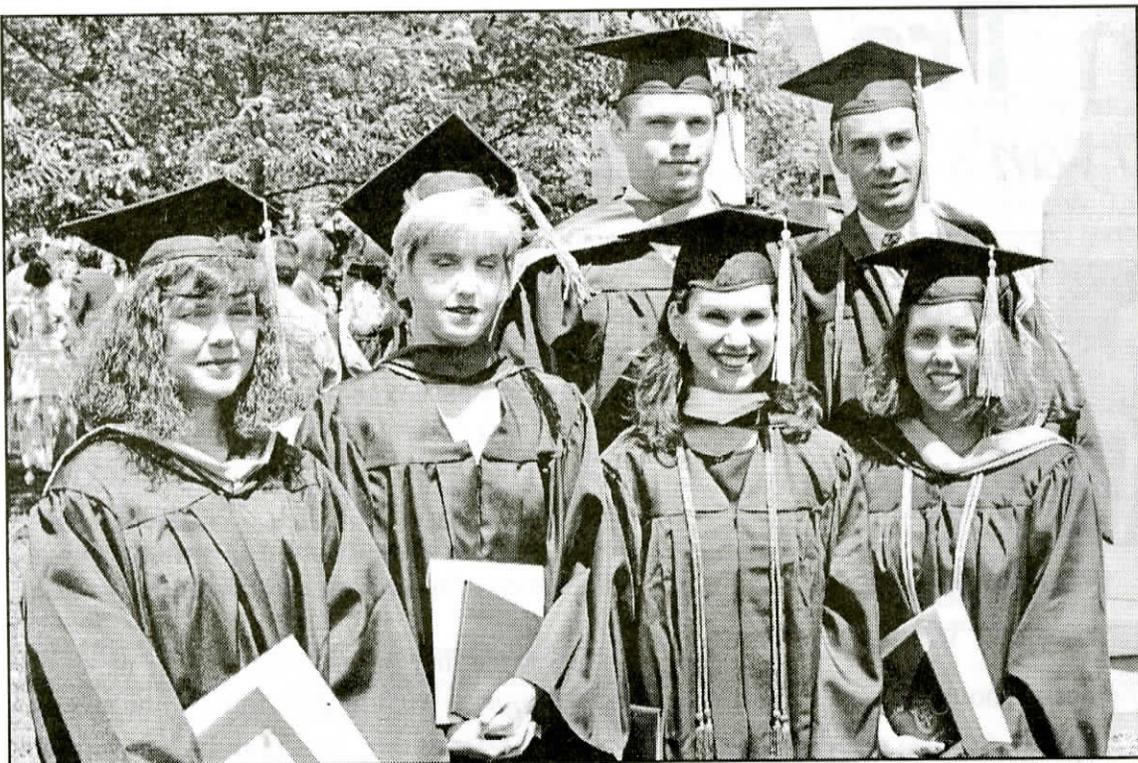
Matt Bostic receives his diploma and congratulations from President Brown as registrar Ron Petite looks on.



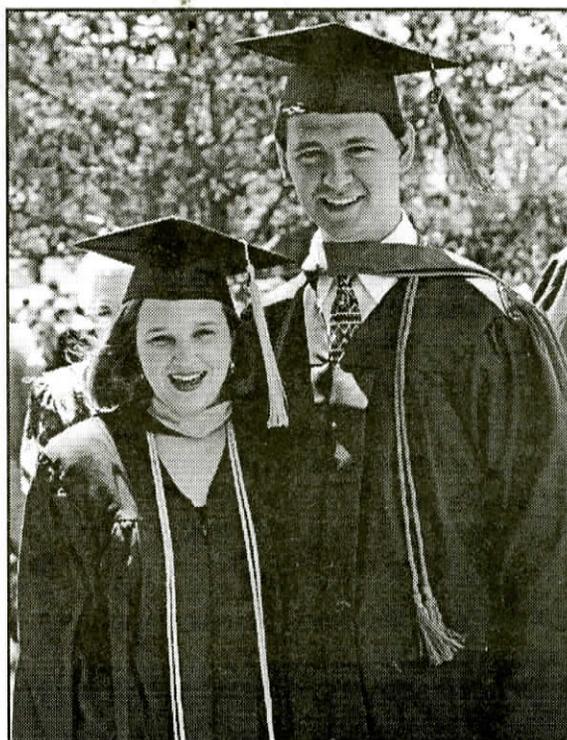
Seniors gathered in a circle at the close of vespers as Dr. Brown, center, had some words of encouragement, and class sponsor Morris Michalski, back right, offered a prayer on their behalf.



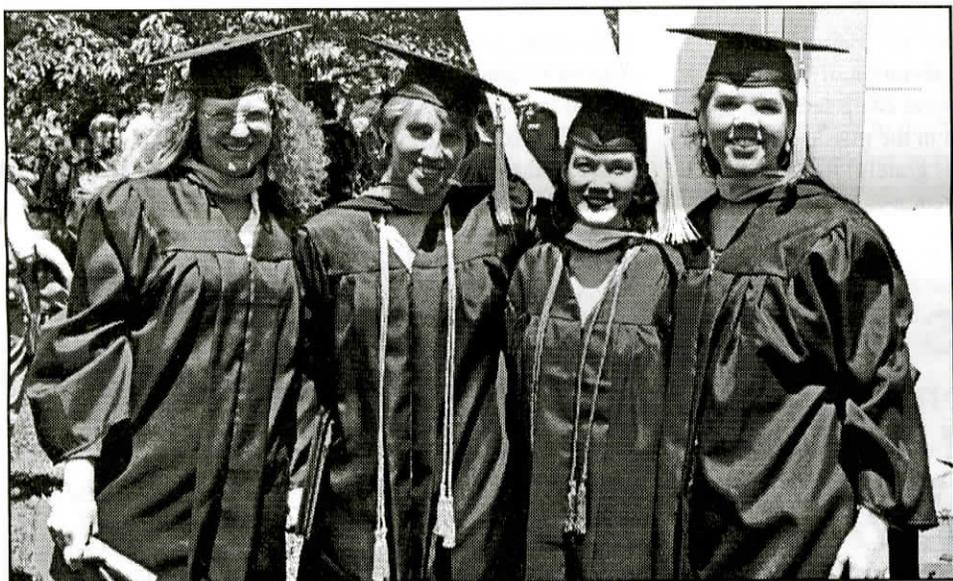
President Dr. Bill Brown and new alumnus Tim Lien share a moment following graduation



