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*On the cover: Bryan's new president, Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, is pictured in front of the Administration Building. Photo by Sam's Photography, Dayton, Tenn.*

# BRYAN'S FUTURE

## Excites New President

While Dr. Stephen D. Livesay doesn't mind talking about his journey from college student to president of Bryan College, he much rather would talk about Bryan College's journey from 2003 to the Lord's next milestone.

Dr. Livesay became Bryan's seventh president on Feb. 1, succeeding Dr. William E. Brown who served for 10 years before announcing his resignation to become president of Cedarville University. Dr. Livesay comes to Bryan from Belhaven College, where he served as vice president for institutional advancement for the past five years.

"Bryan College has a legacy of educating students who are making a difference for Christ's kingdom in all walks of life in all parts of the world," Dr. Livesay said as he accepted the appointment of the board of trustees in December. "As a Christian liberal arts college, Bryan is poised to take a significant leadership role and exert influence in engaging our culture with a Christian world and life view in both thought and practice."

That evaluation didn't change after his first days on the job, except to become stronger.

"I have been impressed by the students' abilities, desire to learn, their desire for excellence. The students I have talked with say they aspire to excellence in a variety of professions. What this tells me about the student body is that they think critically, and that's not happening in many schools, Christian or otherwise.

"It also speaks to the strength of the faculty and

administration. In things put forth by the administration, students want to understand, to look at them from various perspectives. I think this is what William Jennings Bryan wanted when he called for a school unapologetic in its faith in the Word of God, yet not hesitant to inquire," he said.

Students weren't hesitant to inquire about their new president, whether it was his initial introduction to the college community in January (one student asked about his salvation experience; another asked, "are you well-connected?") or an evening with student leaders on their retreat ("He was supposed to be with us an hour or so, but he stayed until after midnight," one recalled).

What they learned is that Dr. Livesay taught and coached in junior high and high school after graduating from Bob Jones University with a degree in social studies education. He earned an M.A. degree in U.S. history from Oakland University in Michigan, and a Ph.D. degree in curriculum and instruction with a cognate in history from the University of Michigan. He taught at Liberty University for six years before moving to Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss., in 1994, where he taught, served as dean of the adult studies program, associate vice president and, for four-and-a-half years, as vice president for institutional advancement.

They also have learned that he has a heart to be used by God. "One concept I have tried to adhere to all my life is that God will use me today in whatever way He sees fit," he told students during his first

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Bryan's administrative leaders are pictured in front of the Administration Building with the new president, Dr. Stephen D. Livesay. From left are Tim Hostetler, operations; Vance Berger, finance; Peter Held, student life; Dr. Livesay; Cal White, academics; Robert Davis, advancement (interim). Photo by Sam's Photography, Dayton, Tenn.

chapel message. He said much the same thing when he met with students informally in January after his appointment by the trustees. During that meeting, he said he became excited about the possibility of serving at Bryan. "But if that was not what God wanted, that was fine, too."

Now that he's here, however, he's singing the praises of what he is discovering about the entire Bryan family.

The students' intellectual curiosity reflects well on the efforts of their professors, he believes. "The Bryan faculty know what they believe, so students are not left with everything open-ended," he said. "Yet the inquiry process allows students to think critically without giving up their spiritual experience.

"This is the kind of preparation students need to change the culture. They have to have an understanding of trends, to think culturally, to be intellectually sound, so their faith is a reasonable faith. They need this to have a reasonable, consistent dialogue with people, to grapple with issues, and understand where other people are coming from. This way, they earn the right to have a seat at the table. They are trained to think this way. I think this is what a good liberal arts education is all about – thinking broadly and deeply. This allows students to have a faith they own for themselves.

"This takes an administration willing to allow that kind of inquiry, actively requiring it of students. The essence of a liberal arts education is to explore the depths of each discipline, and as you do, you begin to see more of the Creator, the source of all knowledge. The more rigorous, the more challenging the debate, the more we see this was part of God's mandate to subdue the earth. That's what gives glory to God, because our faith is strengthened and we have a greater vision to not just engage our culture but to redeem our culture."

