Ladonna Olson and her students at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility in Pikeville read a short story during a freshman English class.

Bryan behind bars

Prison classes offer more than just 3 R's

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The American Revolution was touched off by a tax on tea. But the Boston Tea Party was no party! It was the start of a war.

Judging from the reports, another revolution is about to be launched. This time the tax is not on tea. In Tennessee, it may be on everyone’s income. Other states are exploring increases in property and sales taxes. Even the lottery is being embraced as a new source of revenue.

Taxpayers are beginning to feel like their pockets are being picked. However, it is not for the support of a far-off English king. It is for the education of our own children. Some would say it is for the very survival of America’s future.

A crisis clearly does exist in American education. On the one hand, it is a crisis of quality - or rather the lack of it. In a land where most of our problems are solved by spending more money, a second crisis has overtaken the first. It is a crisis of cost. Must we spend more on education and, if so, can we afford it?

I do not profess to have answers for America’s education woes or for those of Tennessee. Bryan College offers more than enough challenge to satisfy me. However, if I don’t have all the answers, I do still feel entitled to ask some questions.

Is money the answer to the crisis in education? No less an authority than William Bennett, former secretary of education, said it will take more than money. He indicated that America now spends more on education than other nations do. According to Bennett, “The problem in American education is not money. The problem is trying to do too many things.”

Charles Smith, commissioner of education for the State of Tennessee, is calling for both education reform and more money. “Tennessee has too few dollars chasing too many problems.”

Are public colleges and universities underfunded? According to today’s newspaper, they are. “Enrollment at Tennessee colleges and universities is nearing an all-time high despite funding at the lowest level since the 1975 recession… the legislature’s current appropriations for higher education are at their lowest level in 17 years.” Tennessee is not alone. More than 30 states have cut funding to higher education in a desperate effort to balance their budgets.

Private colleges that have been living with financial stress are now moving over to make room for their public counterparts. Their problems are not identical. In Tennessee, the average tax subsidy exceeds $5,000 per student per year. That is for operating alone. Capital costs are almost totally underwritten. What the taxpayer spends, the student saves. Tuition at public colleges averages only one-fourth that charged by private institutions.

Public colleges may soon narrow the tuition gap. Large tuition increases are no longer exclusive to the private sector. Some state university systems are increasing fees by more than 40 percent. Still, the students selecting a private college must pay a price. Hence, my third question. What would happen if “choice” were introduced? The explanation for “choice” varies, but usually involves allowing a student to attend the school of his or her choice and then directing tax dollars toward the funding of that choice, whether public or private. The argument is that quality goes up and cost goes down when students and their parents are given more choice.

Many states, including those bordering Tennessee, already have a tuition-equilibrium program for higher education. Some are considering extending choice even to elementary education. More voices are being raised in favor of students being allowed to choose their education based on quality and preference - not cost and ability to pay.

A solution to America’s education and economic dilemma is not yet in sight, and there is probably no single solution since it is not a single or simple problem. We ought to feel a measure of sympathy for local, state and national representatives who are being called upon to solve the problem. The demands of the future and the wishes of the people are difficult to even identify. They may be impossible to unite.

As awesome as the challenges are, they provide an excellent opportunity for a private Christian college like Bryan. Having lived with financial restraint for decades, the crisis seems like old news. Still vulnerable, Bryan College has enjoyed the faithful and sacrificial support of its constituency even in the current recession. Though struggling to meet the faculty notes

Dr. Richard Cornelius made a presentation on the Scopes Trial to the Zoology Department of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Oct. 18. UT professor Dr. Gary F. McCracken wrote, “It was unquestionably the best attended departmental seminar that we have had this semester and it was greatly appreciated by all who attended.”

Dr. Kurt Wise attended the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America Oct. 21-24 in San Diego, Calif.

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Bryan College’s teacher training program has been ranked among the leaders in the state by the Tennessee Department of Education according to Dr. Kenneth Froemke, head of the college’s Department of Education.

Bryan seniors ranked tenth among the 39 schools offering teacher training programs in Tennessee in the percentage of students who pass their National Teacher Exam. The rankings, listed in a report entitled “National Teacher Exam Performance Summary by Institution,” were compiled in a study by the state department of education between 1986 and 1990.

Dr. Froemke also said that the state department of education has selected Bryan’s teacher education program as one of four in the state to be used as models in training sessions for the State Board of Examiners.

“This means that Bryan’s program for teacher training is surpassing most Tennessee colleges in terms of excellence and has become highly competitive within the state,” Dr. Froemke explained.

Students entering Bryan’s teacher education program must score at least 22 on their ACT test as well as earn a college average of at least a B-minus before they are permitted to participate in student teaching. This spring, 16 students will work in Rhea County and Dayton City schools to complete requirements for licensure in Tennessee.

Bryan President Dr. Kenneth Hanna said, “Education is at the top of everyone’s agenda, and Bryan College is no exception. Our teacher training program is something we have been emphasizing strongly for the past several years, and it is gratifying to see that our work is being recognized by the State of Tennessee.”

“About 30 percent of our alumni are in the education profession and we hope to see that number continue to grow. Education is a profession which allows one person to touch the lives of many, many people, and we are committed to providing the finest possible training for tomorrow’s educators.”
Admissions staff pleased with response to Caravan

Nearly 200 prospective students and their parents visited Bryan College during November for the fall Caravan, admissions director Tom Shaw reported.

One hundred twenty-six students and 65 parents from as far away as Maine and California came for the three-day look at Bryan, which included visits with students and faculty members, information on financial aid, tours of the campus and the opportunity to sit in on classes.

In all, some 16 states were represented, with the biggest majority of students coming from the Southeast.

"This was an outstanding group," Mr. Shaw said. "They were here for a good time, of course, but they also were serious about learning about Bryan. For example, we had 85 or 90 in the session on financial aid where in years past we have had 15 or 20. And there were a lot of students at the faculty fair where they got to meet and talk with faculty and staff members.

Students and their parents or sponsors were asked to evaluate the weekend, and most evaluations were positive, he said.

Mr. Shaw said he was particularly pleased with the evaluation of the chapel service. "I'm happy it ranked so high because we used in-house people for the program - the Chamber Singers and Dean Ropp spoke. It's great that we have people on board who can do such a fine job for a program like this."

Caravan is a semiannual event at Bryan.

First Science Bowl a winner for college, Lakeside Christian

Bryan College's science faculty was looking for a way to encourage Christian high school science programs - and their teachers - as well as showcase the college and its science department. They hit upon the idea of holding a Science Bowl.

Modeled on academic bowl team competitions, four-member teams would answer questions from the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, earth science, astronomy and computer science in a round-robin, double-elimination tournament.

Invitations were sent to Christian high schools throughout the Southeast, and teams from nine schools attended.

