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a letter from the president



The updated look and feel of this edition of *Bryan Life* heralds the optimism that pervades the Bryan community. Optimism that looks forward to our next 75 years as we celebrate our first 75 years of faithfulness to our mission of educating students to be servant-leaders in Christ's Kingdom. During Heritage Week, March 14-16, we will begin our celebration with the formal naming ceremony of our administration building, now Mercer Hall, honoring our beloved fourth president from 1956-1986, Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, and culminate with numerous activities during Heritage Week in 2006.

The fresh design of *Bryan Life* conveys the idea of **Faithful Brilliance**—cherishing our past and portending our bright future. Perhaps there is no greater accolade given to a Christian—or a Christian college—than that we remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and to His word. Our biblical theme of “Christ Above All” aptly portrays our belief that it is impossible to please our Lord without living a life of faith in Him who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Bryan has also remained faithful to the vision not only of William Jennings Bryan, but also to those founders who in 1930 desired a college that would elevate the inerrant Scripture as the sole authority for all life and learning.

As the only true light in a darkened world, Christians are to be light bearers of Jesus Christ, reflecting **His Brilliance** through our desires, our minds, and our service. Brilliance also speaks to the excellence of our students' academic experience, students who are in every vocation prepared in mind and spirit to provide leadership in addressing the cultural issues of our day with the claims of Christ. Bryan is positioned for our next 75 years to be a beacon of light within Christian higher education, providing leadership throughout the academy for scholarly education with a biblical foundation.

This scholarly, biblically premised education enabling our students to engage our culture for Christ is the overarching theme of our new Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice. The Bryan Center commences this semester with its first public series of seminars in April under the leadership of Dr. Charles Van Eaton. Through the presentation of four seminars annually, the Center will enable our academic departments on a regular multi-year basis to discuss in depth a relevant cultural issue of significance stemming from their own disciplines. Each seminar will feature prominent national scholars able to address that issue from biblical perspectives, providing for Bryan students opportunity to gain understanding and to think critically regarding issues within and beyond their chosen majors.

Included in this edition of *Bryan Life* is the inaugural publication from the Bryan Center, *Illumine*, with a feature article by our own director and scholar, Dr. Van Eaton. We have chosen the name of *Illumine* to reflect our belief that the only way any of us can hope to gain understanding and a light to our paths is through the light that comes from Jesus Christ. *Illumine's* theme verse, Psalm 36:9, states, “*For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.*” All of our academic endeavors should proceed from this light and enable our students to provide light for addressing the issues of our day.



We know from Scripture that God desires to accomplish *great and mighty things* which *our minds cannot imagine*, and for Bryan College, it is my firm conviction that He will do so as we prepare our hearts for evangelism, prepare our minds for engaging all of culture with His truth, and prepare our lives as fit vessels for His service. I know you will enjoy this edition of *Bryan Life* and will join with all of us on campus as we begin celebrating our 75th birthday!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. C. Mercer".

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bryan center for critical thought and



As Bryan College prepares to celebrate 75 years of service to students, the vision for the college to make a difference in today's world—as an institution, not simply through the work of its alumni—is taking shape in the form of the new Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice.

Through its history and with the commitment of its alumni, the college has demonstrated its commitment to be a highly ranked, nationally competitive college that puts “Christ Above All.” Again and again, Bryan students have demonstrated their academic achievement, Bryan alumni have shown a commitment to making a difference, and in quiet ways the world has been impacted by the institution. But we believe the time is right to take a more prominent position in the marketplace of ideas.

The Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice will focus on developing exciting academic seminars in which scholars who are Believers and who compete at the highest levels of scholarly inquiry will speak on topics that are at the center of critical national issues. Topics we expect to address include the federal judicial system, education, taxation, science, the fine arts, and a wide range of other critical concerns.



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This is a unique opportunity for a Christian liberal arts college that is committed to rigorous academic training. The Bryan Center will be a vehicle that presents the power residing in its students and faculty to a wider audience both nationally and internationally. It is not a power that rests in man but a power that comes from God. All members of the Bryan family believe that God has not given us a “Spirit of timidity, but a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.” Our students need to see that when they leave this campus, they will be going into a world where God has placed His servants; that they will be carrying on works which He has begun; and, by His grace, they will be doing greater works in the future.

At the same time, the Bryan Center will coordinate and promote several college programs that exist to address such contemporary issues. These current programs include Summit Ministries; The Center for Law and Government and its Foundations Forum; the Center for Origins Research; and the Myers Leadership Training Institute. In addition to these established activities, new programs will be developed in public policy and classical studies. Because Bryan is a college in which teaching and learning are rooted in the classical sense of the true liberal arts—those studies suitable for the free man—all these programs will work together to expand and strengthen the academic and spiritual ministry of Bryan College both internally and externally.

The Center will open the Bryan ministry to a wider world of friends, supporters, and individuals—including elementary and secondary school teachers and academics from institutions of higher learning from all parts of the nation—through a series of four three-day seminars each academic year. These programs will bring prominent scholars to discuss various aspects of the seminar’s topic and interact with our students and individuals who come from off-campus for the lectures.

The first seminar of the 2004-05 academic year is scheduled for April 17-19, and will focus on the topic “The Natural Law: Is the Declaration in the Constitution?” This seminar will feature nationally recognized scholars such as Douglas Kmiec of Pepperdine University, Thomas West of the University of Dallas, F. Russell Hittinger of the University of Tulsa,



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Peter Lawler of Berry College, and Colleen Sheehan of Villanova University as presenters. This topic is critical to understanding how our current system of governance works, particularly as we face the critical question of the role of the federal judicial system in many of the critical issues—especially critical moral issues facing our nation.

Students and faculty will have ample opportunity to interact with seminar speakers in the question-and-answer period at the end of each presentation as well as in a reception at the end of each session. Our invited scholars also will have the opportunity to speak in classes at the invitation of Bryan professors so that students will be able to meet and share ideas with our invited guests.

Other seminars are being planned for September and October 2005, and February and March 2006. The following are possible topics:

Worldview issues How does a secular culture impact the way Christians understand the world? This is a central part of Bryan's current Summit Ministries program.

Values education Does modern secular education produce "Men Without Chests?" The Bryan College Department of Education will take the lead in this area of critical thought and practice.