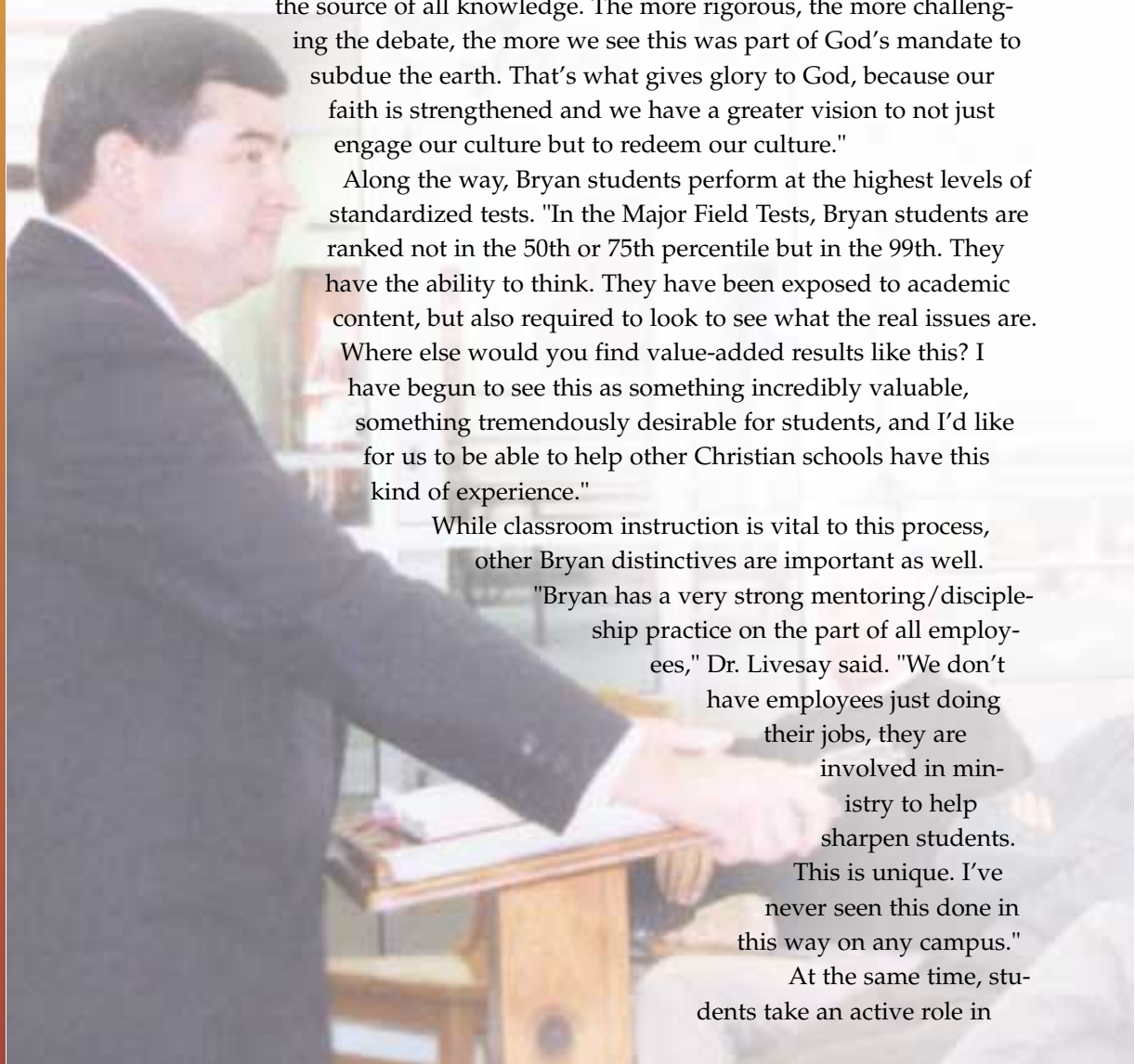
Along the way, Bryan students perform at the highest levels of standardized tests. "In the Major Field Tests, Bryan students are ranked not in the 50th or 75th percentile but in the 99th. They have the ability to think. They have been exposed to academic content, but also required to look to see what the real issues are. Where else would you find value-added results like this? I have begun to see this as something incredibly valuable, something tremendously desirable for students, and I'd like for us to be able to help other Christian schools have this kind of experience."

While classroom instruction is vital to this process, other Bryan distinctives are important as well.

"Bryan has a very strong mentoring/discipleship practice on the part of all employees," Dr. Livesay said. "We don't have employees just doing their jobs, they are involved in ministry to help sharpen students.

This is unique. I've never seen this done in this way on any campus."

At the same time, students take an active role in



challenging their peers. "Iron sharpens iron; students engaging students is one of the single most important defining parts of the college experience. This school invests heavily in opportunities for young people to be engaged among themselves and in the wider world. Break for Change and the Worldview Team are two examples of this. Bryan places a premium on opportunities for students to engage one another in various ways."

While he intends to maintain a strong academic position, Dr. Livesay is committed to strengthen special programs such as the Center for Law and American Government (CLAG) and the Center for Origins Research and Education (CORE), programs that address particular areas of concern in today's society.

"American society is becoming post-Christian in many respects," he said. "This has had a dramatic impact on our philosophy of government. The philosophy of government historically centered on the idea that we could govern ourselves and needed little human government because we had a higher accountability. Since we have in our wisdom as a nation moved beyond the Christian era, government has become a government of polls and consensus with a lack of moral leadership—that is, morality which stems from biblical principles.

"CLAG offers the opportunity to consider how we as Christians engage a political culture in this vital area. Forums such as this allow Bryan and Bryan's friends to think about where we are, how we got off track, and how to address these problems from a biblical perspective."

CORE, on the other hand, goes even deeper to the heart of the issue. "Of all the issues, there really are only two – naturalism or supernaturalism. We either believe we are here for a divinely ordered purpose, that each one of us is a special creation hand-crafted by God to do special work in His kingdom, or that we're here by chance. Everything flows out of that argument. That's why it is important to have open discussion where students explore these issues. This issue reaches to the ultimate questions: Who am I? What is my purpose? Where am I headed?"

"CORE can and does have a tremendous influence on our culture, and needs to have a wider voice so individuals intellectually and scientifically can look at these issues and be fully persuaded. This is what education is all about."

Strengthening what is here is critical, but so is moving ahead. The new president is still working on details, but was quick to outline a challenging list of goals for the coming year or so. Among these are broadening opportunities for adult learners through the ASPIRE degree completion program, probing the possibilities of launching a master's degree program in education, and fine-tuning the financial aid program to be able to attract more high-quality students.

"I want to see the athletic training program attract and influence many students," he said. "It has a tremendous opportunity to influence our culture. We should have accreditation for the program this coming year, and that would make us one of few Christian colleges to offer certification in athletic training."

And as a longer-range goal, he would like to develop a program in the fine arts. "The arts constitute such a critical role in our culture – they give expression to our culture."

As excited as Dr. Livesay may be about Bryan College, it's clear that he's even more excited about his family joining him in Dayton. Mrs. Livesay and daughters Kara and Katie will move into the president's home on the Bryan campus after Kara graduates from high school in Mississippi. Son Brent will join them when he completes his spring semester at Cedarville College. (Please see a related story about Mrs. Livesay, Page 4) 🏠



*"My dad was never hesitant to hand out Belhaven mugs, business cards, or pens (pens are his favorite) to the people he met; and I'm sure he will do the same for Bryan. Stock him up."*

– Brent Livesay



*"Thinking of Daddy, I'd have to say the best times have been when he tackles me while I'm chasing after a football and definitely when he takes us on wonderfully long car rides traveling and touring out West."*

– Kara Livesay



*"My dad is an awesome Frisbee, football, and ping-pong partner; but he can be dangerous on a snow tube."*

– Katie Livesay



## Corinne Livesay- Working Mom Becomes Bryan's First Lady

Corinne Livesay, Bryan's new First Lady, faces more than simply moving to a new home – her own career will change as she and her husband begin focusing on the same institution.

