Christ above all
“Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.”
Proverbs 22:28

This past year of celebrating our 75th anniversary has constantly reminded me of Bryan’s faithfulness in heeding the scriptural admonition to not remove the ancient landmarks. Bryan College continues to send a clear message of God’s truth through all of our teaching whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the residence hall, or in the community. With much to celebrate, this year has been filled with manifestations of our mission of educating students as servants of Christ to make a difference in their world.

Publication of 75th Anniversary Bible
We began our celebration in the fall of 2004 with the publication of our 75th Anniversary Bible. What better foundation could any college lay than the inspired and inerrant Word of God giving us the landmarks to shape our lives? This is a special collector’s New American Standard—Open Bible Edition with the history of Bryan College in text and photos (www.bryan.edu/75thbible).

Community Service Day
Celebrating Martin Luther King’s birthday in January was of great significance for all of us as the entire campus took a day to be involved in dozens of community projects. Jesus set the standard when He said in Matthew 20:28 that He did not come to be served, but to serve.

Launching of the Bryan Center
Last spring heralded the inaugural symposium of the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice. The Bryan Center brings to campus leading national scholars who enable our students to think deeply and biblically regarding our response to critical cultural issues. The Center sponsors two to four such symposia each year—each featuring several visiting scholars and one of our own faculty.

The first symposium focused on natural law as it informs the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and featured Dr. Douglas Kmiec, professor and leading legal consultant for the White House. The Bryan Center provides an unparalleled educational opportunity for study in the liberal arts from a biblical worldview.

Heritage Week
During Heritage Week, two Bryan alumni, Ron, ‘65, and Lois, ‘64, Zartman exhibited their display of first edition books written by John Newton, the author of Amazing Grace. The college also celebrated the return of intercollegiate baseball to Bryan with a ceremony naming the baseball field in honor of Mark and Rosa Bryan Life

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Senter, parents of Nick Senter, benefactor of our baseball facilities and program.

**Fall 2005**

Opening our school year this fall, Michael Cromartie, vice president for the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., reminded one of our largest freshman classes and returning students of “Doing our Duty While Living in Exile.” The College enrolled a record 775 students here in Dayton and on our Chattanooga campuses.

Rev. Dean Ropp, ’81, challenged us during Spiritual Life Conference to remember that our life is but a mist, but the life we live and the work we do have eternal consequences.

“Jesus set the standard when He said in Matthew 20:28 that he did not come to be served, but to serve.”

**Bryan Center Symposia**

In September the Bryan Center sponsored a symposium on the topic of a Biblical Worldview featuring Nancy Pearcey, author of *Total Truth,* and in October, another symposium on “The Law and What It Means to be Human” with featured speaker Gerard Bradley from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

**Staley Lecture Series**

Dr. John Woodbridge, research professor of church history and Christian thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, delivered five outstanding messages during our Staley...
Lecture Series, outlining the history of evangelicals and fundamentalists during the last century and focusing on the role of Bryan College during the past 75 years. His presentations, thoroughly researched, well balanced, and keenly perceptive, are a special contribution to Bryan College on our 75th anniversary.

William Jennings Bryan Statue

Homecoming in October was the highlight of our fall semester with alumni and friends gathering from around the globe to participate in the (Continued on page 4)

Students participated in community service projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
unveiling of our new statue of William Jennings Bryan on the Rhea County Courthouse lawn. Artist and sculptor Cessna Decosimo has created a unique life-size statue of Mr. Bryan depicting him during the years he first campaigned for the Presidency in his mid-thirties.

**Other Homecoming Events**

During Homecoming, we dedicated the new Rankin Center for Communication Studies building, our new cross-country team hosted the Bryan Invitational, and the college inducted national champion coach Jake Matthes into the Hall of Fame.

**Hurricane Katrina Relief Project**

This fall, when word came of the need presented by Hurricane Katrina, nearly 100 of our faculty, staff, and students responded to serve the needy with the love of Christ.

