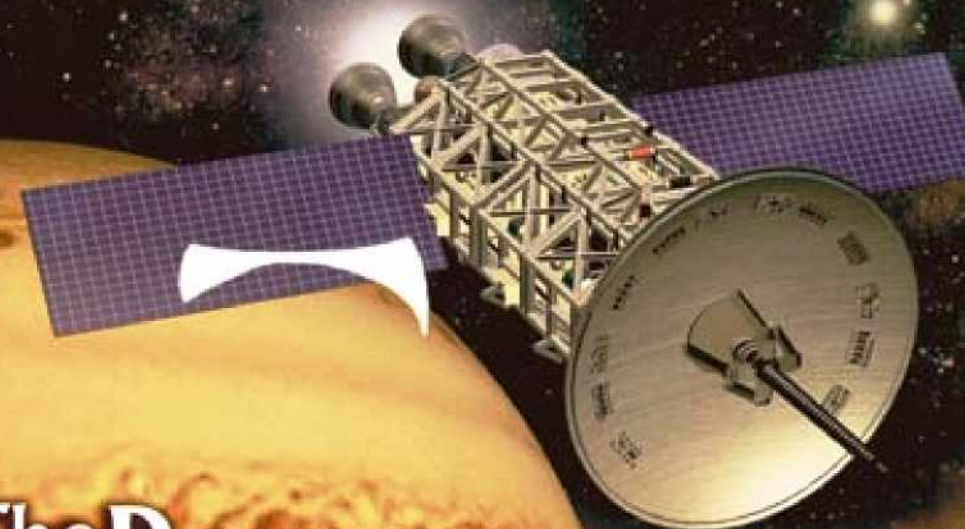




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## The President's Perspective

### Communicating truth in today's world

The fastest-growing major at Bryan College for the past several years has been Communication Studies. As a result of this growth, we hired Dr. Randy Hollingsworth for our faculty last fall. I know you will enjoy reading his lead article for this issue of Bryan Life. In addition to his teaching and writing, Dr. Hollingsworth serves as faculty coach for Bryan's Mock Trial team that has performed so well in intercollegiate competition.

Consistent with our mission, communication is at the heart of the gospel as Bryan educates students to effectively engage our culture for Christ's kingdom. Unfortunately our culture fails to manifest kingdom values as characterized by the vulgar half-time entertainment of the recent Super Bowl and NBA all-star games. And as we have observed recently in Massachusetts and California, when a society shuns its biblical foundations, its most fundamental institution, the family, comes under attack by those who equate sin with an "alternate lifestyle" and seek to achieve legal status for a nonbiblical definition of marriage and family.

The prophet Isaiah paints a vivid picture of such a society when he proclaims, You are in for trouble! The lies you tell are like ropes by which you drag along sin and evil (5:18 see also vs. 8-13 and 18-23). This verse paints a picture of a cart loaded with symbols of a culture which has turned its back on biblical truth, drawn with cords of lies. The great deceiver, Satan, has craftily spun lies to our "enlightened" society proclaiming that we need not heed the teaching of God's Word; rather we need only to listen to our own passion and our own reason in determining our values—all those items in our "culture cart."

Our "culture cart" is loaded with that which promises the good life, true satisfaction and fulfillment, by focusing on:

- self-interest and self-gratification as opposed to kingdom work,
- flesh as opposed to the spirit,
- happenings and vanity as opposed to the disciplining of the mind,
- banality as opposed to enduring truths, and
- image as opposed to substance.

But this cart is drawn with cords of lies and vanity. That which is paraded about today as reality, comprising a life worth living, is being marketed with cords of lies.

Bryan College exists to prepare men and women who will effectively communicate the truths of Scripture applied to all aspects of life and culture. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a redeeming gospel, bringing the symbols and substance of our culture under His lordship. As Dr. Hollingsworth points out, all of us communicate through the written word, the spoken word, and the living word. As a college, if we are to live up to our motto and our graduates are to truly make a difference in today's world, we must:

- understand today's culture,
- be prepared to discern values consistent with God's Word, and
- effectively communicate the claims of Jesus Christ on our world through speech, the written word, and how we live our lives.

I trust that God will bless and enable each of you as you seek to engage our culture for His glory.

Dr. Steven D. Livesay

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# The Power To Shape Our Culture: COMMUNICATION



by Randy Hollingsworth  
Chair, Communication Studies Department

**“Engage the culture.”**

**“Biblical worldview.”**

**“...To make a difference in today’s world.”**

Three phrases, from the college mission statement; an underlying challenge for students in every discipline to engage, rather than withdraw, from the world around them; and a description of the effort to understand life through the lens of Scripture, permeate the Bryan experience. Each presumes the ability to communicate.

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Communication has power to shape culture, and understanding the art of communication can give individuals important insights as they engage that culture.

So why does Bryan College have a communication program? From a biblical worldview, communication theorists may point to at least three events that underscore the importance of various forms of communication. First, in the Old Testament, the creation narration repeatedly emphasizes the power of the spoken word: "...and God said, 'Let there be light.'" The emphasis is on the principle that God spoke creation into existence.

Second, the importance of the written word is evident in the transaction between God and Moses on Mt. Sinai as the invisible spoken word was translated into the visible written word, not unlike a transcript of a speech: "And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand.... Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets" (Ex. 32:15-16).

Finally, the power of the living word is epitomized through the incarnation of Christ: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" (John 1: 14a). This event has greater theological implications beyond simple communication principles, yet it offers evidence that communication is more than just speaking and writing, it is a message dynamically animated and lived out. This concept entails more than just the nonverbal aspects of communication or even the importance of a communicator's credibility, but rather it is the understanding

## "Musicians arrange words and sounds to stir emotions"

that our unseen beliefs, attitudes, and values are encoded into visible messages through our behavior. Each of us becomes living words – words that, when brought together through collaboration, are part of a redemptive narrative bigger than ourselves.

The infrastructure of any discipline is communication, the creation and employment of symbols, both verbal and nonverbal, to identify, define, explain, support, challenge, change, even discover the basic foundations of any given discipline. Some disciplines, like English and linguistics, have an obvious affiliation with communication in that they all focus on symbols, syntax, and interpretation of meaning of words. However, it requires little analysis to see the importance of communication to other disciplines. Mathematicians use numbers and symbols, historians tell stories, doctors write prescriptions, lawyers argue over meanings of words, musicians arrange words and sounds to stir emotions, dancers become symbols as they translate ideas and feelings into motion. Cicero, the Roman orator and rhetorician, posited that good citizens should be skilled communicators, trained in effective speech writing and physical delivery, and they should have a general knowledge of all disciplines. Thus, in a sense, communication is paramount for all disciplines, and a general knowledge of all disciplines is helpful for communicators to be effective.

At Bryan, our department's recent name change from "Communication Arts" to



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“Communication Studies” is indicative of labor pains as we experience the phenomenal growth that reflects a culture saturated with various forms of communication. As technology develops, we have seen an exponential increase in message platforms: XM radio (satellite) allows for hundreds of new stations, multiplex cinemas hungrily await for the next film release, the battle between cable and satellite television has generated a plethora of new channels and program slots, and the Internet has allowed any entrepreneur with a computer and a modem to create websites replete with movies, virtual tours, animation, downloadable music, and eye-grabbing graphics.

With all these rapidly packaged messages, in most cases, style trumps substance. Ancient Greek and Roman rhetoricians acknowledged that an audience (society) is as deep or shallow as the orators of that age. Peggy Noonan, in her classic editorial “The Culture of Death” written a few days after the Columbine shootings, describes this phenomenon as she compares this generation’s youth to fish swimming in an ocean of violent images.

I assert that a similar culture, “A Culture of Flesh,” has exploded over the past decade, thanks to two recent phenomena, the television rating system and the growth of the Internet. First, network television, though heavily regulated over the years, entered a new era on Jan. 1, 1997, when it implemented a television rating system. Network officials feared the ratings would hurt their viewership. However, the new rating system had a possibly unexpected affect – it allowed networks to broadcast even more explicit sexual content, more violence, and more profanity. If anyone objected, the



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networks could argue, “The rating is right there, you can change the channel.” The problem is, there are fewer and fewer channels that haven’t bought into the “Culture of Death” or the “Culture of Flesh.” The recent Super Bowl

halftime show was a reminder of that as Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake had their “accidental wardrobe malfunction” in front of millions of unsuspecting viewers on primetime network television.