"I've never been a first lady before," she said, "so I'll be exploring the waters. One thing I'm looking forward to is becoming more involved with my husband's work. With Stephen at Belhaven and me at Mississippi College, I couldn't get as involved with his work as I would have liked. Finally we will be in the same place.

"I'll deal with the same struggles working moms face – to do enough for the children, be supportive of my husband, be more a part of the institution he works for. The transition will bring a shift in priorities."

Now, the "working mom" priorities include her responsibilities at Mississippi College in Jackson, Miss., where she is assistant dean in the School of Business, director of business internships, and instructor.

Her teaching career developed from a love for her subject – business – and for her family. "Because my priority is my family, I couldn't get into a 9-to-5 job. Teaching was right for the flexibility it offers," she said.

After graduating from Bob Jones University with a degree in business education, she taught in the high school where her husband taught, then began teaching Saturday and evening classes at a junior college after she earned her MBA degree.

When the family moved from Michigan to Virginia, Corinne began teaching at Liberty University. It was there that she took her first step into the world of publishing as she agreed to review a new business textbook. "I did the review and they

liked what I did," she said. "They got me involved in other projects." Later, after their move to Mississippi, her publisher asked her to serve as developmental editor for three college textbooks, and signed her to write two books of her own.

"Since then it's been neat to see how God works things out," she said. "In college textbook publishing, companies are always merging or buying out other companies. For example, at the main company I'm writing for now, the top man is the same one I started out with 10 years ago at another company."

The writing aspect of her career allowed Corinne to be home for their children when they were small and supplement the family income at the same time. That same commitment to the family is playing a role in the move to Dayton. Although Dr. Livesay will be at Bryan throughout the week, the family won't move into the president's home on campus until this summer, allowing daughter Kara to graduate from her high school in

Mississippi this spring.

Their oldest child, Brent, is a first-year student with enough hours to rank academically as a sophomore at Cedarville University. The biology major was a National Merit Finalist who began the student senate at his high school. He participated in Mississippi's YMCA youth legislature and was named the outstanding legislator. "He gets involved in something and gives it his all. He's real focused," his mother said.

Kara plans to attend Union University in Tennessee next fall as an elementary education major. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, enjoys music and drama, and is a runner on the cross-country team.

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Katie, their youngest, is a high school freshman. This past summer, she was one of four Mississippi junior high school students selected to participate in a national math competition held in Chicago. She loves roller hockey and was chosen the most valuable runner on her cross country team last fall.

A special bonus with the move to Dayton is that the drive time between home and their son at college as well as to the homes of Mrs. Livesay's parents in Virginia and Dr. Livesay's parents in South Carolina will be cut in half.

Mrs. Livesay has no plans to teach immediately following their move, as she sees her role more focused on supporting her husband in his new position and helping Katie, particularly, adjust to a new hometown. But she does intend to keep writing.

No doubt, she will find a way to establish her own ministry similar to what she has done in Mississippi. "I have taught a ladies' Sunday school class for about eight years," she said. "Many of the ladies have become dear friends, and we enjoy doing things together."

Other activities Corinne enjoys involve the com-

puter. "Last year when our son graduated from high school I did a PowerPoint presentation with 300 pictures coordinated with music – a memory thing for him. And recently my best friend and I did a 10-week on-line Bible study, 'Believing God,' by Beth Moore." She added, "The only physical activity I find time for is walking 4-5 times a week and playing tennis for fun."

Special family times often involve vacation trips. "That's how Stephen gets his batteries recharged. He likes to pick an area and go explore." The family has traveled to Sedona, Ariz., and the Grand Canyon, the Washington, D.C., - Williamsburg area, and to Carlsbad Caverns among other places. A special treat was when Dr. and Mrs. Livesay traveled in summer 2001 to China with a group from Belhaven.

While the trip from Jackson to Dayton probably doesn't qualify as a Livesay family vacation, it certainly offers its own brand of challenges, adventures, and changes. But this adventure is one the Bryan family is anticipating as the Livesay family becomes one of its own. 🏠

"It's been neat to see how God works things out."

Brent, Kara, center, and Katie Livesay



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# THE SPORTS PAGE

## DIAMOND JUBILEE - LIONS WIN BASEBALL OPENER

Baseball returned to Bryan College with a bang Feb. 1, as the Lions won a double header on their new field, sparked by a first-hit home run, to set the pace for the new program.

A crowd of about 200 fans, including Nick Senter, whose gifts were the impetus for bringing back the sport after a 17-year layoff, was on hand to watch the day's festivities.

They saw a small, young team that Coach Preston Douglas expects to play above others' pre-season expectations. Early in the year, the coach noted those expectations. "Right now, no one fears Bryan College. We have to go out and make them respect us," he said in one of his regular e-mails to the team.

With only 20 players to begin the season – "we have lost one to rotator cuff surgery and one has an eligibility question that hasn't been settled yet" – he is concerned about pitching depth, but not the training or work ethic of his squad. "We have three or four good pitchers who can keep us in the game. We have some speed, some good bats, and we're strong up the middle. But it's a question of experience, and the only way to get that is to play."

Training has involved such non-baseball activities as visual exercises and kickboxing – to strengthen particular muscle groups baseball players use – and hitting weighted balls. "I'm pleased with their efforts," he said. "We just need to play baseball."

While he's hoping for experience now, Coach Douglas is looking toward the end of the season and the opportunity to compete in the conference tournament. "By the time the tournament rolls around, I hope we can be a force to be reckoned with," he said. "I do not believe any team will have better athletes that we have. They will have more experienced players, but not better athletes. I long for the day these baseball "cubbies" turn into roaring Lions.