Students and their sponsors arrived on campus on Friday. Everyone attended a banquet which included a talk by Dr. Kurt Wise, director of Bryan's Origins Research program. College faculty members met with advisors to exchange ideas about science teaching in high schools and to present information about Bryan's science program.

Competition began about 9 a.m. and the championship round concluded about 5 p.m. Saturday.

A team from Lakeside Christian Academy in Clearwater, Fla., scored a come-from-behind victory in the event over Curtis Baptist School from Augusta, Ga., which had entered the championship round without a loss.

Members of the winning team were presented individual plaques and were offered $1,000 scholarships to attend the college. The winning and second-place schools were presented plaques.

Dr. Robert Simpson, chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, explained that the college did not have all the material needed - a timer, a control box for contestants' responses and prepared questions particularly - but was able to borrow the items from Tennessee Technological University.

In addition, he said putting on the Science Bowl required assistance from many faculty and staff members as well as students throughout the day.

Dr. Simpson said the participants appeared to enjoy themselves, and their advisors were enthusiastic because it gave them an opportunity to compare their programs with what other high schools are doing and with what at least one college requires of its students.

In addition to the students enjoying themselves, Dr. Simpson added that the teachers seemed to learn something as well. "A lot of the teachers left saying they're going to have to do more in the classroom after seeing what similar schools are doing."

Provost Dr. William Brown said the Science Bowl is an excellent way to bring students to the campus and let them see what is available without the full-blown "sales pitch" of a formal prospective student visit. 
Farney earns U.S. honors for geography education

Rick Farney, '76, a geography teacher at Rhea County High School, was one of 32 teachers from 15 states who spent three weeks in Atlanta this past summer learning high-tech methods for teaching geography in the classroom.

He also received one of 25 Distinguished Teaching Achievement awards presented by the National Council for Geographic Education.

Rick participated in the first Educational Technology Leadership Institute, jointly sponsored by IBM and the National Geographic Society, which included a review of basic hardware and geography education software applications. In addition, participants were introduced to many of the newest classroom technologies such as laser videodiscs and telecommunications.

"This institute is about a revolution in education. It is about innovative uses of technology that enhance teaching and learning. This revolution will be driven by resourceful leaders in education, including the graduates of the first Educational Technology Leadership Institute," said James Dezell, vice president and general manager of IBM Educational Systems.

Rick said he became involved with the statewide geography alliance program when it began in Tennessee about the time he began teaching at Rhea County High School. He took courses the alliance offered for two summers, then began teaching in their institute. In addition, he became active in the leadership of the alliance, serving as editor of the newsletter and participating in a number of statewide curriculum conferences.

He was nominated for the National Geographic/IBM summer program by Dr. Sid Jumper, head of the geography department at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

In announcing the honor, Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society, said teachers were selected "because of their leadership skills, their ability to give effective presentations and their familiarity with computers."

In addition to winning a place in the institute, Rick was named winner of one of 25 Distinguished Teaching Achievement Awards for 1991, presented by the National Council for Geographic Education. Nominations were made by fellow teachers and winners were selected by a panel of judges. The awards program was open to teachers in the United States, Canada and Department of Defense schools abroad.

"I'm glad for the recognition for the county and the school," Rick said. "And the kids got a charge out of it. I appreciate it personally too."

Sixteen students have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, including, from left, front, Susi Simpson, Laura Coachman and Beth Simpson. Second row, Sheila Mayhood and Kayla Buchleiter. Third row, Jill Nicely, Sherri Jones and Susan Harrison. Back, Doug Mann, Jon Green and Marc Neddo. Not pictured are Jeff Louallen, Everett Bracken, Paul Neddo, Timothy Wehse and David Weissenburger.

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TV crew visits campus

Bryan had several moments in the spotlight Nov. 25, when WTVC Channel 9 television from Chattanooga broadcast live portions of a feature story on Dayton and Rhea County from in front of Rudd Auditorium.

Reporter Carole Houser featured the relationship between William Jennings Bryan, the Scopes Trial, the college and the community during her report.
Shannon Law now playing on banking team

Two alumni and a friend of the college visited Rick Hill's management and organizational behavior classes in November. From left are Claude Ashby, senior agent for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Atlanta; Walter Jackson, '82, representative for the bank; Shannon Law, '88, loan administration officer for the bank; and Mr. Hill.

Textbook exercises have given way to real-world high finance, but Shannon Law still talks about millions of dollars like they were simply problems for a business class.

Not that Miss Law - who graduated from Bryan in 1988 with a degree in business with a business administration option - takes her job lightly, it’s just that what is big money to most of us is an everyday matter in her line of work.

Shannon is a loan administration officer for The Bank of Nova Scotia in Atlanta, the person responsible for making sure her bank has all the information it needs to handle its share of multi-million dollar, multi-bank loans.

Marketing representatives of The Bank of Nova Scotia develop loans for the bank, usually involving multi-million dollar transactions in which several banks each provide a percentage of the loan. When the loan is signed, Miss Law is given the credit agreement, from which she extracts the information the bank needs to track its portion of the loan on its computer system. She passes that information along to the computer department, then follows up on the loan for the bank.

"I'M THE relationship officer to the coordinating bank," she explained. "I talk to foreign banks have offices in that state. For lending institutions, so a number of they gel it."

Claude Ashby, and Representative Toronto, Canada. Scolia, which has offices worldwide, is in loan, it’s my responsibility to make sure they need $5 million today on a particular loan, it's my responsibility to make sure they get it."

She said Georgia has favorable tax laws for lending institutions, so a number of foreign banks have offices in that state. The main office of The Bank of Nova Scotia, which has offices worldwide, is in Toronto, Canada.

This fall, when she, her supervisor, Claude Ashby, and Representative (equivalent to vice president at a United States bank) Walter Jackson (Class of '82) visited one of Rick Hill's management and organizational behavior classes, Miss Law told the class that networking is very important during a job search. In fact, she found her job at the bank because her family and Mr. Ashby were friends and attended the same church.

"I interviewed before I graduated, and knew I had the job before I went on our senior trip," she said.

Although she works for a Christian boss and there are several believers in the bank, there was quite an adjustment to make when she left Bryan.

"I THINK the hardest part about leaving Bryan and going to work in the bank was the difference in perspective between Bryan faculty and students and the bank employees. At Bryan, faculty and students were supportive and encouraging, taking a personal interest in the welfare of the students themselves.

At the bank, though, there were people from diverse backgrounds holding such varying ideals that it took a few adjustments on my part. This was to be expected, but I still found some aspects of dealing with people in the working world to be different than I imagined," she said.

"Also, I realized people are not too overt with their Christianity. I used to be very vocal; it was an adjustment not to be overbearing but not to hide it under a bushel either." Although she had to make some cultural adjustments, Miss Law said the education she received at Bryan prepared her very well for the world of work.