A second recent phenomenon that has fed this “Culture of Flesh” is the Internet. Although it has been around since 1968, the Internet has become a dominant influence in the average household over the past decade. Although the Internet provides many helpful resources, unfortunately it funnels in a deluge of graphic images accessible by even the youngest family member who can move and click a mouse. In 2003, a study by the Pew Trust Organization found that 75 percent of Internet users are between the ages of 12 and 17.

Maybe this power of communication to shape culture explains why C. S. Lewis argued that we need fewer Christian writers and more writers who are Christian. In other words, we need to train students to adapt the redemption story into the vernacular of the secular marketplace, not just the Christian marketplace. Bob Briner, author of “Roaring Lambs,” seconds Lewis’s motion by challenging Christians to move out of the Christian subculture in which the word “Christian” is used as an adjective (Christian music, Christian television,

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Christian film) and into the mainstream as professional communicators who *happen* to be Christian.

Two important elements of the traditional communication model are sender and receiver. In the media marketplace, these translate to “producers” and “consumers.” Bryan should be commended for its worldview program which systematically trains students to become critical consumers of culture, carefully analyzing and evaluating media messages in light of the various worldview perspectives underlying those messages. However, if we only train students as “consumers” but neglect the training of “producers,” we have only participated in half of the communication process. Producers create messages, package them, and deliver them for others to consume.

We in the Department of Communication Studies desire to not only collaborate with other departments to train students to become critical consumers, but to develop a program that trains students to become effective producers of messages of truth and hope as well. Our ultimate goal is to train students to critically discern messages and audiences; to create messages of hope and redemption that are meaningful, coherent, and relevant with an appealing style; and to deliver biblically based messages using available methods.

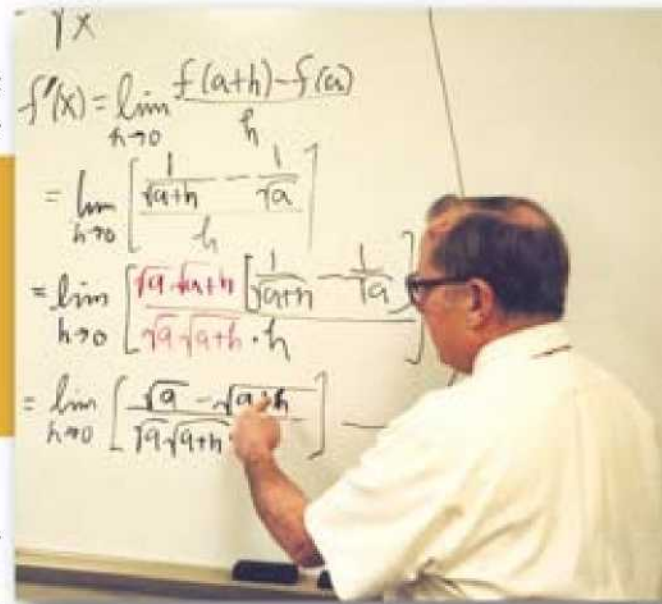
Without a doubt, a curious student interested in a communication degree will be a little unsure as to whether or not to say “communication” with or without the “s.” Traditionally, the discipline of communication is usually divided into two major fields: face to face communication (interpersonal, small group,

## “Mathematicians use numbers and symbols”

public speaking) and mass-mediated communication (newspaper, radio, television, film, and now, the Internet). The former is usually referred to as the singular “communication,” focusing on analyses of the message, the speaker, and the audience, while the latter is the plural “communications,” focusing on the channel or medium carrying the message.

From a more practical perspective, when a new student asks me about a communication major, usually my first question is “Do you enjoy working more with people or with things?” If the answer is “people,” I suggest a major that concentrates on “communication.” The student usually indicates they enjoy conversations with others, planning with and speaking to small groups, giving presentations, and consulting. On the other hand, if the answer is “things,” I recommend a concentration on “communications.” This student usually enjoys working alone on a project, likes “hands-on” assignments, is fascinated with technology, and prefers a task that will result in a tangible product, such as mixing sound for a radio program, editing a video, or designing a newspaper layout.

Although this two-fold perspective of communication is helpful, it is oversimplified. The discipline of communication is very broad and complex, as are the careers that grow out of this field. The core classes required for all communication majors are intentionally broad in scope, allowing new majors to sample various communication fields. This breadth



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became the rationale for developing our new options for the major: Corporate Communication, Political Communication, Theatre, Digital Technology and Film, and Journalism. Each of these options branches off in a different direction and allows the student training in a more narrowly defined field.

As the faculty, staff, and students work to develop the communication department into what we believe God is calling it to be, we must keep in mind several guiding principles. First, our faculty will need to continue challenging each other to pursue excellence in all things “as to the Lord.” Second, we need to continue cultivating personalized relationships with our students, mentoring them academically, spiritually, socially, and vocationally. Third, we need to study our competition. When students – prospective or current – say “no” to Bryan, they usually say “yes” to someone else. Why? What are other programs doing and how can we learn from their experiences? Finally, we need to articulate our vision, not only to ourselves, but to others who want to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

As Bryan College approaches its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, I thank God that He has led me and my family to this place at this time. Bryan has a rich heritage and those of us who know it enjoy telling and re-telling that phenomenal story of how this college came about through an argument about a monkey and a Bible. What is already written is beautiful, but what is yet to be written is an exciting mystery. The next page is blank and we’ve been given the pen. Whatever we may write, to God be the glory. 🏰



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*Dr. Randall Hollingsworth, chairman of the Communications Studies Department, came to Bryan in 2003 from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla. He earned his B.S. degree in Communication at Florida State University, an M.Div./C.E. degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. degree in Speech Communication from FSU. Prior to teaching, Dr. Hollingsworth served as youth minister in churches in Florida and Kentucky. He specializes in interpersonal communication, small group communication, and public speaking.*





# Becky Eastling:

## Helping Missionaries Communicate Christ



“Communication” took a different turn for Becky Eastling, ’93, but maybe that is to be expected for a pioneer.

Thoughts of a career in journalism or print media turned into a career in creating prayer cards for missionaries from more than 350 agencies around the world. “This may not be the traditional communications job, but I love having a job that is ministry oriented. I have the opportunity to help missionaries get to the mission field so that others can hear the gospel,” she said.

It was the influence of the professors that made her change her major from English to the then-new Communication Arts program. “I took one of Dr. Dann Brown’s classes and enjoyed it so much that I switched majors. It really fell more in line with what I wanted to do,” she said.

In May of 1993, when she graduated, she walked off the platform with the first degree awarded by the Communication Arts program. This year, Communications Arts has been renamed Communication Studies.

And while the coursework was important, the practical experience of working on *The Commoner* and *The Triangle* helped prepare her for her career. “The biggest thing as far as preparation for my job was working for the yearbook,” Becky explained. “I started my sophomore year, and by my senior year I was the editor. I also worked on *The Triangle*, helping with advertising. Plus, my internships with the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the *Herald-News* (Dayton’s newspaper), were helpful.”

When she graduated, Becky returned to her home in Waxhaw, N.C., and began her job search.

Her pastor recommended her to the business owner of Creative Plus, “and I’ve been here 10 years now.”

At Creative Plus, Becky designs and produces prayer cards for her company’s clients. “We receive the information by mail or over the Internet,” she explained. “I do a lot of composite pictures so the missionaries don’t have to keep shooting a lot of pictures to make sure everybody’s smiling or they all have their eyes open.”

Becky said she came to Bryan “because God kept throwing it in front of me. People kept saying, ‘It’s a great college.’ I had a whole box of material from colleges all over the United States, but I felt like Bryan was where God wanted me to go.

“My high school counselor asked where I was applying, and I said, ‘Bryan.’ She asked me where else, and I said the Bryan was the only school. I said that if that’s where God wants me, He will make it possible. She said, ‘That’s nice, but it’s not wise.’

Through her years at Bryan, the idea that “God is faithful” was reinforced again and again. “I learned in a practical way that if you go where God wants you, He will make it possible.”

She didn’t keep her nose buried in books and publications, but also was involved with Student Senate, the Bible Education Ministry, Gimpers (then the puppet ministry of Practical Christian Involvement), and worked in the library and as an assistant to Dr. Dann Brown.

