What does “success” look like for Bryan College? I believe our success is directly tied to a consistent focus on maintaining and enhancing our identity—knowing why God created our campus community and seeking to live out our calling. As God continues to grow the campus and extend our outreach, who we are and what is most important to us will not waiver. We will ever cherish our mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in our world.

One characteristic of our identity is our passion for a biblical worldview as manifested in the spiritual formation of each student. Anderson and Reese in their book Spiritual Mentoring say that “spirituality is learning to pay attention to the presence of God in everything.” That is especially true for Bryan as a Christian community. Jesus said the greatest of commandments, and hence our focus, is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, and mind, and to love others as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:36-39). At Bryan we seek to:

- love God with our hearts through our worship experience—chapel, church involvement, and Christian Life Formation classes,
- love God with our minds through our curriculum where each course is taught from a biblical foundation,
- love God with our souls through our residential life program. In addition, the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice and the Commoner Forum provide opportunities for our students to tackle significant cultural issues armed with enlightened minds and sharpened skills,

- love others as we love ourselves by becoming servants of Christ through outreaches such as Break for Change mission trips, MLK Community Service Days, and Practical Christian Involvement programs.

As Bryan continues to focus on what our Lord taught us as central to our lives, we will be blessed by Him and be a blessing to others. Bryan’s sense of community—integral to our existence and always part of our vision—is another characteristic of our identity. Bryan must continue to pursue spiritual formation in a relational way—even as Jesus created us for a relationship with Him and with one another.

In the next few pages, you will see how Bryan has changed and is growing while never changing our focus and mission. I believe the best is yet to come. As God lays Bryan upon your heart, please pray that we will remain steadfast and focused. And thank you for giving generously, sharing in the blessings of educating this generation of Lions who will make a difference for Christ’s Kingdom.

Stephen D. Livesay, Ph.D
Building on a Firm Foundation

How do you get to Bryan College? For alumni, it’s simply a matter of driving up Bryan Drive (hopefully in the near future, the new entrance from U.S. 27) and finding a parking space.

For prospective students, there’s the matter of test scores, academic transcripts, applications, campus visits, and the whole admissions process. Alumni who haven’t been on campus in the past eight years or so might share a touch of unfamiliarity that new students experience, as so much has changed. Sure, Mercer Hall (it used to be the Ad Building), Rudd and four of the residence halls are standing in their familiar places, but now there’s a library, a student center, a new residence hall, and Summers Gym looks very different.

In this edition of Bryan Life we are taking a look back, focusing on physical and educational changes, and looking at how today’s prospective students find their way into the Bryan family.

Building Academics

Seventeen majors, 38 options, and worldwide opportunities; those are three reasons to consider a Bryan College education. But that snapshot doesn’t scratch the surface of what awaits a student who enrolls.

It helps to add that seniors regularly score in the top percentiles of nationally normed major field exams. It’s true that most graduates are accepted into the jobs or graduate programs of their choice. It is satisfying to note that for 13 years U.S. News & World Report has ranked Bryan among the top baccalaureate colleges in the South.

These achievements did not happen by accident but are the result of deliberate steps to continually improve the educational program of the college, a desire which spills over into planning for physical, social, and spiritual development as well.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay pointed out that recognizing what Bryan is—a Christian liberal arts college—and the distinctives the administration and faculty wish to maintain, drives the direction of the college.

“Most of our majors stem from the liberal arts,” Dr. Livesay explained. “We have a strong general education program in the humanities and liberal arts. Since the faculty teach the general education core as well as their major courses, our students experience a more holistic education. Our students are better prepared for the changing employment opportunities of the future.”

Since 2003, college officials have taken numerous steps to enhance the educational program.

• In 2003, the college initiated an art internship program with Chattanooga sculptor Cessna Decosimo, and began a series of international internships.

• In 2004, Dr. Livesay introduced the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice, an umbrella organization designed to strengthen bonds with groups including the Center for Origins Research, Center for International Leadership, Passing the Baton International, and Summit. The center also provides scholarly seminars on current issues, such as the recent “Evangelicals and Global Warming” program.

• Began, in 2006, and received accreditation for, in 2007, a Master’s in Business Administration program.

• Added a Semester in Italy program in 2006.

• Added Christian Thought and Politics and Government majors in 2006.
• Added an Origins Studies minor in 2007.
• Expanded the Aspire degree completion program to seven locations in Southeast Tennessee.
• Initiated a December graduation ceremony in 2007.

Dr. Livesay said these improvements have been designed to meet needs and interests of students and to strengthen Bryan’s influence in the area. The art internship, international internships and Semester in Italy were designed to offer current students new areas of training and experience, while the MBA and Aspire programs fill niches in the community other schools were not meeting.

“Both the MBA and Aspire programs were developed to offer adult students in Southeast Tennessee a quality education taught from a biblical worldview,” Dr. Livesay said. “Adding these programs has had the benefits of increasing awareness of the college in our area and strengthening our faculty as we have added professors, particularly for the MBA program.”

In the traditional undergraduate program, the two newest majors, Christian Thought and Politics and Government, have sprung from Bryan’s roots in biblical worldview education and acknowledgement of William Jennings Bryan’s leading role in politics in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

“Bryan’s Christian Thought major encompasses a variety of disciplines, from economics to Bible, with an emphasis of applying a biblical worldview,” Dr. Livesay said. “This major will teach students how to think critically, holistically, and Christianly, and it will be excellent preparation for any profession, as well as for graduate study in a variety of disciplines.”