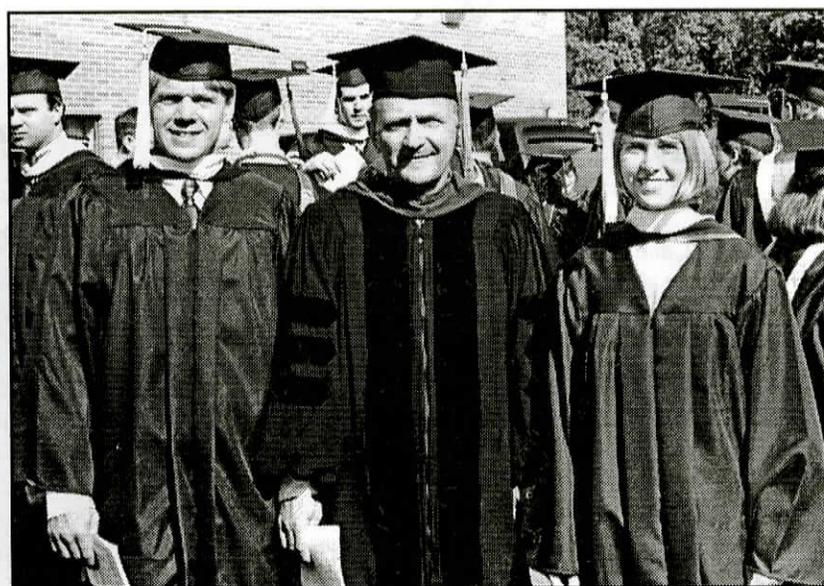
Graduates earning special recognition during commencement included, from left, front, Jennifer Travis, *Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award; Carron Powell, Christian Education Award to Outstanding Senior; Brooke Shepherd, Alumni Faithfulness and Loyalty Award; and Christy Tilly, Highest Scholastic Record at Bryan and Psychology Award. Back are John Maggard, Outstanding Senior in Business Award; and Matt Vander Wall, Melvin M. Seguire Award.



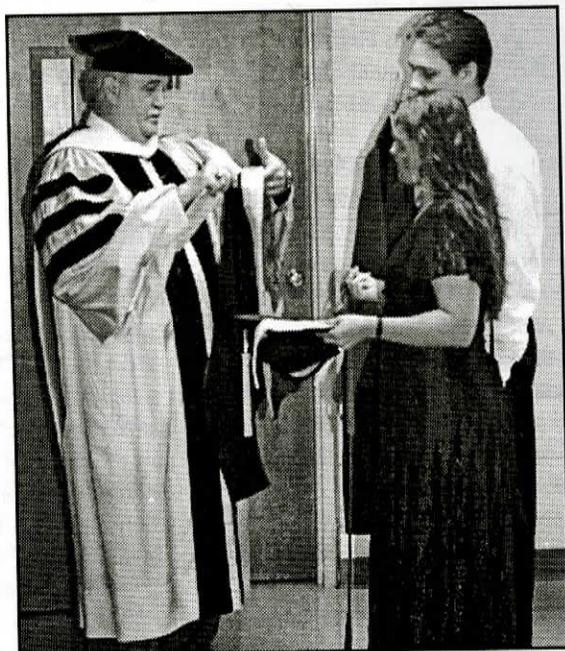
Graduation was a day for families, and several new families were members of the graduating class, among them Sam and Michelle Teasley pictured here. Other couples receiving degrees included Jeff and Jennifer Baker, Chris and Holly DeWald, and Will and Pam Sarrell.



Commencement honors went to, from left, Pam Sarrell, for the most progress at Bryan; Christin Winkler, Senior Math Award; Jeanna Broome, P.A. Boyd Award for Senior Woman; and Sarah Beth Nordmoe, F.R. Rogers Senior Award in Music



Graduation is a family affair in more ways than one, as History Professor Dr. William L. Ketchersid, above center, knows. This year his son, Bill Jr., and daughter, Beth, both received degrees in History. Also, Natalie Cruver, wife of Assistant Director of Admissions Mark Cruver, received her degree in Liberal Arts, and Renae Marcus, wife of Educational Resource Technology Center Coordinator Matt Marcus, received her degree in Liberal Arts with Elementary Education certification.



English Professor Dr. Ray Legg seems to be offering Chris and Holly DeWald a deal on a graduation hood as the two prepare for the commencement ceremony. Actually, he was simply showing them how to drape the symbol of their degrees.

# Lion Tracks

*Visit the alumni page at Bryan's WorldWide Web site*

**WWW.BRYAN.EDU** is the new Bryan College website. On it you can find Alumni information and other college news and pictures.

The alumni e-mail directory is there and will be frequently updated. We are setting up an Alumni Directory database which will have regular updates and additions of alumni names and addresses.

No longer will you have to wait three years for a new directory to be published. Look for alumni pictures to appear there in living color!

You may also communicate with our office on the internet at **alumni@bryannet.bryan.edu**. More often than not you will get an immediate



**From  
the  
Alumni  
Director**

**Paul Ardelean**

response (during office hours!!).

**Homecoming** dates are Oct. 3-4. Be sure to mark your calendar. We will have the third

annual alumni choir singing, with one number led by former professor Jerry Woughter, who led choirs during the '50s. Join us for a special time on the Triangle and check out the site of the new Student Center.

Chancellor Kenneth G. Hanna, '57, and Vice President Stuart C. Meissner, '56, retired effective June 30. We wish them well as they continue to serve the Lord in new ministries.

Stu was the first Bryan College voice major and we hope to see him in October at the alumni choir concert.

See a related story on Page 15.

## 30's & 40's

**Reunions  
Class of '37  
July '97 (60 years)  
Class of '42  
Oct. '97 (55 years)  
Class of '48  
May '98 (50 years)**

**EDWARD, '39**, and **JOYCE (HIRSCHY), '40**, de **ROSSET** reminisce about their retirement home in Evans City, Pa., as Joyce recalls that the house in which they live became the Hirschy family residence in 1927, 70 years ago, when her father, Norman Hirschy, became pastor of the Amana Baptist Church. The house was home for the six children, all of whom graduated from high school and eventually went to college. Four of the children were married within a year and a half in 1941 and 1942 and went on to foreign mission fields. This included **JOYCE, DANIEL, '41**, and **KATHRYN (HIRSCHY), '43x**, **HOYT**. This residence has been held in the family and was available for Ed and Joyce at their retirement from missionary ministry in Peru. Their four children (including **KARIN TRAYLOR, '64**, and **ROSALIE de ROSSET, '69**) and two spouses were with them for Christmas. The big family event was the arrival of the first grandchild, Rachel Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, to Fred and Carol de Rosset, who reside in Berea, Ky., and are professors at Berea College.

**MIRIAM LEVENGOOD, '47x**, Dayton, Tenn. has retired but continues to be active with TMM Ministries and Cumberland Springs Bible Camp, working with her brother, **ALBERT '52**, and wife **JOYCE (COOPER), '52**, **LEVENGOOD**, who direct the ministry, and her niece, **KATHY (LEVENGOOD), '86**, and husband,

**MIKE HATHAWAY, '86**. Miriam has assisted with ladies' retreats at camp, shared celebration of the 50th year at Cumberland Springs, spoke at camp sessions, and also has been active at her church in the missions program and senior citizen activities. She is grateful for the repair of a left-eye detached retina and renewed vision. She has enjoyed visits of family and friends in her Dayton home.

**50's  
Reunions  
Class of '51  
Oct. '96 (45 years)  
Class of '57  
July '97 (40 years)**

**IAN, '50**, and **JUNE, (BELL) '51**, **HAY**, have retired after 45 years of ministry with SIM. Ian was General Director for many years. He also served many years as a trustee of Bryan College, many of them as chairman. They took up residence in the SIM retirement center in Sebring, Fla., and welcome one and all to stop in for a visit.