And now she is using the education and skills honed at Bryan College to help others take the message of Christ around the world. 🏠

# Politics

# Scholarships

Two Bryan College students spent the first few days of the spring semester in Washington, D.C., getting a close-up look at the 2004 presidential election process, compliments of scholarships coordinated through the Appalachian College Association.

Olivia Fessler of New Carlisle, Ohio, a junior, and Bonnie-Marie Yager of Rockwood, Tenn., a freshman, received two of 20 scholarships, valued at \$9,000 each, for the program. According to the ACA, there are tentative plans to include a trip to Washington in January 2005 for the presidential inauguration, which would be included in the grant to the two students.

The Washington Center's "Inside Washington '04" seminar on current political and media issues also will include a week at either the Democratic party national convention in Boston in July or the Republican party's national convention in New York in August. Both have opted for the GOP convention.

For both women, politics is a family affair. Bonnie-Marie's father is Roane County mayor, and Olivia's mother is a state representative in Ohio.

"Politics and communications just runs in my blood," Olivia said. "This is a unique blend of politics and media relations. To find something that pulls them together just screams 'Olivia Fessler.' I think this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Bonnie-Marie agreed. "I don't think I'll ever get to do something like this again," she said. "I'm enthralled with the behind-the-scenes part of politics."

The January 2004 seminar in Washington featured two week-long classes, "In Pursuit of the Presidency" and "Politics and the Media." The first session dealt with issues and the process of the presidential campaign. The second considered the relationship of Congress and the presidency, ethics, and First Amendment issues. 🏛️



*Olivia Fessler*



*Bonnie-Marie Yager*



*Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay speaks with parents of prospective students during a Caravan session in March. Nearly 60 students and their family members came to visit classes, meet with professors and students, and get a taste of college life as they consider the benefits of a Bryan education.*

# Bryan Adopts Quality Enhancement Plan

The face of classroom education at Bryan College will change dramatically in the coming years as the college implements a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) designed to take a good program and make it better.

Academic Vice President Cal White said the QEP came out of an in-depth evaluation of the instructional program by faculty and administrators as the college works toward reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Part of the reaccreditation process, according to Dean of Instruction Dr. Ken Froemke, is to develop a plan to strengthen the educational program.

Bryan's QEP will focus on two goals, Dr. Froemke said. The first will see students collaborating in class and outside of class "more than they do now. The goal is to see students working together on projects, presentations, and studying together in class and after class.

"To some degree, faculty generally present 45 to 50 minutes of classroom lecture," he said. "The goal is to see the students interacting with information the professor has presented, such as small group discussions or other activities."

The second goal is to increase the amount of practical off-campus experiences for students in their major field.

"We are going to offer faculty ways and means to get students involved in their discipline off campus through practica and internships much like student teachers are doing now," he said.

Dr. White pointed out that one of Bryan's

longstanding institutional goals is to teach students to work cooperatively. The QEP, titled "Going Beyond: New Ventures in Field Experience and Collaborative Learning," focuses on this goal and outlines areas of particular steps the college will take over the next six years.


"We have a strong educational program, but we want to help the faculty get information to students in different ways, to address different learning styles from the traditional lecture format," he said.

Administrators began the process of implementing the QEP during a presentation to the faculty in a workshop that began the 2004 spring semester in January. In February, the plan was presented to students during a chapel period. "We're excited to be able to take this step to encourage enhancing learning in new ways," he said.

Bryan's Quality Enhancement Plan is one of the early plans reviewed by the Southern Association, and Dr. Froemke was asked to present a report on the college's experience to the SACS convention in Nashville, Tenn. this past fall.

Dr. Froemke and Dr. Betty Powell, assistant vice president for academic affairs at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., spoke and answered questions on "The QEP and the private college."

The two discussed establishing timelines, coordinating the QEP team, conducting data gathering and analysis and writing the quality enhancement plan.

Dr. Froemke's presentation was the first by a Bryan administrator to a SACS convention. 



*Dr. Ken Froemke*



*Academic VP Cal White*

## NEW BASEBALL COACH SEES PROGRESS, POTENTIAL

Bryan's second modern-era baseball season features a new coach, a small team, and big dreams this spring.

Joel Johnson was named coach in December 2003, after five years at Toccoa Falls College. He was named NCCAA South Region Coach of the Year at the Georgia school in 2003.

Coach Johnson is a graduate of Southeastern College in Lakeland, Fla., where he played baseball and soccer. Before Toccoa Falls, he coached two years at Crown College in Minnesota.

The 2004 schedule "was a lot tougher than we would have liked at the start of the season," Coach Johnson said. "We've played two of the top 20 teams in the country, and some other quality teams as well. We're making a lot of progress, but the opening games were tough."

"Progress" is coming on defense, an area the coach said needs improvements. "We're making a lot of errors, but I'm seeing improvements. The guys are keeping a good attitude. It excites me to realize that when push comes to shove, they realize they can be good. They're young guys; you'd like to groom them a little, but when they are sophomores and juniors, nothing will scare them because they will have seen it all."

He thinks the second game against University of Rio Grande in mid-February may have been a true demonstration of the team's potential. After losing the first game, "we played a much better second game," he said. "They came out hitting, good defense, and pitching. It was exciting to see them put the first game behind them and maybe turn a corner."

Adding to the challenge is the fact that the team has only 18 players. "It's good, because they all get to play. But it's especially rough for the pitchers, because they have to worry about playing another position. If injuries hit, we're in a world of hurt."

Even though pitchers play two positions, Coach Johnson sees pitching as a strength. "Our pitchers are doing a good job, giving us a chance to win. And defense can be one of our strengths. We have the talent. The players can do it when they get the confidence. They need to improve offensively a little, but that will come with playing more."

Although on the job for less than three months, he is encouraged with recruiting efforts already. "I think we can have 25 players next year, and the administration has given me a goal of 30. I'm working on getting pitchers, outfielders, and another catcher. If we get two guys at every position we'll have somebody we can put in if one gets hurt or isn't playing well."

"The future looks so bright," he said. "This season will have ups and downs due to the fact that we don't have a ton of players, but I really think the athletes are great and are going to get better and better."



*Members of the 2004 Lions baseball team include, from left, front, David Haynes, Brett Williams, Hudson Ellis, Brooks Walker, Elijah Peters, James White, Ronnie Jones, Drew Cardin, Kevin Crawford, and Stephen Chapman. Back are Coach Joel Johnson, Josh Carter, Mark Despagni, Taylor Hasty, Jesse Naftel, Matt Day, Tim Pichotta, Luke Peters, Ben Wharton, and Asst. Coach Jack Traylor.*

## BASKETBALL HONORS

### NAIA

Liz Bass – Second Team All-American

Sarah Bass – Honorable Mention All-American

Appalachian Athletic Conference  
Lady Lions

Liz Bass – Player of the Year

Liz Bass, Sarah Bass – First Team All-Conference

Brittany Swanson – Second Team All-Conference, All-Freshman Team

Liz Bass, Sarah Bass, Stephanie Huttenhoff, Valerie Huttenhoff, Anna Rusch, Kate Strunk, Katie White, – Academic All-Conference Team

### NCCAA

Liz Bass – First Team All-American, Mideast Region Player of the Year, All-Mideast Region Team

Brittany Swanson, Katie White – All-Mideast Region Team

Sarah Bass – First Team All-American, Mideast Region Player of the Year Runner-up, All-Mideast Region Team

Liz Bass, Anna Rusch, Kate Strunk, Stephanie Huttenhoff, and Valerie Huttenhoff – Academic All-American Team

### Lions

AAC Champions of Character

Dillon McElroy – Third Team All-Conference

Jim Hanson, Dillon McElroy, Michael Stone, Ryan Perkins, and Joe Graziano – Academic All-Conference Team

### NCCAA

Jim Hanson, First Team; Dillon McElroy, Second Team; Chris Travis, Honorable Mention – All-Mideast Region Team

# LADY LIONS EARN BERTH IN NAIA NATIONALS

The Lady Lions basketball team took their 28-4 record to the NAIA national tournament in March, a dream come true for Coach Matt Bollant and the team.

Talent, depth, and hard work combined to produce the third national tournament appearance in as many years, as the team had played in the NCCAA nationals the previous two years.