Law and governance "The Law and Being Human." In this topic area, under the guidance of Bryan's Center for Law and Government, speakers will address such issues as cloning, abortion, "gay rights," and capital punishment vs. "rehabilitation"—all topics that are currently part of legal and legislative debates.

Health education in the primary and secondary grades In this seminar, critical analysis will be made of the systems now operating to examine the impact they have on both the physical and spiritual health of young people. Again, the Education and Athletics departments will develop critical issue topics and plan for expert scholars and teachers to speak.

All of the seminars will be given wide publicity not only in the immediate Bryan community, but across the nation as well. Selected papers from each seminar will be printed and distributed to a national audience through a new bi-monthly Bryan publication bearing the title *Illumine*. The inspiration for this title is the Word of God found in Psalm 36:9, "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light."

Bryan College has a powerful faculty and outstanding students. Consequently, faculty and students, not the director of the Bryan Center, will develop the topics that the seminars will examine. The common denominator across all these seminars is that all these topics will be examined from a rigorous academic perspective within the overriding context of complete confidence in the knowledge that our Lord is indeed the "Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Critical thought must produce critical practice. Another facet of the Bryan Center will be development of the new William Jennings Center for Public Policy. The William Jennings Bryan Center for Public Policy will focus on the study of economics and politics in the Light of the One Who gives light so that all members of the Bryan community, both internal and external, may come to a deeper understanding of the national and international issues of the day. Our goal will be to help educate those who must make public policy so policies that extend human liberty and promote righteousness and justice prevail.

This step is only a natural outgrowth of the vision of the College's namesake, statesman William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan believed that a government should exist to benefit its citizens, and that there is strength in an informed citizenry. The William Jennings Bryan Center for Public Policy will endeavor to prepare students and others to take the Christian worldview that Mr. Bryan espoused, and the College teaches, and translate it into action in the public arena.

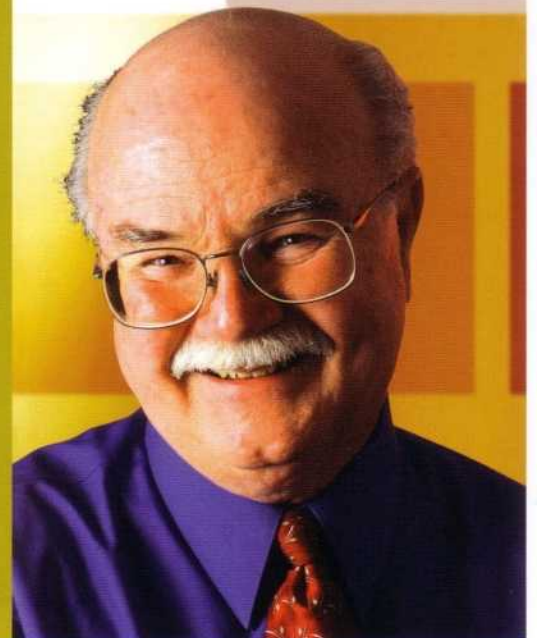
The Bryan family believes with full confidence that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." The Center for Public Policy as part of the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice will report the best in policy research in the form of scholarly papers and opinion pieces submitted to national media. These scholarly activities will help improve public understanding of critical government and business policy issues and bring awareness of Bryan College to a national audience.

The Center for Critical Thought and Practice, working with faculty, will be active in the development of innovative undergraduate programs in Classical Studies and Worldview Studies. Both will be multi-disciplinary and both will embrace and strengthen the essential liberal arts.

Using all the scholarly resources already in place at Bryan, and reaching out to tap the solid scholarship that is available in the wider Christian community, the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice will function to support the best in Christian thought and practice. The goal is to strengthen our students as they enter the world of witness and combat, expand our services to friends and supporters, and tell the Bryan College story to a wider world beyond the present Bryan Community. 🌟

a look at charles van eaton

Dr. Charles Van Eaton is Bryan's distinguished professor at large and director of the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice. Before coming to Bryan, Dr. Van Eaton was professor of public policy at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy, and served as the Everett McCabe/UPS Professor of Economics and chairman of the economics and business division at Hillsdale College. He has had more than 1,200 columns published in more than 200 newspapers, and is in constant demand as a conference and civic speaker.



75 and counting

Bryan College will take a look back and a look ahead as it commemorates 75 years of offering a quality Christ-centered education in Dayton.

“God has led and sustained Bryan College in numerous ways...”

dr. richard cornelius

The year-long celebration will officially begin during Heritage Week, March 14-16, with lectures on the educational and theological ideas of American statesman and orator William Jennings Bryan, and will conclude with graduation on May 6, 2006.

Dr. Richard Cornelius, '55, co-chairman of the anniversary planning committee, said, “God has led and sustained Bryan College in numerous ways since its beginnings after the Scopes Trial. Starting in the fall of 2003, the anniversary planning committee has been working to provide comprehensive and varied activities that celebrate God’s faithfulness and recognize the contribution of the college and its alumni to the Southeast Tennessee community and the world.”

One of the highlights of the anniversary year will be dedication of a statue of William Jennings Bryan, to be erected on the Rhea County Courthouse lawn in Dayton, during Homecoming 2005. The statue, by Chattanooga artist Cessna Decosimo, will depict Bryan at the beginning of his public career, unlike the three other statues of “The Great Commoner.”

“This statue will be a gift from the college to the community,” Dr. Cornelius said. “Bryan College is in Dayton because of William Jennings Bryan’s participation in the Scopes Trial and his wish that a school be started here to teach the liberal arts from a Biblical perspective. The people of Rhea County, along with many others, helped

make the college possible, and we hope to demonstrate our appreciation to them in this special way.”

One project that preceded the formal anniversary observance was publication of a 75th anniversary Bible, introduced during Homecoming 2004. The Bible, a NASB Open Bible Edition, has an eight-page color supplement with a brief history, pictures, and other information about the college. To order a copy, please see an advertisement elsewhere in this edition of *Bryan Life*.

