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On the cover...

"The Creation of Man" by Michelangelo
Sistine Chapel, Rome
America is losing the space race—on the ground.

After a two-year delay, space shuttles are again in orbit. The Challenger disaster was a tragic reminder of the exacting and dangerous nature of space travel. It focused our attention on those first few moments of ignition and liftoff. That is where many space missions are scrubbed. That is also where America is losing its leadership in science education, and space exploration is not the only casualty. Breakthroughs in scientific research and technology have helped to make America first in economic and industrial power. They have enabled us to lead the world in medical technology and communications. But the world’s builders and bankers will soon be working for wages paid by other industrial nations. All this because we are faltering in education. Nowhere is that more evident than in early years and in the field of math and sciences.

A study involving twenty-four industrially developed nations tells the story: American children begin school with an eagerness to learn and a positive attitude toward math and science. By grade three fifty percent of American school children no longer want to study math or science. By grade five American children rank twelfth among the twenty-four nations in math and science skills. By grade nine American students rank twenty-third out of twenty-four in math and science knowledge. In 1979, 590,000 out of four million high school seniors in America were interested in a career in some branch of science. In 1980 after one year of college only 340,000 were still interested in a career in science. A forty percent drop in the freshman year! In 1989, thirteen years later, only nine thousand of those high school seniors have ended up in a career in science.

Clearly America has a problem. Science has contributed immensely to the quality of life and prosperity enjoyed in America. Our future, not just our leadership, is at risk. Christians will be affected. We have an opportunity to make a difference, but we must get involved, now! There are three critical areas in which we must act. The first is in the field of early education. The future is most often won or lost in the first three years of formal education. It is there both teachers and scientists are developed. Third is in overcoming the alienation and sometimes open hostility many Christians feel toward science.

Bryan is poised to address these three critical needs in the decade of the '90s. Let’s explore the why and the how of Bryan College’s response to the challenge.

Bryan is keeping up with sweeping reforms in Tennessee’s teacher education. Dr. Ken Froemke recently attended a statewide meeting of 35 colleges engaged in teacher education. Bryan was among a half dozen who are well ahead in the process of adapting their programs to new state guidelines.

In the future, teachers licensed in Tennessee will match standards in all but four of the 50 states. They will major in a subject area with a minor in education. That means liberal arts, including math and science courses will be their mainstay. Internship will be extended and intensified.

Bryan College education faculty have already been hard at work improving the content and quality of our teacher education programs. High standards are drawing students to the major, not driving them away. Elementary education was the most popular among the '89 grads. Interest is growing rapidly among current students. Already 30 percent of alumni are in a teaching career, and we expect more to follow. Bryan aims to train more and better teachers, particularly for the early years and the sciences.

Gov. Garry E. Carruthers of New Mexico, chairman of the Education Commission of the States noted: “I’ve said many times that failure in kindergarten reveals itself in the first year of college, and that failure in college to teach a teacher properly reveals itself in failure in kindergarten. The educational system has to be viewed as a unit, and any imperfection anywhere along the line will ultimately show up as a failure somewhere else.”

Bryan is also aiming to make science important and more appealing to all students. We are convinced that every college graduate must have a significant amount and quality of education in math and science. Robert Watson of the National Science Foundation noted: “It is during undergraduate education that future scientists will experience their greatest growth.” Even as we tackle the problem of science education at the elementary level, we must also strive for excellence at the college level. Christians, of all people, should seize the initiative, not shrink back from the formality. Bryan students ought to excel in the sciences.

To enhance its science education, Bryan College has already strengthened its faculty significantly and is striving to teaching science effectively across the curriculum, not just to a select few.

Bryan’s contribution to the field of science and Christian education must also extend beyond the campus. This is the most difficult but no less urgent task. Bryan College began in 1930 as an outgrowth of the conflict between creation and evolution. After 60 years the debate has intensified, not diminished.

Evolution seems to have dominated classrooms and labs in this century. Still it has not wiped out the conviction that God is the Creator of life, nor has it been able to eliminate all doubt about evolution as the explanation for the origin of life. U.S. News and World Report captured the uncertainty in a feature on an astronomy. Leading astronomers noted, "Presently there is a large measure of belief and a small number of facts. Some believe we've discovered the skeleton of the universe and we are now looking at the flesh. Others say we lack even the skeleton as yet. We have a broad outline now. But we're fuzzy at the beginning and the end."

There is still much dogmatism in the field of science, but there is also an openness to serious thinking and quality research.

Christians dare not shrink back from the rigors of science education or scientific research. To help, Bryan is seeking to develop an Origins Research and Resource Center. Dr. Kurt Wise addresses these issues in his article on page five.

Among the efforts Bryan wants to initiate are a newsletter for teachers in science education; a center for creation research; conferences on science education for teachers, parents, and other interested friends; and professional conferences for Christians engaged in specialized and advanced fields of science.

Bryan is poised to address these needs
Research into Origins

About nineteen months ago, I first became acquainted with Bryan College. I learned then of its vision in the area of science and education. Not any average person or mediocre institution can rise to meet such a challenge as this. Those who can are those who possess the necessary vision, opportunity, and unreserved perseverance. Bryan College is sufficient to the task before us. I have become impressed over the past months with the vision, persistence, and ability of the administration, faculty, alumni, and friends of Bryan College.

I ultimately accepted the position of Director of Origins Research and Resource Center at Bryan because of the exciting nature of the Bryan College vision. In a day and in a society where symptoms are treated rather than causes, Bryan College has proposed to address the very roots of the problem. Science is a method -- a method invented by man to study the nature and workings of the physical universe. Science is limited -- limited in its reliance upon physical data, and limited in accuracy in its reliance upon fallen practitioners. Science is also indebted -- indebted to the Scriptures in which are found the justifications for its assumptions, and indebted to Christians who originally formulated and perfected the methodology. Christians can extend human inquiry beyond the bounds of science to the remainder of that which is real -- for example to the question of the ultimate origin of things. Christians can also improve upon the methodology of science by infusing desperately needed ethics and absolute measures of truth. Lastly, Christians can resupply the justification for the assumptions of science and explain the very reason for the success of science. In the process of so undergirding science and its methods, Christianity can provide a better and more suitable method for the teaching of science to this generation and those of the future. The study of origins and the study of the relationship of science and Scripture is often avoided in our schools and churches. The whole subject is considered too controversial and divisionary. Here at Bryan College we feel that those who possess a more complete understanding of the interaction of science and Scripture in general, and origins in particular, are more capable of doing better science and introducing better methods of teaching science to others.