"I said from the first that my goal is a national championship. I went to the college world series as a player and a coach, and there's nothing like it. I want that for my players."

Former President Dr. William E. Brown presents a plaque with a baseball signed by members of the Bryan baseball team to Nick Senter, left, whose gifts allowed the college to resurrect its baseball program, construct a baseball field,

and make other improvements to athletic facilities. Dr. Brown and Mr. Senter threw out ceremonial first pitches Feb. 1, before the first game on the new baseball field.



Bryan pitcher Taylor Hasty delivers the first pitch on the new baseball field to a batter from Johnson Bible College as baseball returned to Bryan College after a 17-year break. Catcher James White waits for the pitch. Bryan won both games of a doubleheader with Johnson Bible to open the season.

## Lions Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Games	Location
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>Johnson Bible</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Alice Lloyd *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Alice Lloyd *</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>@ TN Wesleyan *</b>	<b>single</b>	Athens, TN
<b>22</b>	<b>@ TN Wesleyan *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Athens, TN
<b>28</b>	<b>@ Milligan *</b>	<b>single</b>	Johnson City, TN
<b>March 1</b>	<b>@ Milligan *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Johnson City, TN
<b>4</b>	<b>@ Johnson Bible</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Knoxville, TN
<b>7</b>	<b>@ Brevard *</b>	<b>single</b>	Brevard, NC
<b>8</b>	<b>@ Brevard *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Brevard, NC
<b>7-15</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>		
<b>14</b>	<b>VA Intermont *</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>VA Intermont *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Lee</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Union *</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Union *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Cedarville</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>UVa-Wise *</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>UVa-Wise *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Temple</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>@ Montreat *</b>	<b>single</b>	Montreat, NC
<b>5</b>	<b>@ Montreat *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Montreat, NC
<b>8</b>	<b>@ Temple</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Chattanooga, TN
<b>18</b>	<b>@ King *</b>	<b>single</b>	Bristol, TN
<b>19</b>	<b>@ King *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Bristol, TN
<b>22</b>	<b>@ Lee</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	Cleveland, TN
<b>25</b>	<b>Bluefield *</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Bluefield *</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>April 29 - May 3</b>	<b>AAC Conference Tournament</b>		Johnson City, TN TBA
<b>May 7-10</b>	<b>NAIA East Regional</b>		Louisville, KY TBA
<b>May 14-17</b>	<b>NAIA Mid – East Super Regional</b>		TBA TBA
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## YOUNG TEAM GIVES LION-SIZED EFFORT

"Growing" might be a good way to describe the Lions' men's basketball team this season as the young team battled to be a force in the conference.

Coach Morris Michalski said he feels "quite good about the season. The kids by and large have been overachievers, and I love to coach overachievers. I am very proud of them."

Encouraging signs included knocking off nationally ranked Bluefield, University of Virginia-Wise, Montreat and Lee – at Lee – and sweeping their two games with Brevard, the defending conference champion. Another huge boost to the team's confidence was defeating Milligan at Milligan, the first time in 15 years. Overall the Lions finished 12-17, posting three more conference wins than last season.

While there has been encouragement, the Lions also faced some trials in a season heavy with nationally ranked teams. That, compounded by the loss of three players at semester break, "our top three in scoring, assists, and steals," forced the remaining players to dig deeper. "Amazingly, we were better," Coach Michalski said.

The coach was particularly pleased with the performance of three of his players, point guard Brandon Ambrose, forward Josh Locy, and Dillon McElroy.

Brandon "played way above his head," Coach Michalski said. The freshman hails from the same high school in Winchester, Va., (Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy) that sent point guards John Stonestreet, '97, and Jim Arnold, '98, to Bryan.

"Josh, in the second half of the season, emerged to be one of the top post players in the conference," he said.

And Dillon "did a tremendous job on both ends of the floor. He became the premier three-point shooter in the conference – he made over 100 threes this season."

He also noted the contribution of Blake Bohler ("a relentless senior-warrior) and Jonathan Little ("a surefire sparkplug freshman").

This year he will lose Blake and Josh to graduation, so "I'm hoping for a good recruiting class to arrive, adding just a few more quality players to make us even more competitive."

## LADY LIONS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION, IMPROVE RECORD

They did it again!

The Lady Lions basketball team returned to the NCCAA national tournament for the second consecutive year, carrying a new best-ever 29-6 record, an improvement over last year's 25-8 worksheet.

Coach Matt Bollant is pleased with the team's performance and is encouraged with the Lady Lions' season, despite falling in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament.

"Our goal all year has been to be the best team we can be in March," he said. "We don't just want to make post-season play; we want to do well."

It has been apparent from the first of the season that the Lady Lions would be a force to be reckoned with in the conference, and the coach attributes much of that to team chemistry. "The team gets along well, they believe in each other, there's a more unselfish attitude," he said. "It's a lot more fun to be around each other when that's true."

One result of this attitude is that the team ranks at the top of the conference in most statistics, especially in defense. "Championship teams have been able to shut down their opponents late in the game," the coach said. "I feel we can do that, although we've been a little up and down lately."

An obvious strength has been offense – the team is averaging nearly 80 points per game, an average in the top 10 among NAIA schools in the country.

This year's success has been "very much a team effort," he said. "I'm proud that I've seen every individual improve throughout the year. That's a credit to how hard they have worked, how coachable they are."

He particularly complimented his only seniors, Kimmie Hill and Holly Davis, for doing a good job in a supporting role. "It's tough being a senior and not getting a lot of playing time, but they have done a good job helping out."

Coach Bollant is looking toward next year as well, as he recently signed Brittany Swanson, sister of Lady Lion Lacey Swanson, to play post next year. "She could be one of the most outstanding post players in Bryan history," he said. He's also looking for another player to strengthen his squad and extend a growing tradition of success.