The Politics and Government program grew out of student interest in the subject, developing from a minor in the communication studies program to become its own major. It is built on an integration of American history, philosophy, economics, political science, and governmental studies, with supporting courses drawn from communication studies.

But a significant attraction of a Bryan education may be found in what happens outside the classroom—on campus and around the globe.

“The reason our students do so well on major field tests, get into the finest graduate schools, and immediately step into very good positions, I believe, is the relationship between faculty and students,” Dr. Livesay said. “When faculty relate to students personally, it makes the students desire to do their very best. As we grow, we are committed to maintaining this distinctive, where students are known by name and can develop wonderful personal relationships with faculty outside the classroom.”

Internships have developed from a desire to expand students’ global outlook and to demonstrate that they can be missionaries in whatever vocation they serve. “Students taking the Missions: Foundations and Applications class have traveled to Micronesia in the

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**Academic Programs**

- Biblical Studies
- Biology
- Business
- Christian Ministry
- Christian Thought & Philosophy
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Education
- English
- Exercise & Health Science
- History
- Language & Linguistics
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Music
- Politics & Government
- Psychology
Pacific to Rwanda in Africa, using the skills they have learned in their various majors—psychology, English, computer science, and more—in real-world situations even as they share the love of Christ. It's exciting to see how God has worked in our students' lives to give them a heart for missions even as He confirms or perhaps changes their vocational paths."

The college’s "Vision 20/20" long-range plan calls for growing to 1,200 traditional students, a move to strengthen the financial foundation and enhance the educational program while maintaining the spirit of community that marks Bryan.

"With a student body that size, and maintaining our current student-faculty ratio, about 14-1, we will be in a position to have four or five faculty members in each major, offering a broader range of concentrations or cognates, and reducing the number of class preparations required of faculty now," Dr. Livesay said.

"We believe Bryan offers an outstanding education now, but as we grow, we are convinced that we will be in an even better position to offer students a program which will equip them even better to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world."

Building Admissions

"Does it fit?" may be one of the most important questions high school students can ask when considering Bryan College, because it's a question they will hear as they work their way through the admissions process.

Michael Sapienza, Bryan's director of enrollment management, said the college is "looking for students who fit our mission, who thrive in an academically challenging environment, and who want to be in an atmosphere that fosters spiritual growth."

But turning a good fit into an enrollment decision is a process, not an event, he said.

"Entering high school, students need to consider building a resume of extracurricular activities, community work, church work, so they show more than good grades and good test scores to admission officers. This is important for the financial aid side of things as well."

Beginning in the junior year, a high school student should consider taking—even taking several times—admissions tests such as the ACT or SAT (Bryan requires the ACT or SAT for admission). It's during the junior year that finding sources for financial aid becomes more important.

"There are deadlines for state and federal aid programs, as well as private aid sources," Mr. Sapienza said. "But it's important to be aware of—and meet—deadlines for institutional aid as well."

Beginning in the fall of the student's senior year, applications for admission, financial aid, and housing need to be submitted according to the school's published schedule.

"At Bryan we have a rolling admission schedule, so an applicant may be accepted as early as Sept. 1 of his senior year," Mr. Sapienza said. An application, the appropriate fee, three references, academic transcripts and ACT or SAT scores are required before the college will make an admission decision.

He recommended that before a student enrolls at any college, he or she should visit the campus and spend the night, if possible.

"I believe a student will have a difficult time visualizing what it would be like to attend a school without visiting and spending the night," he said. Bryan offers a number of overnight visitation events throughout
the year, and admissions personnel are glad to schedule special visits as well to help prospective students make an informed decision.

“Our admissions counselors are an integral part of the process,” he said. “They ask questions and listen for answers. This process helps them connect prospective students with the people who can best answer their questions as they seek God’s direction in their college decisions.”

While the goal is to encourage students to enroll at Bryan, Mr. Sapienza acknowledged that the “fit” might not right in some cases. “We do not want to bring students here to fail. Bringing someone here for one year and having them leave does not do anybody any good. Our goal is a successful outcome—spiritually, socially, and academically.

“We have some objective measures about academic success; our six-year graduation rate is one of the best in the state and is much higher than that of public universities. And our seniors consistently rank in the top percentiles of national major field exams. Spiritually and socially our seniors and graduates express high degrees of satisfaction with their experience at Bryan.

“These things make me think our admissions process is helping prospective students make good decisions about Bryan, and the rest of the college community is doing an outstanding job of making those who enroll feel part of the Bryan family.”

For Taylor Hasty, ’06, four years of Bryan College wasn’t enough, so he decided to stick around and encourage others to consider a college he loves.

“I care for Bryan College,” he said of his job as an admissions counselor. “It’s not hard for me to share that passion with students and parents and invite them to invest their time and money here.”

At the same time, he is able to enjoy another passion, baseball, as he serves as an assistant coach for the Lions’ baseball team under the leadership of Head Coach Joel Johnson.

“It’s a blessing from God and from my superiors to allow me to coach at the college level when I’m right out of college; that’s unusual.”

Taylor said he came to Bryan, where he majored in history and played baseball, because “I felt God led me here. I enjoyed the community atmosphere and the interaction between professors and students. Those are two things that make our college different.”