Research into Origins

One of our aims in this area is to encourage research which represents high scholarship. We also strive to follow a Scripturally-modelled code of ethics and honor. The goal of all our research in origins is to formulate a model of earth history which is consistent with both the Scriptures and the physical data -- constructed according to a code of excellence and integrity in ethics and practice. We encourage studies which have as their purpose the formulation or improvement of the Biblical model of earth history.

Each member of the science faculty at Bryan College is well trained in his area of expertise. Several of those faculty members are currently involved in research in the area of origins. Several research projects have been accomplished, and many more are planned. Up until now, those research projects have been accomplished with the private funds of the researcher. We hope to develop the origins program at Bryan to the point where research funds can allow an increase in frequency and quality of origins research. We are also encouraging students to assume active roles in research. This will not only extend the research capabilities of our faculty, but also continually infuse research here at Bryan with a good measure of vitality and freshness of thought.

To further aid research, we are striving to make research materials more available to all. I was recently very pleased to hear that our program has received a gift earmarked for library research materials. With this gift we can now begin to develop a quality research center for origins research. This exciting development will soon allow Bryan College to assume a preeminent role in origins research in the Southeast. Another project still under study provides us with an even more exciting prospect. We are currently reviewing the capabilities and potential capabilities of the computer system at Bryan. If it turns out to be economically feasible, computer-generated information dissemination could allow Bryan College to have a national, and perhaps even international, impact on the scientific community.

As a further aid to research, the study of origins is in need of several publications to improve the dispersal of information. Beginning in the summer of 1990 we are planning to publish a newsletter for creation geologists. We will at that time be looking into the possibility of establishing a technical journal for the field of catastrophic geology. It is hoped that such a newsletter and journal would be models for the development of similar publications in all the fields of origins research. Some have suggested that we consider publishing an information newsletter for the non-scientist on the subject of origins. We are currently considering whether resources and interest are great enough to produce such a publication.

Science Education

The second goal of the origins program at Bryan College is the improvement of science education -- whether that be in the church or in the school. Our first priority is to our students at Bryan College. We feel that when our faculty engages in research projects in origins, their teaching skills will be enhanced. Students projects in origins research will improve their education by providing first-hand experience in scientific research, publication, and presentation. The improvement of library facilities and the more efficient use of our computer system will also allow for better science instruction at Bryan.

As we reach out from the college, we would like, first of all, to master to science teachers -- including parents teaching their children at home. We intend to provide repeated opportunities for teachers to improve their teaching skill in science. As an example, July 5-7, 1990 Bryan College will host a seminar on the "Good Science" curricula for grades K-6. "Good Science" was compiled by a longtime administrator in the public school system of Racine, Wisconsin. "Good Science" presents science to the child using a "hands-on" approach. This method has had demonstrated success in improving the understanding and love of science. In future symposia we hope to present other opportunities for teachers to become familiar with good science curricula and effective teaching techniques. We hope that such conferences can allow teachers to share experiences, thus allowing all to benefit from the improvements made by good teachers. Once again, as we look into ways of more efficiently using the computer system at Bryan, we may be able to use it to provide quality science instruction to virtually any part of the United States. In these and other ways we hope to make the resources and expertise at Bryan College available to all teachers of science.
Science/Mathematics

Division of Natural Science

The Division of Mathematics and Natural Science consists of: Biology, Chemistry, Physical Sciences ("Natural Sciences"), Mathematics and Computer Sciences. The Natural Science Department offers bachelors degrees in Biology and Secondary certification in General Science and Physical Science, Chemistry, Biology, and Earth Science. A preprofessional Health major and an Engineering transfer program with a local university is also offered.

The Natural Science majors become exposed to the liberal arts, Biblical studies, as well as several fields of science. All majors are required to enroll in an origins course and a course in philosophy and ethics of science, which seeks to integrate knowledge from these disparate fields of study. The origins course is team taught by the natural sciences and Biblical studies faculty in order to facilitate integration. All teaching at Bryan College is rooted firmly in the fact that the physical universe, all that is in it, including man, was formed and is being sustained by the hand of God. Therefore, the Origins Research and Resource Center at Bryan (discussed by Kurt Wise on page five) is an important addition to the division.

Bryan College is continually seeking ways to improve and meet the needs of students. Currently the secondary certification requirements are being revised to meet the new Tennessee standards. The summer programs with Oak Ridge and other National Laboratories have been successful, and Bryan is becoming more involved in the Christian College Coalition's AuSable Institute in Michigan. Since a small institution cannot be "all things for all people" the college must share its strengths and counsel with those of other institutions.

Mathematics Department

One of the main goals of the Mathematics curriculum at Bryan College is to provide the students with a solid grounding in both traditional mathematics and recent technology. At the same time students explore the relationship between mathematics and Christianity. Students are encouraged to look upon their mathematics as preparation for service for the Lord.

The Mathematics department is heavily involved in providing training for students from other departments. New courses have been developed to meet the need of students in elementary education and business. New courses and new placement procedures have been created to strengthen mathematics in the general studies portion of the curriculum. Business mathematics has been taught several times in the external (prison) education program.

The Mathematics faculty are keeping current in their field and active in the Association for Christians in the Mathematical Sciences. Phil Lestmann recently returned from a two-year leave-of-absence during which he worked with software for boost trajectories for Titan launches at The Aerospace Corporation in California.

Bryan College mathematics graduates have been successful in many fields. Irv Barth has completed an MBA degree from Ohio State, working as a systems analyst. Steve Butler is head of Computer Operations for an Atlanta actuarial firm and his brother Dan is a computer analyst for Bryan College. Bruce Beaty and Titus Hanham are computer consultants, both holding master's degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary. James and Karen Ashley are serving as Bible translators in the Solomon Islands. Dave Bruner and Doug Hart have completed engineering degrees. Most numerous are the graduates that are teaching math at the secondary level, some are: Anita Davis Prince, Glenda Johnson, Nancy Raine Redding, and Judith Ashley Fleet.