"I felt Bryan prepared me very well to understand the on-the-job training I received, and to incorporate what I needed to do my job. I don't necessarily use what I learned in the classroom every day, but I learned how to pick up new concepts."

ONE THING Shannon has not given up since leaving college is her love of basketball.

When she graduated, she held most of the school scoring records, and alumni still talk about her skills on the court. She said she took a break after graduation, but soon began playing again.

"I was basically burned out when I graduated; I didn't want to even see a basketball. But in the late fall, about the time practice began, I started to want to play again.

"I play in a pretty competitive women's league," she said. "I'm on a team that moves from league to league when a season ends, so we play almost year-round."

But banking and basketball aren't the only things which occupy Miss Law's time. She works with the youth at her church - Perimeter Church in Norcross - spends one night a week being discipled by a woman in that church and organizes women's small group Bible studies for her Sunday school class.

NEARLY FOUR years after she graduated, Bryan's faculty and staff still are very dear to Shannon's heart. "One thing which makes Bryan unique above all the other colleges or universities one could choose is the faculty and staff. Every time I go back it's like visiting long-time friends. They are genuinely interested in what you are up to; they genuinely care - they still care."

A stretch of road in Dayton got something of a facelift Nov. 25, when alumni who are staff members at Bryan College picked up trash as part of the Adopt A Highway program. Alumni picked up everything from cans to bottles to paper and plastic along the U.S. 27 Bypass south of the Dayton Plaza Shopping Center.

Taking part in the event were, from left, Stuart Meissner, Velma Meissner, Dawn Gardner, Jim Woychuk, Sharron Padgett, Danny Campbell, Dean Ropp, Paul "Pop" Ardelean and Paul Ardelean.
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English Department to host SE literature conference

The Bryan English Department will host the 14th annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature April 9-11.

This regional association is part of a national interdisciplinary society dedicated to exploring the relationships between Christianity and literature. The program will include sessions of papers presented by faculty from about 15 institutions. More than 50 conference guests from some 30 colleges and universities are expected to attend.

Bryan alumna and former faculty member Dr. Beatrice Batson ('44) will chair a session on John Bunyan, the subject of her most recent book.

Persons wishing to submit academic literary studies from a Christian perspective should contact Dr. Ruth Kantzer, program chairman. Papers should be eight to 10 pages long and must be received by Feb. 15, to be considered.

Questions about cost, schedule and accommodations should be directed to Dr. Richard Cornelius, who is in charge of arrangements.
Bowl game illustrates lesson: our faithful God won't give up
by Dr. Sandy Zensen
I did something unusual on New Year's Day - I had a bowl of Penn State football. It was delicious and sweet.
Penn State battled back from a 17-7 deficit late in the third quarter to overwhelm Oregon.
There's an obvious lesson here we all need to learn - and learn again as we go through the routine of living each day. It is simply: "Don't quit! Get up! Keep going! Press on!"

There is something more, though, more important and more valuable. It is knowing that God is faithful and loyal, whatever you're making dramatic, impressive gains, or you've been knocked back for a loss. He will not leave you nor forsake you. He will not give up on you. His support remains constant, day in and day out.
Despite life's frequent ups and downs - and there are plenty - the bumps and bruises of daily trials, the personal mishaps and terrible mistakes, the discouragements and the many setbacks, the Lord has not and will not ever write you off, no matter what the score or the quarter.
To the contrary, He's promised to stay to the final whistle, until "the end of the age," until victory is fully and completely realized.

Sports update
Men's basketball
The Lions men's basketball program continues to play tough through the 3-13 record to date.
Twelve of the first 16 games were with nationally ranked teams in the NAIA or NCCAA. The Lions' setback to Liberty University, which plays an NCAA Division I schedule, was particularly encouraging.
The Lions found themselves down by only seven points with less than four minutes to play but risked raising the score through pressure and fouls in an effort to win the contest.
Coach Morris Michalski continues to be encouraged by the obvious growth among the players, the class the team shows and the never-quit attitude evident each game.
Playoff hopes still remain as the Lions are 2-5 in their NAIA district, ranked the toughest one in the country. The last 16 games all district contexts, will tell the final story.

Women's sports report
The Lady Lions volleyball team finished with a 6-12 record in what must be considered a rebuilding year. Only one senior - Jerri Beck - will be lost to graduation, so Coach Camille Ratledge is optimistic about the future.
The basketball team is struggling in a difficult season, with a 1-10 record midway through January. The lone victory was over Tennessee Temple in Summers Gymnasium when Bryan took a 25-point decision. Point guard Jerri Beck led the Lady Lions with 15 points.
Also contributing are Michele Phipps, Traci Dotter and Tami Miller.
Coach Ratledge is optimistic about the team's prospects for the rest of the season and for the coming years as most of this year's team is expected back next year.

'Soccer Lions show growth
By Dr. Sandy Zensen
The 1991 Bryan College soccer team showed significant improvement in the quality of their play and their overall record.
In 1990, the team managed just four wins. This year's team, however, put together 11 wins and one tie, and earned a trip to both the NAIA District 24 playoffs and the NCCAA District 2 post-season tournament.
In District 24, the Lions lost in the quarterfinals to western division rival Christian Brothers University of Memphis. The NCCAA tournament saw Bryan defeat Palm Beach Atlantic 4-1 and then lose a close match to King College 1-0 in the semifinals.

Alum Terry Hill writes book with football great Reggie White
Reggie White
Minister of Defense
With Terry Hill
Published by Wolgemuth & Hyatt, Publishers, Inc. Brentwood, Tenn.

If you are a football fan like I am, you will enjoy Reggie White's story. I read it in one day. Stu Meisner's son, a high school senior, read it straight through.
After reading Minister of Defense, I began watching the Philadelphia Eagles just to see Reggie play.
Each of the book's four sections deal with a different facet of Reggie's life. Most of us fans devour the football section, but it is only part of the story. The section on Family helps those of us who are not black understand more about black families and possible ministries to them.
The book reads smoothly and easily with short chapters which may appeal to some younger readers.
Terry Hill is a businessman and freelance writer of Christian books and articles, specializing in sports and related material. He and his wife, Dianne, and their four children, Laurie, Kellie, Kimmie and Terry II, reside in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Mr. Hill is a 1971 graduate of Bryan College and is a member of the boards of directors for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Middle Tennessee and the Nashville Youth for Christ.

Reviewed by Paul Ardelean
‘There's a world of difference'

Prison Education Program making impact

Steel bars and barbed-wire-topped fences may close around them, but the confining atmosphere of a prison doesn’t seem to limit the minds of a special group of Bryan College students. Some 175 inmates at four Tennessee correctional facilities near Dayton were enrolled in classes this past fall in Bryan’s prison education program, and the impact on their lives is something spectacular to behold, according to Raymond Legg, director of external programs.