With all his studying and baseball, he still had time to meet “a wonderful woman – Julie Thompson,” whom he married not long after graduation.

“I appreciated the fact that the rules (at Bryan) are more of a framework for accountability rather than a law that is hanging over your head,” he said of his days as a student.

Another aspect of life he experienced, and still observes, at Bryan is the way students get along with each other. “They seem to have a unique ability to come from so many different backgrounds spiritually as well as socially and retain cohesiveness between each other.”

While he is delighted with his two Bryan jobs, he hopes one day to have ONE job of his own: head baseball coach at a college. “A coach has greater discipleship opportunities than many people do,” he said.

As he waits for the opportunity to move full-time into the coaching ranks, he is excited to be part of the effort to help build enrollment numbers.

“I love Bryan College,” he said. “I think this is one of the best times in Bryan history to be here. I think exciting changes are in the works that will take Bryan to the next level in size and excellence.”
Building the Campus

Five years ago, it seemed like everything was new at Bryan College. The Class of 2003 had studied in the “old” Administration Building and students were still excited about new classrooms, a new library, a completed Latimer Student Center, and a road around – instead of through – the campus. But the Class of 2005 had enrolled, finding all this “new” to be the only Bryan College they had known.

In February 2003, the Class of 2003—along with the rest of the college community—received one more dose of “new”: Dr. Stephen D. Livesay became the college’s seventh president.

Today, “new” is a word heard regularly, as the college is experiencing a period of planned—and sustained—growth, with physical facilities being added or adapted to meet a growing enrollment, a broadening academic program, and a vision for God to touch the world through Bryan College.

“Our desire is for Bryan to be the distinctive choice for evangelical students among colleges that offer a liberal arts education built on the foundation of a biblical world and life view,” Dr. Livesay said.

“We have to address the quality of life factor, which is why we have the fitness center, why we will rework the cafeteria this summer, why we have the latest technology in the classrooms and on campus, and why a new entrance is so vital.”

The fitness center and new technology only scratch the surface of the physical improvements in the past several years.

- The Rankin Communication Studies Center was dedicated in 2005. This state-of-the-art building houses a digital editing lab, work space for the campus newspaper and yearbook staffs, a conference room, and offices for faculty and the Worldview Teams.
- Contractors and college maintenance personnel converted the former shop and art building into this beautiful new facility.
- Robinson Hall, a residence hall for women, was built in 2005-06, and dedicated to the memory of F.E. Robinson, an incorporator and first chairman of the college board of trustees.
- The Henning Natural Science Museum reopened in 2006, returning to public display many of the specimens that had been salvaged and restored following the fire of February 2000.
- Rhea House, formerly home of the college president and later a men’s residence hall, was converted to offices for the Advancement Department.
- The Bryan PolyClinic, opened in the refurbished first floor of the Rankin Center in 2007, provides space for the college’s first full-service doctor’s office, offering medical services to both the college and Dayton community.
- Athletics and health and fitness improvements include additions to Summers Gymnasium, completed in 2008 to provide offices for coaches, new dressing rooms, and fitness areas for students. In 2006, an athletic training facility was added to the game floor level of Summers, even as a two-court practice gym was built adjacent to the maintenance building.
- Mercer Hall was named in memory of Dr. Theodore Mercer, Bryan’s fourth president, in 2005. In 2007, a
display of watercolor paintings of state capitols, “The Magnificent Fifty,” by Dayton artist Susan Wilhoit, was dedicated.

A continuing awareness of academic needs has driven – and continues to drive – plans for campus development, Dr. Livesay said.

“For example, we have a terrific mock trial team, a debate club, and a new choral group that need additional practice and performance facilities. We need another venue in which to give students the opportunity to perform in the arts.”

Perhaps more closely related to growing numbers than academic matters, Dr. Livesay stressed the need for renovations to expand seating capacity in Rudd Auditorium “so the entire Bryan community can worship together.”

The linchpin to future development of the physical campus, Dr. Livesay believes, is the new entrance which has received all necessary regulatory approvals.

“I believe for the college to move to the next level, we must have a new entrance for access and visibility to the community,” he said. “The entrance gives that initial impression, a testimony to who we are as a private Christian liberal arts college. I’ve often said that we have a wonderful house, but the front porch needs work. The new entrance will give a tremendous boost to the community and the college.”
Pearson has a heart for God, Bryan

Nell Pearson has traveled the world as a missionary since she graduated from Bryan in 1949, but she has never forgotten the lessons she learned on Bryan Hill.

"Bryan means a lot to me," she said. "It gave me the foundation I needed for missionary ministry. I want to see the college continue in a great way."

Miss Pearson transferred to Bryan after learning about the Dayton school in a God-appointed coincidence. "I was working nights at the Young Women's Christian Association in Dallas, where we had rooms for transients and long-term residents," she explained. "Somebody came through who had been to Bryan" and told her about the college, leading her to transfer for her sophomore year.

She majored in English because she liked English and literature. She wanted to major in Bible but wound up a credit short of that goal when she graduated.

Reflecting on her time as a student, Miss Pearson said, "The most important thing in my life was the spiritual influence, the foundation in the Scripture, the emphasis to serve the Lord. Missions was really emphasized. That confirmed my calling to serve the Lord as a missionary."