The Mathematics department looks to the future as it sends graduates with a Christian perspective into a workplace where personnel shortages are becoming more acute and where a Christian world view is less accepted.

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GRADUATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AIDS INDUSTRY

Although the Bryan science
department may at first seem
rather small compared to the
departments of large state
institutions with their extensive
research staffs and government
contracts, a closer scrutiny will
begin to reveal a long history of
training servants for Christ who
are making a significant impact
in the world of science and
industry. One of these servants is
Tom Beal, Class of 1963.

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Tom and Arlene remain active
in Christian service. Music still
occupies a central place in their
own ministry, whether singing for
conferences, banquets, area
churches or in their own church
choir. Arlene's work in the
Christian Service Ministry at
First Baptist Church of
Spartanburg, S.C. involves an
outreach ministry providing food,
clothing, shelter, and counseling
to families in crisis. She is also
active in Christian Womens
Clubs and was chairman of the
first such organization in
Tennessee while continuing at
Bryan for two years in a teaching
position.

The last twenty three years
have been spent in
administrative positions for
major corporations. The list
includes ICI America, BASF in the
U.S. and Germany, and Borg
Warner. Most recently Tom has
been Director of Southern
Operations for G.A.F.
Corporation, a specialty
chemical corporation that
supplies chemicals for textile,
detergent, cosmetic, and other
industries. This year Beal will
assume the presidency of
Industrial Specialty Chemical
Association, an organization he
helped found in 1984.

The Beals are rightfully proud
of their three children. Todd,
twenty-four, is a professional
musician. He recently spent
seventeen months playing for the
Ringling Brothers Circus which
toured the U.S. and Orient. Jeff
is twenty-one and a senior at the
University of Jacksonville
majoring in marine science and
oceanography. Jennifer,
eighteen, lives at home.

In addition to Tom's family
and career, awards and honors
include Who's Who in America,
Executive of the Year
(Spartanburg, S.C.), and
president-elect of the Board of
Directors of the Spartanburg
Development Association. One
of the most recent honors has
been the invitation to serve on
the Board of Trustees for his
alma mater, Bryan College, a
position he began in January of
this year. Tom realizes that
because of the school's unique
location and history, it has an
unprecedented opportunity to
make an impact in the scientific
study of origins. Through his
experience and influence, Tom
Beal plans to offer his counsel
where needed so that Bryan
College can continue to
strengthen its Science programs.

BARNETT SEEKS DOCTORATE
by Wesley Gibson

This fall Stephen Barnett will be back
doing one of the things he has missed
most in the past year and a half--
teaching Bryan students.

Barnett has been studying for a
doctorate's degree in geology at the
University of Kentucky since the
summer of 1988. He is now working to
complete his dissertation, "Distribution
and Tectonic Significance of the Middle
Devonian Portwood Member of the New
Albany Shale." He is researching
"breccia," a rock located in central
Kentucky that is made of angular
fragments of other rocks.

At times this has required him to
embark on the countryside to measure
and map out the rock. Barnett said
some people who see him out scouting
their land ask if he will find gold or oil.
"I tell them I'm basically seeing how the
earth was made."

Barnett said being at a
secular University has
given him many
opportunities to
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They Can Have Their Cake and Eat It Too!

Barbara Howard

Every mother's child should have a freshly baked cake on his birthday, but college students away from home and mother often have to sacrifice this nicety for higher pursuits. Due to the efforts of women involved in Bryan Women's Auxiliary, students at Bryan can receive a touch of home away from home, in the form of a birthday cake accompanied by a card bearing the parents' wishes or sentiments for the occasion.

Bryan Women's Auxiliary, founded in August 1957 by Mrs. Alice Mercer "to do those little things which might otherwise be left undone," has raised funds from a variety of sources. The "to do those little things which might be remembered but not immediately done," has raised funds from a variety of sources. The contributions received from parents for the service of baking cakes for students have been the major source of income for the organization since the late sixties. Recently, fruit and goody baskets have been added as options. Baked items and baskets may be requested for occasions other than birthdays and as reminders that the pain and panic of finals week can be assuaged by a sweet reminder of love and sentimentality.

A review of BWA's history reveals that while some projects undertaken by the organization might have been left undone, they can in no way be categorized as "little things." In its first nine years, BWA financed $11,000 in campus projects, the most ambitious of which was the purchase in 1965 of office and lounge furniture for the newly-constructed Huston and Long dormitories. Many other significant projects have been completed since that time. A publication of the organization states, "...the auxiliary has left its mark on every building of the campus...from the simple addition of curtains or drapes and furniture to the more complex additions of floors and ceilings and complete renovations of rooms." The purchase in 1966 of five microscopes for the science department marked a change in focus from plant improvements to educational needs. This remains the emphasis in choosing current projects for funding.

In this endeavor, everyone seems to be a winner. Parents are served, as are students--sweetly. The fruit of the labors of BWA continues from the past into the future, enhancing the physical and educational environment of the college, benefitting all who reap the harvest.

Bryan Chorale Headed for Europe

Dr. Sigrid Luther

The Bryan College Chorale will take the first European tour in its history May 14-28. The overseas tour has been a dream of director David Luther for several years, and participation is greater than expected. The forty-four voice group will depart shortly after commencement. Upon arrival in London, a whirlwind of concerts will begin, taking the group to Southampton, Brussels, Faches Thumesnil (France), Giessen and "MK" school in andern, W. Germany, and Giessen, a city north of Frankfurt with several evangelical churches, a seminary, and a Christian school. Rev. D. Guy Neddo, also a Bryan alumnus, is organizing a city-wide performance in his community north of Paris. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wagler, parents of recent Bryan graduate Bonnie Wagler, serve in Paris and are making arrangements for both performing and monastery lodging in the Paris area. The majority of the lodgings will be in homes.