**STERLING, '51x**, and **RUTH ANN (ADAMS, CONE), '51x**, **THEOBALD** have spent much of the two years of their marriage traveling to Brazzaville, Congo, to visit Ruth Ann's daughter and family, to Canada to be with Sterling's brother the last few days of his life, and to attend the funeral of Ruth Ann's nephew in Minnesota. In the summer they attended the Grace Brethren International Conference in Toronto and included visits to other sites in Canada and northern New England. At Thanksgiving, Sterling's children and families were with them in St. Louis, and at Christmas Ruth Ann's families from the South joined them and enjoyed a bit of post-Christmas snow. The Theobalds were able to attend the recent Bryan commencement to share with Ruth Ann's aunt, **ANGIE GARBER, '47**, on the 50th anniversary of her Bryan

graduation. The Theobalds' E-Mail address is: [Argentuth@aol.com](mailto:Argentuth@aol.com)

Gordon and **FRANCES (HENDERSON), '53x**, **PRICE** were married Oct. 26, 1996, in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Evensville, Tenn. **RUTH (BUNCH) HOOKEY, '52**, was her attendant. Other Bryanites present were **PATRICIA HENDERSON, '75**; **CELIA DIXON**, daughter of former professor Leslie Dixon, and **FRED, '86**, and **MAYME (SHEDDAN), '65**, **BEDFORD**. Their new address is: 3051 Pleasant Road, Evensville, Tenn., 37332, phone (423) 365-7228.

**DALE, '54**, and **MARTHA (SHEFFIELD), '55**, **PAYNE** recently returned to Brazil for a short-term ministry to help establish a local church and find a Brazilian pastor. They also assisted in the Vacation Bible School program which attracted more than a hundred children each day. They expected to return to the U.S. in April and are making their home in Englewood, Colo.

**BOB, '56**, and Wanda **HEARING** are living in a mobile home park in Jackson, Miss. They have started a Good News Club in a housing project near them with an average of 18-20 children each week. As regional director for Child Evangelism Fellowship, Bob and Wanda have traveled to most of the states of the Southeast. They assisted for 10 days in Atlanta at the CEF Olympic outreach. They held instruction classes for "Teaching Children Effectively" in Jackson, and now have a class made up of students from Korea, Taiwan, Japan, South Africa and Mexico. At the 12-day Mississippi State Fair last October, more than 3,400 people came into the CEF tent to hear the story of the Wordless Book and more than 1,500 responded to receive Christ as Savior.

**PEARL RATHBUN, '56**, has shared in several celebrations in last months of her ministry in Seoul, Korea. She spent a week in China and not only climbed part of the Great Wall, but worshipped with 1,200 Chinese in the only three-self church in the province where she stayed. At Thanksgiving she celebrated in Taiwan with TEAM friends during their annual conference. The final event of HLCX's 40th anniversary was held in December with more than 1,400 guests sharing in

celebration to God for His blessing. They shared a taste of the seven-meter long decorated cake made for the occasion. Pearl plans to leave Korea July 10 to fly to Chicago and make her home with a friend in Wheaton. She will retire from TEAM by Nov. 1, but will travel to visit friends before then as she completes 38 years with radio ministry in Korea.

Ted and **SHIRLEY (SMILEY), '57 KLINGSMITH** traveled from their home at Windsor Gardens Adult Community in Denver, Colo., with their daughter and two friends to share in the program for 60 missionary children during their annual conference at Schladming, Austria. Ted and Shirley assisted with the little ones. They were also able to visit their daughter near Paris and spent a week with their son and family in a Vienna suburb. They continue to minister at the chapel in their community where many are excited about Bible studies.

**MYRA (CONNER), '57, MARTIN** and Jerry Rice were married March 29 and have moved to Northport, Fla.

**MARILYN LASZLO, '59**, experienced the misfortune of having a fire destroy most of her belongings and those of her parents and aunt for whom she cared on her parents' farm. All are safe, but pray for Marilyn in the loss of many irreplaceable items such as family heirlooms, films and artifacts from Papua New Guinea.

## 60's Reunions Class of '62 Oct. '97 (35 years) Class of '67 July '97 (30 years)

**DAN '61x, and SHELBY (SKINNER), '63, HARRISON** have completed 10 years in affiliation with InterVarsity Fellowship and Dan's responsibility to help organize Urbana Missions conferences in 1987, 1990, 1993, and 1996. Dan accepted a new challenge May 1, to serve as International Director of Middle East Media. The vision of MEM is to make the gospel available to every Arab home by the year 2020. MEM has a membership of 100 Christians, 80 of whom are Arabs from the region. They plan to primarily use secular media channels and publish a magazine for youth, providing a literature ministry and quality television programs to be viewed by millions across the 23 Arab nations. The Harrisons expect to move soon to Cyprus, where the office of MEM is located.

**LORETTA (PEMBLETON) COMSTOCK, '62x,** and Kermit Goodenough were married Feb. 14, in Camptown, Pa., where they are making their home near Kermit's mother, who needs special care. Lorrie moved her office equipment and supplies for her children's work from Michigan to their home in Camptown. She plans to conduct a VBS in Michigan in mid-July and has engagements in Florida in September and in Maryland in October.

**REBEKAH (BOLLMAN), '63,** and Paul **MARCY** are grateful for 30 years of married life including the blessings of their sons, Tim and David. They continue to live in Wheaton, Ill., where Paul has worked for 22 years at Wheaton College. He is now working to upgrade the HVAC computers. Becky is teaching student with ADD/ADHD, finding it a very rewarding challenge.

**RUSSELL KAUFMAN, '65,** has completed his work for the Doctor of Ministries degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and graduated June 14. He has accepted

a pastoral position at Fellowship Bible Church in Phoenix, Ariz. His new address is: 11515 W. Clover Way, Avondale, AZ 85323, phone (602) 877-5377.

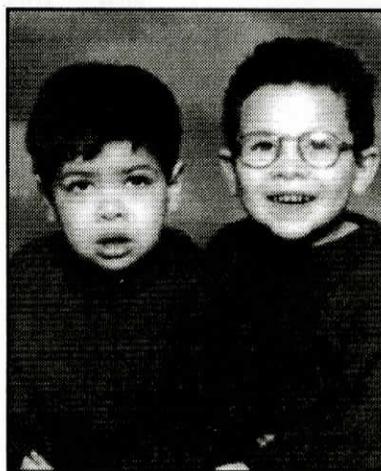
Ron and **INGA (STENBERG) '68, NEELY** in Jonkoping, Sweden, are seeing fruit for their ministry as individuals come to know the Lord. They are thankful for a couple who have joined in their work. Their Bible camp which will be held in June has been a good outreach in past years. The Neelys have been assisting in the translation of a new Swedish Bible.

## 70's Reunions Class of '72 Oct. '97 (25 years) Class of '77 July '97 (20 years)

John and **JOYCE (BUICE), '70x, LARRABEE** arrived in Manaus, Brazil, April 17, to join several other missionaries as they serve under Baptist Mid-Missions. They will be concentrating on Portuguese language study, along with unpacking and setting up housekeeping. In June, they plan to return to the US until Aug. 10 for Joyce to complete a final session for her master's degree in sacred music and for John to visit several churches.