Several times she heard Mrs. James Stewart speak in chapel. "She and her husband founded and directed the European Evangelistic Crusade mission," Miss Pearson said. "I got to know her and know about that mission. When I graduated I wrote EEC and asked if they needed help in the office. They did, and I spent two years working in the office in Buffalo, N.Y."

As the Lord provided funds, she left for Austria, where she spent the next 41 years as a missionary. "The mission's primary focus was on evangelism," she said. "That was what Europe needed—still does."

Her efforts included child evangelism, children's ministry, Sunday school, children's church, weekday Bible studies, operating a lending library for Christian material, leading a camp ministry in the summers for 35 years, and vacation Bible schools.

"One of my greatest efforts was showing Moody Science films. The Lord opened doors in hundreds of schools, jails, old people's homes over 20 years," she said. One major ministry was organizing teams for evangelism with a Gospel caravan, which was used widely year-round.

In 1992, she moved to South Africa and worked for a year and a half until health issues forced her to return to the States in April 1994.

Miss Pearson volunteered part-time for several years at Rio Grande Bible Institute before moving to be near the school in Edinburg, Texas, in 1999. Now she volunteers in the office of the library at RGBI.

Too busy to be "retired," Miss Pearson also volunteers at the Wycliffe Center in Dallas each fall, and has made mission trips to Mexico, Republic of Georgia, Russia, and Austria. In 2001, she was recognized as Bryan's Alumna of the Year.

Miss Pearson realizes the value of the education—spiritual and academic—she received at Bryan, and plans to purchase an annuity which will leave a legacy at her alma mater.

"I would like to share a little bit of what the Lord has given me," she said. "I appreciate Bryan that much. I also want to encourage other alumni to contribute. Bryan means that much to me."

"Our class verse, Psalm 32:8 — 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye'—has been a guiding light for my life. The Lord Jesus has been so good and faithful through the years, and I give Him all the glory. It has been a privilege to share Christ, but the greater joy is to know one day I will see him face to face."
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MBA/Business programs accredited

Bryan's Master of Business Administration program was accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) at the Commission's December 2007 meeting, Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White announced.

Bryan received authorization from the Commission on Colleges in December 2005 to begin an MBA program, and enrolled the first students in August 2006. Today, 48 students are enrolled in the MBA program in four groups or cohorts. The first cohort is scheduled to graduate in May.

Dr. Ray Smith, MBA director, said the program is designed to accommodate students who are "mid-career professionals who have to keep up with the demands of their jobs, who have families, and are full-time students."

In addition to the MBA accreditation, Bryan's undergraduate business programs have been accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), department chair Dr. William Lay has announced.

"Accreditation on this level is the recognition that our business program's academic and operational performance is excellent," Dr. Lay said. "The accreditation process is another means by which students, parents, the business community and other constituencies of the college can be assured that our business degree programs meet high standards of excellence and follow best practices in business education."

IACBE is an internationally recognized accrediting body for business and business-related degree programs in four-year and graduate institutions which measures the effectiveness of business education through outcomes assessment. Nearly 200 institutions in the United States and abroad have earned IACBE accreditation.

Tromanhauser named alumni director

David Tromanhauser, '80, is Bryan's new alumni director, replacing Warren Cole, '03, who resigned in December 2007 to pursue his studio art and custom concrete countertop business.

After graduating with a degree in history, David worked in sales and youth ministry in Dallas, Texas; Charlotte, N.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Indiana before moving to Dayton 46 years ago.

Coming to work at Bryan "truly has been a dream of mine, a vision for many years," he said. "The day after the fire (in 2000), I drove over to Bryan from Charlotte, and Tom Kemner (then vice president for advancement) approached me about joining the staff. I've wanted to work and help at Bryan since then."

David said he sees his primary responsibility as helping people "in my generation - the mid-'70s to late '80s - build and rebuild relationships with the college, and to continue connecting with the older and more recent generations. Alumni play a key role in supporting their alma mater, in prayer and funding, and I'm excited to help with that."

"This is a marvelous place to be, one of the premier private institutions in the country," he said. "I'm delighted to be here and to be able to help our alumni see how they have a critical part in making Bryan all that the Lord wants it to be."
Worldview text updated

Bible at Bryan College, oversaw the revision.

Despite a growing body of evangelical literature on worldview, Mr. Stonestreet suggests that this book remains unique. "There are excellent books that compare worldviews (e.g., Jim Sire's *The Universe Next Door*), there are excellent books that contrast the biblical worldview with other worldviews (e.g., David Noebel's *Understanding the Times*), and there are a few excellent books that help one construct a biblical worldview (e.g., Nancy Pearcey's *Total Truth*)," he said. "But *Making Sense of Your World* offers a basic, accessible introduction to biblical worldview that covers all of these aspects of worldview thinking."

The new edition has been restructured to separate the examination of the biblical worldview from the examination of atheism, in part because of the emergence of Islam as a major worldview player. Other changes include an extended examination of postmodernism and a new chapter on how to evaluate worldviews. The book will be available from Amazon.com as well as the Bryan College bookstore. (www.bryan.edu/bookstore.html.)

Trafficking addressed at conference

Bryan students and guests from the area had an intense look at the evil of human trafficking in the 21st century in January during "Scourge" a conference sponsored by Students Stopping the Trafficking of People (SSTOP) and the Center for International Leadership.