Many individuals have been involved in the planning process. Bryan alumnus Don Crane, administrator with Greater Europe Mission, has been instrumental in setting up concerts at Black Forest Academy, an "MK" school in andern, W. Germany, and Giessen, a city north of Frankfurt with several evangelical churches, a seminary, and a Christian school. Rev. D. Guy Neddo, also a Bryan alumnus, is organizing a city-wide performance in his community north of Paris. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wagler, parents of recent Bryan graduate Bonnie Wagler, serve in Paris and are making arrangements for both performing and monastery lodging in the Paris area. The majority of the lodgings will be in homes.

Excitement is running high as students apply for passports and work to raise funds for the advance payments of their travel expenses. To help bridge the language barrier, the group will learn at least one song in both German and French, will translate the entire printed program into these languages, and will use an interpreter during testimonies when necessary. The tour should have an unforgettable impact on all who meet and hear them along the way.

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Dave Wilson

end of an era

Although Wilson won't don the red and white again for Bryan College, he has no plans to retire. He hopes to ride the current wave of popularity soccer is enjoying in the U.S. right into a position on one of the semipro or strong club teams sprouting up across the country.

Not one to limit his opportunities, Wilson also plans to pursue a Master's Degree or even perhaps a Ph.D. in Sports Administration. "I don't think I'll ever be able to earn a living as a soccer player," Wilson said, "but there are lots of opportunities in sports administration in the U.S."

Ideally, Wilson hopes to earn an assistantship to a large university where he can work as an assistant coach and play for a semi-pro or strong club team in the area. Top choices for Wilson include the University of New Mexico, University of Texas and the University of Florida. Wilson plans to attend a number of tryouts and visit several schools in the early spring before making any decision.

"I know I'll play somewhere else at a higher level," Wilson said. "With the 1994 World Cup games scheduled to be played in the U.S., soccer organizations are sprouting up all across the country. There will be plenty of room for decent players. Wilson has "no desire to go back home. There aren't many opportunities in sports in Great Britain. There are only professional and club teams. Universities there are set up differently and don't have athletics like here in the U.S. The standard of living is so much higher here as well."

While he plans to move on, Wilson will take plenty of memories from Bryan. "I really enjoyed playing for Bryan," he said. "I especially enjoyed the guys on the team over the past few years. I'm happy with what I've been able to do here." Wilson's memories of his performance at Bryan are bittersweet. Twice, he scored seven goals in a single game. In 1988, his seven goals led the Lions to an 8-1 pounding of cross-river rivals, the Bulldogs of Tennessee Wesleyan. Later that same season he missed on a through pass with five minutes remaining against district leader, Christian Brothers University. The goal would have given the Lions the NAIA District 24 Championship.

Statistically, the 1989 season was far and away Wilson's worst. He moved from forward to midfield and dropped down to seven assists. The off-season was spent working out, and we've got all the right ingredients for the future," third-year coach, Carolyn Mair, said. "We're living by the press and dying by the press right now."

Junior point guard Theresa Napier, a transfer from Susan Benett College, is the key ingredient in the Lions' scrambling defense and fast-break offense. Averaging 16 points and six assists per game the 5'4" guard is shooting the lights out from the perimeter and driving the lane at every opportunity. "Theresa's the point guard we've been lacking for two years," Mair said. "With her in the game, we're a much more exciting team to watch."

"I feel like we can play with anyone in the conference from top to bottom," Mair said enthusiastically. "We'll play consistently for 28 games, put a few more balls in the hole and keep away from injuries, we can definitely have a winning season and give Lee and King a run for their money."
Second generation students have become a significant part of Bryan's student body during the 1980's. The college has 32 alumni kids enrolled this year with the number running at or above that figure consistently each year. The first students with alumni parents enrolled after Bryan's 30th year—1960. During the decade of the sixties there were only 17 second generation students, with almost four times that number (64) added in the 1970's. At the close of the 1980's, alumni files showed 102 alumni kids, almost doubling the previous decade's count. Bryan now has a grand total of 196 second generation alumni of record, two of whom are third generation alumni.

Currently, there are three third generation students on campus—Jon and Jeff Green, sons of Ralph '56 and Ruth (Toliver) x'67 Green, grandsons of Ralph '37 and Rebecca (Haeger) '38 Toliver; and Steve Williamson, son of Dick '60 and Faith (Allem) '70 Williamson, and grandson of Warren Allem '57.

The alumni office maintains a carefully updated file of all children of alumni with their date of birth. Our list grows almost daily as birth announcements from proud parents come to the office. This file becomes especially important to the college each year when Bryan's Director of Admissions requests a list of all children of alumni who have reached their seventeenth birthday—the age when they normally become high school seniors. The Admissions Office has contacted an average of 100 alumni kids each year since the list was started in 1986.

Children of alumni choose Bryan as their college home for several reasons. Most of them learn about Bryan from their parents. They develop a desire to apply to Bryan because of the fascinating "alumni stories" they hear all their lives from Mom and Dad.
Some second generation students made the decision to attend Bryan as they visited campus for the first time for their parents' class reunion. In freshman David Tilly's case it was the 20th anniversary reunion for his mother Dorothy (Miller) '68 that captured his interest in Bryan as his college home. David attended Alumni Weekend '88 along with his Mom and, afterward, decided Bryan was the place for him.

Other second generation students considered Bryan for the first time after hearing from the admissions office upon reaching their senior year in high school. Their parents had probably been reluctant to "push" their Alma Mater for their own kids, opting instead for the laissez-faire method of promoting Bryan in their families. The numbers of second generation students can only increase in future years.

Alumni whose children are accepted for admittance to Bryan receive a significant financial benefit in the form of a $500 "up front" grant awarded by the college to each student whose father and/or mother attended Bryan. Alumni who have college bound children in high school are quick to learn about this benefit through the admissions office.

It is anticipated that there will be even more alumni kids attending Bryan. The largest segment of Bryan's alumni are now 30 to 45 years of age. Class sizes at Bryan since 1975 have been between 150 and 200. Our reunion questionnaires show that our married alumni average three children in their families.