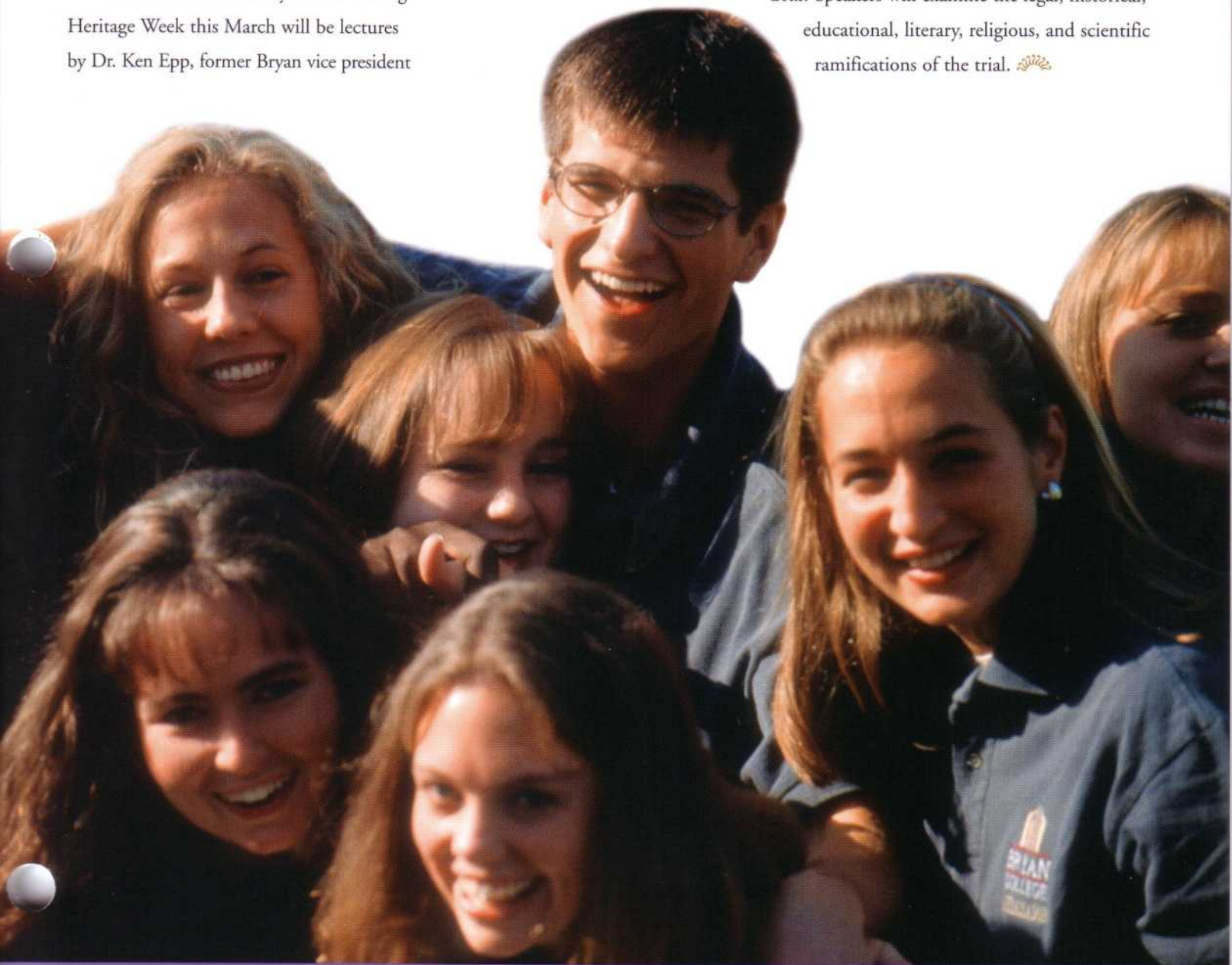
The formal anniversary kickoff during Heritage Week this March will be lectures by Dr. Ken Epp, former Bryan vice president

for student services. Dr. Epp wrote his doctoral dissertation on the impact of Bryan’s religious views upon his educational ideas and will share insights from his research.

During Heritage Week, the college will have a program to commemorate the naming of the Administration Building in honor of Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, Bryan’s fourth president. Dr. Mercer served from 1956 to 1986, a period of significant physical and institutional growth. This past fall, the board of trustees agreed to this way of honoring his leadership and contribution to the college and the community. Another feature of Heritage Week will be the unveiling of a painting by Susan Cassidy Wilhoit of current and historic campus buildings.

The celebration year will climax with a national symposium on the Scopes Trial, featuring three Bryan faculty, three alumni, and seven other experts, including historian Edward J. Larson, who won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in history for his book *Summer for the*

Gods. Speakers will examine the legal, historical, educational, literary, religious, and scientific ramifications of the trial. 🌻



Bryan College regional accreditation *reaffirmed*

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Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said the college's SACS representative was particularly impressed with Bryan's institutional effectiveness program and that "everybody on campus knows about the college mission, understands the college mission, and is enthusiastic about the college mission."

Dr. Livesay said, "This reaffirmation indicates the quality of our academic programs and the commitment which we have to carrying out our mission. To have such a clean report, with no reservations, is unusual for any public or private university in the Southern Association.

"It's refreshing to see our peers recognize the quality of all our educational programs. This is strong testimony to the strength of our faculty and the commitment by everyone on campus to excellence."

He pointed out that during the 10 years since the previous reaccreditation, SACS has modified its procedures and added criteria. At the same time, the college has maintained a Top Tier regional ranking in *US News & World Report's* listing of America's best colleges.

Announcement of Bryan's reaffirmation of accreditation comes on the heels of three other accrediting programs in the past nine months: the Association of Christian Schools International and the Tennessee Department of Education approved the college's teacher training program, and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs accredited Bryan's athletic training program.

Dr. Livesay said Dean of Instruction Dr. Ken Froemke and Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White were instrumental in preparing for the SACS visit to the campus, as well as preparing documentation the agency required.

In addition to the documentation of the college's performance, the leadership team was required to develop a quality enhancement plan. "This is a new aspect of accreditation," Dr. Froemke said. "Every college has to show how they plan to improve their programs. We had a survey which showed that Bryan needed to strengthen two areas — collaborative learning and field experience learning — so we developed a proposal to improve those areas."

Dr. Livesay said he was particularly pleased with Bryan's reaffirmation in light of the fact that SACS changed its procedures in 2000 and told the college Bryan would be one of the first to be evaluated under the new principles. 🌸

library adds SHAKESPEARE garden

Bryan students will soon have two new areas for study and relaxation as completion of the Spoede Room and the Shakespeare garden near.