### Basketball Honors

Appalachian Athletic Conference

#### Women

Player of the Year  
All-Conference First Team  
All-Conference Academic Team

Liz Bass  
Liz Bass and Sarah Bass  
Liz Bass, Sarah Bass, Holly Davis,  
Kimmie Hill, Stephanie Huttenhoff, Valerie  
Huttenhoff, Kate Strunk, Katie White

#### Men

Champions of Character Award  
All-Conference Third Team  
All-Freshman Team  
All-Conference Academic Team

Josh Locy  
Brandon Ambrose  
Josh Locy, Dillon McElroy, Jordan  
Musselman, Michael Stone

NCCAA

#### Men

All-Mid-East Region First Team Josh Locy  
All-Mid-East Region Second Team Dillon McElroy, Blake Bohler

## TENNIS TEAMS FACE REBUILDING YEAR

Graduation and players electing not to return have put Bryan tennis Coach Bob Andrews into an unexpected rebuilding year, but he believes the teams he has assembled have the potential for the future.

Senior Mike Sheddan and junior Courtney Roberts are the most experienced players, with two years of college competition each on the men's and women's teams. Four freshmen men and three freshmen women are beginning their first season of competitive tennis.

"Our new players definitely show potential, but they need court time and experience," Dr. Andrews said. "With our small teams, they certainly will get the playing time and experience this year."

For the men, Michael Sheddan, who didn't play last year, returns for his third season. He will be joined by Terry Hill, a junior, back for his second season. But the coach is concerned that Terry, a member of the Tennessee National Guard, may be called up if hostilities escalate in the Middle East. Travis Seera will also join Mike and Terry; Travis will be playing his second season with the men's team.

Rounding out the team will be Brandon Prudhomme, a junior; Tim Opelt, a junior; Jorge Vallejo, a freshman; and Chris Angelo, a senior, all first-year players.

In addition to Courtney, Kimberly Dyer, a junior, will be back for her second year on the women's team. Debbie Lockhart, also a junior, will play her first year with the Lady Lions. Freshmen Rebekah Byrer, Holley Halford, and Katie Neff will complete the women's team.

Coach Andrews said he is encouraged about the potential for the team and the athleticism of the freshmen particularly. "We are working very hard and will do our best to be competitive in the conference this year," he said.

### Tennis Schedule

h	Opponent	(Men Only)	HOME
h 4	Bethel	(Men Only)	HOME
h 18	Milligan		Away
h 21	Montreat		H
h 22	Milligan		H
h 26	Virginia Intermont		A
h 27	King		A
h 29	UVa - Wise		H
il 2	Tennessee Wesleyan		A
il 8	King		H
l 11	UVa - Wise		A
l 12	Montreat		A
l 16	Tennessee Wesleyan		H
l 19	Virginia Intermont		H
24-26	AAC Tournament		A



*Director of Stewardship and  
Alumni Ministries  
Brett Roes, '88*

# Honor Where Honor is Due –

## A CALL FOR ACTION

**B**ryan College alumni have a rich heritage of distinguished service in the armed forces of the United States of America. For more than 70 years alumni, students, staff, and faculty alike have served our beloved country in the Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Along with numerous veterans who fought valiantly in foreign lands, veterans to whom the terms Juno, Iwo Jima, "Nuts," DMZ, Saipan, and Desert Storm have significant meaning, Bryan also has many fallen heroes. Heroes like USMC Lt. Charles W. Shirley, '41, who gave his life for his country in April of 1944 — just three years after his graduation from Bryan College.

Bryan College alumni serve in every branch of the military and may be found dispersed throughout all ranks. From USMC Brig. Gen. Mastin Robeson, '76, who is the acting assistant division commander of the Second Marine Division, to Army PFC Terry Hill, '05, who is preparing to enter officer candidate school this summer, Bryan alumni are serving around the globe. Currently, many of Bryan's finest are being called up from the reserves to active duty and many are being deployed to the Middle East.

Our goal over the coming months is to do something significant to honor our alumni who have served our country and its citi-

zens with distinction. As you may know, many of our records were destroyed due to heat, smoke, and the subsequent water damage that occurred during the fire of February 2000. Here is where you can help us give honor where honor is due: Do you know of a Bryan alumnus/alumna or a former faculty/staff member who is a veteran, or do you know of a Bryan alumnus/alumna who is serving in the military? Would you take a moment and let us know?

Here is what we need:

- Name
- Class Year (if possible)
- Branch of Service
- Final or Current Rank
- Years of Service
- Duty

You can reach us by e-mail at [alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu); by calling toll-free 1-800-55-BRYAN, or by snail mail at Bryan College Alumni Ministries, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321.

It is our desire to make sure no one is missed. Any help you can give your alumni association will be greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless you as you serve Him, and may God continue to bless America! 🇺🇸

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Roes".

# Lion Tracks

## Spring 2003

### 50's

**DEAN and Edith FRANKLIN, '58**, listed in their Nov./Dec. newsletter that they had celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The Franklin families were together for a family reunion and Dean and Edith were able to visit with all 10 of their grandchildren.

### 60's

**RON and ROSE (SHOE-MAKER) MATTSON, both '66**, had a small alumni reunion in their home in Katy, Texas. Alumni present were **TERRY HILL, '71, DELANA (CROTHWAIT) BICE, '74,** and **JON BENNETT, '76.**



Ron Mattson, Rose Mattson, Jon Bennett, Terry Hill, and Delana Bice

### 70's

**TOM W. SMITH, '75**, and his wife, Alice, sent Christmas greetings from Taylors, S.C. Tom retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in June 2001.



Alice and Tom Smith

**GEE-GEE (GOAD) YATES, '75**, and her husband, Dan, sent a Christmas greeting from Grand Prairie, Texas. Gee-Gee teaches English as a second language to 26 students that keep her very busy. Dan and Gee-Gee were blessed with a son, Christopher, whose adoption went through in the spring of 2002.