This timely growth in the alumni family census, coupled with the tradition of alumni kids attending their parents Alma Mater, would seem to assure Bryan of a surge in the numbers of second, and third, generations students in the near future.
THANK YOU STEVE SNYDER

With regret, I announce to you that Steve Snyder has resigned his position as Alumni Director to become an active partner in Snyder Properties, the family-owned real estate firm located here in Dayton. He has served as Bryan College Alumni Director for the past seven years.

When I returned to Bryan College in 1983 to direct the advancement program, I was pleased to find the alumni relations already progressing well under Steve’s capable leadership. His good work, along with that of four successive alumni presidents and their executive committees, has accomplished much in developing and strengthening the relationship between the college and its widely scattered alumni. Often college alumni only show interest in football teams and won-lost records. But as I visit with Bryan alumni, I see instead their great interest in what Bryan College is really about—students growing academically and spiritually.

The involvement and support of Bryan College Alumni is a great example to others. Bryan Alumni are the Best!

And thanks again to Steve Snyder for seven years of dedicated, faithful service to Bryan College and the glory of God.

Stuart C. Meissner
Vice President for Advancement

Announcing New Alumni Director

Named as the new Executive Director of Alumni Programs is Paul H. Ardelean, presently Dean of Students at Bryan College. Paul joined the Bryan staff as Dean of Men and Athletic Director in 1984 and assumed the Dean of Students position in 1986.

He attended Bryan College for two years (1951-53) and then graduated from the University of Michigan in 1955. He holds a M.A. degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University.


Paul’s professional background has been in public and private education—both in teaching and administrative positions in the United States and overseas.

After completing a Navy enlistment, he held elementary and high school teaching positions in Michigan. In 1969, Paul and his wife, Jane, a teacher, joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, teaching at the American School of Brasilia, South America. He served as administrator of the American School (sponsored by the U.S. State Department) and then as superintendent of the school until 1983.

Paul will share alumni and student development responsibilities until the end of the current school year. He will become the full-time Executive Director of Alumni Programs on July 1st.

DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Steve Snyder, Director of Alumni Affairs

What Do I Know?

After 7 1/2 years of delight in serving as your alumni director on campus, God has led me to leave this post and venture into the area of private business. My family and I will not be far from our beloved Bryan Hill. Our house is located on the edge of campus just two doors from the home of Rebecca (Peck) ‘40 and Lowell ‘42 Hoyt. (Younger alumni are here reminded of “Miss Peck” who nurtured Bryan alumni to a viable organization over a period of some 30 years as Alumni Executive Secretary.)

When the Lord moves me from one position to another, I’ve learned to reflect on what I know from the past experience He’s given me. What do I know? At Bryan I’ve heard and observed much about how He works in and through the lives of His people. Sitting through any one of the past seven commencements is convincing enough for me. I’ve seen the lives of students transformed during their four years here.

On the other hand I’ve heard the personal perceptions of some alumni—the glimpses. A few have told me that Bryan college is “too strict, too legalistic” to merit their support. A few others, smaller in number, feel that Bryan is “not strict enough.” In all cases I’ve found that these opinions are formed from a limited perception. Some of our alumni are only seeing a small part of the “elephant.”

What do I know? After 2 1/2 years as a student at Bryan, 25 years as an alumnus, and 7 1/2 years as alumni director, I can confidently write that I’ve been privileged “to see the elephant.” From the wide perspective of the alumni office, I’ve learned much about Bryan College and have seen the effects of the Spirit of God in moving and molding lives for His service. God is at work at Bryan—always has been. God’s Word is taught and honored at Bryan—always has been. All alumni are part of that work, and have benefitted from sound Bible teaching, whether we realize it or not.

What do I know? I am confident that all who are involved in the work at Bryan are fully committed to the principle that whatever is done at this college will bring honor and glory to our Lord. With the constant prayers of alumni and friends of Bryan, that commitment will continue.
MISSIONARY ALUMNI NEWS

by Rebecca Peck Hoyt '40

Ruth Ann (Adams) '51 Cone had a good trip to the States in August from Lyon, France, to attend the wedding of her son Kip and his bride, Mary. It was also a good reunion with her five children. This year marks the 25th anniversary of their chateau de St. Aitans in which Ruth Ann continues to minister to a sharing group and has individual Bible studies with several ladies.

Norma Sweaney '53 came on furlough in June from her post at the Chiangmai Evangelism Fellowship in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She reports that during 1988 CEF reached 334,319 children enrolled in eight vacation Bible school sessions in Brazil. There were 62,489 decisions for Christ. Included in these figures were 73,407 reached in the public schools where 13,036 decisions were recorded.

Leona Bair '54 was scheduled to return to Chiangmai, Thailand, leaving Seattle, where they have traveled safely over 45,000 miles in the hope of helping someone there develop as a preacher. (Fix)

Fellowship in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She reports that during the ESDA Revolution of February 1986, in Manila, Philippines, when more than 18,000 persons were killed or injured, the only church that had not been occupied or destroyed was the CEF church, according to a CEF worker who was also a guest in our fellowship. The Kile family plans a Christmas trip to visit relatives in their home in Richmond during this furlough. They return to Colombia.

AIDS, which he is distributing to pastors who plan a pastoral role in a church, and who envision a bi-vocational church ministry. Together John and Rachael are involved in friendship and in recent years has been an extension program for those who do not choose to be involved in the residential programs. They hope to use both resident and visiting faculty to lead the students through Bible studies devoted to developing character traits required of church leaders.

Allan '81 and Kathy (Kindberg) '82 Courtwright with their children, Katrina, Kim, Jaimie and Joseph spent the summer at Wycliffe's International Training Center in Dallas, Texas, where Allan was enrolled in classes from June 5 to August 15. Kathy took a course in Ventura Publisher for two weeks. Then they returned to Washhaw, North Carolina, where she is continuing her study in management and formation of non-profit organizations. His training and Kathy's computer publishing tools will be very useful when they return to Colombia.