Bryan isn’t the only college offering courses for prison inmates, but the caring atmosphere which marks the Dayton campus seems to accompany faculty members to their classes behind bars each week “We’re told over and over again by inmates to their classes behind bars each week “We’re told over and over again by faculty in the program that we’re making a difference,” Mr. Legg said. “And we’re told by the administrative staff that they can see changes in inmates’ lives with no reason to explain them except that they’re in our program.

“The wardens at the correctional facilities are cooperative; they bend over backward to help us out. Our program being in place helps them achieve accreditation for their facility. Classes are held at the Southeastern Tennessee State Regional Corrections Facility in Pikeville, the Morgan County Regional Corrections Facility in Petros, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Wartburg and the Chattanooga Community Services Center in Chattanooga. The college also offered classes at the Carter County prison near Elizabethon in upper East Tennessee, but Mr. Legg said the distance from Dayton made that program impractical.

“We have requests regularly from prisons around the state for classes. But we just don’t have the faculty, and the distances make it impractical,” he said.

Inmate students may take some of the same classes offered students on the Bryan campus. “We have to make some adjustments,” Mr. Legg said. “I don’t water the courses down, but I grade on a different scale.”

But meeting once a week for three hours at a time gives teachers a little more flexibility in some respects than they have in the regular three one-hour class meetings. For example, they can show feature-length films or use other audio-visual material which might not lend itself to “regular” class situation.

Although they can’t come to Dayton, inmate students must go through an application process like a traditional student. They must have a GED diploma, or be a high school graduate, they have to fill out an application and must apply for financial aid. In fact, it is the federal grant and state student aid which cover nearly half the cost of the program.

Students enthusiastic about classes, teachers

“It keeps you from being brain dead in here.”

That phrase, or a variation on that theme, comes up again and again in talking with students in Bryan’s prison education program at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility at Pikeville.

Words like “challenging,” “interesting,” “rewarding” and “valuable” also enter conversations as the students try to explain what attending two or three classes a week two semesters a year means to them.

“Getting a college education keeps being here from being a waste of time. It gives us something to look forward to,” one man said. Another added, “When I get out I can say, ‘Prison was bad, but at least I didn’t waste my time.’”

Some are a little more specific. William Thompson said he has been in the program since it began. “It has really changed my attitude since I’ve been incarcerated. I’m trying to put myself under as much responsibility as people on the street are. If you let it, it can help you believe in yourself.”

Paul Brown said he had a goal of being an English teacher when he was in high school. “I never had the opportunity to go to college until I came into the (prison) system. (The classes) have improved my writing skills, which was my main goal.”

Bill Willett said the classes offer an “incentive to broaden your education. I like to write, and that’s helped me.”

Roger Bartholomay sees the college program as a unifying force for students. “This has made a group out of all of us who go to school. We have much more in common (than with other inmates). We support one another.”

He said that while the students may have something other inmates don’t, it doesn’t cause divisions among the prisoners. “They just don’t understand it, or they would be part of it,” he said.

Although students may begin taking classes for a variety of reasons, they seem to agree that there is a common desire to gain knowledge and improve their lives. Several pointed out that statistics show parolees with college educations have a much lower recidivism rate than those without. “If you have

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Students, teachers, officials can see

The similarity to traditional students doesn't end with the application process. Although the range may be greater in the prison classes, Mr. Legg said the intellectual capacity of the students varies like it does among students on campus. "We have those just out of GED training and those with Ph.D. potential. We have two students who could readily handle the rigors of a Ph.D. program," he said.

Course offerings are more restricted than on the Dayton campus, but inmates may pursue associate of arts in liberal arts or associate of science in business administration degrees.

And even though the classes are taught in a state facility - with teachers required to complete "prison volunteer" training - courses in Old and New Testament are

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Teachers see real value in inmates' lives

Bryan's prison education program may be designed as a broadening experience for inmates, but it is proving an education for the teachers as well.

"It's an eye-opening experience," Debra Phillips, instructor of modern languages, said of her prison classes. "They helped me see more of what prison is all about. They helped me get more involved in prison ministry." She has become active as a prison pen pal, through the Tri-State Jail Ministry at the encouragement of men in her Spanish class.

LaDonna Olson, who taught freshman English in the fall, said her experience has changed her perception of the inmates, "I no longer see them as prisoners but as people. I sit beside them and work with them on papers like with my students on campus. "But it is a little different having a 50-year-old man call me 'Mrs. Olson,'" she said.

Dr. Malcolm Fary said he has noticed several major differences between the prison students and those on campus. "First, in terms of academic preparation, there is a vast range of abilities, from minimal GED to those who are extremely intelligent.

"There is a difference in maturity. These are men who have had experiences in and out of prison which have given them different perspectives than the typical student."

Judging from conversations with about 70 students, "they are very conservative in their views, both concerning law and politics. And many are very insecure. I think that's typical of older students - they lack confidence to claim they have mastered a subject, while the typical college student claims they understand something after only two or three weeks.

"And they appreciate far more what we're doing," he said.

His experience teaching prison classes has convinced him that his belief that "man primarily is a thinker and learner, whether saved or unsaved. Learning gives him a sense of significance and peace. It contributes to his image as a person."

Rick Hill, who teaches math, business and finance courses said one of the pleasant surprises has been the high quality of the students. But that, in turn makes it "difficult to look over the class and realize that these men are in for murder, rape, manslaughter."

For inmates with hopes of release, the personal finance class, particularly, has had an impact. "We've talked about a budget, and they have seen that on an income of only about $60 per month they could save and have a nice little nest egg when they are released," he said.

One contrast between prison students and those on the
Alumni News

Director's Corner

God - and alumni - working to build ministry at Bryan

Another calendar year has ended. We praise God for all that He is doing here at Bryan. More alumni participated in the 1-4-1 CHALLENGE this year than last. In spite of the recession alumni giving increased.

We cannot count how many times you prayed for the college but we see the results. Thank you for serving with us.

The LION'S DEN remodeling is complete. The project was 100% subscribed. What a difference! Please stop in and see it.

The hall between the lobby and the library has been carpeted. It looks great. New heating and air conditioning units are being installed in the Ad Building and we all benefit.

We often see alumni on campus but many of you visit that we never see. Please stop in the ALUMNI OFFICE so we can meet you if we have never met. If you stop by at lunchtime I'll take you to lunch! Help me get to know as many of you as I can.

We try to get ON THE ROAD when time and funds permit. If you have a group of alumni who would like someone from the college to visit with you please let us know. If you would like us to help you get a group together in your area even though no one from our staff is there we would be happy to assist with mailings, printing, etc.

Soon we will ask some of you to complete a SHORT SURVEY which will help us know what we are doing right and what we need to do better. Please take the few minutes required to complete the survey so that we can have the highest percentage possible.

Executive Committee elections scheduled before homecoming

The election of Alumni Executive Committee members will take place this summer before Homecoming.