Library Director Laura Kaufmann said the newly decorated Spoede Room, on the west end of the first floor of the building, will be a more comfortable space for students to study. "We're working with an interior decorator to redecorate the room as a café-style space, although we won't have a grill," she said. "We will have club chairs, more comfortable seating, and more ambient lighting to warm up the room and make it a space where students can relax."

Outside the Spoede Room is located the new Shakespeare garden, which will have benches and patio furniture for library patrons. "Karen Randen (Bryan's landscaping coordinator) is putting in plants that are cited in Shakespeare's poetry and plays," Miss Kaufmann said. "The decorative fence and pillars were designed to complement the architecture of the building."

The improvements were made possible by gifts to honor former history professor Dr. Robert Spoede and his wife, Nancy Spoede.



This old farm trail soon will become the new entrance to Bryan College, linking the campus directly to U.S. 27 just north of the State Route 30 intersection.

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a look at klon kitchen

alumnus working to protect America

Counterterrorism typically is not the vocation of choice for a Bryan Bible major, but Klon Kitchen, '99, finds himself serving the Lord and his country in the highest levels of that field.

What he's doing is working as a counterterrorism advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, D.C.

Klon received his Bible degree in 1999, and married his college sweetheart, Tracy Schultz, '99. The couple moved to Columbus, Ga., where he taught Bible in a Christian high school for a year. They decided to move to the Washington, D.C., area and both wound up waiting tables until more steady work came along.

"I was on the campus of George Washington University and bumped into a person at the school of national security," Klon explained. "I told him what I was interested in. He said he worked for a civilian national defense group and asked if I would be interested. I said, 'Absolutely.' I was there two years, then was recruited by the Department of Defense out of that job." Since then, Klon has been sent all over the world for his work, including several months in Afghanistan.

Moving into the field was not as much of a stretch as some might imagine because of the worldview education he received at Bryan. The Bible faculty "emphasized critical thinking skills, how to go to the Scriptures and very logically search the whole of Scripture to find what Scripture says about an issue," he said. "I take the exact same tools of critical thinking and apply them to a new problem set. I still use inductive and deductive reasoning, analytical reasoning, data mining. I'm taking information that is disjointed and broken up and try to make it into a coherent picture."

Klon focuses on the big-picture threat posed by the use of violence to enact political change. "On a day-to-day basis I deal with different groups, but my customers, primarily the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are more focused on how we tailor our resources to the broad issue of terrorism."

Many of his colleagues come from well-known institutions, "but at no point have I ever felt lacking," Klon said. "Bryan's approach to education is holistic. What Bryan teaches isn't just to give a scope of information; it's teaching people how to live Christian lives, extending beyond the cerebral. There is encouragement to be consistent, thoughtful, and exploratory."

"Those kinds of things have been used by the Lord to differentiate me from others. I'm someone who has a reasoned worldview by which I enjoy my job, my friendships, my marriage. Bryan has influenced all of those things. I don't think [those other schools] influenced anything except academics." 🌿



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klon kitchen, class of 1999

a look at charles thomas

never too old to learn

College seniors may try to convince underclassmen that they are special because they have been around for four years, but those seniors don't have anything on Bryan's "senior" student.

Charles Thomas turned 85 years old on Dec. 13, 2004, but you can regularly find him in chapel or a Bible class, sitting alongside students a quarter his age.

Mr. Thomas, who lives with his wife, Theda, in nearby Hixson, Tenn., is taking Dr. Dan Wilson's class on the Prison Epistles of the Apostle Paul. This past school year he took classes on the Pentateuch and the Poetic Books of the Old Testament from Dr. David Fouts.

"At my age, you begin to realize it's not going to be as long as it has been," he said. "In my effort to know God better, I decided

to go back to the foundations and start there—the Pentateuch—then go forward."

Dr. Wilson said Mr. Thomas is a joy to have in class. "He's sharp as a tack. He speaks from life experiences, of lessons he has learned. He boils things down to a nutshell—he's a good communicator."

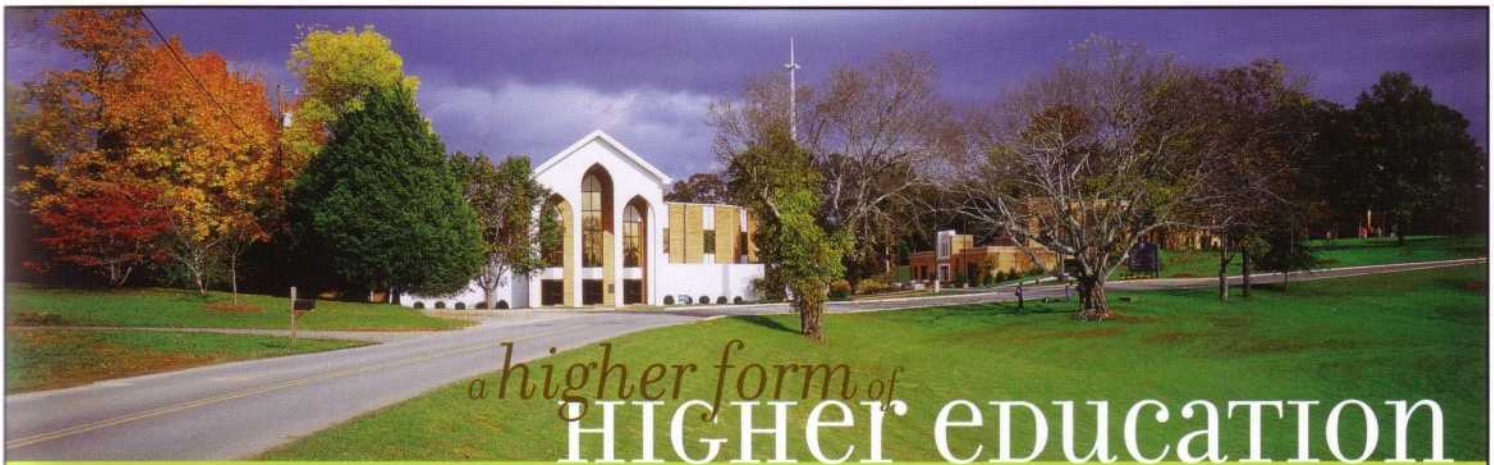
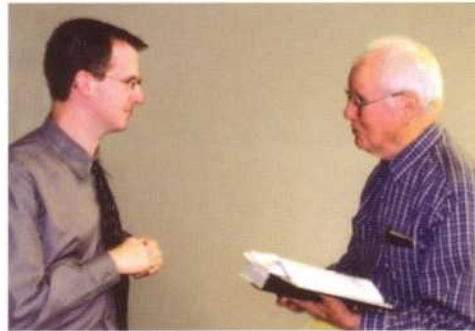
Matt Rogers, one of his classmates, said that Mr. Thomas is "a great reminder that you are never too old to keep learning and that God will bless you in your studies."