**PAUL, '72, and ANNETTE (HENDERSON), '73, HAYWARD** at their home in Empangeni, South Africa, have enjoyed sharing the 270 bananas from their back yard -- some went to the families in a multiracial fellowship, several bunches were given to their staff members at the TEAM Bookshop and to friends who work in neighboring shops. Their bookstore ministry is thriving and providing opportunities to talk and pray with those burdened with personal problems. Their daughter, Anne, was at home with them for two months after finishing her studies at Wheaton in December. She and her friend, David Osielski, became engaged during his visit to South Africa and plans are being made for a July wedding in Wheaton.

**DANN, '73,** and **LINDA (HOWARD), '73, SPEICHINGER,** announce the arrival of Malcolm Arin, 4 years old, and brother Isaiah Adam, 3, to their household. They write from Sioux City, Iowa, that "Linda and I have been pursuing the adoption of two boys for the past year. Though this



may seem strange to some of you, it has been a matter of prayer and conversation for some time. When we approached our four about the prospects, we were pleased they were for the adoption. The prayers, discussion and classes continued until this fall." The adoption will be finalized in July. Their daughter, **RENAE**, graduated from Bryan in May with a degree in Elementary Education. She is married to **MATT MARCUS, '94**, who is on Bryan's staff training area teachers how to use their computers in the 21st Century Classroom.

**PETER, '74, and SARIANNE, '73, TRINH** maintain their home with their three children--Preston, 15, Tiffany, 13, and Nathan, 9, and computer business in Dallas, Texas. Peter is still very much involved in missions, having traveled to Panama eight times and to Poland three times in 1996. Sarianne is teaching an adult Sunday school class for the 14th consecutive year.

**GENE, '74x, and LYNN (PUFFER), '73, JORDAN** work from their MAF office and home in Quito, Ecuador, where Gene is Latin America Regional Manager. He is able to encourage MAF staff as he travels to several Central and South American countries. The Jordans welcome senior dorm kids to their "second home," hold weekly outreach meetings for 70 high schoolers, lead Bible study in Spanish with an international group of new Christians, and provide hospitality for visiting work groups and MAFers from Shell. With daughter Kim graduating from high school and planning to attend Wheaton College, the Jordans are taking a longer furlough. Their daughter Kelley hopes to return to Ecuador for the fall semester of school, and Gene will continue his responsibilities by using E-mail and making a few trips to Latin America.

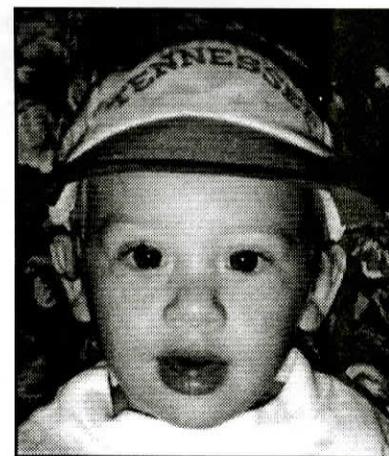
Steve and **JANICE (RASH), '74, TROSTLE** with their children Stephanie and Jonathan, are excited about their ministry in Portugal. They have had several teams helping with the work on the Lisbon Training Center. Two new families were scheduled to arrive in March. Their daughter, Stephanie, plans to travel to Kenya with a ministry team from Pensacola Christian College for summer evangelistic ministry.

**LOREN, '75, and PAM (MARTIN), '78, BAUGHMAN** in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, have been the support team for translators Neil and Kathy Vanaria, who are working among the Mesem people in Moreby Province. Last December the Baughmans were privileged to attend the dedication of the Gospel of Mark along with the Vanarias and the local people. In May, the Baughmans were scheduled to return to the U.S. for 10 months. They request prayer for Pam's health.

**PAUL, '77, and ANTIONETTE (LAYMAN), '79, COMBS** and their son, David, write about their recent trip to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly called Saigon, in Vietnam, where they spent a week seeing the various places of interest. They plan to be at Paul's class reunion on July 11-12, so plan to be here and get the news first-hand. I have selected a picture (on the following page) of the three of them and their guide at the entrance to the Chu Chi Tunnels, which supposedly linked all the way to Hanoi.

Bartolome and **REBECCA (GHOLDSTON), '77x, CALLES**, who live in Villargordo, Spain, are working with their local fellowship of believers to secure or erect a church building. At the end of June they plan to make their furlough home with Rebecca's parents in Dayton, Tenn., as they seek to share their vision for the people of Spain and especially for their village of 4,000.

Jack and **LIZ (BREA), '78, MIDENCE** believe they are being led to the island of Guanaja, which is off the coast of Honduras. As a teacher there, one would have to teach two or three grade levels, much like



Samuel Midence



A Vietnamese guide is pictured with Antoinette, Paul and David Combs at the Chu Chi tunnels.

homeschooling. Their new address is: TGU 00044, P.O. Box 025387, Miami, Fla., 33102-5387. Their son, Samuel, is 19 months old.

**DR. MILDRED (WOMBLE), '78, THOMPSON** and husband Doyse have been appointed to Dominica in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their job is to coordinate youth ministries by teaching and training adult youth leaders. Their primary effort will target teenagers.

**JOHN DAVIS, '78x,** has been named vice president of sales and marketing for the Eastern U.S. for Beverly Hills Car Collection, an independent Budget Rent-a-Car licensee. He will represent the company in the Eastern U.S., arranging car rentals for individuals who travel to California. John and his wife, **KATHY (KINSEY), '79x,** live in Nashville, Tenn., with their two sons.

**CHARLES, '79,** and **SHARON (WOYCHUK), '81, GOODMAN,** also in Spain in the city of Valdemoro, are using "El Puente" with a graphic illustration on their card to introduce their ministry and open the door to talk about the bridge between God and man. They have identified several Evangelical Christians in their town and planned a literature campaign to open the way for further contacts with local people. Alicia Lee Goodman was born on May 22, and joins brothers Drew and Taylor.

## 80's Reunions Class of '82 Oct. '97 (15 years) Class of '87 July '97 (10 years)

**MARK, '80,** and Maritza **PADGETT** attended **SHARON (PADGETT), '84, WILSON's** wedding (see below) in March, travelling from Costa Rica with their two children, Stacy and Rachel. **ANN (EDWARDS), '86,** and **NATHAN, '88, PADGETT,** with their daughter, Karyn, attended as did **DOUG, '93** and **SHARRON (LICKING), '87, PADGETT,** with their three sons, Kevin, Michael and Ryan. Michael has been cancer-free for one year, and Doug and Sharron send thanks to all who prayed. Doug is employed with a printing company

in Chattanooga, and Sharron is a stay-at-home mom.

Joe and **BECKY (STAFFORD), '80, COX,** working under Inherit A. Blessing, Inc., have recently been to Vietnam where Joe conducted training sessions for lay people on the BEE World Church-Based Training Center program. Joe travelled to the Middle East in March and was scheduled to return to Vietnam in May. The Coxes make their home in Morrison, Colo. E-mail: 77464.2624@Compuserve.com.

Nathan and **ANITA (JAGGERS), '80, STRAND** have a good report on their work with Inner City Impact in Chicago. Last year, 1,082

individuals were impacted through ICI, some through weekly evangelistic programs with an average of 326 attending each week. More than 100 youth were involved in weekly small group Bible studies, 21 youth were in the leadership development programs, an average of 49 children and youth were taken to a local church each week, and their camping program involved 357 youth in the evangelism/discipleship process.