Some have asked why only alumni from Rhea and Hamilton counties were nominated. Since Bryan alumni have scattered all across the world we feel that it would not be possible for alumni from other than nearby counties to attend the meetings.

As usual, we will be electing the following: president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three members of the Committee on Elections.

Betty Brynoff tells Class of '81 'thanks for gift' after reunion

Betty Brynoff, Bryan College English professor under treatment for cancer, writes:

"My special thanks to the class of '81 for the gift they sent to me after their summer class reunion. Lots of fond memories belong to that class.

"The gift was a real encouragement to me while I was in Little Rock awaiting a blood stem cell transplant. Even though I'm not back to teaching yet, I'm fortunate that the recuperation process has not suffered any major setbacks.

"Thanks for your prayers."

10-year reunions set July 24-26

July 24-26 are the dates for the 10-year reunions for the Classes of '82, '72, '62 and '52.

We are planning a full weekend again and encourage you to mark your calendar and be with us.

One member of the class of '81 wrote before her reunion last year that she could hardly wait to attend. Afterwards she wrote that she is already looking forward to her 15th. Almost everyone testified that they were glad they came.

Look for the brochure which will arrive soon in your mailbox!

Lion Tracks

30 Reunions
Class of '37 - Fall '92 (55 year)

EDGERTON REID, '37, continues his lifelong ministry to the Jewish people through the Ohio Messianic Testimony in Cincinnati, OH, which was founded by his father. Edgerion specializes in making personal contacts for conversations with Jewish people to share the news that Jesus Christ is their Messiah. He noted that the name of his wife, Sophia Hege Reid, who died recently, has been registered with other courageous immigrants, to be placed on the American Wall of Honor at Ellis Island.

40 Reunions
Class of '42 - May '92 (50 year)
Class of '47 - Oct. '92 (45 year)

HAZEL (WALLER), '43, and Orville CARLSON are living in Maesai, Thailand, which is on the Burma border. Hazel has been preparing existing manuscripts for printing. Orville continues new translation, and recently finished Genesis and started Exodus, as they serve with Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

NELL PEARSON, '49, arrived in Europe 40 years ago last September and has been preparing existing manuscripts for printing. The LION'S DEN remodeling is complete. The project was 100% subscribed. What a difference! Please stop in and see it.

Paul Ardelean

Review your health care options

A federal law which took effect in December 1991, the Patient Self-Determination Act, requires hospitals and other health care-providing agencies to inform patients of their rights to agree to or refuse life-sustaining health care measures.

Many attorneys are recommending that individuals make a Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney part of their estate plan to help keep control of costs during incapacity.

If you would like information about this topic, contact Bryan's Estate Planning Department and request the booklet A Guide to Living Wills and Other Important Health Care and Financial Decisions.

Please send me a copy of your booklet. A Guide to Living Wills
Name

Street Address
City State Zip
Elaine had cataract surgery. Paul finds leaches an adult Sunday school class. NARD), '47, SYERS make their furlough new glasses are solving his vision prob-
plans to visit again. Since World War II songs. They also visited a refugee settle-
CIcarwalcr, FL, to attend the 40th anniver-
morning meetings in a church and in the serves in Salzburg, Austria. Last summer 250 names have been received so far, which is double the usual response. The College is thrilled to see this type of response, and the Admissions Depart-

ded to return to Korea in November. FRANK RUSSELL, '57, reticled from the vice presidency of Oak Hills Bible Institute last June but continues teaching. He has filled the pulpit of a small rural church.

Alumni support Bryan's recruiting efforts
This past October, Bryan College alumni received a letter from the Admissions Department promoting the annual Alumni Recruitment Project. This project encourages alumni to refer the names of young people in their area who they think should consider Bryan for their college education. More than 250 names have been received so far, which is double the usual response. The College is thrilled to see this type of response, and the Admissions Department has responded to all the students referred and admissions counselors are maintaining personal follow up with them. Alumni participating included:

Charles E. Bane '76
Sandy Bayly '82
JoAnn Beckem '78
Anita Betsch '81
Dottie Bigham '81
Lynda Blake '72
Doug Bowman '89
Clair and Martha Briskwel '46/49
Jennifer (Jenkins) Brown '74
Virginia Chatman '73
Roy J. Clark '51
JoAnne Cochrane '60
Tim Combs '90
Jeanie (Stevens) Cook '67
James M. Cooper '73
Beth Ann Corant '81
Robert Daniel '73
Jerry Day, Sr. '60
Norma Denler '69
Ruth (Rinehart) Dingus '89
Cheryl Estabrook '71

Susan (Danner) Estes '72
Frances Ford '74
Pat (Talma) Giesting '69
Becky Graves '87
Wes and Brenda Hall '78/75
Caryn J. Harris '90
Jim and Iona Harris '82/86
Rolfe Henry '83
W. Randall Hickman '75
Steve Hicks '84
Bill Hilbrands '83
David Hobbs '87
Ken and Alice Hurley '68/69
James R. Johnson '77
Russell Kaufman '65
Charles Kirtley '51
Michael Lofin '68
Angela Lowe '71
Judy Magnuson '79
Marlene (Schaper) Marsh '65
Chris McCreary '81

Linda Mezner '82
Kathy (Pierce) Moore '82
Joanne Morscheck '63
Jeff and Angela (Howell) Nyberg '84
Robert A. Peterson, Jr. '78
Maureen (Hay) Read '58
Anita Reuter '90
Eugene V. Rosenau '84
Pamela (Henry) Rowe '81
Karina (Crabler) Rudd '81
Joan (Huff) Sanford '83
Lori Seneffsky '84
Lana Simms '91
Thomas W. Smith, Jr. '75
Don Spach '79

Beverly Stewart '78
Phyllis Store '69
Susan (Patchen) Strit '79
Bryan J. Tilbot '90
Frances H. Tلل '65
Bill Taylor '83
Dorthy "Dotty" Tilby '68
Jon Troyer '91
Bob Tullberg '84
Bonnie Wagner '69
Barry Walcott '88
Mary (Groenewald) Weaver '69
Renae (Boldt) Wehr '89
Timothy Wetherbee '72
Ben S. White '40
Susan Williams '80

The Alumni Recruitment Project occurs once each year. If you have some names of prospective students, don't wait until next Fall to send them in. Just call our Admissions Hotline (1-800-277-7WBC) and we will take the information over the phone. Your interest is appreciated.
during most of 1991, Frank and Thelma are enjoying having their children close enough to enjoy their seven grandchildren.

JACK, '58, and Norma CANADY have been living in Oregon, where Jack works with Rev. Walter Duff in preparation to resume more administrative responsibility for Village Missions. The Canadys' son, Mark, wrote of a serious fall that his father had in late September when a ladder collapsed and Jack was injured. A series of "miracles"—the availability of a trauma team in a small-town hospital and the eight units of the right type of blood—were provided to spare Jack's life when he was taken to the hospital and many prayed for his recovery.