His educational journey began some 10 years ago when Mr. Thomas came to a lecture at the college and was impressed with

the speaker and with the students he met. "I went home and told my wife about it. The next lecture, she came with me and she was equally impressed."

Several years ago, he and his wife donated funds for a scholarship in Biblical Studies. Last year Mr. Thomas joined the ranks of the student body.

Dr. Wilson said he and his class have benefited by having Mr. Thomas on the roll. "He's 50 years older than me. He contributes with reservation because he doesn't want to dominate. He has so much to say, so much to teach me. He's a jewel." 🌿



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KEYS TO SUCCESS

Three decisions the Bryan Alumnus of the Year learned from a high school student formed the foundation for his Homecoming chapel message Oct. 1, 2004.

Dr. Tim Kimmel, '72, told students that those decisions, outlined in a high school valedictory address by Darcy Dirks, who later became Darcy Kimmel, '74x, provide a great foundation for success in life. "If you make these decisions right, everything else is minor, just details."

what is your life mission?

"The first decision is what is your mission in life going to be?" He said most people confuse "mission" with "success," and buy into a philosophy that says, to be successful, one must have a lot of money. God, on the other hand, says that everything physical eventually will be destroyed. Citing I Thessalonians 4:1 and Philippians 2:1-2, he said, "Be wisdom-hunters. Spend your time here getting information, and turn it into something that makes a difference. You need to leave the world a better place than you found it. But this is just a warm-up.

"Live your life with an attitude of grace and you'll be light years ahead of most people."

who will be your mate? The second decision people must make is who will be their mate. He encouraged the students to "stop trying to find a perfect mate. That assumes you are perfect. Forget it. You're not perfect; there is no perfect person. It doesn't matter who you marry because you won't be married to the same person five years later, and I'm not talking about divorce. You'll change; you'll lose money, have children, bury your parents. All of these things will change you."

"Both of you are fragile people. You can hurt each other and be hurt. [Husbands] have to find out where [their wives are weaker and] live in an understanding way.

"What makes a great marriage? You're constantly adjusting to what life throws at you. That's called grace."

who will be your master?

The third decision to make is to decide who will be your master. "The world is filled with the mindset of idolatry, but so is the Christian world. Something that replaces the work of the Holy Spirit in your life is idolatry. We let our fears, our regrets, run our life. We let our denomination, even the Bible, become idols. We must let the Bible change our lives, not worship it."

"We are all going to be mastered by someone. The good news is that if you make the right decision on this question, He will help you answer the other two right." 🌻



Stephen and Jane Barnett of Dayton were named honorary alumni of Bryan College during Bryan's homecoming celebration Oct. 2. Dr. Barnett, professor of natural sciences, has taught at Bryan for 20 years, and has received the Outstanding Teacher Award and served as chairman of the faculty. Mrs. Barnett sings in the Chattanooga Choral Arts Society, and is employed at Chattanooga Christian School. Dr. and Mrs. Barnett are pictured with Bryan Trustee G. Michael Smith, right, who made the presentation.

bryan sports



lady lions minister in bahamas

Thoughts of a winter holiday in the Bahamas bring visions of sun, sand, and the beach, but for members of the Lady Lions basketball team, their pre-Christmas missions trip was much more than fun and games.

Coach Matt Bollant and the Lady Lions spent five days and four nights in the Bahamas on a basketball missions trip just before Christmas. And although they played basketball, “mission” was central to the experience.

Team members and Coach Bollant spoke in a church on Sunday morning, then visited two orphanages on Monday and Tuesday between their basketball games.

Coach Bollant said he believes the team members profited from far more than the lessons they learned on the basketball court. “We played two stronger teams, Concordia (Austin, Texas), and the University of North Florida,” losing both contests. “As a coach, the biggest thing I wanted was for our girls to be thankful for what we have. I think the girls went home with a deeper appreciation for their parents and for what they have. The trip gave them another taste of missions and of being used by God.”

Ministry opportunities included speaking and attending church on Sunday morning, where senior English literature major Talor Armstrong spoke about how God has used basketball in her life to teach her and help her grow spiritually. Coach Bollant told the Wilma Rudolph story to illustrate his point that “anything is possible to those who believe.”

Talor said the trip was “a life-changing experience, not just life-altering. I have been

looking for direction in my life, asking the Lord, ‘What do you want me to do?’ It seems like God said, ‘This is what I want you to do.’ I felt the Lord showed me I have a heart for missions.”

Liz Bole, a freshman liberal arts major, said the trip “was a great idea for team-building and to minister to people who are a lot less fortunate. Seeing smiles on the faces of the kids was the best part.”

Getting to know children in the two orphanages they visited had a great impact on team members’ hearts. “I could tell the kids were starved for attention,” Liz said. “They weren’t shy; they came right to you. I could spend time with kids like that the rest of my life. The Lord has blessed me to grow up in America, but I learned there are a lot of kids that don’t have what we do.”

Talor echoed that sentiment. “They loved you from the minute they saw you. The hardest thing for me was realizing that I have so much and they have so little, and that I take what I have for granted.”

She said the children even drew out some of her teammates who seem shy in their college setting. “It was neat to see the shyer girls on the team get out there and love these kids, to see everyone running around and laughing so hard. And the coaches were amazing with the kids. Coach (Corey) Mullins must have swung kids around forever. And Coach Bollant was out there giving tips for basketball. They love basketball.”

While the players were thrilled to spend quality time with the children they met, they realized that the effort took a toll on their performance on the court. “It was like we gave a piece of our heart (to the children),” Talor said. “It was hard to go play basketball after that. They were not our best games; we were kind of tired after all that, and I couldn’t get (the children) off my mind. We didn’t play well in either game, but I feel like our purpose for being there was met. I felt we learned so much.”