"We had never qualified for the NAIA tournament, so it has been our No. 1 goal since I came to Bryan," Coach Bollant said, "We enjoyed the NCCAA tournaments, but look at the NAIA as the big show for us."

The Lady Lions dropped a 68-69 last-second decision to Southwestern College of Kansas in the opening round of the national tournament.

During the season, the Lady Lions were ranked as high as 13<sup>th</sup> in the NAIA national poll, and battled for the AAC title. Losses to Brevard and Tennessee Wesleyan during the regular season, and a semifinal tournament loss to King dashed those hopes, but their second-place conference finish turned out to be the ticket to the national tournament.

One of the highlights for the team was its victory over Tennessee Wesleyan in February. After a two-point loss at home in December, the Lady Lions roared back with a 12-point victory at Wesleyan, snapping the Lady Bulldogs' nation-leading 25 game winning streak.

Other highlights included victories over Lee and Cumberland University, NAIA Division I teams, "so I know we're capable of playing high-level basketball," the coach said.

Going into the national tournament, Coach Bollant said for the team to succeed the girls must play well. "Our players know we can go there and win, but it's up to us to play to the best of our ability. We've been a little bit of a one half team this year. We know we have to play to our potential."

That potential is bolstered by the fact that three of the Lady Lions were among the top 15 players in the conference. Liz Bass repeated as conference Player of the Year. She was joined on the All-Conference first team by her sister, Sarah, and freshman Brittany Swanson was runner-up for conference Freshman of the Year.

"Our seniors over the past two years have a 57-13 record going into the nationals. They have left a spiritual legacy as well. I hope to have seniors who can do this year after year, put God first and made a difference in their worlds," Coach Bollant said.

While five seniors graduate this spring, the coach is excited at the prospects for new players next year. He has signed one of the top 30 prospects in Tennessee, and is working with several other players who are interested in Bryan. "I think with our returning players and the quality of girls we're recruiting, we should be even stronger as a team next season," he said.

## YOUNG LIONS MAKE A STRONG TOURNAMENT RUN

The Lions basketball team reached the AAC tournament semifinals before falling to preseason conference favorite King and ending a strong second-half run.

Coach Morris Michalski praised the effort of his young club, which recorded two regular-season wins over King, as well as victories over Tennessee Wesleyan and Union. "There were signs of promise early on, and more signs late," the coach said. "Our worst loss in the last month was by 10 points. We beat Covenant by 23, and lost to Union by three in double overtime."

"The whole season we saw growing pains of a young team getting better. We did grow up. Arguably, we should have been at the bottom of the conference. We had only four returning players and 10 new players, but we finished with a 13-21 record and reached the tournament semifinals with the three best teams in the league."

The tournament was a highlight as "we hit the upper echelon of conference play. We had hoped to be in a position to win, and we were on the doorstep."

Coach Michalski said, "Our weakest spots were point guard and power forward, where guys I was counting on transferred out at the last minute because of family health

problems." He praised Dillon McElroy, Jonathan Little, Michael Stone, and Chris Travis, his returning players, for their efforts, and Jim Hanson and Gabe Johnson who stepped in to bolster the squad.

He said he is looking "for five or six guys who can step in right away and help us. We need to expand our point guard depth."



Ryan Perkins goes in for a lay-up during the Lions' game with Montreat late in the season.

## Lions Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	
1/31	Trevecca Nazarene Univ (DH)	Away
2/3	TN Temple (DH)	A
2/7	Berry (DH)	A
2/10	Lee Univ (DH)	A
<b>2/14</b>	<b>Univ of Rio Grande (DH)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>2/20</b>	<b>Taylor Univ</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>2/21</b>	<b>Taylor Univ (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>2/27</b>	<b>TN Wesleyan*</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>2/28</b>	<b>TN Wesleyan* (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/5</b>	<b>Milligan* (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/6</b>	<b>Milligan*</b>	<b>H</b>
3/8	Alice Lloyd*	A
3/9	Alice Lloyd* (DH)	A
<b>3/11</b>	<b>Hannibal-LaGrange (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/12</b>	<b>Brevard*</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/13</b>	<b>Brevard* (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/16</b>	<b>Oakland City Univ</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>3/17</b>	<b>Oakland City Univ (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
3/19	VA Intermont*	A
3/20	VA Intermont* (DH)	A
3/22	Buena Vista University @ Bell South Park (Chattanooga)	
3/26	Union College*	A
3/27	Union College* (DH)	A
<b>3/30</b>	<b>Trevecca Nazarene Univ (DH)</b>	<b>H</b>
4/2	Univ VA-Wise*	A
4/3	UVA-Wise* (DH)	A
4/6	Lee Univ (DH)	H
4/9	Montreat*	H
4/10	Montreat* (DH)	H
4/17	TN Temple Univ (DH)	H
4/12	Berry (DH)	H
4/23	King*	H
4/24	King* (DH)	H
4/30	Bluefield*	A
5/1	Bluefield* (DH)	A

\*Conference Game

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**Bold denotes home game**

# Athletic Training RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION

Bryan College's Athletic Training Education Program has been recommended for accreditation by the national accrediting body at its April meeting, college officials have been notified.

Mike Weller, athletic training program director, said the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training notified him the committee will forward its recommendation to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Approval is considered a formality.

"This is the culmination of four years of work from curriculum design, implementation of a major, a self-study and site visit by JRC-AT to reach this point," Mr. Weller said. "Only four

schools in Tennessee have accredited undergraduate athletic training programs, and Bryan would be the fifth. Only the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has

a graduate program." In

addition, Bryan

would be one of 18 schools among the 107 members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities with an accredited athletic training program.

Effective this past January, students may qualify to take a certification examination to become a certified athletic trainer only by studying at a CAAHEP- accredited institution. In the Bryan College, program, students must complete a minimum of 800 hours of clinical experience, in addition to their classroom studies, to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training.

Information about the Bryan College athletic training program is available on the college web site, click on "Academics," then click on "Division of Social Science" and follow the links to Exercise and Health Science. 🏠



*Mike Weller, athletic training program director, tapes a student's ankle in this file photo.*

## Faculty / Staff Notes

**COACH MATT BOLLANT** and the women's basketball team ran a clinic for two high school teams in Orlando, Fla., in January. Coach Bollant directed drills and shared the Gospel at the end of the clinic.

**DR. DAVID FOUTS** has written a chapter entitled "The Incredible Numbers of the Hebrew Kings," for a new book, *Giving the Sense: Understanding and Using Old Testament Historical Texts*.

**DR. STEPHEN LIVESAY** attended the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools conference in Nashville in December with

**DR. CAL WHITE** and **DR. KEN FROEMKE**.

Dr. Froemke presented a paper on developing a quality enhancement plan to comply with the SACS' reaffirmation process.

Dr. Livesay attended the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities' President's Institute in Arlington, Va., Jan. 31-Feb. 4, and

the National Religious Broadcasters Association conference in Charlotte, N.C., with Alumni Relations Director **TERRY HILL, '71**, in February.

**DR. SIGRID LUTHER** and **MRS. ANN POPE** presented a two-piano recital for the Cleveland, Tenn., Music Club in November.

Dr. Luther attended the Music Teachers National Association Southern Division meeting and competitions in Greensboro, N.C., in January.

**MR. JOHN STONESTREET** represented Bryan College and Summit at an advisory meeting for the founding of a Christian high school in Pittsburgh, Pa., in December. He addressed a parents' dinner for the Signal Mountain, Tenn., Home Educators support group in January. In January, he spoke at Compass, a new youth leadership conference sponsored by Summit Ministries and others in New Zealand. He spoke at Madison Bible Church in Madison, Ala., in February. 🏠

# Bryan Alums have a

# PROCLIVITY



Terry Hill, '71  
Director of Alumni Relations

## for our college motto

I remember when I was a student at Bryan that I really got excited about one particular chapel. The famous Christian philosopher and author Francis Schaffer was coming to speak, and I could hardly contain myself.

I got to chapel early, slid into my assigned seat, and prepared my notebook and pen to take copious notes from this man from L'Abri, Switzerland. In walked this little gray-haired man, decked out in his knickers and suspenders straight out the Shirley Temple movie *Heidi*.

I was so anxious for him to begin speaking; I didn't even open my hymnal for the opening song and hoped that Ray Locy would not lead us in singing all five verses, which he did anyway.