Our students continue to stay in contact with those to whom they ministered; several have found new life in Jesus Christ, and others have been freed from destructive lifestyles. One family has been relocated here.

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Bryan enrolled a record 775 students this year, making this year's orientation festivities as exciting as ever.
Building continues on the Bryan College campus. In addition to the new Senter Field for baseball, the college completed a new Rankin Communication Studies Center and recently broke ground for a new residence hall.

New Residence Hall
To accommodate our growing student residential population, the college held a groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 30 for North Hall, a 120-bed residence hall for women located between Arnold Hall and Summers Gymnasium. Students, trustees, faculty, staff, and elected officials all participated in the ceremony highlighted by the Chorale singing Dr. John Bartlett's...
hymn, *Christ Above All*. Scheduled completion for North Hall is August of 2006.

We are most thankful for the hearts and lives of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

As we seek to remain faithful to Bryan's enduring landmarks, we can be assured of God's faithfulness to us.

With the next 75-year chapter in Bryan's history off to a great start with a record enrollment and new facilities, may we place our confidence in God's faithfulness that the best days for Bryan are yet to come.
The following is a list of alumni donors, by class year, and the percentage of living alumni who contributed.

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Bryan Life 9
The first new residence hall since Woodlee-Ewing, which was built in the mid-1980s, should be ready for occupancy next August.

A rapid-fire series of decisions, including using a unique construction technique should make this time-sensitive project possible, college officials said.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said the college had one of the largest incoming classes in its history this fall, and interest in the school remains high. “We have only a dozen beds open on campus, so it is imperative that we provide rooms for the students we anticipate next year,” he said. “Our admissions staff believes the interest prospective students are showing means we easily should equal or exceed the size of this year’s incoming class next fall, so we must be prepared for those planning to come.”

Vice President for Operations Tim Hostetler said the 120-bed residence hall will feature two wings on each of four floors, with 12-20 students per wing.

As a result of two meetings with students and personnel in the Office of Student Life, the building is being designed to have community restrooms on each floor, as do Long and Huston residence halls, Mr. Hostetler said. Each room will be equipped with a sink and mirror and modular furniture.

To complete the project in such a short time the building will be built with a pre-cast concrete and brick shell, with a more traditional construction inside. “The building shell will be constructed off-site in a manufacturing plant, and brought here on trailers,” Mr. Hostetler said. “Then it will be assembled much like an erector set. The time to erect the shell of the building, once the footers are in, is estimated to be 10 days to two weeks. After that, the building is ‘in the dry’ and we can work in any kind of weather, even 24 hours a day if necessary.”

The new building will be located between Arnold residence hall and Summers Gymnasium, facing Woodlee-Ewing residence hall.

With construction of the building the college will lose about 70 parking spaces, so a new parking lot has been built behind the gym. The first phase of that project provides about 85 spaces, with another 100 to 120 to be added later.

The contractor for the $4 million project is Dillard Construction, Inc., of Dayton, and the architect is The Troyer Group of Mishawaka, Ind.

In a ceremony Nov. 30, the college broke ground for the
project, and actual construction began during the break between semesters.

Trustee Betty Ruth Seera spoke on behalf of the board when Chairman T. Ramon Perdue was unable to attend. Mrs. Seera said, “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the name of our Most High God... to declare His loving kindness in the morning and His faithfulness by night.

“It is both my privilege and my pleasure on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Bryan College to welcome you here today, and to publicly acknowledge God's hand of blessing that has brought us to this place.

“All over the earth God has set His people to be light, bringing the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ into this dark world. Here on this beautiful hill in Dayton, Tenn., our president, our faculty and staff, and the board of trustees are very focused and purposeful in our vision to educate our students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.