Keynote speakers Christine Dolan, a journalist dedicated to the cause of ending slavery, and Abe Lee, a representative of the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, reviewed statistics and human stories that brought the problem from a global abstraction to a present reality.

Paul Gutacker, a senior who helped organize the conference, said students from seven other colleges attended, and one of those college groups has organized its own SSTOP chapter.

Because of the interest shown in the subject, "I think Bryan has the potential to become a center for evangelicals to deal with this problem, as well as other social injustices," he said. "I'd like to see students from Bryan going out to fight trafficking full-time. I've heard students say, 'There's no way I cannot do something.' I'm really excited to think about what can happen five years from now."
Making an Impact:  
Students mark MLK Day with service

Bryan faculty, staff and students spent Jan. 21, working throughout the area in the college’s fourth annual MLK Community Service Day. Approximately 700 persons were involved.

Worksites ranged from downtown Dayton where workers washed windows, picked up trash, and painted and cleaned a church; to locations in Graysville and Spring City where they raked yards, cleaned houses, and did building repairs; to area parks at Old Washington, Frasier and Pocket Wilderness where they picked up trash and cleared brush. One group traveled to Dunlap to help clear an area to build a track for the railroad club and museum there. The Chamber Singers presented short concerts at area retirement homes.

One work team went to the home of Will and Pam (Olson) Sarrell, both '97, and tore down and burned an outbuilding on their property.

Will, a captain in the U.S. Army deployed to Iraq, wrote the following email to Dr. Travis Ricketts, who coordinated the MLK Day projects:

To Paul 'Tacky' Middlekauff and the rest of the PCI Students who helped Mrs. Sarrell, THANK YOU!

I just finished talking to my wife on the phone and she told me how the demolition of the dilapidated house on our property went. She said it was done before lunch! Wow! Thanks so much for helping my wife and kids.

Pam also mentioned that a Times Free Press reporter was there so I looked up the article in today's online edition. I am so grateful for the willingness of the students at Bryan and am humbled by what I read: "Paul 'Tacky' Middlekauff, a sophomore majoring in business, said many Bryan students signed up early to get the job of helping Mrs. Sarrell and her family because of her husband's military service. 'We feel like we're in the best group,' he said.

The outpouring of support we in the military are receiving is fantastic! Much of the time, my wife feels like she's all alone up there on Dayton Mountain. Your helping her out was more than just moving junk to a burn pile. It was rejuvenating for her, I'm sure. Thanks so much for all that you did.

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Dr. Jud Davis, Mr. Bill Harle and Ms. Laura Kaufmann attended an “Emerging Technologies” workshop in Banner Elk, N.C., in November.

Dr. Steve DeGeorge has had an article titled “The Things They Bring to School” published in the Winter 2007-08 edition of The Journal of the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning. He also was the keynote speaker at the Association of Christian Schools International Administrators Conference in Budapest, Hungary, in February.

Ms. Laura Kaufmann and Dr. Clark Rose represented the college at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges in New Orleans, La., in December.

Ms. Marlene Fouts attended the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Career Professionals Conference at Taylor University in November.

Dr. Scott Jones led a married couples retreat for New Union Baptist Church in January.

Dr. Doug Kennard’s review of the book Knocking on Heaven’s Door by David Crump, has been published in the Stone-Campbell Journal. Dr. Kennard also presented papers at the Evangelical Theological Society and Evangelical Philosophical Society meetings in Memphis, Tenn., in March.

Dr. Sigrid Luther took four students to the Tennessee Music Teachers Association state collegiate piano competition; all received superior ratings and one also received an honorable mention. She also presented a master class for the Bryan College Community Music School in November.

Ms. Michele Pascucci traveled to Spain to complete and submit her doctoral dissertation. She is to defend the dissertation in the spring.

Dr. Drew Randle preached at Birchwood Baptist Church in January, and, in February, led a youth retreat for Grace Bible Church.

Karen Randen, landscaping coordinator, was named staff member of the summer in recognition of her efforts to beautify and maintain the campus. In presenting the award, President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay pointed out Ms. Randen’s planning and design skills, her heart for mentoring her student workers and her contribution to the community demonstrated by designing landscaping for the new Rhea Medical Center.

Mr. Earl Reed is serving on the Appalachian College Association’s NSF Student Scholarship Committee, which reviews applications for scholarships for students in the sciences and pre-service science teachers.

Doug Schott, director of physical plant, was an East Tennessee delegate to the second annual National Congress for Secure Communities in Washington, D.C., in December.

Mrs. Tami Tullberg has agreed to serve another year as a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Association of College Stores.

Dr. Ken Turner conducted a youth retreat in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in January.

Dr. Cal White attended the Appalachian College Association Dean’s Council meeting in Pipestem, W.Va., in November.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit has been invited to present a paper at the Middle Tennessee State Conference “Farther Along,” an examination of Southern Gospel Music. He sang in Christmas concerts with Dr. Glenn Draper at Lake Junaluska Assembly in North Carolina, and with the Chattanooga Symphony Chorus for Christmas pops concerts in December.

Dr. Todd Wood’s research paper “Toll-Like Receptor Genes (TLRs) from Capitella capitata and Helobdella robusta (Annelida)” was published in the international journal Developmental and Comparative Immunology. Former students Natalie Best, ’07, and Charis Davidson, ’07, co-authors of the paper, conducted the research upon which the paper was based. Dr. Wood said this is the first time a paper by Bryan students and based on research conducted at the college has been published in a major scientific journal.