Coach Bollant acknowledged the physical toll spending time at the orphanages took on his team, but said the true benefit of the trip was illustrated in one government official’s comment to the tournament director. “He told the tournament director what a blessing our team had been to the people of the Bahamas, and that he hoped we would come back again.” 🌺

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1950s

Jim '56x, and Barbara *Pitts* are planning a transition in their ministry at the children's Haven of Morocco. A new couple has been chosen to direct the work, and after working with them for a year, the Pitts plan to move to Azrou and continue their ministry to the people of Morocco.

Former faculty member Mary Alice Greider Branson, who lives with her husband, *Cliff, '59*, in Newman Grove, Neb., writes of her fond memories of the time she and her husband spent at Bryan. Cliff is pastor of Rosehill Evangelical Free Church. Their children are Bryan alumni; *Beth Wood '87*, and *David Branson '88*.

1960s

Marge Scholz '68, retired from SIM Dec. 1, 2004, after more than 34 years of missionary service. She served in Ethiopia for 25 years and worked as an administrative assistant in the Chicago area office of SIM's

ethnic focus ministry for the past 9 1/2 years. She lives in Chicago with her 98-year-old mother and is very involved in her local church.

1970s

Joyce (Buice), '70, and her husband John *Larrabee* survived a serious motorbike accident near their home in Urucurituba, Brazil, where they serve as independent missionaries. She is recovering from injuries to her face and cuts and scrapes on the front of her body. She and John are rejoicing that five students at the school where they serve accepted Christ as savior after the accident.

Steve Strauss, '76, spent much of 2004 teaching and speaking at four schools in Ethiopia and the United States. He taught Christology at the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, spoke at the missions conference at Dallas Theological Seminary, taught cross-cultural theology at Trinity International University, and theology of missions at Midwest Theological Seminary.

Connie (Peacock), '76, Blanton writes that the "Fearsome Four" of the 1972-'73 school year had their own reunion in June when *Debbie (Dowdy), '76x, Brown's* daughter was married. Connie; Debbie; *Carol (McKemy), '75, Trail*; and *Debbie (Bowman), '76x, Morris* enjoyed catching up with each other as they celebrated with Connie.

Carl "Skip" Cline, '77, retired from the Coral Springs, Fla., police department on Sept. 2 of last year, and moved back to his home in Ohio. While with the police department, he earned 17 departmental awards and numerous letters of appreciation from the citizens of Coral Springs. He was head of the hostage negotiation team and a field training officer. Skip's new address is 1000 Laurelwood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907.

Charlie, '79, and *Sharon (Woychuk), '81, Goodman* and family have returned to the States for 14 months of home assignment. They are living in Knoxville, Tenn., after serving the past five years in Spain.

1980s

Mark, '80, and **Candy Garrett** were able to return to the States from Senegal for vacation and for Candy's brother's wedding in July. They have been working with SIM's radio program, *The Way of Righteousness*, seeking to interest listeners in further study of the Gospel.

Nancy (Addleton), '81, **White** recently passed the Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management, which means she is board certified in healthcare management and a Diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is director of senior health services and government relations at Coliseum Health System in Macon, Ga.

Carin (Chapman), '82, **Utt** and her husband, Rick, anticipate adopting their foster child, Angelina, early in 2005. After she graduated from Bryan, Carin became a Miami Dolphins cheerleader in 1991, met her husband when she was interviewed on a radio show, won the Mrs. Florida title in 1994, and home schooled her youngest stepson for three years. In 2000, she founded Broward Ferret Rescue and Referral, but gave that up to become a full-time foster parent in 2003. She is on the worship team and involved in the music ministry at Calvary Chapel in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



Rick, Carin, and Angelina Utt

Walter Wolff, '82, received his Ed.D. degree in child and youth studies, specializing in special education. His wife, **Mandy (Ridgeway)**, '83, **Wolff** is a guidance

counselor at a Christian school in Rock Hill, S.C., where their boys Randall, 7, and Walter, 13, attend. They would love to hear from friends at wwolff@rock-hill.k12.sc.us.

Val (Krueger), '83x, **Colvin** and her husband, Steve, sponsored a "little" country fair on their farm near Dayton, Tenn., in August. They expected about 100 participants, but some 150 actually attended. The fair included various contests and exhibits, and was designed to interest children in a wide range of traditional activities.

Brad and **Ruth (Buckhannon)**, '84, **Tucker** announce the adoption of their first child, Kayla Mackenzie Tucker, who was born July 31, 2004. Brad works for the Chattanooga, Tenn., police department, and plans to begin law school next fall. Ruth runs her own business teaching parenting classes and is a stay-at-home mom.



Kayla Tucker

Ralph, '84, and **Ruth (Iwan)**, '85, **Rogers** live in Bakersfield, Calif., where Ralph works as a marriage and family therapist, and Ruth is busy at home with their four children. They wrote to say they enjoyed homecoming very much.

John and **Debbie (Barwick)**, '87, **Kipps**; **Kevin** and **Anna (Culpepper) Wishard**, both '86; and **Dave** and **Kelly (Kik)**, '88x, **McClelland** and their 12 children spent a weekend at Lake of the Woods near Fredericksburg, Va., this past summer. This is the second year in a row the

three families, who live in the Washington, D.C., area, have had their own alumni reunion.

Celesta (Beachy), '88, and **Dennis Richardson** have begun ministry at a mission church in a culturally diverse neighborhood in Anchorage, Alaska. Their children, Seth, Elizabeth, and Sara, attend a Christian school, allowing Celesta to work in the church and be involved in outreach to adults in the community.

Tami (Bradford), '89x, **Curley** writes to say she is moving toward a new ministry of Christian counseling. She and her husband, Ken, live in Covington, Ga.

1990s

Trish (Kiney), '90, and **Harv Wileman** announce the birth of their first child, Eleanor Marie ("Ella"), on Sept. 24, 2004. Among her first visitors were her cousins, Malcolm, Madeline, and Patrick Fary, children of **Tim**, '95, and **Sarah (Kiney)**, '93, **Fary**, at the Wileman home in Arlington, Va.

Tom and **Mickie (Deavers)**, '91, **Alexander** announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on Aug. 7, 2003. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Tom and Mickie both work at the police department in Hagerstown, Md.

Patricia Brown, '91x, and **David Golinski** were married Oct. 15, 2004, in Annapolis, Md. Patricia is the proud stepmother of two boys, Michael, 15, and Bryan, 11. Patricia and David work for the State of Maryland and live in Glen Burnie, Md.