“This event today speaks to the future; not just the future of Bryan College – that vision would be too small. Not just the future of Rhea County, though the college's influence has brought abundant blessing to this community. But it speaks to the future of the kingdom of God in the whole world. Only eternity will tell how far the light of the Gospel has reached through what we do here, but each of us today can be very grateful and humbled to be part of it.

“I thank you, students, faculty, staff, and guests, for taking time apart to celebrate with us! And thank you, Dr. Livesay, for the strong leadership you have brought to the college, for your vision for our future, and for your commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.”

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-Betty Ruth Seera
Dr. Sandy Zensen, head coach of Bryan’s men’s soccer team, was named the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All Mid-East Region Coach of the Year this fall.

Coach Zensen has served as men’s soccer coach and athletic director for the past 16 years. This year’s team won the NCCAA Mid-East Region championship and finished sixth in the NCCAA national tournament. He has compiled a 191-97-19 record at Bryan, and his teams have won three TVAC/ACC conference championships, made five trips to the NAIA Regionals, and won five NCCAA Div I Mid-East Region titles.

The Coach of the Year is selected by coaches in the conference. Criteria include the team’s record as well as the coach’s relationship with his players, other coaches and officials, and sportsmanship.

Eight players also have received post-season honors. Named to the NAIA Region XII All-Region teams were forward Manoel Silva from Recife, Brazil, first team; and goalkeeper Jonathan Sutton from Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; and defender Beto Villamizar, Bogota, Colombia, second team.

Named to the Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Conference teams were forward Jorge Vallejo from Bogota, Colombia; forward Manoel Silva from Recife, Brazil, first team; defender/midfielder Tim Franklin from Marietta, Ga., and defender/midfielder Craig Biddy from Powder Springs, Ga., second team; and midfielder Sammy Ortiz from Dalton, Ga., and defender/midfielder Kyle Wagley from Hurst, Texas, third team.

Manoel Silva was named NCCAA Division I Mid-East Region player of the year.

Named to the NCCAA All Mid-East Region Team were Manoel Silva; defender Beto Villamizar from Bogota, Colombia; forward Jorge Vallejo from Bogota, Colombia; and goal keeper Jonathan Sutton from Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Correction:

Cross country as an intercollegiate sport at Bryan College dates back to the early 1950s, not the late 1960s, as an article in the Fall Bryan Life implied.

The 1951 Commoner, Bryan’s yearbook, shows a cross country team was in place in the 1950-51 school year.

We appreciate Dr. Everett Boyce, ’56, writing to call attention to the earlier edition of the cross country team, and apologize for omitting reference to the athletes who blazed the trail for today’s Bryan Lions.
Bryan to offer MBA program

Bryan College will offer a Master of Business Administration degree beginning in August 2006, following an adult studies model, unique to the Chattanooga area, college officials have announced.

Approval of the MBA program by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December culminated more than a year of planning toward this goal, President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said.

“This is an exciting step for Bryan College, particularly as we celebrate our 75th anniversary this year,” Dr. Livesay said. “An MBA program, developed on Bryan’s biblical worldview foundations, should produce graduates who are qualified not only in the business discipline but who understand the importance of doing business in an ethical manner. The outstanding record of our undergraduate students should be an indication that this new graduate program has the potential to similarly be a significant tool in preparing men and women to be leaders who will make a difference in their field.”

A team under the direction of Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White and Dr. Robert Andrews, dean of graduate and professional studies, prepared the proposal for SACS, a proposal which included marketing surveys that indicate a need for and interest in such a program.

“This is a new area for which there is a need, and for which we feel we can bring something unique with our Christian worldview emphasis.”

-Dr. Cal White

classes will meet all day every other Saturday, and on the weekends when classes do not meet there will be Internet sessions.”

Dr. Andrews explained that other MBA programs in the area are offered at night with a traditional schedule of class offerings. “Ours is a hybrid course, with the meetings every other week and on-line assignments on the other weekends. Also, a cohort group of students will proceed through classes together throughout the three semesters.”