60
Reunions
Class of '62 - July '92 (30 year)
Class of '67 - Oct. '92 (25 year)

DALE, '60, and LOREY, '62, COM- STOCK had a quick trip to Guatemala in November to attend the wedding of their "Guatemalan daughter." She is director of a KID'S Company (handles the Comstocks' books in Guatemala and Central America) and her husband is a Christian concert pianist. The Comstocks planned to return to Guatemala in January for six weeks to take more teaching materials for national children's workers, who are ministering to 40,000 children weekly through national teachers. They reached 852 children who made 38 first-grade English classes and David is teaching chemistry.

DON, '69, and SHIRLEY (FLEMMING), '69, EMERSON with their four children—Derek, 18; Carma, 16; Deleena, 14; and Jared, 12, live in Perry, MI, where Don works in TSS and asbestos abatement. The children go to Grove Christian School where Shirley is teaching part-time and the whole family works in a site owned by Don's boss. Don and Shirley are considering ministering again in Dominica, West Indies.

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Reunions
Class of '72 - July '92 (20 year)
Class of '77 - Oct. '92 (15 year)

MIRIAM GEBB, x'71, and her partner, Janet Jenkins, are community development nurses in Ecuador from their base in Quito as a part of the HCBJ Health care ministry. They have worked together for 15 months to train indigenous health promoters to prevent diseases and treat basic illnesses. They are teaching 60 health promoters in 26 communities representing three Indian groups: Achuar, Waorani (formerly called Aucas), and Quichua. Each week-long course includes daily spiritual health instruction and blending Biblical teaching with medical concepts. Miriam is the "people person"; Janet is the organizer—a combination which uses the complimentary gifts God has given to them.

TED MEBERG, '71, and his wife, Beverly, announce the birth of their third child, Anissa Austen, on August 7 in Orlando, FL. Anissa joins two sisters, Kirsten, 5, and Sonja, 2.

BRUCE PAULEY, '73, and his wife, Naomi, began to homeschool their children last January. They registered in Lansing and are a certified non-public school in Michigan. Bruce is the principal of the school and Naomi is the main teacher with Bruce helping now and then. They have named their school the "S.R.P. Academy," since all the students in the school have the initials S.R.P. Bruce says that this has changed their life style. The second change in their lives came from their ministry with the church. They began making plans to build a church building in April, broke ground the first Sunday in July, and were able to hold their first service in the new building on November 10. Plans are to have a dedication service the second Sunday in January.

DAVID, '73, and KAREN (BRODSKY), '73, WOLFE have moved with their five children to Colorado Springs, CO, as staff members of International Students, Inc. They are living in one of the guest houses on Star Ranch, which was formerly Young Life's youth camp of over 50 acres on the side of Cheyenne Mountain. David is overseeing the ministries of about 40 staff. Karen
On the 29th they made their first trip to a house which has electricity, running water, and opportunities for work. The Combs children are not teaching this year. They are working as partners in their translation work—Phyllis, who began work in 1984, and Ron and Gloria Price, who have been helping a lady who has given concerts in South and North Carolina, composes music and seeks to encourage those who have special needs by “tending hearts.”

DOUG, x’81, and DIANE (SPRINGER), x’83, FOSTER announce the birth of their first child, Kacy Michele, on July 23. From their home area in Greenville, SC, she has given concerts in South and North Carolina, composes music and seeks to encourage those who have special needs by “tending hearts.”

KEITH, x’75, and FRANKIE (DILLINGER), x’77, PATMAN and their two children returned to Cameroon on July 23. In previous years they visited their Gumi friends from their first post in Ombessa. They were directed to a house which has electricity, running water, and physical frailty. Janice requests prayer for the many issues she faces in the light of Paul’s well-worn outposts twice a month. In June, 5 outposts were visited. Skip and Debbie Moriss live in Marietta, GA, with their three children—Matthew, 11; and Nathan, 8. Debbie is the director at Noonday Baptist Church Preschool and Kindergarten where they also attend church and Debbie sings in the choir. Skip is a regional sales manager for the insurance company. She is working as an office secretary who knows English and can type. They both teach Sunday school and sing in the choir. Mark also serves as a deacon.

DON BLANTON, x’76, recently planned a surprise reunion in Atlanta for his wife, CONNIE (PEACOCK), x’76, with former classmates—DEBBIE (BOWMAN) MORRIS, x’76, CAROL (MCKEMY) TRAIL, x’75, and DEBBIE (DOWDY) BROWN, x’76. Connie and Don live in Covington, LA, with their two children—James Robert, 9; and Annah, 3. CAROL (MCKEMY) TRAIL live in Largo, GA, with their three children—Nathan, 12; Jennifer, 8; and Marcus, 5. Carol supervises sewing of new curtains for the office area and brightened up the place with macramé plant hangers. The Both-whelks are grateful for an Indonesian aviation secretary who knows English and can type and use the computer.

RANDY, x’76, and LindA (BRYAN), x’79, BALLARD announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Nicole, on Jan. 27 in Hixson, TN. Cynthia joins two sisters, Serena, 6; Andrea, 3; and a brother, Jeremy, 9.

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Randy, and Gloria (Price), ’77, MurFF and their two children returned last summer to Africa but to Lesotho instead of Rwanda, where they spent their last term. Ron has been flying to the mountain areas to visit 10 clinics once a month and 3 outposts twice a month through the service of Missionary Aviation pilots. Ron is asked to preach on Sundays, so he is practicing preaching as well as medicine. They are working with another missionary couple, the McCullum, and hope to improve on their language ability in Lesotho to carry on what the McCullums leave in March for furlough. JULIE (HAWKINS), ’78, EBEIL and her husband, James, announce the birth of their third child, Andrew James, on December 10 in Kansas City, MO. Andrew joins Rachel, 6; and Ruth, 3.

David and Jan (WIGGERS), ’79, both-whellks are grateful that a new contract with the Indonesian government was signed on June 5. Dave is flying a single-engine Helio again. He can again go into the remote village airstrips. Jan supervised the sewing of new curtains for the office area and brightened up the place with macrame plant hangers. The Both-whellks are grateful for an Indonesian aviation secretary who knows English and can type and use the computer.

MARK COMBS, ’79, and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of their fourth child, Andrew Paul, on June 10 in Dayton, OH. Andrew joins sister Anna, 6, and brothers, Luke, 4, and Caleb, 2. They have three children—Matthew, 8; and Christopher, 1.