Gee-Gee, Dan, and Christopher Yates

**SUSAN (SMITH) JOHNSEY, '76x**, and her husband, Phil, live in Lebanon, Tenn. Susan is the pre-school/children's minister at Gladeville Baptist Church where Phil is the senior associate pastor. They have two children, Brian, 22; and Jennifer, 20.

**DEBORA (MARTINEZ) DONOVAN, '79**, received a Master of Science in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in August of 2002, from the University of Miami. This is Debora's second master's degree. She also holds a Master of Arts degree. Debora and her family reside in Miami, Fla.

**PRISCILLA (CHAPMAN) YOUNG, '79**, and Mark, send their greetings from Dallas, Texas. Priscilla is working as a scholarship coordinator for the Dallas Seminary Foundation and Mark is attending Dallas Theological Seminary. Priscilla and Mark have three children, Ben, 18; Bonnie, 17; and Christian, 13.

### 80's

**JAMES LEFEVER, '81**, and his son, Matt, recently stopped by Bryan College for a campus visit. Jim is now a Word of Life missionary. The LeFever family lives in Bancroft, Mich.

**DANIEL MCNEESE, '81**, and his wife, Shelia, were

recently interviewed in a North Georgia newspaper concerning their involvement in the revitalization of the south end of downtown Dalton. Dan and his wife recently purchased Franker's Hardware and plan to redevelop the hardware store as a replica of the old downtown area. Dan and Sheila are excited about the part they are playing in the revitalization of Downtown Dalton. Dan has collected historic photos of downtown Dalton that he hopes to use to recreate downtown with brick storefronts, hanging signs, and old-fashioned lampposts and brickwork reflective of the past. Dan and his family reside in Dalton, Ga.

**LORI GOULD, '82x**, announces her marriage to Wesley "Rob" McKee on June 1, 2002. For the past 12 years Lori has been a legal secretary at a law firm and Rob serves as a police officer in Lavonia, Mich. Lori is the daughter of the late **JAMES GOULD, '55,** and **LOIS (FRIESWYK) GOULD, '56.**



Rob and Lori McKee

**STEVE, '87,** and **LOIS (SILVEY), '91, SNYDER,** announce the arrival of Sarah Joy on Dec. 27, 2002. She weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Sarah joins her big sister and brother, Leah, 5; and Charles, 3. The Snyder family resides in Richland, Mich.

**DANIEL BUTLER, '87**, has accepted a new job with a company called RamQuest Software. RamQuest make software for the land title industry. Dan is residing in Richardson, Texas.

**DAVID ERSKINE, '89**, is the head men's soccer coach of Hannibal-LaGrange College and was named the 2002 American Midwest Conference Coach of the Year. David led HLG to a second-place finish in the AMC regular season. In addition to

coaching, David is an instructor of physical education at HLG. David and his family live in Hannibal, Mo.



David Erskine

**DENISE (WAGNER) MILLER, '89**, and husband, Eric, announce the arrival of Christopher Wagner on July 21, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Christopher joins big brothers Ian, 7; and Luke, 4. Denise and her family reside in Beaver Falls, Mich.

**VICKIE PERNA, '89**, and Thomas Christopher Purcell were married in Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 29, 2001. The couple now resides in Northwood, N.H., where Thomas and Vickie own Winter Harbor Software Corp., which develops computer software. Vickie serves as the administrator of the business.

Tim and **DEBRA (MASTERS) SCHROEDER, '89**, announce the arrival of Levi Daniel on Nov. 1, 2002. Levi joins big brothers and sister Buck, 11; Ethan, 9; Hannah, 7; and Isaac, 3. Debra keeps busy home schooling her children and Tim is a master plumber. The Schroeder family resides in Sebring, Fla.



Buck, Ethan, Hannah, Isaac, and Levi Schroeder

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**JAMES, '89, and SUSAN (KLAUS), '88, WOYCHUK,** announce the birth of their daughter, Faith, on June 3, 2002. She weighed 8 lbs. and 10 oz. Jim and Susan have a house guest from Dallas living with them. The Woychuck family resides in Hannibal, Mo.



Jim, Susan, and Faith Woychuck, with a friend, Forrell Dorsey

## 90's

**DAVID WILLSON, '90,** and wife, Kathleen, have moved back to Sydney, Australia. David is the CEO of Global Events Group in Yowie Bay, Australia.

**ANITA (REUTER) URBAN, '90,** and her husband, Bob, attended homecoming this past October and stopped by the Alumni Office. Anita and Bob have two children, Anna Elizabeth, 5; and Peter James, 4. The Urban family resides in Moscow, Tenn.



Bob and Anita Urban, Anna Beth and Peter

Gary and **ADINA (STONE) SCRUGGS, '90,** announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Faith, on Oct. 7, 2002. Natalie joins her big brothers Kendall, 4; and Jacob, 2. Gary is a foreman at Pierce Welding and Adina is director of finance at Hixson First Baptist Church in Hixson, Tenn. Adina also teaches marketing at Covenant College.

**BYRON TALBOT, '90,** and his wife, Natalie, have joined the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

The family lives in Arlington, Texas, and will go to the Missionary Learning Center for orientation before going to Russia. Byron and Natalie have two children, Lewis, 2; and Byron, 1.

**BETH HORNISH, '90,** and Jim Almack were married Dec. 21, 2002, in New York. **DEBBIE (SLOAT) CASTRO, '90,** was one of Beth's bridesmaids and Debbie's daughter, Katie, was the flower girl. Beth earned her B.S. degree in elementary education from Bryan and received her master's in educational administration from Columbia International University. Jim has his master's in Christian Education from Columbia International University and is a Bible teacher in Concord, N.C. Jim and Beth are in the process of raising support and plan to return to Spain in the summer of 2004 to work at the Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid. Jim and Beth live in Concord, N.C.