In addition to classes taught by Bryan and adjunct professors, Saturday sessions will feature lunch meetings with area business leaders, giving practical insights into current topics.

The college plans to enroll between 15 and 20 students per group, with the first group to begin studies in August 2006. The second would follow in the spring of 2007, with two groups starting each year.

Dr. Livesay said the MBA program is another step toward the college’s goal of increasing enrollment. “Our plan calls for traditional enrollment to grow to 1,200 on our Dayton campus, and we have made significant strides in that direction already,” Dr. Livesay said. “We also have a goal of 600 non-traditional students, and the growth of our Aspire degree completion program, with nearly 200 students makes us believe this, too, is realistic. But we also realize new programs must be added to reach that goal, and the MBA is another step in that direction.”

Dr. Ray Smith has been named director of the MBA program.
Marilyn Laszlow: 

Same story, new audience

Sharing lessons learned as a Bible translator and speaker is so exciting for Marilyn Laszlo, '59, that retirement isn't even in the picture.

Tales of her life among the Sepik Iwam people in Papua New Guinea may entertain audiences at colleges and summer camps, but those stories are only vehicles to get across three messages central to her ministry in the United States: "First, be sure you're in the center of God's will. Wherever you are is your mission field," she said. "Second, follow your dreams. Be true to how God has made you. Third, follow your dreams and you won't go wrong. Take steps based on your passions; that's part of the way you trust Jesus."

During her visit to Bryan in September, Marilyn said she has continued to speak regularly for Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Laszlo Mission League because "I love the story. I believe in missions work." As she speaks around the country, she has become convinced that "this generation is a very special generation. I've heard many people say that. There is no generation like these young people in my lifetime."

As she told her story, a sense of urgency came through. The need for missionaries remains because there still are people who have not heard the Gospel.

Stories of her experiences illustrate the point that God will change lives when people hear His Word. But, there's a reminder, too, that missionary work often involves more than just translating or teaching the Bible.

While Marilyn worked as a Bible translator, she also taught the Sepik Iwam people to read and write, to do basic math, and to understand basic sanitation and health matters. "They wanted to know why; they thought they didn't need math," she recalls. "I showed them how they were being exploited by the crocodile hunters; that convinced them!"

It was not until 1965 that she was able to join Wycliffe and begin formal preparations for translation work, as she worked to pay off college loans. She said her Bryan experience "prepared me very well. There was a lot of discipline here. It was good for me."

Although she had planned to go to South America, "God had another plan – the South Pacific." Her 24 years in Papua New Guinea convinced her that people are ready to hear the Gospel. "There is no question in my mind that every person in the world is prepared for that Book. Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Just go! The fields are ripe unto harvest. That's why it works; they are ripe."

That conviction hasn't changed, even though her mission field has. Today, she is sharing the excitement of following God's leading and encouraging young people to do the same.
Dear Alumni,

“The moon is opposing Jupiter. Don’t get involved, it’s their problem.”
- Jim Critfield

What if we took that stance on everything? What if we said to ourselves, “I see a problem, but I’m not going to get involved because it is their problem, not mine.” What a selfish point of view; people would no longer be concerned with the welfare of others.

I thought about this because of an email I received from an alumna who was concerned about Bryan College. The alumna asked some great questions that expressed concern and frustration about the “heart” of Bryan College, wishing that the school hadn’t changed since she attended.

I could have replied with all the right answers, giving this alumna the words she wanted to hear. I could have given her lengthy answers about why Bryan College isn’t straying from its mission, how we are working hard to remain faithful to the godly heritage that has set Bryan apart from other schools. But I had to ask myself, “Is that the best idea? Would that really answer her questions?”

At times, I wonder the same things this alumna was wondering. I look around and I realize the school has changed…and the students are…different. Bryan College HAS changed since you and I were here, but on the other hand, it hasn’t changed. The faces are different and the campus looks different. But the students’ hearts are the same and the college is deeply committed to academic excellence stemming from a biblical worldview.