Dr. Schaffer finally mounted the stage and I was ready. Wow! He started out using the word "proclivity," and I didn't have the foggiest notion of its meaning. The rest of his message drifted over my head like London fog in the dead of winter. I was so disappointed about not understanding what he was talking about that I really began to believe what most of my professors at Bryan had been telling me—I was intellectually challenged.

But I did write down the word "proclivity" and after chapel raced to the library to look up its meaning. Dr. Schaffer had said that evangelical Christians have a proclivity for God's Word. The dictionary gives us this definition of proclivity: a natural inclination.

In traveling across the country and

visiting with Bryan alums, it's interesting to note what most remember and appreciate most about their Bryan College education. Time after time I hear this resounding phrase: "Christ above all." Yes, Bryan alumni have a proclivity, a natural inclination, for our motto.

I want to encourage you in the area of your proclivity for God's Word. An essay by Dr. John Piper, who spoke in chapel last year, has meant a lot to me as I have been reading his book, *A Godward Life*. The essay, entitled "Prayfully Ransack the Bible: Pondering the Both-And of Prayer and Study," challenges us to:

*Pray and Read* – Read the Word. God willed that the greatest mysteries of life be revealed through reading.

*Pray and Study* – Read II Timothy 2:15. "Be diligent to ...accurately handle the word of truth." That means work at the Word if you want the most from it.

*Pray and Ransack* – Our approach to the Bible should be like a miser in the gold rush or a fiancée who has lost her engagement ring. God ordains that He will give to those who seek with all their heart (Jeremiah 29:11).

*Pray and Think* – In II Timothy 2:7, Paul tells Timothy how to read his letter: "Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything."

As for prayer, I quote the famous Scottish preacher Robert Louis McCheyenne who said, "A man is what he is when he is on his knees, and nothing more."

May God continue to bless you as you exercise your proclivity for His Word, prayer, and your college motto: *Christ above all.* 🏠

"I was so anxious for him to begin speaking; I didn't even open my hymnal . . ."

# Salt, Light, Sheep

## Demonstrate God's Working In The World

If Christians are to be salt and light, we must understand God's working in our lives and His way of using believers in society, Bryan's Christian Life Conference speaker said as the semester began in January.

Dr. Jay Kesler, former president of Youth for Christ and of Taylor University, said the Christian life begins with God. "We come to God when the Holy Spirit prompts us." Our response to that calling, and our understanding of God's way of reaching a lost humanity, determines our effectiveness as servants of God.

He suggested that the deeper message of I John 4 goes beyond the obvious understanding that, as believers, we are children of God. "The implicit message is that I must be worth loving. Somehow, God has decided I am worth His effort. We receive imparted worth."

If we are worth loving, we should understand that "I am a unique creation of a Holy God, made for His purposes." That fact should not make us proud, he said, because "the Gospel is not opposed to the ego, but to egotism; it is not opposed to self, it is opposed to selfishness."

Then, as creatures loved by God, "we are free to love others. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. If we are full of self-loathing and hate ourselves, we can't love other people."

But as we accept our worth in God's eyes and love each other, "we begin to experience community, family, and wholeness. We are called to community so the watching world can say, 'behold how they love each other.'"

While believers are called to community, we also are called to be light and salt in the world. "We are a

citizenship within a citizenship," Dr. Kesler said. "We live in America, go to the same fast-food restaurants, cheer for the same teams, but our souls have a piece of different knowledge, that 'Jesus shall reign where 'er the sun does its successive journeys run.'"

God doesn't use this dual citizenship in the same way U.S. citizenship works. "Some people think the Bible teaches that we will elect people to office and then impose our views on everybody else," he said. "The Bible doesn't teach that. It teaches that a minority will transform a majority."



*Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, left, and Dr. Jay Kesler speak following one of Dr. Kesler's talks at the Christian Life Conference.*

Citing biblical metaphors, Dr. Kesler told students they need to be salt, light, and live as sheep among wolves to fulfill their God-given roles in the world.

"Salt is a minority element," he said. "It doesn't take a scoop shovel to salt a roast, but when you salt it, you can't un-salt it. Regardless of what discipline you study at Bryan, bloom where you are planted. Salt that place with the fruit of the spirit."

Light, he suggested, means Christians represent absolutes in a world of relativism. "Because there is a God, there is such a thing as right and wrong, true and false," he said. "There are

absolutes. 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.' Either that is true, or, if it's not, Katie bar the door."

Because God calls believers to be sheep among wolves, he said students "will go out into a hostile world and experience everything the hostile world has to offer." As Christians, we are empowered to endure – and triumph – through trials and, "if you understand this principle of salt, light, and sheep, you will impact the world as Christ's children." 🙏



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# Lion Tracks

## Spring 2004

### 50s

**GLENN CRUMLEY, '52**, is grateful for successful heart surgery and for a knee replacement late in 2003. His wife, Marjorie, spent much of the year as a nurse for Glenn. They continue their ministry with Bible clubs and in their church, and continue to pray that God will send workers to Africa, where they served for many years.

**DAVID NAFF, '52**, has published a collection of stories he heard during his more than 35 years in Africa. He has chosen versions of the stories that can be used to illustrate various applications of Scripture, and has included questions and comments for discussion.

**JIM and ADRIENNE (KERR) REESE, both '56**, received The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2003 in recognition of their many years of voluntary service for founding and developing Christian Horizons ministries. Christian Horizons operates more than 160 programs across Ontario, Canada, to provide residential care for more than 1,000 developmentally challenged persons. Their ministry grew following the birth of a mentally and physically challenged son, one of their five children, in 1963. Jim is pastor emeritus of Benton Street Baptist Church in Kitchener, Ontario, where he served for 25 years as associate and senior pastor. Jim continues to minister in preaching and music ministries,

and Adrienne lectures on creation science. Their address is Jim Reese Ministries, 61 Avon Rd., Kitchener, Ontario N2B 1T7, or by email at jareese@golden.net.

**JIM PITTS, '56x**, is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in September in Morocco. Jim was returning home at night from taking a friend to the doctor when he happened upon a truck stopped in his lane without lights or markers. Jim and his wife, Barbara, report they were able to help poor families in their village tap into city water supplies last fall.

**CHARLES "SPUD," '56**, and Charlotte **WILLOUGHBY** spent most of November 2003 ministering in Cuba. Spud taught at the seminary near Placetas, and Charlotte did counseling with women.

### 60s

**RICHARD, '60**, and **FAITH (ALLEM), '70**, **WILLIAMSON** have retired in Ocilla, Ga. Faith was an elementary teacher and Richard was a principal and assistant superintendent in the Irwin County school system. They have four children: **NAOMI SCOTT, '82**; **CYNTHIA WALKER, '84**; Mike; and **STEVEN, '90**; and nine grandchildren.

**BECKY (BOLLMAN), '63**, and Paul **MARCY** are adjusting to semi-retirement following Paul's retirement from Wheaton College, where he worked for 29 years.

### 70s

**TOM, '75**, and Alice **SMITH** were married March 16, 2002, in Greenville, S.C. Tom and Alice live in Taylors, S.C.



Tommy and Alice Smith

Nard and **SANDY**

**(NEUMANN), '75**, **PUGYAO** plan to take a group of college students and staffers and a group of high school students to the Philippines this summer for short-term missions experiences. Their son Steven is in the Army, and their son Phillip is a Marine.

**BITSY TURNER, '76**, lives in Dayton, Tenn., where she continues her computer service business and maintains a hobby of training dogs.

**ESTHER (TURNER), '77**, and Dale **LESLIE** live in Ecuador where they work with the Posan people. They also assist in giving tours and with ranger training at a nearby national park. Their children are Rachael and Xavier.

**DAVID, '77**, and Lesa **TURNER** live in Hermitage, Tenn., and teach at a Christian school in Nashville. They have four children: Calista, Justin, Steven, and Donnie.

**DR. MILDRED (WOMBLE), '78**, and her husband, Dr. Doyse **THOMPSON** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 18, 2003. Mildred is retired from teaching but serves as president of the Tennessee Valley Baptist Women's Missionary Union and on the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist WMU.

**MORRIS, '79**, and **CATHY (ROBERTSON), '78**, **BARNETT** adopted a sibling group of five children in April, children ranging in age from 12 to 3. Two of their older children have moved out, so eight are home now. Morris and Cathy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August.