Goals for this year have been set a little higher in each area with the desire to reach more young people for Christ.

**ALLAN, '81,** and **KATHY (KINDBERG), '82, COURTRIGHT** drove from Waxhaw, N.C., to Tucson, Ariz., for Christmas to share with Kathy's family of 24 relatives, a memorable family reunion. Allan works with the staff of International Computing and Telecommunications Services (ICTS) to assist Wycliffe translators in the questions they face, aided greatly by the use of E-mail service. Allan was scheduled for trips to Dallas and California for consultation. In June he plans to go to Abilene, Texas, representing Wycliffe at the International Conference on Computing in Missions. Kathy's work in personnel at Waxhaw is to help in contacting some of the 1,500 people still needed in Wycliffe. She is responding to a number of inquirers from the Urbana conference. Their four children are enrolled at Covenant Day School.

Charles and **JOAN (TREADWAY), '81, CLARK** were married March 29.

**NAOMI GLOCK, '81x,** was busy traveling during the last half of 1996, when she went from her base in Suriname to Dallas and back, then to St. Lucia, to Holland, and then some trips to the Saramaccan who are in Suriname. She was also involved in moving to an

apartment she had formerly lived in. While in St. Lucia for five weeks in August and September, she helped guide the Wycliffe team there in some literacy projects, including preparation of primer series of 80 lessons to teach non-literate nationals to read, a teacher's manual, a book of short stories, a "transitional primer" to teach literate nationals to read their own language, a travel book in three languages and a book about the solar system. In Holland she visited friends she had known in Suriname and included trips between Holland and Belgium to enjoy the beauty and European culture. Back in her Suriname, she was able to give literacy instruction to five Saramaccans who will be able to encourage literacy teachers in the future. A final news note indicates that the Saramaccan New Testament is sold out! Plans are underway for the revision of this New Testament to be printed after Naomi's furlough.

Pete and **MARY ELLEN (LILLEY), '83x, KLUCK** are in Cameroon, working with Wycliffe as support staff for missionaries working in 32 language groups. In April, the Wycliffe colleagues gathered in Yaounde for a spiritual and planning conference, seeking God's wisdom and discussing translation projects and priorities. The Klucks offer a training program for new missionaries called Africa Orientation Course, to share cultural do's and don'ts, and information on food preparation, new forms of travel and all sorts of new diseases. In March, Mary Ellen went to an international tropical disease conference in Geneva to learn more to share with the missionaries.

Kevin and **ANNE (DEKLERK), '83, MAYER** announce the birth of their second child, Kristen Elizabeth, on Feb. 12. She joins Jonathan, 1 1/2.

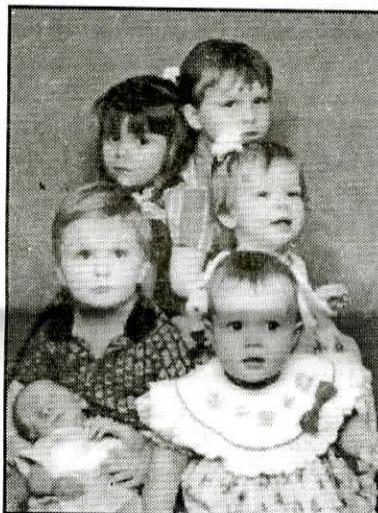
**MICHAEL, '83,** and **LINDA (LEAPLINE), '82, GORDON** live in Wilkesbarre, Pa. They have three healthy children, Michael II, 13, Kylene, 10, and Benjamin, 5. Mike lost his job last year and is now working three part-time jobs but looking for full-time employment. Linda home schools the children and is very involved in their church. Michael also finds time to be involved in church and serves as leader of the PromiseKeepers ministry.

**STEVE, '82x,** and **GRACE (SCHOETTLE), '82x, WISTHOFF** announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Rose, on March 12. She joins Katie, 12, and Tori, 7. Steve is now pastor of First Baptist Church of Bismarck, N.D., and is enjoying it very much. Grace spent the past year working on an annotated bibliography of books covering marriage, parenting and women's issues. This book will be used by American Baptists and was to be published in May.

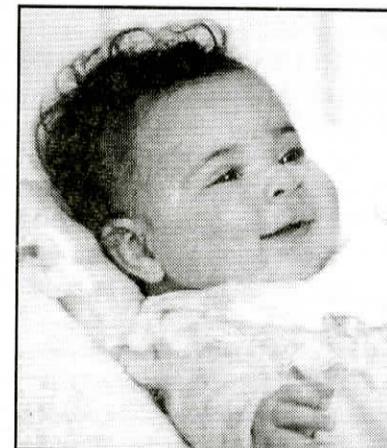
**ANDY, '83,** and **CAROL (PERSIANI), '85 PATTON,** announce their adoption of Kylie Janelle Patton, born July 21, 1996. Andy is a senior programmer analyst with Data Processing Solutions, and missions chairman at church. Carol has a home

business as a Nikken **Kylie Janelle Patton** independent distributor.

**DAN, '84,** and Peggy **OBERG** have moved to Lexington, Ky., where he serves as Youth Minister of the Broadway Christian Church. Peggy works for a pharma-



Children of the Padgett clan include, front, Ryan and Rachel; second row, Michael Karyn; third row, Stacy and Kevin.



ceutical company. Naomi is a ninth grader, Nolan an eighth grader and Nick attends Deep Springs Elementary School.

**JERRY, '84, and CINDY (WILLIAMSON), '84, WALKER** arrived with their three children in Papua New Guinea at the end of December to begin their new assignment under Wycliffe Bible Translators, as Jerry works with 14 national employees in the printshop. They enjoyed their Pacific orientation course where they learned about PNG customs and beliefs, about the wildlife as well as learning some Tok Pisin (a trade language) which helps to communicate in a country which has 800 different languages. They make their home in Ukarumpa and are able to worship on the center at the Tok Pisin Church service where they are reading in the Tok Pisin Bible and singing their songs, finding that they understand most of it. Their sons, Nathan and Ryan, go to local schools, while daughter Leslie stays home with mother and a new puppy.

Bruce and **SHARON (PADGETT), '84, WILSON** were married on March 29, in Shelby, N.C.

Brad and **KATHY (DALLINGA), '84, KOENIG** are experiencing the stress of their new environment and culture in Cameroon with mechanical problems on lights and computer, three-way radio, TV and video player as well as physical struggles with a snake in the kitchen,

worms, boils, stolen toys -- all hindrances to language study. On the bright side, Brad was able to share the gospel with a man who responded positively, family swims in the river nearby, a full rainbow over the valley, and being grateful for the love and sustaining prayers of friends. They are also thankful for medicines that help Kathy's ailments, Wayne's new traveling teacher/supervisor, new solar panels and batteries up and running. Two national Christians have been translating the Noah story in their Esimbi language. The Koenigs have completed two years of their four-year term under World Team.

**ERIC ALLEN, '85**, has been promoted to communications manager for the Kellen Co., a professional association management firm.