So the new question we must ask ourselves is, “What are we supposed to do if we see something we don’t like?” I implore you not to think as Jim Critfield has thought.

We all really like the school still. We have earned our degrees here, and Bryan has significantly changed our lives. We have every right to be concerned about our alma mater.

You still have an opportunity to influence Bryan College. You still have an opportunity to see that the college isn’t going off to perdition in a hand basket.

You can pray for the school or a student that you know. You can write Dr. Livesay or your professor a letter. You can serve on the alumni national board, or even the alumni executive board to express your thoughts and act upon them. Your concern may drive you to join the homecoming committee or volunteer in another area that interests you.

Your influence on Bryan College doesn’t have to end once you receive your diploma. Our alma mater is too important for our concerned alumni not to be involved.

Want to contact Warren Cole about hosting an alumni gathering in your hometown? Email him at warren.cole@bryan.edu, or call the Bryan College Advancement office at 423-775-7323.

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ED, ’39, and JOYCE (HIRSCHY), ’40, DE ROSSET have moved to Dayton, Tenn., from their home in Evans City, Pa., near their daughter, KARIN TRAYLOR, ’64, and her husband Jack. They are living in an assisted care community operated by DAVID, ’80, and MARY (BARRETT), ’81, ZOPFI near the Bryan campus. This summer Ed and Joyce celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

1950s

MICKEY, 55, and MARTHA (KING), ’57, PARK met with a number of Bryan alumni during a trip to Papua New Guinea this past fall. Enjoying a barbecue chicken supper were GREG and CHRISSY (CAMPBELL) BARKMAN, both ’91, and ANDY and KAY (POWELL) BRUNER, both ’88, and their children.

1960s

JAMES T. “TOM” WILSON, ’61, has retired as a United Methodist minister after serving churches in South Carolina between 1978 and June 2005. He and his wife, MARGARET (GIBSON), ’63, recently moved from Bennettsville, S.C., to Marion, S.C. During his career James served as an elementary school teacher and at the Bachman Home for Children in Cleveland, Tenn. He continues to preach occasionally and serves as a mentor to several young pastors.

KARIN (DEROSSET) TRAYLOR, ’64, has been elected secretary to the board of the Dayton, Tenn. Civitan Club. Karin is administrative assistant to the academic vice president at Bryan College.

1970s

DAVID WRIGHT, ’74, received his
Ph.D. degree in education administration from Jackson State University in August 2005. His dissertation was titled An Analysis of Servant Leader Characteristics Among Public School Superintendents in Mississippi and Alabama. In July, David and his wife, Debbie, traveled to Turkey, Serbia, Austria, and Germany to visit family and friends.

DEBBIE (MARTINEZ), ’79, DONOVAN has been listed in the 2005-06 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. Debbie was nominated by a former student, and her profile includes her graduation from Bryan.

1980s

JUANITA (FOWLER) PHILLIPS, ’80, and Gary Long were married July 9, 2005. Bryan alumni attending the wedding included SHEILA BARBER, ’80; RICHARD, ’77, and JANET (FOWLER), ’78, LIEBIG; DARLENE (RAGLAND), ’81, LAPLUE; DOTTIE (JOHNSON), ’78, PENNEY; DR. LAURA PAYNE, ’83; TARA (TAYLOR), ’88x, SCHAEFER; and LISA (LIEBIG), ’80, PITTS. Current students Jessie LaPlue and Bethany Ragland also attended. Juanita’s first husband, Michael Phillips, died in 2004.

DANIEL BOEDDEKER, ’80, is in his 26th year of teaching elementary vocal music in the Saint Louis, Mo., area, where he has been lead elementary music teacher for six years. He was nominated by a former student for inclusion in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for the 2004-05 school year. In addition, he leads the bass section for his church, and also directs the chancel bell choir. The choir sang at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., a year ago, and Daniel had a solo during that performance.