Morris and Cathy Barnett with eight of their children.

### 80s

**PAMELA (HENRY), '81**,

**ROWE** and her husband, Michael, live in Barnesville, Ga., where Pam is a home school mom and Michael is a quality engineer at NACOM. They have four children: Miriam, 17; Nathaniel, 13; Abigail, 11; and Somerville, 9.

**VALERIA (BELL), '82**, **WILKINS** and her daughters Lauran, 11, and Emily, 9, are adjusting to life without their husband and father, John, who died in January 2003, after a 15-year battle with cancer. They took a six-week trip across country this past summer, sightseeing and visiting family and friends. Valeria is working as a substitute teacher, and reopened her music studio in January, offering lessons in piano and voice. They continue their family's ministry to students at Bucknell University, offering students a home off campus when they need to get away.

**DEAN and BARBARA PRATT, both '82**, are in their 22nd year of ministry at Grace Bible Church in Hudson, Fla. Dean spent part of December 2003 in Belarus teaching, and a team from the church took a summer missions trip to the Czech Republic. Their daughter still has not recovered from Lymes' disease contracted from a tick bite then and the Pratts are asking for anyone having suggestions to email them at dpratt5@yahoo.com.

Bill and **NORMA JEAN (KENNEDY), '82x**, **JANCEWICZ** report that the first draft of the Naskapi New Testament has been completed, and the process of checking the translation has begun. The family is living in Norwich, Conn., this year as daughter Elizabeth takes her senior year in high school and son Nicodemus is in seventh grade. Their son, Bill, is a senior in college.

**RUTH (SUBRIS), '82**, **WONG** met Matt Benson, director of spiritual formation and leadership development, during his visit to Micronesia scouting possible missions programs for Bryan students. Ruth and her husband, Benhart, and her brother-in-law, Billy Kartai, who is chief of staff to the president of the Republic of Palau, had dinner, and Matt said Ruth recalled with fondness her days at Bryan. She works in

the finance department for the government of Palau.



Ruth and Benhart Wong, Matt Benson, and Billy Kartai.

**NAOMI (WILLIAMSON), '82, SCOTT** is a loan officer in Jacksonville, Fla. She and her husband, Richard, have two children, Adam, 18, and Ashley, 17.

**DWIGHT TALBOT, '83,** and Ruth Ann Langham were married Dec. 20, 2003, in Fairmont, W.Va.



Dwight and Ruth Ann Talbot

**DARYL W. WIGGINS, '83,** is CEO for Support Services of Virginia, Inc., (SSVA) which serves mentally retarded adults in four day support centers and 15 residential homes. Daryl helped establish the company with the founding president in 1994 and is

celebrating his 10th year as CEO. SSVA serves 75 adults with disabilities in the day support program and has 45 adults in the residential program. Daryl is responsible for writing and implementing policy and practice, and is the company liaison with state regulatory agencies. He also serves as president of the Virginia State Chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation, and has been chairman of the Community Association for People with Mental Retardation for nine years. Daryl can be contacted at DarylCEOSSVA@aol.com.

**DON, '83,** and **CATHY (DOSS), '85x,** live in Dallas, Texas, where Don works with an office furnishings company. They have five children: Don David, Marcia, Caitlin, Arielle, and Jon Michael.

**ROLFE HENRY, '83x,** is an engineer for Criterion Technology in Thomaston, Ga. He and his wife, Janene, live in Barnesville, Ga., with their children Natalie, Phillip, David, Joseph, Juliette, and Margaret.

**JERRY and CINDY (WILLIAMSON) WALKER,** both '84, returned home for a six-month furlough from their ministry in Papua New Guinea. One of their

goals for their time in the States is for their children, Nathan, Ryan, and Leslie, to strengthen their ties with the United States, since they have spent so much of their lives overseas.

**DWIGHT MAINS, '84x,** has been promoted to director of U.S. and Canadian operations for Robinson Solutions, a member of the Tyco International Group of companies. Dwight, **SUSAN (MEADOWS), '84x,** and their children, Megan, Doug, and Bryan live in Holt, Mich., where Susan is a homemaker.

**JEFF, '84,** and **ANGELA (HOWELL), '84x, NYBERG** report from their home in Prosper, Texas, that Jeff recently relinquished responsibilities at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Plano. They are focusing their efforts toward church planting through their Stepping Stones church planting ministry.

**STEVEN, '84x,** and **REBECCA (TURNER), '85x, BUCHANAN** live in Gloucester, Va., with their children Ben, Liz, Daniel, and Esther. Steven is stationed with the Army in Korea.

**SUSIE (VARGA), '85, TUCKER** has been named director of compensation for the State of Tennessee. She oversees a division

responsible for designing and maintaining an equitable salary plan for 40,000 state employees. Her husband, Ray, is a geographic information systems consultant for the state Department of Transportation. Susie and Ray were married in 2000, and live outside of Nashville.



Susie and Ray Tucker

**BRIAN, '85,** and **Fran GEIGER** report from their home in Rowlett, Texas, that Brian's cancer remains stable. He has been able to work full-time, and he and Fran traveled for a sales convention to Switzerland this past year. Their children are Chad, 13; A.J., 9; and Nikki, 6.

**BOB, '86,** and **AMY (BECKHAM), '87, HAY,** with their sons Alan and Andy, have moved to Fort Mill, S.C., to live, as Bob has been named candidate coordinator

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**COLLEEN (FISCHER), '86**, and John **MISIOLEK** live in Clementon, N.J., where Colleen home schools their three children, Matthew, 13; Danielle, 11; and Andrew, 9. Colleen and John plan to direct vacation Bible school at their church this summer, their 14th year in that role.

**BRIAN, '87x**, and **DONNA (HOWELL), '87, MACKENZIE**, live in Arlington, Texas, with their four sons, Jesse, 11; Kevin, 9; Adam, 5; and Seth, 4. Brian is general manager of Howell's Aircraft Service in Grand Prairie and Donna is a full-time mom. They keep busy with church, school, and sports.



Brian and Donna MacKenzie, Jesse, Kevin, Adam, and Seth.

Scott and **NAN (COX), '87x, MORRIS** rejoiced at Thanksgiving for the memories their family made at their home in Birmingham, Ala., as they prepare to move to a new home.



Matt, Randy, Rebecca, Katherine, and Gregory Morris.

**BONNIE (WAGLER), '88**, and Chris **WILLIAMS** announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Marie,

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on Oct. 25, 2003. Kylie weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and was 21 inches long. She joins big brother Tyler. Bonnie and Chris continue to work with youth and are AWANA leaders.



Chris and Bonnie Williams, Tyler and Kylie.

**PAULA (HAMMAR), '89**, and Mark **ROMANG** are the parents of twins, Matthew and Luke, born Oct. 25, 2000. The boys were born six weeks prematurely, and Matthew has experienced developmental problems. The Romangs live in Liberty, Mo.



Luke and Matthew Romang

## 90s

Jim and **BETH (HORNISH), '90, ALMACK** announce the birth of their son, Daniel Bryan, on Nov. 8, 2003. Daniel weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Concord, N.C.

**STEVEN WILLIAMSON, '90**, lives in Carrollton, Texas, with his wife, **MELISSA (JONES), '89**, and their two children, Davis and Cara.

**JENNIFER (REYNOLDS), '91**, and Vern **KINSEY** are rejoicing that they have been able to move to a larger home, near their former residence, in Seminole, Fla. Jennifer works full-time as music director at their church, and Vern teaches at a Christian school. Their children are McKayla, 7, and Jameson, 5.

**GREG, '92**, and Sharon **HOLST** announce the birth of their third son, Philip Andrew James Holst, on Dec. 31, 2002. Philip joins older brothers Jonathan, 6, and Nathan, 3. Greg works for Bank One's mutual fund company, One Group Investments, and recently received his MBA from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. The Holsts live at 7661 Degood Rd., Ostrander, Ohio, 43061, and would love to hear from friends and

acquaintances at that address or by email at holst@bright.net.



Philip Holst

Shawn and **MELANIE (TREAT), '94, KELL** send greetings from Waynesboro, Pa., where Shawn is the pastoral assistant and youth director at Grace Baptist Church. Shawn and Melanie are the parents of two children, Schuyler, 3, and Haley, 1. Melanie is a homemaker.