Beth and Jim Almack

Tom and **SHEILA (MAYHOOD) CHAIRVOLOTTI, '92,** announce the birth of their second child, Jackson Thomas, on April 6, 2002. He joins his big sister Madeline, 2. Sheila, Tom, and family live in Champlain, N. Y.



Jackson and Madeline Chairvolotti

**BEVERLY (BUCK) HAGY, '92,** and husband, Jim, announce the birth of Noah James on Nov. 9, 2002. He weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18 inches long. The Hagy family lives in Chesapeake, Va.

**W. STEWART RITCHIE, '92,** and wife, Kara, are living in Knoxville, Tenn., where Stewart is president of the

Ritchie Co. The Ritchie Co. is the parent company for Ritchie Tractor, Ritchie Power Sports, and Ritchie Interactive Communications. They have offices in Athens, Maryville, and Knoxville, Tenn., and represent John Deere, Honda, Polaris Sports, and Ritchie Interactive Communications. As a family they can be found at a softball field somewhere in the South during the weekends with their company traveling team. Stewart and Kara have one daughter, Brycen Leigh, 1 1/2 years old.



Stewart, Kara, and Brycen Ritchie

**NITA (RINEHART) WATKINS, '92,** and husband, Chris, announce the birth of Stephen Edward on Dec. 30, 2002. Stephen joins his big brothers and sister, Joshua, 10; Jonathan, 9; and Bethany, 2. The Watkins family lives in Toccoa, Ga.



Stephen Watkins

**TIM FARY, '95,** battalion chaplain for the 478th Engineer Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in Ft. Thomas, Ky., was called to active duty in February as part of the mobilization authorized by the president. The battalion is charged with providing engineering support for military operations including maintaining mobility and general engineering duties.

**CASEY BROWN, '95x,** and **JOHN BUTLER, '96,** were married Dec. 14, 2002, in Jackson, Miss. John and Casey reside in Knoxville, Tenn. On

Dec. 13, 2002, John received his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Tennessee.



John and Casey Butler

**TODD, '95, and JULIE (GAYLOR), '92, JACKSON,** announce the birth of Allison Marie on May 30, 2002. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. The Jackson family lives in Cumming, Ga.



Allison Jackson

**JENNIFER GRUENKE, '96,** received her Ph.D. in cell biology from the University of Virginia in January 2000. Jennifer is an assistant professor at Patrick Henry College in Virginia, and lives in Leesburg, Va.

Wade and **RACHEL (SNYDER), '96, ORTEGO** announce the birth of their son, Matthew Aiden, on Nov. 10, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and was 20 inches long. The Ortego family resides in Tarentum, Pa.



Matthew Ortego

**MARK, '96x,** and Kristy **PACK,** announce the birth of their son, Corbin, on Aug. 26, 2002. Corbin joins his big sister, Breeze, 3. Mark and Kristy

live in Indian Trail, N.C.

**JEREMY, '97, and ALANA (YEDERLINIC), '98, TOLIVER,** announce the birth of Nathan Charles Toliver on Dec. 10, 2002. In November, Alana left her position with the Summit at Bryan College to become a full-time wife and mother. The Toliver family resides in Dayton, Tenn.

**MATT and ANDREA (KEMP) BOSTIC,** both '97, announce the birth of their daughter, Emelea, on Nov. 16, 2002. Emelea joins her big sisters Alea, 4; and Olivea, 2. The Bostic family resides in Frederick, Md.

**JOHN STONESTREET, '97,** and Sarah Elizabeth Smith were married Dec. 28, 2002, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. Bill Brown performed the ceremony and many Bryan College alumni and friends were present. John and Sarah reside in Dayton, Tenn.

**NATHAN, '98x, and KRISTEN, '97, (KOCHER) LORENZEN,** announce the birth of their son, Abram James, on July 31, 2002. Abram joins his big sister, Amelia, 2. The Lorenzen family lives in Gardendale, Ala.



Amelia and Abram Lorenzen

**JIM ARNOLD, '98,** graduated with honors from the master's program at the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., on July 26, 2002. He earned a Master of Sports Science in Sport Management degree. In June 2002, Jim accepted a position at Orangewood Christian School in Maitland, Fla., as the director of athletics, and his wife, Nikki, works as administrative assistant to the middle school administrator. Jim, Nikki, and family reside in Maitland.

**JOHN and AKARI (SAGUCHI) BAILEY,** both, '98, announce the birth of their first child, Leo Jaden, on Dec. 3, 2002, in Japan. The Bailey family has lived in Otsu, Japan, for the past year. Otsu

is Akari's hometown.



Leo Bailey

**MANDY WILLS, '98,** married Joel Herpolsheimer on May 11, 2002. Bryan alumni who attended their wedding included **ROBIN (OLIVE) SARINE, '98; MELINDA SNEAD, '98; and HEATHER (HORNE) DIEBOLD, '01.** Joel and Mandy met when she got a flat tire and Joel stopped and helped her change the tire.

Four years later they were married. Mandy works in the marketing department of an insurance agency and Joel is a die cad designer. Mr. and Mrs. Herpolsheimer reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.



Robin Saine, Mandy and Joel Herpolsheimer, Melinda Snead, and Heather Diebold

Kyle and **SUSANNA (SHARPE) BIEDERMAN, '99,** reside in Eagle River, Alaska, where Susanna is a substitute teacher for the Anchorage School District and Grace Christian School. Kyle is a firefighter for the Anchorage Fire Department. Kyle and Susanna recently purchased their first home and were able to get their first pet, an Australian cattle dog named Hooligan.



Kyle and Susanna Biederman with Hooligan

**JIM, '99, and JOY (CHESHIRE), '98, NICHOLS,** announce the birth of their son, Alexander James, on Dec. 15, 2002. Joy continues to work in Harrodsburg, Ky., as a mental health professional for children. The Nichols family resides in Wilmore, Ky.



Jim, Joy, and Alexander Nichols

**TARA (BARKER) SONGER, '99x,** and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Jo, on July 9, 2002. The Songer family resides in Largo, Fla.