**TITUS HANHAM, '85**, has been working with teachers in Magadan, Russia, and has visited a children's center one hour north of Magadan. Some of the teachers there are Christians, others are not yet believers but attend the Bible study in the book of Ruth, which shows the care and love of a sovereign God. Their Russian co-laborers are teaching Bible classes in school, a Bible club after school, women's Bible study, and monthly prayer-walks. Titus shares news of his engagement to Hannah (Anha) Misharina of Magadan on Oct. 25, 1996. They plan to continue serving the Lord together following their

CoMission work in Magadan and marriage in Miami, Fla., Lord willing, on Sept. 20, 1997.

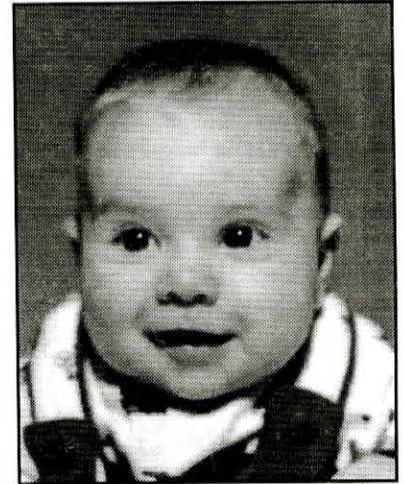
David and **KAREN (MAINS), '86, ABRAHAMSEN** announce the birth of their first child, Travis Dillon, on Oct. 22, 1996.

**ERIC, '86, and CASSIE, (TUCKER), '89 RUDD** have moved to another location in Burlington, N.C. Eric and

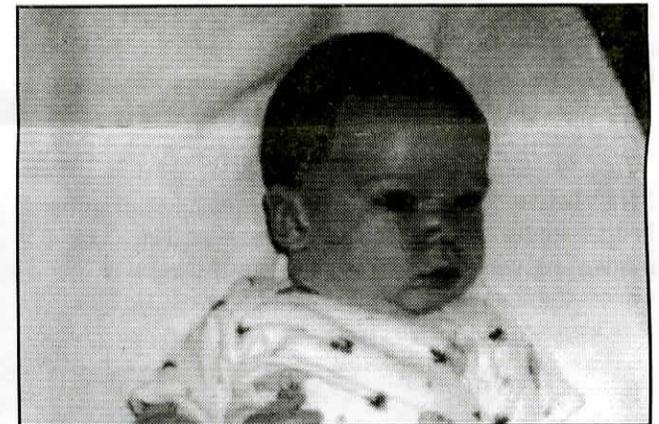
**PATRICK, '89, RUDD'S** father went home to be with his Lord in March.

**AMY (KEELER) '86X, MILLER**, would like to thank the alumni from the class of '86 who prayed for **LINDA (FOLEY) '86, WOOTEN** while she underwent radiation in March. Linda is at home resting and recuperating. The benefits of the treatments will be known as early as September 1997 or as late as March 1999. Please continue to pray for healing, protection of her eyesight and that she will no longer need medication.

**BLAIR, '87** and Michele **HURM**, are living in Largo, Fla., where Blair is administrator of an assisted living congregate facility. He also serves as deacon at their church.



Travis Abrahamsen



Simon Grant Jackowski

**KERI (BAKER), '87, and Don JACKOWSKI** announce the birth of their first child, Simon Grant, on April 11. They live in Kansas City, Mo. They plan to attend the Class of '87 reunion on July 11-12.

**PAUL OLSON, '87**, was awarded the Master of Arts degree in English (Literature) from Northern Michigan University on May 3. He is also working on a second MA (Library Science) from the University of Arizona in Tucson during the summer. Paul is director of the Munising, Mich., Public Library and is the Munising High School librarian. He is still running and thinks often of his teammates and Coach Steve Bradshaw.

Keith and **HEIDI (NIEHOFF), '89, BARKMAN**, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil, have finished the translation of Genesis and have translated a book of New Testament stories. The script for the *Jesus*

## ALUMNI: Think Ahead!

Many families have already taken advantage of the new estate planning seminars being offered exclusively to Bryan alums. Seminars include updated information on wills, trusts, living wills, investments and insurance. Free counseling is available for those who attend the seminars. Estate documents are provided by participating attorneys for a modest fee.

The Estate Planning Department at Bryan College also provides seminars on charitable remainder trusts for professionals. We are explaining how a CRUT can assist CPAs, accountants, attorneys, realtors, insurance agents and trust officers as they serve their clients. We have one scheduled in Dayton with more seminars in the planning stages. If you would like more information about these opportunities, please complete the attached form and mail or fax it to our office.

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Yes! Please let me know when an estate planning seminar is coming to my area.  
 Yes! Please let me know when a seminar on charitable remainder trusts for professionals is coming to my area. I work as a/an  accountant  attorney  insurance agent  realtor  trust officer  other.

Please return this to:  
 Mr. Terry Balko  
 Estate Planning Department  
 Bryan College  
 P.O. Box 7000  
 Dayton, TN 37321-7000

Or fax to: (423) 570-9956  
 Phone: (423) 775-7308



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film is in the first draft with hopes for recording it this year. They have prepared a series of Old Testament stories, starting with Moses and Israel leaving Egypt, which will be made into booklets with accompanying cassette tapes. They are working with the Bororo people as one of more than 25 tribes in which Wycliffe workers are involved. The New Testament has been completed in 18 languages, a Brazilian mission works in 12 tribes, but more than 100 tribes in Brazil may still need someone to give them God's Word.

**MARK, '89, HOFFER** and Ernestine Michell were married in Novi, Mich., on Oct. 25, 1996. They live in South Lyon, Mich.

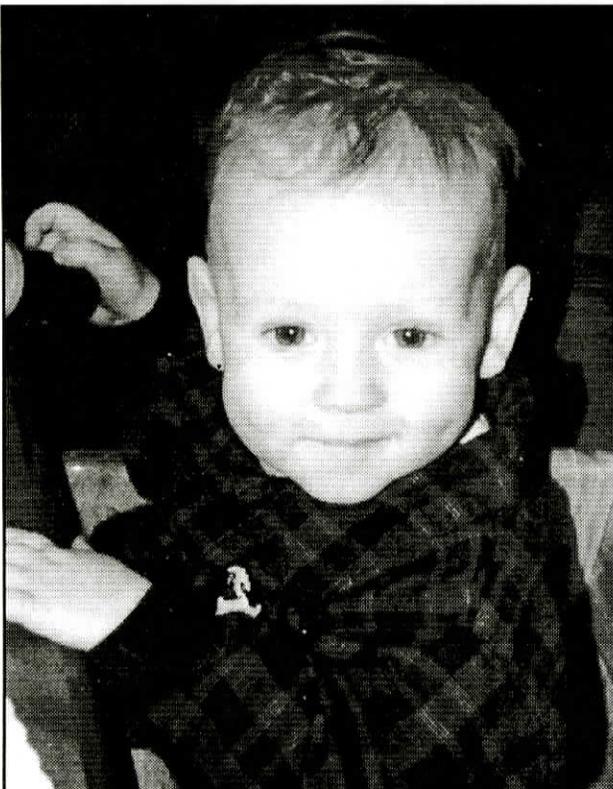
## 90's Reunions Class of '92 Oct. '97 (5 years)

**MARK, '90, and LADONNA (ROBINSON), '90, OLSON** announce the birth of their second son, Daniel David, on March 13.

**RONA HALCOMB, '91**, works at the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, S.C., where she has been in a house parenting job for nearly six years, but plans to leave in June. This has been a "hands on" experience to help prepare her for career missionary service with South America Mission. She will be seeking prayer and financial supporters for her future ministry.