Welcome

Mrs. Tabitha Bechler, formerly part-time receptionist, has become a full-time staff member with the addition of duties as distance learning coordinator.

Mr. Ronnie Masengale has joined the operations staff as a maintenance and repair worker.

Dr. Travis Ricketts, formerly part-time history professor and part-time director of Practical Christian Involvement, will be a full-time faculty member beginning with the Fall 2008 semester.

Farewell

Mrs. Toks Brown has resigned as personnel director/finance assistant as she pursues a graduate degree.

Mr. Warren Cole resigned as alumni coordinator to pursue his studio art and custom concrete countertop business.

Mr. Bryan Day has resigned as an admissions counselor to enter the Master of Divinity program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
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let us help.
Dear Bryan Family,

It is truly an honor to serve you as Alumni Director. It has long been a desire of my heart to come back and help Bryan College in any way possible. God has a unique and wonderful way of preparing us for new venues, for new chapters in our lives. He has spent many years preparing me.

Several years ago, then-Vice President Tom Kemmer and two trustees approached me with the concept of coming on staff at the college. I was intrigued and deeply interested. However, it was not God's time for me to come. I was living in Charlotte, N.C., travelling with my job a great deal and also running a rapidly growing sports ministry at my church, Calvary Church. In two years, we went from serving 400 children to almost 2000 children, ministering to families through sports. In the midst of that, I was crushed with the reality of a brutal and painful divorce. It was a divorce I did not want nor seek. I lost everything—my job, my home, my ministry. It was through that experience I rediscovered the greatest family in the world, the family of Bryan College Alumni.

The outpouring of love and support was overwhelming. Several alums made it possible for me to move back to Dayton to raise my two teenaged sons by myself.

God was not done by a long shot. Little did I know he was preparing another Bryan alum through much the same circumstances, to bring us together, to glorify His name.

On January 1, 2005, in the famous Rhea County courthouse, surrounded by many Bryan alums, with Rev. Ron Ruark, '80, presiding, Anna Barth and I were married. Since then, God has been preparing us for this opportunity, this chance to reconnect, to minister, to educate, to inform, and to remind you all of the great and marvelous family you belong to—the family of Bryan College. As Joel 2:25 says, "He has restored what the locust had devoured!"

I share this story with you to, first, let you see what has happened in my life. Second, I want to convey to you that even if things have fallen down around you, or if your life is not like you imagined it would be, or if you have been blessed beyond measure, you have a guaranteed seat at the table of fellowship on the campus of Bryan College.

Please let me know how and what you are doing. I am truly interested in hearing the stories—the good and bad, all of it. (Bill Sjoblom, '80, has a 1-year-old child! I have two grandchildren older than that!) As Nancy Ruark has said about me, between my wife and my job, I may never quit smiling! She is right.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

In His Grace,
David Trompanhauser
Alumni Director
"When the years have closed around us,
Memory's scroll will then unfold,
On the hours we spent at Bryan,
'neath the red and gold.
By our motto we firmly stand:
CHRIST ABOVE ALL,
Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
Hail, our Bryan, hail."

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**1940s**

**REBECCA (PECK) HOYT, '40,** has moved to the Rhea County Nursing Home in Dayton, Tenn. She is able to walk to meals and stroll in the yard with the aid of a cane. She invites friends to contact her at Rhea County Nursing Home, 7900 Rhea County Highway, Dayton, TN 37321.

**1950s**

**Class Representatives**

1954: Ginny Seguine Schatz
1956: Bud Schatz

**RICHARD CORNELIUS, '55,** was grand marshal for Dayton’s Old Fashioned Christmas Parade in December. Dr. Cornelius was recognized for his efforts to educate the public about the Scopes Trial and to preserve Rhea County history. He serves as a director of the Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society and chairman of the Society’s Scopes Trial and Heritage Museum committee.

**1960s**

**STEPHEN N. SNYDER, '64x,** and Jennifer Anne Roach were married December 28, 2007, in Lenoir City, Tenn. They are making their home in Dayton.

**JIM BOOTH, '67,** retired July 31, 2007, after more than 40 years in public education service in Tennessee and Michigan. His final nine years were spent as superintendent for Montague Area Public Schools in Michigan. After retiring, he and his wife, Patty, moved to Washington, N.C., to be nearer their children.

**1970s**

**Class Representative**

1971: Maye Hayes Jepson

**JUDY (RINCK) MILLER, '70,** has retired after 30 years of teaching and moved from Mechanicsburg, Pa., to Waymart, Pa., following the death of her husband, Randy, in 2006. She now lives near Randy’s family and many of their friends. She said, “The Lord has given me many opportunities to give a word of encouragement to people who are facing difficult situations in their lives.” She invites classmates to contact her at 41 Belmont St., Waymart, PA 18472.

**1980s**

**JERRY LEVENGOOD, '76,** principal of Rhea County High School in Evensville, Tenn., was named Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association’s Principal of the Year for District 3. The award recognizes principals who exhibit and encourage ethics and integrity.

**MIKE WOOD, '78,** has been named the 2007 Tennessee boys’ cross country Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Mike, who also serves as track and field coach at McCallie School in Chattanooga, has been honored numerous times for his track and field efforts. He was cited for coaching his injury-plagued team to a seventh-place finish in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association’s state championships and boasted a member of the all-state team.