Nathan and ANITA (JAGGER), x’80, STRAND had a busy summer camping season in their affiliation with Inner City Impact in Chicago. In July the 3rd-5th grade boys had a backpacking trip. In August 96 campers from all three centers attended summer camp in Michigan; all of them heard the gospel message, and 12 of them made decisions to accept Christ. Altogether, 294 campers participated in 17 different camping trips from mid-June through the end of August. September included a fishing trip for 2nd-3rd graders from Humboldt Park Center and Family Retreat for about 10 families, Anita began homeschooling Ryan, 5, and “homoroby students” Eric, 3, at the end of August.

Peggy Woodward, x’80, is ministering in music through Menedel Heart Ministries from her home area in Greenville, SC. She has given concerts in South and North Carolina, composes music and seeks to encourage those who have special needs by “tending hearts.”
but has thirteen students which she teaches in her studio and she is taking voice lessons again.

STEVE, '82, and GRACE (SCHOTTELE) announce the birth of their third child, Benjamin Kevin, on Oct. 16 in Allen, TX. Benjamin joins a brother, Michael, 8; and a sister, Kylene, 5.

ALEC, '83, and TAMMY, '84, HARRISON have returned to their mission home in Brazil to continue their translation work among the Xavante people after a refreshing furlough with travels across the U.S. Alec is working on the translation of Exodus with some Xavante helpers. Tammy is teaching their daughters, Yvonne in the third grade, and Tasha in first grade, as well as trying to keep up with Andrew in his crawling stage.

JULIE (LILLEY), '85, SHEPARD announce the birth of their first child, Chelesa Lynn, on Oct. 25 in Lapeer, MI.

ERNE, '85, and PAUL KAY (FRANKS), '85, RICKETTS announce the birth of their son, Jakob McKenzie, on Nov. 2 in Houston, TX. JANELL (JONES), '84, NOBLE was the matron of honor and ROB, '78, and BETH (BOGGS), '78, JONES also attended the wedding. Jane is teaching fifth grade at Houston Independent School Dist. and her husband is a data processing project leader for G.C. Services.

HARRISON, '88, and SCOTT, '89, KELLY announce the birth of their first child, Haley Nicole, on Nov. 10 in Martinez, GA. Haley joins a brother, Andrew, 2; and a sister, Tori, 2, live in Lisbon, ND, where Steve pastors a church and Grace takes care of the home and family. Grace also does some freelance writing and is thankful for the use of a computer which her father, LEWIS SCHOETTELE, '58, gave her.

CRAIG CHRISTENSEN, '83, and his wife, Lynn, announce the birth of their second child, Haley Nicole, on November 10 in Martinez, GA. Haley joins her brother, Hunter who is 2 1/2. Craig is a senior marketing manager for Franchise Enterprise Inc. which operates 106 Hardee's restaurants. Craig handles the marketing of 57 Hardee's restaurants in Georgia.

MIKE, '83, and LINDA (LEAPLINE), '82, GORDON announce the birth of their third child, Benjamin Joel, on Aug. 16 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Benjamin joins a brother, Michael, 8; and a sister, Kylene, 5.

TOM '84 and LISA (KLINE), '87, and their two daughters, Yvonne in the third grade, and Tasha in first grade, as well as trying to keep up with Andrew in his crawling stage.

DONNA (MEEKINS) CRAVEY, '84, and her sons, David and Jake, are doing well. With only six months difference between her adopted son and her son by birth, and the loss of her husband before Jake was born, Donna would appreciate your continued prayers as she raises the boys alone.

E. JANE JONES, '85, and Mark Arnold were married on Nov. 2 in Houston, TX. JANELL (JONES), '84, NOBLE was the matron of honor and ROB, '78, and BETH (BOGGS), '78, JONES also attended the wedding. Jane is teaching fifth grade at Houston Independent School Dist. and her husband is a data processing project leader for G.C. Services.

ANGIEA announce the birth of a son, Matthew Thomas, on Nov. 4 in Columbus, OH. Matthew joins a sister, Sarah, who is 3 1/2.

RAUL, '88, and TARA (BUCKLEN), '89, CRUZ announce the birth of a daughter, Lydia Catherine, on Nov. 7 in Greeley, CO. Raul is working as junior high director at Bethel Baptist Church. Tara enjoys being home with the baby.

JONATHAN GARRETT, '88, and his wife, Rozalia, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elisabeth on Nov. 6 in Winchester, KY.

BRIAN, '88, and DENISE (SAVAGE), '86, GREG THORCH announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Brett, on Oct. 2 in Pleasant Valley, NY.

JEFF BAUMAN, '88, and DONNA MC DONALD, '92, were married on Sept. 14 at First Baptist Church in Roswell, GA.

MARK HOFFER, '89, has moved to Sawyer, MI, and is working in the River Valley School System as the In-School Suspension Monitor. He is also working as an accountant for Mayflower Movers.

WITH THE LORD

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ROBIN GREENE, '86, and Bill Stroud, Jr. exchanged their wedding vows on Dec. 14 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

DON PAUL, '86, and GINGER (GENTRY), '86, GROSS are now living in Knoxville, TN, where Don Paul is working with college students at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Ginger is a firefighter and is involved with the youth program at Sawyer Highlands Baptist Church.

ANN (BARINOWSKI), '89, BRYANT and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Kevin, on Dec. 12 in Anderson, SC.

TOBY JONES, '90, and Patricia Gonzalez were united in marriage on Dec. 23 at First Baptist Church in Merritt Island, FL.

PATRICIA KINEY, '89, and JEFFREY FERRELL, '89, exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 30 at Northeast Park Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, FL. Jeff and Trish are back at Bryan where Jeff is working on teacher certification.

LATINA LIGHTBOURNE, '90 and BOBBI BROOKS, JR., '90 exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 22 at Hill-Top Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, FL.

BYRON TALBOT '90 is serving a two-year term as youth minister in an English language church in Hafsfjord, Norway. DEBORAH FIEDIG '91 and Michael Valdes were united in marriage on June 29 at Palm Bible Chapel in North Palm Beach, FL. They are living in Orlando, FL, where Michael is a senior at the University of Central Florida, and serves as an accountant for Mayflower Movers.

ANDREW GERBERICH

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not teaching. They are happy to be working with DAMON, '90, and LEA (JOHNSON), '89, KELLY who work with the Jr. High group. KEVEN, '86, and ANNA (CULPEPPER), '86, WISHARD live close by so it is like having a Bryan reunion every day.

BRIAN KEAY, '86, received his Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Counseling on June 1 from Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, CA. Brian is now working as a marriage and family counselor in Los Angeles and his wife, ANNE (GORDON), '87, is teaching at a Christian junior high school.

BAJA RAY, '86, was married to Ben Irvin of Wytheville, VA, in 1989 and is living in Roanoke, VA, where she is employed by the Roanoke City Schools. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, who is 2.

CRAG CORNELIUS, '87, and his wife, Michele, have moved to Verona, WI, where Craig is pastoring the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church. He is enjoying being a pastor and finds that it is a stretching process.