Alicia (Hill), '93, and **Tim Rowe** announce the adoption of their son, Victor, who was born in Ukraine. Victor is 2 1/2. The Rowe family lives in Louisville, Ky.

Alan Barth, '94x, and **Tamara Miller**, '92, were married Sept. 25, 2004.

Eric, '94, and Allison *Albright* have stepped into new roles with the Wycliffe team in Southeast Asia. Eric is the computer manager and Allison is librarian. This past July, their son, Jared, celebrated his first birthday.

Yuri Wakabayashi, '97, and George You were married Sept. 18, 2004, in La Jolla, Calif.

Jessica Ritterbush, '98, completed her Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in May 2004. She is a sixth grade Bible, math, and history teacher at Trinity Christian School in Fairfax, Va.

Jeff and *Marcy (Whisman) Paulson*, both '98, announce the birth of their first child, Clara Grace. Clara was born Nov. 17, 2004, weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Marcy is taking a year off from teaching Spanish to elementary students in Chattanooga, Tenn., where the family lives.



Marcy and Clara Paulson

Rachel (Diaz), '99x, *Karbnak* and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their second child, Maria Kathryn. Maria was born on May 18, 2004, and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. The Karbnaks also have a son, Paul, and the family recently relocated to the Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads area.

Mary Young, '99x, and John Pettit were married May 1, 2004. They live in Murray, Ky.

Jenny R. Wilson, '99, received her Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

in August 2004. She works as a regional manager in the financial underwriting department of CIGNA Healthcare in Chattanooga.

2000s

Steve and *Keri-Lynn (Lestmann) Paulson*, both '00, announce the birth of their second child, Peter Vernon, on Nov. 12, 2004. Peter weighed 7 pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins big sister Lucy Claire, who turned 1 year old in December. Steve is database manager for Bryan College and Keri-Lynn works part-time at the Bryan library.



Paulson Family

Matt, '00, and *Laurie (Blanton)*, '99, *Pierce* announce the birth of their daughter, Ramona Eve, on Nov. 15, 2004. Ramona made an earlier-than-expected appearance, which meant Matt and Laurie had to make a rushed trip from their home in Qom, Iran, to Tehran, where the doctor and midwife were waiting. She actually was born in an elevator in the hospital. Mother, daughter, and dad are doing fine.

Matthew and *Amy (Griffis)*, '01x, *McDaniel* announce the birth of their first child, Simon Brooks, on Aug. 4, 2004. The McDaniel family lives in Garland, Texas, where Matthew teaches music and guitar at a Dallas school and serves as a youth pastor for Wesleyan Bible Church. Amy is enjoying staying home with Simon. Their email addresses are neozvem@hotmail.com and

amyzyem@hotmail.com.

Chad Snavelly, '02, and Kasey Walz were married Nov. 6, 2004, in Bath, N.Y. They live in Avoca, N.Y.

Jason, '02, and *Allison (Viner)*, '03, *Wasser* announce the birth of their son, Simon Charles, on Nov. 5, 2004. Simon weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 1/2 inches long. Jason is a network administrator for Bryan's information technology department and Allison is a stay-at-home mom.

Colin Jaeger, '04, and Alexis Lasseter, a Bryan student who plans to graduate in May 2005, were married May 22, 2004, in Alvin, Texas, Alexis' home town. They were honored at a reception in Beachwood, N.J., near Colin's home.

Melissa Grauman, '04, joined the Bryan College admissions department as an admissions counselor in November 2004. Melissa is the daughter of Benjamin and *Bertha (Combs)*, '72, *Grauman* of Farmersville, Ohio.

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Gwendolyn (Gibbs), '36x, *Reeves* of Andersonville, Ga., died July 25, 2004.

Archie B. Keffer, '51, of Terre Haute, Ind., died Sept. 22, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and three children.

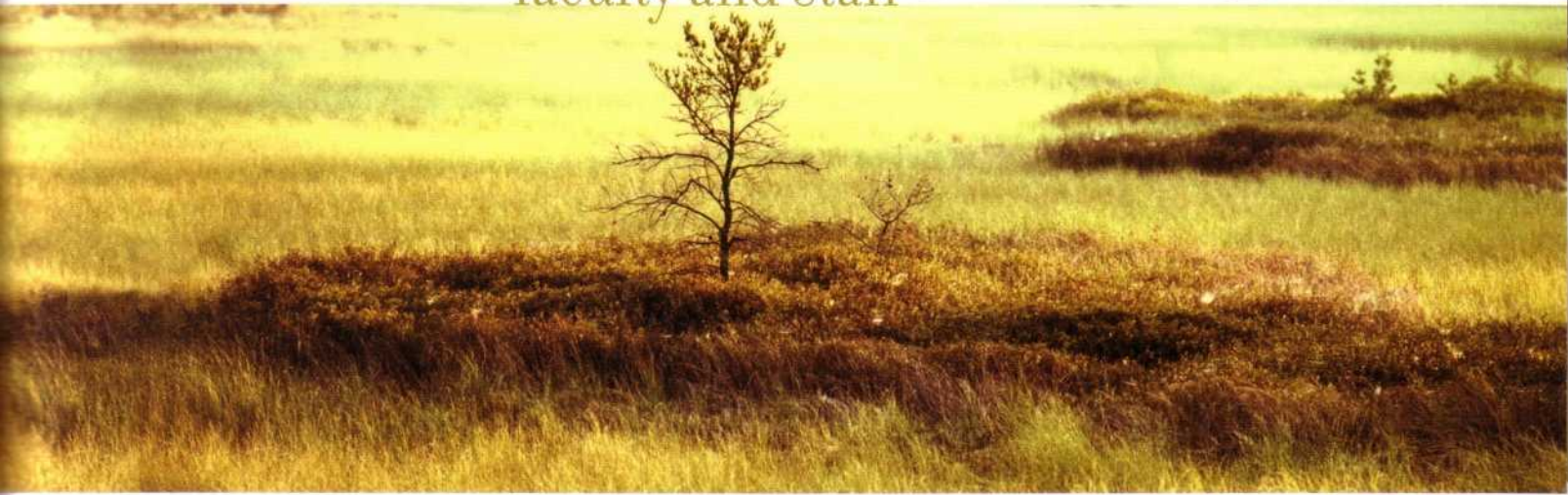
Leslie S. Napier, '51, of McDowell, Va., died Oct 12, 2004. He is survived by his wife, *Della (Huck) Napier*, '50; daughters *Rebecca (Napier) Mummau*, '74x, and Ruth Starkey; and sons Sammy Napier and Danny Napier.