RUSTY FAULKS, ’80, and his family live in Boone, N.C., where Rusty is director of human resources for Samaritan’s Purse, and his wife, Ellen, home schools their three children, Nathan, 17; Rebecca, 14; and Jonathan, 11.

VALERIA (BELL) WILKINS, ’82, and Daniel White were married July 23, 2005, in Lewisburg, Pa. The White family, which includes Valeria’s daughters Lauran and Emily Wilkins, lives in Cedar Springs, Mich.

Greg and CHERYL (JOHNSON), ’84, RYLE were in the States on leave from their ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Haiti this past summer. They have adopted a daughter, Meghan, and their sons Jeremy and Ben are in high school.

DR. JACK HELLER, ’85, presented a paper “Parodies of Grace in Timon of Athens” at the 17th Elizabethan Theatre Conference in Waterloo, Ontario, in June. Jack is assistant professor of English at Huntington University in Indiana.

BRETTE (BARFIELD) HOUSER, ’85, lives in Pembroke Pines, Fla., with her husband, Theodore S. Houser III, and their two children, Justin and Shannon. She works for Motorola in Plantation, Fla.

ED FICKLEY, ’89, received his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Tennessee in December 2004. Ed is a teacher in Cleveland, Tenn.

1990s

JENNIFER (JONES), ’90, and Eric DIAZ announce the birth of their second son, Robert Lee, on Oct. 24, 2005, during Hurricane Wilma. Bobby was 7 lbs, 1 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. He joins big brother Luke, 2. Jennifer is in her third season as head women’s basketball coach at Broward Community College in Davie, Fla. Last season they were conference champions for the first time in school history.

DAVID and MEREDITH (LISS) TILLY, both ’93, have moved to Kijabe, Kenya, with their children Elizabeth, Abby, and Karissa, to work at Rift Valley Academy. They are dorm parents for fifth- and sixth-grade girls.
David is manager for the student computer labs and Meredith is manager for a curriculum resource center and substitute science teacher. They invite their friends to contact them at dmtilly@kijabe.net.

CHRISTY KROEKER, ’96, and Eric van Oosten were married June 25, 2005, in Porto Velho, Brazil, where both work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Cristy is a first-grade teacher, and Eric works in the aviation and computer departments.

DAN BEERY, ’97x, was a member of the men’s eight team that won the World Rowing Championships in Gifu, Japan, in September. Dan also was a member of the U.S. Olympic Gold Medal Eight from the 2004 Athens Olympics.

SARA BETH (NORDMOE), ’97, and Alan DOCKER announce the birth of their first child, Isabelle Rose, on Nov. 16, 2004. Isabelle weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. The Dockery family lives in Knoxville, Tenn., where Alan works for the post office. Sara Beth taught middle and high school music for eight years, but now stays home with Isabelle.

JOHN, ’97, and TRISHA (BALKO), ’98, MAGGARD announce the birth of their son, Jacob Daniel, on March 12, 2005. Jacob weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21 ½ inches long. Jacob joins big sister Emma, 2. The Maggard family lives in Marietta, Ga.

BRAD and ELIZABETH (TIDWELL) JOHNSON, both ’98, announce the birth of their son, Nathan Tyler, on April 5, 2005. Nathan weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 inches long. He joins big sister Natalie Grace, 3. The Johnson family lives in Milton, Fla., where Brad practices law and Liz is a stay-at-home mom, who teaches piano part-time.

NATHAN BAUMAN, ’98, received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2004. On hand to celebrate with him were his sister and brother, WENDI, ’00, and ANDREW, ’05x. His major was people group studies. Nathan and his wife, Julie, are preparing for overseas service.

DREW ROBERTSON, ’99, recently completed a dual Master’s degree at the University of Colorado with an MBA and an M.S. in marketing. Drew and his wife, Sarah, live in Knoxville, Tenn.