**1980s**

**Class Representatives**

1980: Tom Branson
1984: Paulakay Franks
1985: Steve Stewart
1986: Gina Lyles Hays
1987: Laura Kaufmann
1988: Brett Roes
1989: Gretchen Mann Sanders
DAVID TROMANHAUSER, ’80, served as chairman of the Rhea County, Tenn., Bicentennial Committee this past year. Festivities culminated on Dec. 3, 2007, when county officials buried a time capsule and dedicated a timeline in a sidewalk at the Rhea County Courthouse highlighting significant events in the county’s history.

SUSAN (SMITH), ’80, and Dave HARRIS celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii in July 2007. The Harrises and their sons live in Winston Salem, N.C.

VINCENT NWANKPA, ’86, and his wife, Chinyere, lead Eternal Word Communication Ministries, providing educational opportunities for children and youth in Nigeria. From their headquarters in Norwalk, Calif., the Nwankpas are raising funds to build a dormitory for their secondary school, and to provide school supplies and to cover the cost of transporting supplies from the United States to Nigeria.

CINDY (RENEGAR), ’89, and Daren MELSON recently moved to the Raleigh, N.C., area where Daren works for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation as a computer forensics analyst. They anticipate moving to Greensboro as Daren will be working in the new crime lab there. Cindy is busy taking care of Phillip, 3, and Charlie, 16 months.

DARIN GREGG, ’89, and Brenna Emerson were married Sept. 14, 2007, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Brenna works for an organization which provides non-medical assistance for the elderly, and Darin is a correspondence assistant at Focus on the Family.

PEGGY SHOE, ‘91, reports that she continues as a substitute teacher for Denver, Colo., public schools and two Christian schools in the area. She has begun work on a Master of Arts in Teaching program on-line through Liberty University.

TRENENA (SPICER) WILCHER, ’95, completed her law degree at Nashville School of Law in May 2007, and passed the Tennessee Bar exam in October 2007. She is an assistant public defender in McMinnville, Tenn., where she lives with her husband, Shane, and daughters, Annie and Emma.

PHILIP, ’93x, and Helen HAY announce the birth of their son, Barnaby James, on Dec. 18, 2007. Barnaby weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 inches long. The Hay family lives in Kent, United Kingdom.

SUSAN (DIEBOLD), ’92, and Ken HARRISON announce the birth of their seventh child, Annelise Danielle, on Oct. 17, 2007. She joins siblings Ashlyn, Scott, Graham, Aleah, Kayleen, and Alexanne. The Harrison family lives near Charlotte, N.C., where Susan is a stay-at-home mom and home school teacher. Ken is co-
owner of Charlotte Design Build, a remodeling company. She would love to hear from old friends. Her email address is sueharrison@comporium.net.

CHRIS, '94, and CHANIN (ASHWORTH), '93, GILMAN send their greetings to friends and reported that they recently spent an evening in Richmond, Va., with friends ERIK, '92, and Becky EDWARDS; DAN BRYANT, '92; MARC NEDDO, '92; and DOUG and SUSI (SIMPSON) MANN, both '92.

TARA (LUTHER), '96, and Brent RANDALL announce the birth of their daughter, Celia Grace, on Nov. 16, 2007. Celia made her first plane ride across the United States to spend Christmas with her grandparents, DRS. DAVID and SIGRID LUTHER, '95H. She visited the Bryan campus, but was not willing to declare her major.

KAREN (TRAMMELL), '96, and Dr. Mark MARSALIS live in Clovis, N.M., where Mark is an agronomist for New Mexico State University. After ending 10 years as an accountant, Karen is now a full-time mom but still pursues teaching preschool part-time at their church. The Marsalises have two children, Alex, 3, and Gwendolyn, 18 months. Gwendolyn and Alex Marsalis

JOHN, '97, and CRISTIE (SIMPSON), '98, MONTGOMERY announce the birth of their daughter, Catey Suzanne, on Feb 21, 2007. Catey weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz., and was 20 in. long. She joins big brother, Zach, 3. The family lives in Alpharetta, Ga. Zach and Catey Montgomery

TIFFANY SNYDER, '98, and Matt Manning were married July 9, 2005, and now live in Statesville, N.C., where she works as a high school biology teacher. Matt is a firefighter and in the Coast Guard Reserves. Bryan alumni at their wedding included KORIE OTTO, '98; ALLISON (WOMBRE) HAUPERT, '98; TENNYSON (MARTIN) CARDEN, '97; CYNTHIA (KITTEL), '98, and BRIAN DUNCAN, '99; TINA (GOODSMARK) VAUGHN, '98; and LAURA (MCDANIEL) EDGE, '99.

MELODY (OWENS), '98, and Joshua SIMMONS announce the birth of their second daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, on Jan. 1. Morgan joins big sister Sarah, 2. The Simmons family lives in Norfolk, Va.

2000s

Class Representatives
2001: Elizabeth Miller
2002: Jonathan Mobley
2003: Matt Lowe
2004: Taylor Smith
2005: Barton Stone
2006: Rob Palmer
TABITHA MOE, '00, received her M.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine on Dec. 14, 2007. Her father, Dr. Richard Moe, M.D., Ph.D., presented the hood of her degree during the ceremony. She spent August 2007, in Ghana, West Africa, at the Ghana Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, and traveled into villages with personnel from the public health department.