Don '69 and Shirley (Pierming) '69 Emerson with their four children—Derick, Carra, Deleena, and Jared—flew to the Island of Dominica on October 30 to begin a ministry under Berean Missions. They are teaching at Berean Christian Academy and assisting in other ministries from October through May. They are living in the City of Roseau. Don and Shirley have been teaching in Michigan at the Perry Baptist School where Don was also principal.

Bonita (Gunn) '70 Nordaas lives in Sendai, Japan, where her husband Arnold teaches in the hope of being able to speak in their churches in the congregation. The pamphlet provides adequate medical information for the commonest of the diseases of the Gospel. Gloria is teaching two Bible studies each week and hopes to start a small discipleship group. The Murfis plan to take furlough in July, 1990.

Mark and Priscilla (Chapman) '79 Young, working in Vienna, Austria, under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, are involved in making plans for a missionary to incorporate the positive aspects of the EES extension training. The plans being considered for beginning classes in the fall of 1990 include (3) a two-year resident program for students who envision a bi-vocational church ministry, (2) a four-year program for those who plan a pastoral role in a church, and (3) an extension program for those who do not choose to be involved in the resident programs. They hope to use both resident and visiting faculty to lead the students through Bible studies devoted to developing character traits required of church leaders.

Malcolm (Mac) '56 and Rhoda '56 Bradshaw sent their three-year report following the ESDA Revolution of February 1986, in Manila, Philippines, when more than 20 million people responded to the Cardinal's call for the people to place their eyes on Jesus Christ and to see that the problems were not solved in a political way. The non-profit company founded by Rhoda's staff as "Rhoda's Treasures" and a separate quilt ministry (known as "Kneeling Bells") has now employed 300 people from eleven different squatter communities throughout Manila in their homes and in two plants. Their ministry has also engaged the interest of several business executives who are helping to develop industries in community cooperatives and also housing. A vision is emerging to establish "Kingdom Colonies" in rural areas of the Philippines.

Dale '60 and Lorectus (Pemberton) '62 Comstock, who make their home in Sawyer, Michigan, had a great summer with 745 children enrolled in eight vacation Bible school sessions in Sawyer and a Gospel tract distribution. In November they were scheduled to make a trip to several eastern states in promotion of their winter ministry in Guatemala. They are sponsoring a project to supply teaching material for Guatemalan teachers. They are operating under the Grace Baptist Church Missions through the Calvary Baptist Church of Crystal River, Florida.

Jane Claycomb '64 resides in St. Mary, Jamaica, where she teaches in high school. With the new term this fall, they are grateful for the new building for the high school which was made possible by the gifts of Christians of the United States. During the past summer Janet was involved in five weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School with good response from young people who said their lives were blessed and challenged. Jamaica was spared when Hurricane Hugo passed by, but the financial situation is very critical now.

David '65 and Ann (Kelly) '65 Lindb were on hand for the beginning of the new school term at the Fortaleza Academy in Brazil on August with three new teachers—two teachers and a secretary. The Lindes marked their 25th anniversary on September 5, having spent twenty-two years of their lives in Brazil. They are rejoicing also in the construction that began for a new Baptist Church in Jardim Iracema, where they participate in the work and in fellowship.

Tom and Peg (Margaret Driver) '72 Kile share several experiences of contacts in Mombasa, Kenya, where they work under International Missions. A 79-year-old Muslim was persuaded to spend time in early morning sessions with Tom to teach him Gujarian. Assisting then moved opened the way to show a video with a dynamic Gospel message preached to kids for that video. The Kile family plans a Christmas trip to visit relatives in Uganda and Rwanda.

Duncan G. Haasc '67 and Rhoda (Adams) '67 are home on furlough from Ecuador. Gene is a licensed pilot/mechanic with Missionary Aviation Fellowship and in recent years has been manager of MAF's Ecuador program. He and Lynn, with their two daughters, live in Shell, a town on the jungle's edge. In July Gene attended a managers' conference in Redlands, California, and then ferried a new Cessna 206 to Colorado Springs for a dedication service. The new plane will be used to carry out Compassion ministries and other mission work in Ecuador. The Jordans have served four years in Ecuador, providing transportation by airplane in remote jungle regions, as a service to the evangelical church. They plan to return to Ecuador in January 1990.

Don '75 and Sherry (Hill) '74 Jordan have joined Mission to the World and Dan is in charge of the Summer Missions Program and also directs recruitment for all their programs.

John and Rachael (Cowen) '76 Sherwood are living in Janosboro, Georgia, during their furlough from ministry in the Philippines, where they have been serving under UFM International. John is teaching a course in beginning Greek at a local Bible college and preparing a slide show and display tables for furlough ministry. Together John and Rachael are working on the staff with their home church, especially in its cell ministry.

Ron and Gloria (Price) '77 Murff welcomed a volunteer couple including a pastor and his wife in teaching their children, Andrew and Rachel, in Butere, Rwanda, where they serve under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to his work at the clinic, Ron has prepared a pamphlet on AIDS, which is distributing to pastors in the hope of being able to speak in their churches to the congregation. The pamphlet provides adequate medical information for the commonest of the diseases of the Gospel. Gloria is teaching two Bible studies each week and hopes to start a small discipleship group. The Murfis plan to take furlough in July, 1990.

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Dennis and Celeste (Beatty) '80 Richards have returned to Alaska, August 18, where they are involved in friendship evangelism under InterAct Ministries. Dennis has been writing many new stories and projects, such as rebuilding the engine on one of the buses used to bring children to Victory Base Camp. Celeste has been doing secretarial work in the office for the camp which has facilities that are used all year for retreats, conferences, and camps. The Richarsons are located in the city of Palmer which is close to Anchorage.
Class Notes

Fifties

Janice (Hartzell) '59 Arnold, with her husband and three children, lives in Humboldt, Tennessee, where she is a teacher in the Humboldt City Schools. She has received her M.Ed. from Memphis State and has attained Career Ladder III as a teacher. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mary Ellen Bough '59 lives in Penndel, Pennsylvania, where she is Assistant Professor at Philadelphia College of the Bible.

Cliff Branson '59 and his wife, Mary Alice, have moved to Newman Grove, Nebraska, where Cliff is pastoring Rosehill Evangelical Free Church.