Russell Dubell, '56x, of Jeffersonton, Va., died Oct. 22, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Edna, and two children.

Harold J. Johnson, '59, died Aug. 17, 2004. He is survived by his wife, *Louise*, '59, and a son. 🌿

notes

faculty and staff



Dr. Steve Barnett, Dr. Jeff Bruehl, Mr. Stefon Gray, Mr. Paul Johnson, Dr. Ruth Kantzer, and Mr. Earl Reed attended an Appalachian College Association faculty summit in Abingdon, Va. Mr. Johnson presented a workshop on the use of Flash.

Dr. Paul Boling, Dr. Peter Held, Dr. Doug Kennard, Dr. Drew Randle, Dr. Ernie Ricketts, and Dr. Kurt Wise attended the Evangelical Theological Society and Evangelical Philosophical Society national meetings in November 2004. Dr. Kennard presented a paper, "A Philosophy of Humanity: A Functional Philosophical Approach from Biblical Theology," at the EPS meeting, and a paper, "Biblical Theology Affecting Systematics," at the ETS Systematic Theology Study Group meeting. He moderated the Hermeneutics Study Group at ETS. He also attended the Abingdon Writer's Conference, the Institute for Biblical Research meeting, and a joint meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, and Society of Christian Philosophers in November. He also has had an article, "The Security of the Believer," accepted by Hand of Mercy Theological Journal for publication in the spring of 2005. Dr. Ricketts presented a paper, "A Cognitive Linguistic Approach to Understanding Greek: with special reference to dia," at the ETS New Testament Study Group.

Dr. Jeff Myers spoke at the Association of Christian Schools International Student Leadership Conference in Talladega, Ala., at the Christian Resource Foundation Leadership Academy in Colorado Spring, Colo., and at the Christian Home Educators of Colorado Family Day event in Colorado Springs, all in October 2004. He spoke at the ACSI teacher conference in Sturbridge, Mass., in November.

Dr. Clark Rose wrote a story, "Annessa's Dad," about his daughter's first day of school, which was published in *Frontage Road*.

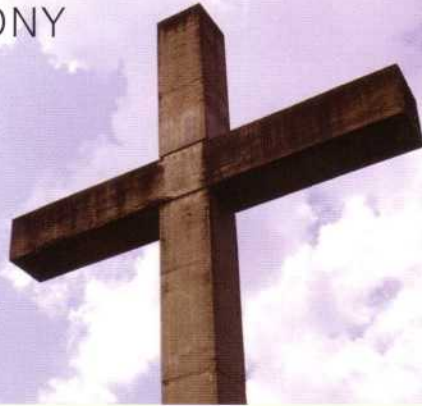
Mr. Travis Stevens and *Mr. Jeremiah Callihan* traveled with the Worldview Teams in Colorado, Texas, Virginia, and Georgia this past fall.

Mr. John Stonestreet spoke at Westover Christian School in Danville, Va.; at the ACSI Senior High Leadership Conference in Lynchburg, Va.; at the Homeschool Worldview Conference in Moody, Ala.; at a conference in Sewickle, Pa.; and at Ft. Bluff Camp in Dayton, Tenn., in November.

Dr. Mel Wilboit spent three weeks in Florence, Italy, as part of the Appalachian College Association's "shadow" program, observing and participating in an international studies program in preparation for Bryan's new international study program in Italy. 🌞

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Another man left his wife something much more valuable than his \$200,000 estate when he died. He left his love publicly declared in a probate court filing. His will said he made his bequest because “it was through her untiring efforts that I achieved whatever success I have ... and also to make ... public the ardent love and deep admiration that I bear for the sweetest and dearest wife and pal in the world.”

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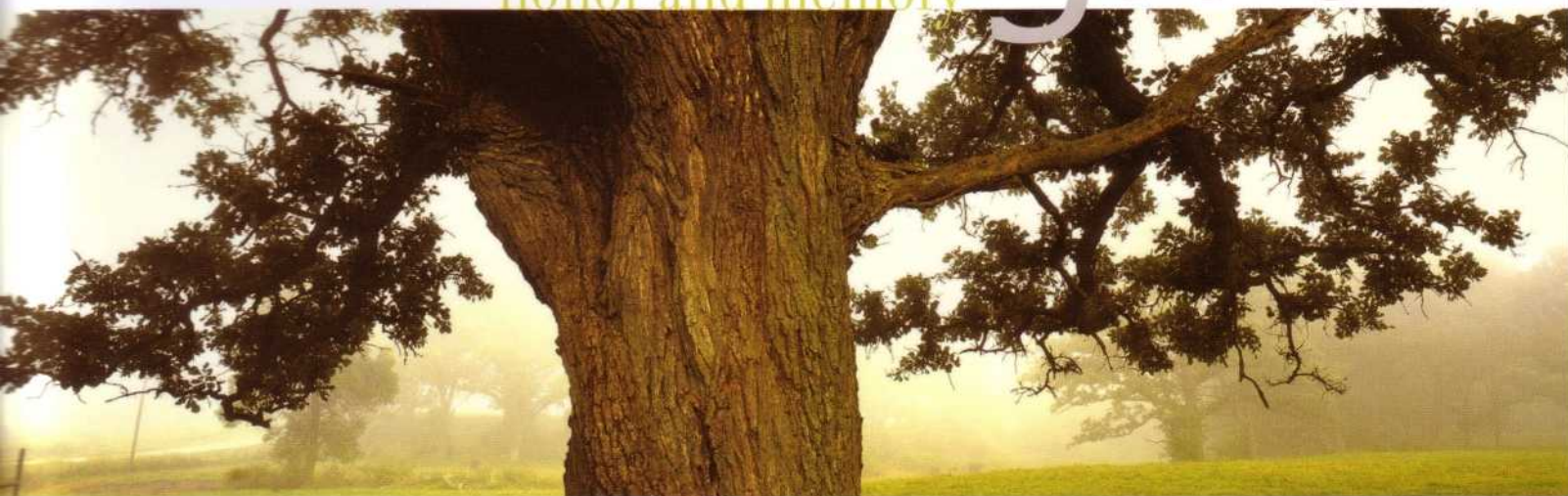
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