**ED ELMORE, '91**, has just finished four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is enrolled in flight school with the goal of becoming a missionary pilot. His address is: 21200 S.E. 134th St; McLoud, OK 74851.

**TIM, '91, and TIFFANY (FULLERTON), '91, SHEYDA** are now based in North Carolina, less than five hours from parents and siblings in Charlotte. Tim received his wings in May with the family present to witness the completion of his years of training. He has been assigned to fly helicopters.



Caleb Powers

**AIMEE (WESTGATE) '92X, and Kevin POWERS,**

were married in July 1994. Since Kevin is a Captain in the Transportation Corps of the U.S. Army they have lived in Tennessee, Virginia and Germany, where they live now. Caleb was born in Germany in May 1996. **CHARLES, '62, and SANDRA (SORRELL) '63, WESTGATE** made a grandparents' visit to see Caleb in Germany. They plan to visit Bryan in October for Homecoming. Their address is: HHD 28th Trans Bn, Unit 30002 Box 37, APO AE 09166.

**DAVID, '92, and JACQUELINE (MYERS), '91, JOHNSTON** announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Scott, on March 18.

**CHARLES, '92, and LENORE (PINDER) '92, PRIEST** are living in Ridgeland, S.C., where Charles is minister of music at Great Swamp Baptist Church. They are expecting their first child in November. Their e-mail address is lotharpendragon@juno.com.

**TIM, '92, and JODI (ROUSE), '93, WEHSE**, have moved. Their new address is: 3900 Dalecrest Drive, Apt. 1054, Las Vegas, Nev., 89129.



Paul and Linda (Rhodes) McDaniel

**LINDA (RHODES), '93X, and Paul McDANIEL** were married on June 15, 1996, in Suwanee, Ga., and are living in Flowery Branch, Ga. Paul is a civil engineer and Linda works as a bookkeeper and office manager for Ambur Homes, Inc.

**DOUG, '93, and SHARRON (LICKING), '87, PADGETT** announce the birth of their third child, Ryan Mark on March 4. They are also giving thanks for the Lord's work in their son Michael's life. In less than a year's time he is cancer free!

**ELLIOT ISTRE, '93, and MANDY AMIS, '92**, were married on May 16 in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**SEAN, '94, and Anne MOREHEAD** announce the birth of their son, Kaenan Christian, on Feb. 14.

**BROCK, '94, and KELSEY (HARTZELL), '95, MORGAN** announce the birth of their daughter, Dancin Portia, on May 13 in Glendale, Calif.

**MELODY (RIDDLE) DURHAM '95**, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. A total of 61 fellowships were awarded in 1997. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American History by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation's secondary schools, as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

**RACHEL SNYDER, '96, and Wade Ortego** were married on March 22 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**GEORGE K. RAEV, '96**, renewed his contract with

the San Antonio Pumas professional soccer team. During the 1997 season, the Pumas will participate in an international tournament in Mexico City. George continues to work toward his Master's degree and is expecting to graduate in May 1998.

**PAMELA RENEE BROWN, '97, and Gerald Robert Scarbrough** were married May 31 in Cleveland, Tenn.

## Melody Durham, '96, receives 1 of 61 Madison Fellowships

Melody Riddle Durham, '96, has been awarded a 1997 James Madison Fellowship for graduate study in American History.

Mrs. Durham, a history major at Bryan, is a teacher at the Christian Academy of Knoxville in Knoxville, Tenn.

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C., awarded 61 Madison fellowships this year to secondary school teachers of American history, American government and social studies. The fellowship funds up to \$24,000 of each fellow's course of study toward a master's degree, which must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

The foundation is an independent establishment of the executive branch of the federal government, founded and initially funded by an act of Congress in 1986.

Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and the acknowledged "Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, James Madison Fellowships are intended to recruit into teaching people knowledgeable about the origins and development of American constitutional government, to enhance experienced teachers' knowledge of these subjects and thereby expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation's constitutional heritage.

## Larry Puckett, '73 named prosecutor

Larry Puckett, '73, has been named an assistant attorney general in Tennessee's 10th Judicial Circuit, which includes four counties around his home in Cleveland, Tenn.

Following his graduation from Bryan, Larry served as an admissions counsellor before enrolling at Memphis State University Law School. He has been in a private law practice for more than 16 years.

He has served on the Bryan College Board of Trustees since 1987, and has served as president of the Bryan Alumni Association, president of the Cleveland Jaycees and executive director of the Cleveland Express Track Club, and a deacon of his church.

*Please pray  
for Bryan College*

## Meissner, Hanna retire from leadership posts at Bryan

They met at Bryan in the mid-50s, one an English major, the other Bryan's first vocal music major.

They came back to Bryan in the 80s, one a vice president, the other Bryan's fifth president.

Now, Vice President for College Advancement Stuart C. Meissner, '56, and Chancellor Kenneth G. Hanna, '57, are retiring, although retirement may not be a very accurate description of the next steps they are planning.

Dr. Hanna and his wife, Mary, came to Bryan as a student on the recommendation of Mary's sister, Dot Underwood, '54, and lived in Trailerville. As a married student, he had little time -- or money -- for much beyond studying and attending to family responsibilities. He remembers that "we arrived on campus with \$9.20, and the next morning we bought \$9.16 worth of groceries. So I started Bryan with four cents."

But he *did* have time to sing in the choir, led by Mr. Meissner, at Sale Creek Presbyterian Church.

After graduating, Ken and Mary went to Dallas, Texas, where Ken enrolled at Dallas Theological Seminary and eventually earned his Th.D.

In 1963 the Hanna family moved to Winnipeg, where he served as registrar, director of Christian Service and taught 12 to 15 hours each semester at Winnipeg Bible Institute and College of Theology, and was pastor of Elim Chapel.

"I resigned from the college to preach full-time, but taught about half-time until February 1969, when they asked me to be president of the college."

Eleven years later, he moved to Chicago to become vice president and dean of education at the Moody Bible Institute. There he supervised operations of the day, evening and correspondence schools, the Moody Aviation school and the K-12 Keswick Christian School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In 1985, personnel from Bryan College, including trustees Earle Stevens and Al Page, contacted him to consider becoming president. "I said 'no,'" Ken remembers. "I hadn't been at Moody long enough, there was too much left to do. I had just signed a contract for two books; and I had experience as president -- I wasn't



Ken Hanna and Stu Meissner were presented with letters of appreciation from friends and colleagues during a retirement dinner in April. Pictured at the dinner are, from left, Mary and Ken Hanna, President Bill Brown, and Stu and Velma Meissner.

interested in doing it again."

But he accepted an invitation to visit and, in April 1986, was named Bryan's fifth president.

Here to welcome him was Stu Meissner, who had returned to campus as vice president for college advancement in 1983. Stu, in fact, was charged with organizing Ken's inauguration as president.