Robert Conrad '59 with his wife, Carol (Buell) x'60, are living in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where Bob pastors Oakwood Baptist Church.

James Cooper x'59, with his wife Janet and son James II, lives in Prescott, Arizona. James is a wildlife artist.

Pat (Stewart) '59 Cousins lives in Dexter, Michigan, with her husband, Paul '63. Pat is representative for Ward Medical Laboratory Client Services and also owns a restaurant which was rated 4 star by Detroit Free Press in January 1989.

Janet (Cummins) x'59 Flowers and her husband live in DeLand, Florida, where Janet is Marketing Manager for Three Buoy's Yacht Vacations. Janet and her husband have three children.

Sixties

Don '63 and Rachel (Paulson) '63 Reed, after 20 years of ministry in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, moved to Santa Rosa, California, where Don is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The Reeds found themselves caught in the San Francisco earthquake. They praise God for His protection during that time of crisis.

Theophilus Patnaik '63 was in Yugoslavia in November where he addressed the 9th World Congress of Non-aligned Nations in Belgrad. After witnessing the collapse of the Berlin Wall on November 9, Theo wrote, "It is exciting to see dramatic changes in Eastern European countries." His speech in Belgrad was titled "Our World - A Global Village."

Dr. Allen Mawhinney '68 is professor of New Testament at the new Orlando, Florida, campus of Reformed Theological Seminary, the first fully accredited protestant seminary in Florida.

Seventies

Norma (Klave) x'70 and Scott Dentler have two daughters—Donna, 3, and Laura, 20 months, and live in Pinckney, Michigan. Norma and her brother own and operate the family marine business and opened up a second marine store five years ago. Her husband is an airline pilot and does air shows.

Marsha (DeGroot) '71 was married in June 1975 to George Johnson and lives in Warner Robins, Georgia. They are active at Second Baptist Church and have two sons—Scott, 12, and Todd, 11.

Robert Goodnough x'72 is pastor of the First Church of God in Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Eighties

husband Tim and son Joshua, lives on a farm in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. She works as a part-time bookkeeper for two different companies.

Daryl '81 and Sandra Roberts are employed by Duke Power Company where Sandra works in Purchasing and Daryl supervises O.A. Engineering for the Hendersonville district. The Roberts have lived in Hendersonville since Daryl's graduation from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1985. Daryl spent several weeks away from home helping engineer clean-up construction of overhead power lines which had been damaged by HUGO. He will take the Professional Engineering Exam in April.

Stephen Shields '83, now living in New Carrollton, Maryland, is teaching in the School of Christian Living of Cedar Ridge Community Church. He is employed in the National Customer Service Center of USA Today.

Marc '83 and Jill (Rakestraw) '82 Emery have recently moved to Spring Lake, Michigan, where Marc has accepted a job with Proctor and Gamble. He is working in sales in the paper division.

Frederic Stahl x'84 and his wife Ute live in Ft. Myers, Florida, where Frederic accepted the position of Finance Marketing Manager for Sears Consumer Financial Corporation in November 1984. He is responsible for Indirect Lending Production for all of South Florida.

Mary (McCullom) x'86 and John Erubacher are part-time youth ministers for a local Baptist Church in Canada and Mary works with children who are hard of hearing. Her husband,
John, has invented a computer which can isolate fish by their sex and currently makes trips abroad educating those interested in this computer.

**WEDDINGS**

Ronda Becker, former Assistant Professor and Associate Dean of Students at Bryan, and Jeffrey C. Liikental on November 25 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, Tennessee.

Eric Allen ’85 and Karen Knight on July 22 at Central Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Bruce Beatty ’85 and Karri Sue Thomas on December 30 at Treasure Valley Bible Church in Boise, Idaho.

Tina Pierce ’85 and Brian Edward Volz on December 9 at First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe, Florida.

Jonathan Klaus ’86 and Christine Faye Deskins on November 11 at Eastfield Bible Chapel in Dallas, Texas.

Cindy Lambert ’86 and David Brian Thomas on January 1, 1990, at Simpson Chapel, United Methodist Building, in Washington, D.C.

Debbie Lilley ’86 and Tim Vercuteren ’89 on October 28 at Coquina Presbyterian Church in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Mary McCallum ’86 and John Brubacher on October 7 in Canada.

Nat Box ’87 and Dr. Scott G. Morris on August 13, 1988, at Shades Mountain Bible Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Greg Harshman ’86 and Tina Marie Platt on January 27, 1990, at the Nazarene Church of Pampongo Beach in Pampongo Beach, Florida.

Melody Kramer ’88 and Timothy D. Walker on December 16 at East Dallas Christian Church in Dallas, Texas.

Melody is teaching Home Economics at Wylie High School in Plano, Texas, and Tina is a Training Specialist at ITI phone company in Las Colinas.

Angelia Arnold (Jr.) and Willard Dwayne Price ’89 on December 16 at New Union Baptist Church in Dayton, Tennessee.

Christine Bair ’89 and Craig R. Meredith on October 28 at Riverside Bible Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Elizabeth Riviera ’89 and Anthony Cowan (So.) on November 18 at the French Residence in Seminole, Florida.

Rhonda Oxentenko ’90 and Michael A. Forbes on September 3 in the home of the groom’s parents in Dayton, Tennessee.

**BIRTHS**

To Jack ’75 and Jeannice (Warren) ’79 Rody their second son, Thomas Warren, on September 30 in Elizabeth, Tennessee. Thomas joins brother Peter who is 5 and in preschool.

To Lec ’78 and Lynn (Lewis) ’79 Bailey their second son, Margaret Lee, on November 17 in Marietta, Georgia.

To Mark ’79 and Chris Combs, their third daughter, Ashley, on October 5 at Kettering Medical Center. Caleb joins sister Anna, 4, and brother Luke, 2. The Combs live in Dayton, Ohio.

To Lynette (Goehring) ’78 and Chad Brasious their second son, Joshua Steven, on October 17 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Joshua joins brother Aaron who is 2.

To Betsy (Arnold) ’80 and David Widman their sixth son, Jacob Mark, on March 6 in Sioux City, Iowa. Jacob joins brothers-Peter, 10; Ernest, 8; Joshua, 6; Caleb, 4; and Christopher, 2.