DON, ’99, and TAMMY (DYER), ’02x, HIXON announce the birth of their daughters, Elizabeth and Leta, on July 18, 2005. Elizabeth weighed 4 lbs., 9 oz., and Leta weighed 4 lbs., 8.5 oz. The Hixon family lives in Renfrew, Pa. They join big brother Trey, 1.

ANDY, ’99, and ROBIN (OLIVE), ’98, SARINE announce the birth of their son, Wesley Scott, on March 27, 2004. Wesley weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 ½ inches long. The Sarine family lives in Apex, N.C.
DAVID, ’99x, and ELISA (RUIZ), ’98, LOFTIN announce the birth of their son, Dylan McRae. Dylan weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz. The Loftin family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

2000s

Four members of the Class of 2000, with two of their friends, celebrated their five-year “girls’ weekend reunion” with a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, in January 2005. Pictured, from left, are MINDY (BAKER) MCKECHNIE, ’00; DARA BALLARD, ’00; MELINDA SNEAD, ’98; MELISSA VAUGHN, ’99; STEPHANIE WISE, ’00; and WENDI BAUMAN, ’00.


DAN, ’02, and RACHEL (HELD) EVANS, ’03, live in Dayton, Tenn, where Dan works with the Bryan I.T. department and is busy running his own video production business. Rachel is a nationally published freelance writer and designer. They can be reached at: danandrachel@gmail.google.com.


SANDE (RAY), ’03, and Tim FORT announce the birth of their son, Tyler David, on July 11, 2005. Tyler weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz., and was 19 1/2 inches long. The Fort family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

VALERIE HUTTENHOFF, ’04, is teaching geometry and Algebra II at Cleveland, Tenn., High School, where she also coaches girls soccer, basketball and track.

VICTORIA FLOWERS, ’05, is serving in Harku, Estonia, with Kevin and Wendy Mason, missionaries with United World Mission.

PAMELA DAVIS, ’05, is working as an English teacher at Pacific Islands Bible College this school year. During the first semester, she was located at PIBC’s main campus on Guam. This spring she will be at the branch campus in Chuuk, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

B.J. HARRIS and KATIE HANDEGARD, both ’06x, were married May 14, 2005, in Chattanooga, Tenn. They live in Franklin, Tenn.

With the Lord

LUCIEN BARBOUR, ’51x, of Saint Peters, Mo., died Sept. 1, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Arlene.


JOHN MCCAIN, ’55x, of Umatilla, Fla., died Oct. 4, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Glenna, and three children.

EMILY HORNE, ’90x, of Anderson, S.C., died in a murder-suicide attack the weekend of Sept. 11, 2005.

Marble Hensley of Chattanooga, Tenn., a Bryan College trustee since 1983, died Nov. 7, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, a son and two daughters.

Dr. Earl Williamson of Phoenix, Ariz., who served as comptroller and Bible instructor at Bryan College, died Oct. 9, 2005.

James Quinn of Sarver, Pa., who served as cross country, track, and basketball coach at Bryan College, died Aug. 18, 2005. He is survived by his wife, EILEEN (HARTZELL), ’58, and four children.
Dr. Steve Bradshaw, Dr. Clark Rose, and Mrs. Liz Moseley attended the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 28-Oct. 1.

Dr. Jeff Bruehl, Dr. Ray Legg, Dr. Ray Smith, Mr. Earl Reed, Mr. Paul Johnson, Mr. Stefon Gray, Mr. Jason Wasser, Mr. Adam Crownoble, and students Matthew Henderson and Jarrell Waggoner attended the Appalachian College Association Summit VIII conference in Abingdon, Va., in October. Dr. Legg, Mr. Reed, Mr. Johnson and Matthew Henderson presented reports.

Mr. Robert F. Davis led the Cathedral Choir and the American Chamber Orchestra in the choir’s 62nd presentation of Handel’s Messiah in Hawthorne, N.J. in December. The program was a benefit for two New Jersey ministries.