KELLY (GIVEN), '87, CROUCH and her husband, Scott, live in Lakeland, FL, where Kelly is working for Peace River Center for Mental Health. It is a non-profit organization. Kelly works in the Crisis Stabilization Unit. She does admission counseling, phone counseling and suicide intervention. Her husband works with computers, solving problems, and is training the employees on the system in his home office.

TAMMY SILL, '87, and Pete Halter exchanged wedding vows on December 14 in Evelyn Chapel at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL.

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He presented a paper on extension and high education in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 21-23.

Dr. William E. Brown and Dr. Gary Phillips attended the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21-23.

Dr. Walter Emanuel spoke at First Baptist Church in Spring City, Tenn., Nov. 24. He also presented two papers at the annual meeting of the mid-South Educational Research Association meeting in Lexington, Ky., Nov. 14-15, on the National Teacher Exam and the GED.

Dr. Jack Traylor has published a bibliographic article in the fall 1991 edition of History Microcomputer Review.

Dr. Sandy Zensen spoke at the Daisy Community Church in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., Nov. 24.

Mr. Tom Shaw, director of admissions, attended the Christian College Coalition Critical Concerns Conference for chief admissions officers Jan. 9-12 in Phoenix, Ariz. He led a discussion group on “getting the most from our advertising dollars.”

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a college education, you don’t come back,” is the way one man explained it.

That idea, that a college education can reduce recidivism, sparks almost fierce opposition to recent challenges by some politicians to using state or federal grant money to pay tuition for inmates.

“Having the Pell grant at this institution (to pay the students’ tuition) is the only real rehabilitation we have. If they cut the Pell grant, we won’t have any. If they cut education out, that leaves nothing. We have trivial jobs here, but no real-life job. And the pay is not enough to pay for an education,” one said.

Students also appreciate the teachers and the efforts they make. “All the teachers make you desire to reach inside yourself for a degree of excellence, not for anybody else but for yourself,” one said.

Roger Bartholomy added, “They’re supportive, without holding themselves aloof from our position.”

Another student said faculty members make them work for their grades. “They won’t give you a grade for just showing up. I made a D in statistics and had to take it over. I made an A,” he said.

The one thing inmate-students said they would like to see changed about the program would be for there to be more of it.

One man, who has nearly completed his associates degree, said he is having trouble arranging for upper-level courses. The problem is that there is a certain amount of turnover among students that the lower-level courses are offered more frequently because there are more students for those classes, he said.

While they would like more classes, the uncertainty about funding seems to raise a fear that what they have might be lost. As one said, “I would like to be secure in the knowledge that this is going to be permanent.”

On the Road

Bryan’s faculty and staff will be on the road during the coming months:

DR. HANNA is to speak:
* March 29, Covington Christian Church, Covington, Ga.
* April 24-25, CBMC retreat near Indianapolis, Ind.
* April 25, Franklin Road Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

DR. MEL WILHOIT is to:
* Attend the national meeting of the Sonneck Society for American Music in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 14-16.
* Attend the Christian College Coalition meetings on Music in the Christian College Classroom in Indianapolis March 12-16.

DR. BRIAN RICHARDSON is to speak:
* Feb. 13-16 to adult specialist at the Mountain Area Sunday School Convention in Denver, Colo.
* March 18-21 at the Christian Workers Conference in Spokane, Wash., as the youth speaker.

Dr. Kurt Wise will speak in the Charlottesville, Va., area March 6-8.
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offered. "We teach it as literature," Mr. Legg said. "We can't proselytize, but we make no secret of our faith."

Sharing their faith as opportunity presents itself - and sharing themselves - gives the Bryan program an edge other programs can't match, Legg believes. "Bill Ketchersid and I attended a conference on corrections and education with representatives from a lot of big-name schools like Eastern Kentucky University, University of California at Berkeley, Purdue and Ball State. Over and over again, what I heard was a fear and reservation about getting too close to the students. Our teachers aren't like that. We love 'em and get close to them."

Wardens at the prisons seem to appreciate the program as well as the faculty, at least in part because of the impact on the students' lives.

Howard Carlton, warden at the Southeast Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility in Pikeville, said, "There's a world of difference" between men in the college classes and those who aren't. "The men in the program stay out of discipline problems, are more productive, they are more reasonable in dealing with them; they are more productive," he said.

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Bryan campus is preparation, Mr. Hill said. "It's neat to have a class which is prepared. They've all read the chapter and done their homework. It's a change."

Dr. Robert Simpson, who taught a prison class several years ago, echoed that sentiment: "They worked hard. They were the hardest-working class I have had in a long time."

The idea of teaching in prison was frightening initially, but the inmates soon put him at ease, he said. "The first night of class the men were sitting there in their prison garb, and I had just gone through the gate. They could sense I was uneasy. Right at the first, one raised his hand and said, Relax. We're your friends. I was never afraid after that."

"They saw we are there to help them, not just because we're getting paid. They can sense that, and it makes a difference," he said.

Dr. Simpson added that his experience changed his views about prisons and prisoners. "My conception of what prisons are like was totally wrong. I thought it was like what the B-grade movies from the '50s showed. I expected a rather dirty place, but I found it hospital-clean. I expected to find very rough-type characters, but I was surprised to find a good number of Christians among the inmates."

Dr. William Ketchersid has taught in the program since 1987 and served as director of external education from 1988 through the spring of 1991. Curiosity - and the lure of extra income - got him started, but his motivation quickly changed.

"I have stayed with it because I have had an opportunity to work with inmates and see many of them make constructive changes in their lives, both academically and spiritually," he said. "The main thing is being involved in changes that can occur."

He recounted an experience with one inmate who entered the program with a very belligerent attitude when it came to spiritual matters. He was always polite when we were talking about the course, but when the topic turned to Christianity, he simply would reject anything of a religious nature.

However, when Dr. Ketchersid and Mr. Legg went to the prison to register students for the winter semester the inmate asked to be excused early so he could attend Mass. Dr. Ketchersid said he questioned the man: "You don't believe that stuff, do you?" "Yes, I do," he responded.

Like the other faculty members, Dr. Ketchersid sees some differences and some similarities between his two groups of students. "The biggest difference, in general, the students in prison, after about the first five weeks, tend to be more serious than the students on campus. It takes about five weeks for the people who only come out of curiosity to realize that this is going to involve a lot of work, and they leave. But the ones who stay tend to work harder in general than most students on campus in general."

Another difference is that he doesn't have nearly as much contact with his prison students as he does with those on campus. "That makes the time with them more valuable. I use the breaks to talk with them, to counsel and to listen to them." He has found that, except for limitations caused by a lack of adequate library facilities, the prison students can do work comparable to that done by students on campus. This past semester, in fact, he said he taught the same way in prison and on campus and gave the same assignments and tests. "It looks as if the inmates held their own with the campus students," he said.