To Anita (Davis) ’79 and Raymon Prince their third child, Andrew Raymon, on October 11 in Jacksonville, Florida. Anita stayed with her mother in Jacksonville until after the birth of Andrew while Raymon moved their belongings from Pennsylvania to Dahnobega, Georgia. Anita went to her new home in Georgia after a short recovery period, as Raymon has accepted the pastorate of Bethlehem Baptist Church there.

To Randy ’79 and Beverly (Holt) ’78 Stewart their daughter, Laurie Jean, on September 18 in Ft. Payne, Alabama. Laurie joins brother Benjamin who is 4.

To John and Cathy (Jowett) ’80 Beale, a son, Taylor David, on October 2 in Woodstock, Georgia. Taylor joins sisters Maria, 5, and Stephanie, 2.

To Kathy (Williams) ’80 and Mark Carpenter, twin sons, Jonathan Michael and Daniel Bryant, on March 15 in Brick, New Jersey. Kathy and Mark are praising the Lord for the miracle He performed when both babies contracted viral pneumonia. Jonathan stopped breathing and Mark administered CPR until they got to the hospital. Daniel was admitted later that day and both babies were on respirators for about a week and a half. Kathy was recovering well and Daniel was given an overdose of medication by mistake and nearly died. But Kathy says, "we now have two energetic and inquisitive little boys to go with our energetic and inquisitive little girl." Karissa is 20 months old.

To Dave ’80 and Debbie (Dy) ’79 Marvin, their fourth child, Matthew David, on October 31 in Bremen, Indiana. Matthew joins sisters Jennifer, 9, and Lori, 7; and brother Eric who is four.

To David ’81 and Susan (Kaufman) sp. ’80 Broersma, their third child, Stacy Michelle, on October 11 in Traverse City, Michigan. Stacy joins sister Emily, 3, and brother Philip, 18 months.

To Karen (Dye) ’81 and Eric Massingill, their third child, Rachel Ann, on October 22 in Lompoc, California. Rachel joins sister Hannah, 4, and brother Joshua, 2.

To Daryl ’81 and Sandra Roberts their second child, Amber Denicia, on November 20 in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Amber joins brother Anthony who is 6.

To Jill (Rakestraw) ’82 and Marc ’83 Emory their third child, Morgan Elizabeth, on November 19 in Spring Lake, Michigan. Morgan joins sisters—Paige, 6, and Kendal, 5.

To Scott ’82 and Joy (Thompson) ’83 Hooker their first child, Benjamin David, on October 17 in Sulphur, Louisiana.

To Ed ’83 and Michelle (Poumakis) ’84 Brilla son, Joel Eleuther, on December 6 in Lantana, Florida. Joel joins brother Paul, 2 1/2; and sister Danielle, 5. Ed is still working at Florida Power and Light Company and Michelle keeps very busy taking care of the family.

To Don ’83 and Cathy (Doss) sp. ’85 Turner a daughter, Caitlin Elise, on October 27 in Dallas, Texas. Caitlin joins brother Don David, 5; and sister Marla, 4.

To Odalis (Gonzalez) ’83 and Gary Miedema their first child, Michael Alejandro, on October 3 in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Odalis is a medical student at Francisco Marroquin University and her husband is in missionary work.

To Carol (Davis) ’84 and Randy ’85 Vernon, a son, Matthew Dane, on October 21 in Denver, Colorado. Matthew joins sister Courtney who is seventeen months old. Randy and Carol are both attending Denver Seminary.

To Kerry ’85 and Lisa (Emmett) sp. ’85 Carver, their second daughter, Olivia Elizabeth, on December 20 in Columbia, South Carolina. Olivia joins sister Katie who is 3.

To Sandy (Jones) ’85 and Jimmy Hutchinson, their first child, Shelley Tamaree, on September 19 in Summerville, South Carolina. Sandy and Shelley came home from the hospital the same day that Hurricane Hugo hit, but their home was sourfd and they are safe. They were without electricity for eleven days but their life is returning to normal, and they are praising God for His care for them.

**ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES**

Send, or call inquiries to Alumni Office, Box 7000, Bryan College, Dayton, TN, 37321. Phone (615) 775-2041, and ask for alumni office. Inquire by the number printed at the end of each job description.

Hospital in south Georgia needs: Assistant Hospital Administrator, Assistant Controller, Marketing Director, Assistant Marketing Director 

Teacher needed in Elementary/middle school or Special Education in New England. 

**WITH THE LORD**

Howard Adleman ’53 on October 27 in Lakeland, Florida. He had been ill for some time but died very suddenly from a stroke. He had been in the ministry for 38 years pastoring churches in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Florida.

Eileen Edmiston, wife of Avris Edmiston ’60 on September 30 in Memphis, Tennessee, after a short illness.
Bryan College National Phonathon
February 1-27
Evenings and Saturdays

Why: To ask you to help fill the gap between the amount students pay for a Bryan education and the actual cost to the college. Almost one-half has been supplied...$450,000 more is needed by June 30, 1990.

We'll be trying to call you!

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE
Bryan College Campus
July 22-27, 1990

Families: Living God's Word

Featuring:
Paul Van Gorder of Radio Bible Class will speak for five evening sessions.

Chuck and Winnie Christensen will conduct workshops on family communications. Authors of several books, including How to Listen When God Speaks, the Christensens write the advice column in Moody Monthly on focusing on family living.

Jim Reece, deep baritone voice and trombonist, will direct music.

Duane Geib, dynamic youth leader.

Dan Oberg, junior high director.

Dale and Lorey Comstock, puppeteers and child evangelists.

Becky Young, teacher of fives and sixes, and a new class for 3-and 4-year-old children is being added.

Also:
Destiny in Dayton-A play taken from the transcripts of the famous Scopes Trial, re-inacted in the Rhea County C
Swimming in Bryan's new olympic-sized pool
Hiking in Pocket Wilderness in Rhea County, Tennessee
Whitewater Rafting on the wild Ocoee River and Recreation at Cumberland Mountain State Park

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