JENNY (NORTON), '01, and Emmett LONG announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie, on March 29, 2007. Jenny now is a stay-at-home mom, while Emmett sells insurance. They continue to serve at their church in Rome, Ga.

VASHTI PEARSON, '01, and Paul Meyer were married Oct. 13, 2007, in Birmingham, Ala. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included LESLEY COLE, '01, and PRISCILLA PEARSON, '04, the bride's sister. Other alumni present included JULIE BRASHER, '99; LISA BOEHMER, '01; and JALENA (CRUSE) HOWARD, '01. Paul is a captain in the U.S. Army, and the couple is living in Laurel, Md.

CASSIE (SMITH), '02, and Greg PARSONS, with their sons Marcus and Luke, have moved from Dalton, Ga., to Jackson, Tenn., where Greg is working as a vice president for First Bank.


ANNA LUFII, '02x, recently was promoted to senior facilitator for mergers and acquisitions at Fifth Third Bank and named an officer of the bank. She also earned her MBA this past summer in organizational development and psychology. Anna lives in Naples, Fla.

JOSH, '03, and VANNIE (PHIN), '04x, LOWERY announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Austen, on Dec. 15, 2007. Ella weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21 1/4 inches long. The Lowery family lives in Bothell, Wash.

AMBER MACCIONE, '04, and Jason Elery were married Oct. 13, 2007. The Elerys live in Port St. John, Fla.

EDDIE MACCREADY, '05, and AMY OPELT, '07x, were married May 27, 2006. Bryan alumni in the wedding party were SARAH (BROWN) JOS, '07; ANNE OPELT, '06x; TIM OPELT, '04; and ROSS LEE, '07. Several Bryan
alumni attended, including
MATTHEW JOSS, '04; NATHAN SCHMIDT, '07; MITCH BOWER, '06; and EMILY COOK, '07. The MacCreadys live in Green Bay, Wisc., where Eddie teaches guitar lessons and attends school for drafting and design, and Amy is writing.

NATHAN MAGNUSON, '05, was promoted from specialist to sergeant in the Army before he was dispatched to Iraq. He also has been assigned to an economic development team, which will help Iraqis in various ways in the community where they will be stationed. Nathan said he probably will be involved in banking and lending. He also writes that as he was in training, he started a "Rook epidemic" and he and his team have been playing regularly, as he did when he was a student at Bryan.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

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Officer: James Arnette, '90

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Officers: Tim Combs, '90
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Jackie Perseghetti, '82

Dayton, TN
Being organized

Kansas City, MO
Officer: Tabitha Moe, '00

Knoxville, TN
Officer: Miguel Ayllon, '04

Nashville, TN
Officers: Mark Robbins, '80
Mary Pierce Ewing, '75

Orlando, FL
Officer: Lewis Alderman, '86

Philadelphia, PA
Officer: Abby Miller, '03

Phoenix, AZ
Being organized

Richmond, VA
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Barry Gilman, '69

Washington, DC
Officer: Lianne Boling, '03

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Bud Schatz, '56
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Joe Runyon, '79
Tom Branson, '80
Ed Fickley, '89
Barton Stone, '05x.

For information about your alumni chapter or to help organize a chapter in your area, contact the Alumni Office by email at alumni@bryan.edu or by phone at 423-775-7297.

HUDSON ELLIS, '06, and REBECCA KETTERER, '07, were married Aug. 4, 2007, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included MATTHEW ELLIS, '04; JUSTIN LONAS, '06; J.D. GEIB, '06; ALLI (STROHM) HYER, '07; EMILY COOK, '07; and AMANDA SHERRIN, '07. Hudson is a law student at the University of Tennessee College of Law and Rebecca works as a bank teller in Knoxville.

AISHA, '06, and Chad HARBOUR announce the birth of their son, Abram Cole, on Aug. 29, 2007. Abram weighed 10 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He joins big sister Ryane, 5. The Harbour family lives in Ooltewah, Tenn.

KIMBERLY MISHOW, '07, and Brandon Williams were married Nov. 3, 2007. The Williams family lives in Grovetown, Ga.
With the Lord

ELOISE (PURSER) REED, '34, one of the earliest Bryan students, died Dec. 21, 2007, in Dayton, Tenn. She is survived by her daughter.

Word has been received that MILDRED (SWATZELL) REEVES, '43X, died July 3, 2007.

Word has been received of the death of ANN (WILDERN) MORRIS, '46, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

VIRGINIA (SMILEY) SELLS, '50, of Lake Forest, Calif., died Jan. 3. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Harold Sells, and three children.

Word has been received that ROBERT MURPHEY, '50, of Michigan City, Ind., has died. He is survived by his wife, RUTH (CURRIE) MURPHEY, '51X; daughters KATHY FARNEY, '71, and Coleen Murphey; and sons TIM MURPHEY, '73, and Robert Murphey.

MILDRED (WOMBLE) THOMPSON, '78, of Dayton, Tenn., died Nov. 9, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Doyle Thompson, and three children.

ETHEL C. GOATLEY, '81H, of Milton, Ind., died November 12, 2007. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ferris and JENINE BARRETT, '71.

JOYCE ARGO, '82H, long-time Bryan College food service owner/manager, died Nov. 27, 2007. She is survived by her husband, DOYLE ARGO, '82H, and three children.

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"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14, 16
The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.

- Psalm 74:16