Shawn, Haley, Schuyler, and Melanie Kell.

**MATT and TIFFANY (EARLE) BRYAN**, both '94, are preparing to return home to Greenville, S.C., when Matt completes his residency in dermatology in Little Rock, Ark., this summer. Matt will join a dermatology practice, and Tiffany plans to continue to be a stay-at-home mom for the family, which includes Everett, 4; Belle, 2 1/2; and Madeline, 1.



Matt and Tiffany Bryan, Everett, Belle, and Madeline.

**DAVID ALBAN, '95**, has been named assistant principal at Hanover High School in Hanover, Pa.

**MATTHEW, '95**, and **RENAE (SPEICHINGER), '97, MARCUS** announce the birth of Melanie Jasmine on Nov. 11, 2003. Melanie weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long. She joins sister McKenzie, 2. Matthew is information technology director

for Dayton (Tenn.) City School and Renae is a work-at-home mom.



Matt and Renae Marcus, McKenzie and Melanie.

**GLYNN, '95**, and Angie **STONE** announce the birth of their first child, Trey (Glynn, III), on Oct. 6, 2003. Trey weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long. The Stone family lives in Rome, Ga., where Glynn is pastor of West Rome Baptist Church.



Trey Stone

**BETHANY (PHINNEY), '95**, and Bryan **HICKS** announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Isabella Grace, on Sept. 30, 2003. Katie Grace joins big brothers Aiden, 4, and Aury, 2. The Hicks family lives in Shenandoah, Va., where Bethany is a full-time mom.



Aiden, Aury, and Katie Grace Hicks.

**JENNIFER (BRASHER), '96**, and Reid **DALE** live in Waynesville, N.C., with their children, Ian Reid, 3, and Julie-Joy Susie, 2. Jennifer and Reid met at Columbia International University, where she earned her Master of Arts degree in counseling. She is a full-time mom for her family and helps facilitate a neighborhood women's Bible study.

**ANNETTE SHARPE, '96**, and Matthew Cummings were married Aug. 23, 2003, in Nashville, Tenn. Bridesmaids included Bryan alumni **SARAH (SHARPE), '93, WADE; SUSANNA (SHARPE), '99, BIEDERMAN; LYN (AMIS), '95, TRAMMELL; KAREN (TRAMMELL), '96, MARSALIS;** and **DR. JENNIFER GRUENKE, '96**. Annette and Matthew live in Philadelphia, Pa., where Matt teaches high school English and Annette works as a family nurse practitioner in a Christian clinic serving the Hispanic population of Philadelphia.

**MARK and WENDY (TAYLOR) DAVIDSON**, both '96, had an eventful 2002 as their second son, Ryan Taylor, was born; Mark was graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in May; and the family moved to Birmingham, Ala., where Mark has begun his internship, to be followed by a residency in anesthesiology. Ryan was born Sept. 7, weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz., and was 23 inches long. He joins big brother Will, 2.



*Will and Ryan Davidson*

**RICKY and HILARY (DAVIS) SMITH**, both '96, recently got together with **DAVID, '98**, and **ANGIE (SKERJANEC), '99, WILKINSON** and their boys, and with Hilary's sister, **ERIN DAVIS, '02**, in West Palm Beach, Fla. Ricky is associate pastor at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Fortson, Ga., and Hilary is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom with their daughter, Tennyson.



*Tennyson Smith*

**BRAD, '97**, and **BARBARA, '98, WING** announce the birth of their son, Eliza Blaine, on July 19, 2003. Brad is youth pastor at Hunt Springs Baptist Church in Sanford, N.C., and Barbara is a staff accountant in the corporate office of The Pantry convenience store chain. Brad expects to complete his Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Theological Seminary this spring.



*Elijah Wing*

**MATT and ANDREA (KEMP) BOSTIC**, both '97, live in Frederick, Md. This past year, Matt gave up his youth pastor position at their church and became general manager and a personal trainer at the Gold's Gym in Frederick. Andrea is a stay-at-home mom to their three daughters, Alea Marie, 5; Olivea Mae, 3; and Emelea Macey, 1.



*Alea, Olivea, and Emelea Bostic.*

**GABE, '97**, and **GAYLE (COUCH), '98, HIMMELWRIGHT** announce the birth of their twins, Reagan Katherene and Ryan Matthew, on Sept. 15, 2003. Reagan weighed 4 lbs., 3 oz., and Ryan weighed 4 lbs., 10 oz. The Himmelwrights live in Virginia Beach, Va., where Gabe owns his own hardwood flooring company and Gayle has completed course work for a Ph.D. degree in Communications.



*Reagan and Ryan Himmelwright*

**JOHN and AKARI (SAKAGUCHI) BAILEY**, both

'98, with their son, Leo, have moved back to Statesville, N.C., from Japan, where they have lived for the past several years. They bought a house less than a mile from Statesville Christian School where John is once again teaching band and fine arts. Akari is staying home with Leo.

**SHARON WOOD, '98**, and Matt Cochran were married Nov. 29, 2003, in Mauldin, S.C. Matt and Sharon live in Greenville, S.C., where Matt works for Executive Kitchens and Sharon works as a closing coordinator at her father's law office. Bryan alumni at the wedding included **CLAUDIO, '96**, and **NICOLE, '95, ARIAS; BRAD and ELIZABETH (TIDWELL) JOHNSON**, both '98; **ALICIA MATHERS, '98; WHITNEY (DEAL), '97x, REXFORD**, who served as matron of honor; and **MATTHEW HARGRAVES, '98**.



*Matt and Sharon Cochran*

**ALLISON WOMBLE, '98**, and Tommy Hauptert were married Feb. 19, in Rising Fawn, Ga. Allison is a publisher working at True North Custom Publishing in Chattanooga, Tenn., and occasionally teaches rhetoric and composition at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Tommy is a physical therapist who owns his own practice in Dunlap, Tenn. They live in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.



*Allison and Tommy Hauptert*

**GREG and ASHLEY (MCDONALD) SOVEREIGN**, both '99, joined Crossover Communications International at the mission's headquarters in Columbia, S.C. They organize and lead mission trips for students and adults. Their son, Caedmon, is 2.



*Ashley, Caedmon, and Greg Sovereign.*

Will and **JENNY (SELLS), '99, MORTON** announce the birth of their son, Alpha Paul, on Aug. 28, 2003. Alpha weighed 9 lbs., 10 1/2 oz., and was 20 inches long. The Mortons live in Morton, Ill.

**BRANDON, '99**, and **TAMMY (DOEJAAREN), '00, BALLARD** announce the birth of their first child, Ella Denise, on Aug. 26, 2003. Ella weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long. Brandon is enjoying his third year of teaching eighth grade math at a middle school in Trenton, Ga., and Tammy is a stay-at-home mom.



*Ella Ballard*

**SUSANNA (SHARPE), '99**, and Kyle **BIEDERMAN** announce the birth of their first child, Jasmine Renae, on Nov. 24, 2003. Jasmine weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. This past year, the Biedermans traveled to Hawaii for a vacation with his family and to Tennessee for the wedding of her sister, **ANNETTE SHARPE, '96**, and Matthew Cummings. The

Biederman family lives in Eagle River, Alaska.



Kyle, Susanna, and Jasmine Biederman.

**ANNA (DAVIS), '99**, and **HINH TANG** announce the birth of their first child, Sydney Nichole, on Sept. 12, 2002. Anna earned a Master's degree in science education from Georgia State University and is a stay-at-home mom. Hinh is employed by Alcoa. The Tang family lives in Cumming, Ga.



Anna and Sydney Tang

**ANDY BOWERS, '99**, recently returned from spending six months in Iraq as a financial advisor for the Department of Defense. He helped the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and the Iraqi Government Council issue contracts to rebuild Iraq, working at the CPA headquarters in a former presidential palace. During his time in Iraq he visited the cities of Babylon and Nineveh.



Andy Bowers and a picture of Saddam Hussein.

## 00s

**KELLY GRIFFIS, '00**, and **Corey Gilbert** were married July 12, 2003. The couple is living in Lancaster, Texas.

**JOSHUA, '00**, and **Carmela**

**DAUGEREAU** are full-time church planters in Udine, Italy, with Saints Equipped to Evangelize Bible Institute. He also serves as the on-field director of ABC English Language Institute. Joshua and Carmela may be reached by email at [jdaugereau@msn.com](mailto:jdaugereau@msn.com).