Stu came to Bryan as a student after he saw a small ad in *Moody Monthly*. He started school as a science major but changed his major and became Bryan's first vocal music graduate.

Following his graduation in 1956, Stu and Velma (Nothnagel), '57x, moved home to Michigan, near Detroit and Stu went to work with his father-in-law and brother-in-law in management of a large music store.

After 21 years, they sold the business and Stu and his family moved to Charlotte, N.C., where he worked for a fund-raising consulting firm and a Christian school as business manager and a development officer. "That's why I have such an appreciation for (Vice President for Business) Dee Mooney's position," he said.

"In 1983, I was looking for new opportunities and more job leads. I called Dr. (Ted) Mercer and asked if he knew of any good Christian colleges looking for development people. He said, 'We are.' I was less than interested in coming back, but God wouldn't let me go. After the Lord worked on our hearts a bit, we decided this was the place

we were supposed to be. We've been here 14 years since." In his 14 years at Bryan, Stu served with three of the college's six presidents, Dr. Ted Mercer, Dr. Ken Hanna and Dr. Bill Brown.

Both men served during some difficult days of the college's history, as falling enrollment and income prompted cuts in budgets, personnel and programs. But both look at their tenure as a time when the college's foundation was renewed.

"Looking at my time here," Ken said, "I think I was in a position to have laid a foundation for the future. I would have preferred building instead of laying a foundation for it. Part of what prompted me to make the decision in '92 to step down (as president) was that we were inching ahead, but had reached a point where we needed to reach a new level.

"I felt Bryan needed a jump start. I wasn't doing a lot of fund-raising and thought two of us could do what one couldn't. That is when I recommended (Dr.) Bill (Brown) be president and I be chancellor."

Stu echoed that sentiment. "I think part of what I was able to do was help bring some financial stability to the college through strengthening the fundraising efforts. But I feel it is time for a change at Bryan, time for fresh energy."

As they reflect on their service at Bryan, relationships with people are among the bright spots they see.

Ken said, "I'm most grateful, looking back, for the part I may have played in renewing the sense of mission, preparing for growth and getting people in place, not just Bill, but the faculty and staff."

"I did come in with an idea of having two or three people at Bryan capable of doing what I was doing. I wanted to have a number of people who were being groomed for leadership, because I realized I would not be here 30 years like Ted (Mercer) was."

And Stu said his visits to alumni and friends of the college have offered a "side benefit which is very special. I have been able to develop great friendships with alumni and parents. And working here around college students has also kept me thinking young."

Both insist they are retiring from Bryan, not retiring. Ken will take the position of director of Messianic Ministry to Israel, a mission headquartered in Chattanooga, Tenn., effective July 1. Stu will continue a part-time relationship with Bryan as well as begin working with First Counsel, Inc., a fund-raising consulting firm in Charlotte, N.C.

As their paths veer away from each other once again, the two leaders will take with them the memories of years of faithful service which has helped more than 1,000 Bryan students prepare to make a difference in today's world.

Stu is being succeeded as vice president by Tom Kemner, who has served as director of development for the past two years. The chancellor's office is not being filled.

## Need a transcript? Here's how to get one

Registrar Ron Petite reminds alumni and students that his office needs several pieces of information to respond to requests for transcripts.

Transcripts must be requested by the individual who attended Bryan, must be submitted in writing and signed by the person making the request.

The request must include the following information:

- Full name, including maiden name if applicable, and Social Security number.

- Dates attended Bryan (year will suffice).
- Address where the transcript is to be sent.
- Any special instructions.

There is no charge for the first official transcript supplied to an alumnus, and \$5 for each subsequent transcript. Checks should be made out to Bryan College and sent separately if the request is faxed. Faxed requests should be sent to the attention of the registrar at (423) 775-7330.

# PLAN AHEAD

*Alumni Weekend and Homecoming '97!*

## *Alumni Weekend July 11-12, 1997*

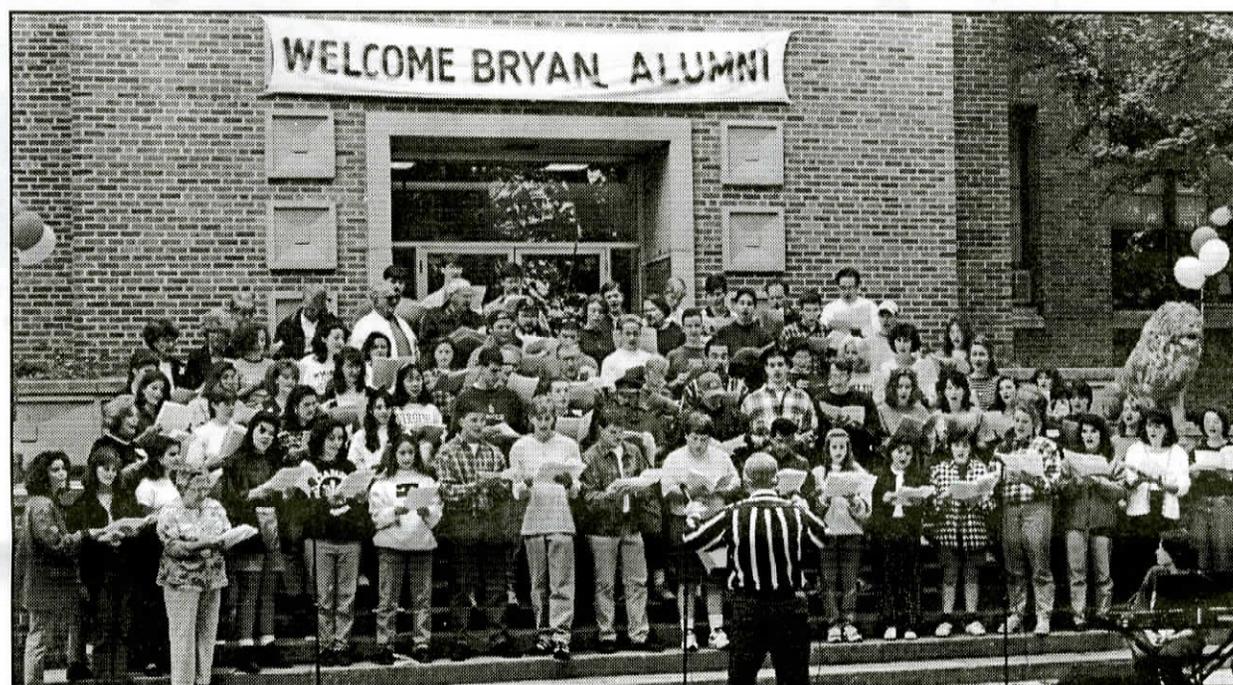
Join us for a time of fun, fellowship and updates on what's happening at your college.

There will be a special salute to the Reunion Classes of 1957, 1967, 1977 and 1987.

Rooms are free, and children may eat in the dining hall for free.

So make plans now, call a classmate, and meet at Bryan for Alumni Weekend.

Call (423) 775-7216 to reserve your place.



## *Homecoming '97 - Oct. 3-4*

Special features include:  
3rd annual Alumni Choir  
Alumni v. Varsity Volleyball  
and Basketball

Homecoming soccer game  
Alumnus of the Year presentation  
Hilltop Players production  
Kids eat free!

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