**NICOLLE (MOONEY), '99,** and Dustin **WAYMAN** announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Grace, on Dec. 3, 2002. Jenna weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Jenna joins her big brother, Jackson. The Wayman family lives in Dayton, Tenn.



Jenna Wayman

**SARAH SNYDER, '00x,** married Ryan Taylor Johnson on Nov. 15, 2002. Ryan and Sarah live in Knoxville, Tenn. Sarah is the daughter of **STEPHEN, '64x, and BARBARA (TANIS), '65x, SNYDER.**



Ryan and Sarah Johnson

**JEFFREY, '01, and JILL (REEVES), '00, CONSTANCE,** announce the birth of their son, Tyler Jeffrey, on Nov. 1, 2002. Tyler weighed 10 lbs., 8 oz. and was 22 inches long. Jeff and Jill reside in Nashville, Tenn.



Tyler Constance

**KERI-LYNN (LEST-MANN) PAULSON, '00,** received a master's degree in information science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in May 2002. She also was awarded a citation for exceptional professional promise during the graduation ceremony. Her husband, **STEVE PAULSON, '00,** received a customer service award in May 2002 from the University of Tennessee Libraries for work he performed while Keri-Lynn attended graduate school. Steve and Keri-Lynn have moved to Arlington, Va., to accept new jobs. Keri-Lynn works as a reference librarian for George Washington University and Steve works for Unisys performing computer and printer repairs.



Keri-Lynn Paulson

**ERIC and JESSICA (MILLER) ZENSEN,** both, '00, announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Paige, on Jan. 31. Madison weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents include **DR. SANFORD and SHARON ZENSEN,** both, '02H. Eric,

# FAREWELL PROGRAM FOR DR. BROWN



Dr. Richard Cornelius, '55, presents a collection of orations edited by William Jennings Bryan to Dr. William E. Brown, during a reception honoring Dr. Brown as he left Bryan College in January. Dr. Brown, now president-elect at Cedarville University in Ohio, was honored by faculty, staff, friends from the community in recognition of his 19 years of service at Bryan. Dr. Cornelius' presentation also included poem by Herman Shakespeare, which may be found on the Bryan web site, [www.bryan.edu](http://www.bryan.edu).

## MOCK TRIAL TEAM



Members of Bryan's first mock trial team advanced to national competition following their first appearance at a regional mock trial tournament in March. Team captain Julie Miller, a sophomore from Chattanooga, Tenn., was one of 10 participants honored as "best lawyer," and Olivia Fessler, a sophomore from New Carlisle, Ohio, was one of 10 chosen as "best witness." The team also received the "Spirit of AMTA (American Mock Trial Association) Award" as the team "that best exemplifies the ideals of civility, fair play and justice," an award presented after voting by contestants. The team was one of three from the Birmingham, Ala., regional competition chosen to compete in the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial tournament in Richmond, Ky., in April, a tournament for teams without national competition experience. Team members include, from left, Isaac Demme, a sophomore from Drumore, Pa.; Kelly Crane, a sophomore from Loudon, Tenn.; Julie Miller; Aileen Vaughan, a sophomore from Clinton, Tenn.; and Christine Freed, a freshman from Strawberry Plains, Tenn. They are coached by Stewart Crane, Kelly's father, an attorney in Loudon, Tenn.

Jessica, and Madison live in Knoxville, Tenn.



*Madison Zensen*

**JOHN, '01 and SUSAN (BAKER), '01x, OTT,** announce the birth of their son, Liam Raymond, on Dec. 23, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. The Ott family resides in Hatfield, Pa.

**MATTHEW SNEAD, '01,** and Michelle Testa were married June 21, 2002. Matt and Michelle live in Charlotte, N.C., where Matt teaches high school history at Metrolina Christian Academy.

**JONATHAN URQUHART and ANNA NEFF, both '02,** were married on Oct. 26, 2002, in Lancaster, Pa. Dr. Raymond Legg, Jr., performed the wedding and many Bryan College alumni and friends attended the ceremony. The couple resides in Lancaster, Pa.

## With the Lord

**J. ROBERT SHIRLEY, '34x,** passed away on Jan. 5, 2002. Robert attended Bryan College for two quarters in 1933. After his graduation from college, he returned to Bryan and taught mathematics and science in 1945 and 1946. Lena, Robert's wife, served as assistant dietician at Bryan College in 1945 and 1946. She went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 19, 1996.

**CECIL G. HANSON, '44x,** passed away on Dec. 4, 2002, from heart failure. Cecil is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

**MARGARETE (FRIEDRICH) SCHWENK, '52,** passed away on Dec. 5, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Eugene, and their four children, Tim Schwenk, Philip Schwenk, Lynn Schwenk, and Debbie Ross.

**SHIRLEY HOLMES, '56,**

passed away on Jan. 18, in Pinellas Park, Fla., after a long battle with cancer. Shirley retired from Bryan College in 1990 after 20 years of service and she worked with her husband for over 20 years in the travel business hosting many tours around the world. Shirley is survived by her husband of 51 years, Raymond Earl Holmes.

**BONITA (MCMILLAN)**

**BODLIEN, '71x,** passed away on Dec. 1, 2002 at her home in Sterling, Va., after a long battle with cancer. Bonita grew up on the mission field in the Caribbean islands. She is survived by her husband, Doug; three daughters, Eve Mercer; Galadria Knisley; and Cassandra Woodward; seven grandchildren; her parents; and six brothers and sisters.

**LOUISE (BROOME)**

**FULLER, '77,** passed away on Nov. 17, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. Lou is survived by her husband, Dan.

**PAMELA (FLYTHE)**

**KEOUGH '77,** passed away on Dec. 14, 2002, after a long battle with breast cancer. Pamela received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Bryan College and a Master of Arts degree in special education from Florida State University. She was formerly employed as an education administrator at the Murdock Center in Butner, N.C.

## Alumni News



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