Joshua and Carmela Daugereau

**MINDY (BAKER) '00, MCKECHNIE** and her husband, Peter, have been called as interim staff members at Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tenn. Mindy will serve as interim director of Christian education and programming, and Peter as interim associate pastor.

**COLLEEN SHEDDAN, '00x**, and **Jason McCowan** were married in Dayton, Tenn., Nov. 22, 2003.

**STEVE and KERI-LYNN (LESTMANN) PAULSON**, both '00, announce the birth of their first child, Lucy Claire, on Dec. 10, 2003. Lucy weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 in. long. Steve and Keri-Lynn live in Dayton, Tenn., where Steve is helpdesk technician for the Bryan information technology department.

**BEN, '01**, and **ELIZABETH (YOUNG), '98, CARDEN** announce the birth of their daughter, Rachael Nichole, on Nov. 24, 2003. Rachael weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., and was 22 in. long. The Carden family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**RUSTY, '01**, and **JENNIFER (FERRELL), '00, KALENZA** announce the birth of their first child, Kayla Grace, on July 6, 2003. Kayla weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz. Rusty is an assistant vice president in the change management group at Bank of America, doing database and application management. Jennifer left her position at Wacovia Bank in September to spend more time with Kayla.

She works part-time at their church.



Kayla Kalenza

**DANIEL EVANS, '02**, and **RACHEL HELD, '03**, were married Oct. 25, in Dayton, Tenn. Dan and Rachel live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**ADAM VAN PELT, '03**, is working as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at Aurora Case Management in Shrewsbury, Pa. He is working with individuals who have physical challenges who are being served by the worker's compensation system in Maryland. Adam lives in Hellam, Pa.

**TARA BOSE, '03**, and **Adam Smith** were married Aug. 1, 2003, in Nashville, Tenn.

## With The Lord

**GEORGIE (JEWELL), '35x, O'SHAUGHNESSY** of Flint, Mich., died Oct. 22, 2003. She is survived by a sister.

**EARL W. PECK, SR., '49x**, died Dec. 5, 2003, after a lengthy illness in Orlando, Fla. Survivors include his wife, **LILLIAN (BOGARD), '45, PECK**; two daughters, **BARBARA (PECK), '73, REMINGTON** and **REBECCA (PECK), '76x, RATHMANN**; two sons, **Earl W. Peck Jr.** and **Charles Ray Peck**; and a sister, **REBECCA (PECK), '40, HOYT**. He had worked as a teacher, in sales, and as a plumber.

**KENNETH N. SEWALL, '54**, of Bloomfield N.J., died Feb. 4. He is survived by his wife, **BARBARA (CRANDALL), '55, SEWALL**, and a son. Ken was retired after 36 years as a technical writer for Bell Labs, Western Electric, and Bell Communications Research. He also served as a deacon, teacher, and Bible school superintendent at his church.

**THOMAS SACHER, '56x**, of

Stroudsburg, Pa., died May 20, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Sacher, and three children.

**Dr. WARREN ALLEM, '57**, of Rocky Mount, Va., died Oct. 15, 2003. He was a pastor, evangelist, and educator. He is survived by his children, **John Allem; Rachel Ingals; FAITH WILLIAMSON, '70; Grace Mahoney; Priscilla Trice; Susanna Peterson; Rebecca Sahl**; three brothers; and two sisters, **GERTRUDE HOLMGREN** and **SARAH NEWCOMER**, both '43x; 29 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

**WESLEY W. HATCH, '66x**, died Aug. 15, 2003 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Joshua Nichols, 13, son of Dan and **MARTHA (KIRTLEY), '78x, NICHOLS**, died in a hunting accident near Cordova, Alaska. He is survived by his parents, brothers, and grandparents **CHARLES, '51**, and **Mary KIRTLEY**.

**ROBERT A. PETERSON, JR., '78**, of Galloway Township, N.J., died Aug. 1, 2003. He was headmaster and teacher at the Pilgrim Academy in Egg Harbor N.J. He is survived by his wife, Susanna Allem Peterson, seven children, his mother, sister, and two brothers.

**LARRY BELL, '81**, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Dec. 26, 2003, after a brief illness. He was a nurse. He is survived by his wife, Lora, two children, and his sister, **VALERIA (BELL) WILKINS, '82**.

**REBEKAH (BATCHELDER), '97, SIMS**, died Dec. 17, 2003, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Joshua, of Clearwater, Kan.; sister; parents; and grandmothers.

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# Summit

## expands to serve growing interest

Growing interest and a commitment to expand the ministry of the Summit at Bryan College are the driving forces behind plans for two Summit sessions this summer.

Summit Director John Stonestreet said comments such as "Every person who considers themselves to be a Christian should be required to attend Summit! It will totally change the way you view every aspect of life," were common from students. An adult participant in the week-long Biblical Integration Workshop said, "I thought I knew what it meant to be a light in a dark world until Summit. It has changed everything!"

"Summit alumni and people like James Dobson and Chuck Colson understand the powerful impact of a two-week concentration on biblical worldview and how it should

be applied to every area of life," Mr. Stonestreet said. "That's what The Summit at Bryan College offers students and, in one-week sessions, adults, this summer."

In 2003, about 100 more students attended than in previous years. "All together, we had about 500 students, more than we could handle in one session," he said. "Plus, we had about twice as many as before in the adult

conference."

Two sessions – July 4 to 16 and 18 to 30 – allows the Summit at Bryan to offer practical training in worldviews, apologetics, leadership, and vocation to some 600 high school and college students. "Our number one goal is for students to leave understanding what faith has to do with life, including their studies. We want them to leave here with a biblical view of God, the Bible, themselves, the world and their place in it," Mr. Stonestreet said. "We are training students for ministry, not

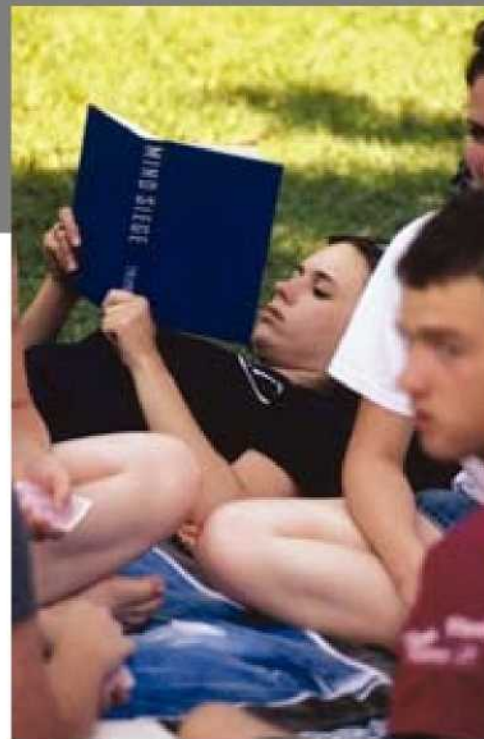
occupational, but vocational – a life service in education, politics, journalism, science – whatever vocation they go into so they can



take a Christian worldview with them."

While the Summit sessions may last just two weeks, follow-up continues throughout the year. "We send out newsletters to our graduates periodically, and have an email database to help them keep in touch with each other. We want to provide networking for Christians who understand their calling and want to help each other."

Adults interested in Summit training have a week-long session available July 18-23. "I'm unbelievably excited about the adult program," Mr. Stonestreet said. "We realize the best way to expand the



work of summit and the Summit idea is to train trainers, teach teachers."

He said as he visits Christian schools teachers and headmasters often ask for suggestions on how to integrate their faith with their disciplines. "If the teachers get it, their influence exponentially grows because of their input with students," he said. "We bring in people we know are doing this best in the classroom, go through a biblical worldview foundation, the philosophical foundations of Christian education, and practical how-tos of making lesson plans. The response has been overwhelming."

Summit is heavy on academics – college credit is available for those interested – but there also is time for recreation on the Bryan campus, whitewater rafting and paintball, as well as ministry and service projects and evangelism outreaches.

Individuals interested in attending the Summit at Bryan College are invited to visit the Summit website – [www.mysummit.org](http://www.mysummit.org), to write the Summit at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7812, Dayton, TN 37321, or email [summit@bryan.edu](mailto:summit@bryan.edu) for more information. 📍



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