Dr. David Fouts and Dr. Doug Kennard presented papers at the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in November. Dr. Fouts’ topic was “Theodicy, Theistic Evolution, and the Question of God’s Care for the Animals.” Dr. Kennard spoke on “Second Temple Jewish Expectations of the Messianic King.” Dr. Kennard also attended the Evangelical Philosophical Society meeting, where he presented a paper on the topic “A Lakatosian Philosophy of Science as Theological Method.” Also attending the meetings were Dr. Paul Boling, Dr. Peter Held, and Dr. Kurt Wise.

Miss Laura Kaufmann attended a Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association library directors meeting in Nashville in September.

Dr. Doug Kennard participated in an interdenominational Jesus Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., in November.

Miss Michelle Pascucci spent fall break in Mexico completing research for her dissertation. Most of her time was spent in the library of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

Dr. Drew Randle presented a paper at the North American Professors of Christian Education national convention in Rochester, Minn., in October. The paper was titled “A Christian Response to Transformative Learning/Perspective Transformation.”

Dr. Clark Rose and Mrs. Kari Bollant led a team of some 80 faculty, staff, and students to Baton Rouge, La., over fall break to work in various locations impacted by hurricanes.

Dr. Ray Smith had an article published in the September/October and November/December 2005 issues of Tri-Cities Regional M.D. News on the topic of physician leadership. He moderated a session of the Appalachian College Association Summit on the topic of study abroad programs. He also conducted a seminar for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s department of physical therapy for entering doctoral students on the topic of professional behavior and ethics.

Dr. Robert Spoede, professor emeritus of history, has published a novel, Double Identity: A Texan in Hitler’s Reich. Dr. Spoede said proceeds from sales of the book will benefit Bryan College and the Officers’ Christian Fellowship, the ministry through which he was saved while an Army captain in 1955.

Mr. John Stonestreet spoke in Hendersonville, N.C.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Cleveland, Tenn.; Norfolk, Va.; Shocco Springs, Ala.; Ridgecrest, N.C.; Eagle Eyrie, Va.; Harvey Cedars, N.J.; and Black Rock Retreat, Pa.

Dr. Jack Traylor represented Bryan College as a delegate at the inauguration of Edward de Rosset as president of Union College, Barbourville, Ky., in September.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit wrote a number of articles in the new Encyclopedia of American Gospel Music. He sang with the Chattanooga Opera Chorus in a production of Orfeo ed Euridice Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

Dr. Kurt Wise presented a paper on “Suggestions for Peaceful Coexistence of Creationists and Evolutionists in the Classroom” at the Geological Society of America conference in October.
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Alice Mercer, 89, First Lady of Bryan College during the 30-year administration of her husband, Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, died Jan. 4, after a brief illness.

She was born May 25, 1916, in Omaja, Cuba, daughter of missionary parents, the Rev. Augustus and Ora McLean Moore.

She was professor and chair of the English department at Bob Jones College before she and Dr. Mercer moved to Dayton in 1956, when he became Bryan’s fourth president.

She was founding president of the Bryan Women’s Auxiliary, and served as hostess for countless college events.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay recalled Mrs. Mercer’s comments during the college’s dedication of the administration building in memory of Dr. Mercer when “she gave a wonderful testimony of her faith in Jesus Christ and the ministry of 30 years which she and Ted were blessed to have together at Bryan.”

He pointed out that during those years “Bryan achieved accreditation and made significant strides as a Christian liberal arts college. It has been such as treat for Corinne and me to have spent some time getting to know and appreciate Alice. Even in her later years, she retained that wonderful gift of hospitality and graciousness for which she was known during her active years as First Lady of Bryan.”

She is survived by her three sons, Ted Mercer, Jr., ’69; Dr. John Mercer, ’74; and David Mercer, ’76, and his wife, Gwen.  

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