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A letter from the *President*

*Then the Lord said to Moses,
“Is there any limit to my power?”*

Numbers 11:23

We often neglect to praise the incomparable God Whom we serve—the God who is the Creator of the measureless universe, our world, and everything in it. How great is our God! To Him we owe gratitude for these examples of His protection, provision, and purpose given to us individually and corporately through Bryan College:

- For His protection of our country and the many Bryan alumni who have served and are serving their country well in our armed forces. As you read this edition of *Bryan Life*, you will be encouraged by the profiles of outstanding alumni living out Bryan’s mission as servants of Christ making a difference in our world.
- For His provision that is manifest in so many ways. The greatest demonstration of His provision is in the form of His Son Jesus, who satisfies the requirements of a holy God for sinful man and continues to intercede for all believers before God’s throne.
- As I look at the progress being made on our new entrance, Landes Way, I am reminded that nothing is impossible with our God (Luke 1:37).
- Our enrollment applications continue to run far ahead of this time last year. To accommodate the housing needs of our growing student body, the beautiful new Townhouses at Bryan Commons have been framed and will be ready this fall with 66 beds. We are also making preparations for our brand new golf and softball programs that will field teams this coming year.
- The Master of Arts program in Christian Studies will begin this spring at our Chattanooga campus, and the Aspire program continues to open new campuses for our degree completion program. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Chase as our new Dean of Adult and Graduate Studies. Dr. Chase, who most recently served as associate vice president for the College of Adult and Professional Studies at Indiana Wesleyan University, will oversee the growth of our nontraditional programs.
- For His purpose for Bryan. As Vision 2020 becomes a reality, our motto of Christ Above All remains constant. Educating students to serve with excellence through many vocations while making a difference for Christ’s Kingdom is still Bryan’s heartbeat.



I invite you to come and see all that God is doing at Bryan through your ongoing support and investment in the lives of our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen D. Livesay".

Stephen D. Livesay

ALUMNI IN THE MILITARY

They are officers and enlisted personnel, fliers and “ground-pounders,” chaplains and medics; but they are all Bryan alumni, all Christians, all serving their country in the armed forces.

While their numbers may be dwarfed by the ranks of teachers, business professionals, and ministers, alumni in the military make their career decisions just like other alumni do – pursuing a life-long dream, a particular interest, a sense of calling.

A common thread runs through the stories of alumni who joined the service: patriotism, a desire to make a difference serving the country, and alums, the post-9/11 States has wish to

for younger realization that the United enemies who destroy it. Mastin Robeson, '76, who recently retired as a major general in the Marine Corps, said the decision to serve should be similar to

choosing any other occupation. His initial decision to join the Marine Corps was fueled by a sense of patriotic obligation, but he stayed because he and his wife sensed God’s confirmation each time they came to a decision point.

Another Marine, 1st Lt. Jonathan Lucas who received his commission during his Bryan graduation ceremony in 2007, sees his position as an opportunity to serve.

“I love our enlisted Marines,”



he said. “They are the ones who do the nitty gritty work on a day-to-day basis, serving the people here in the U.S. As a platoon commander, I have the privilege of leading these young men.”

The Air Force has provided Capt. Aaron Strode, '02, the opportunity to fulfill a dream to be a military pilot, and Capt. Michael Landry, '03, the chance to fly as a B-52 radar navigator.

A number of alumni are Army chaplains, including Capts. Tim Fary, '95; Mark Olson, '90; and

Maj. Gen. Mastin Robeson, center, is pictured during his retirement ceremony.

photo courtesy U.S. Marine Corps

Pete Stone, '96.

Capt. Olson explained that a chaplain is “called to minister to every soldier, Christian, non-Christian, or with no belief. We minister to the emotional, spiritual, and somewhat to the physical needs of our soldiers.”

Capt. Stone added, “It’s a very fulfilling ministry. I feel like I am able to have an impact on people’s lives. This is ministry outside church walls.”

Maj. Gen. Robeson points out that chaplains are not the only personnel who can have a spiritual influence. “I’ve run into the same question throughout my Marine Corps career – ‘Why don’t you get out and become a chaplain?’ Chaplains have a very valuable ministry, but I had opportunities that chaplains did not have. Not to take anything away from the terrific role that chaplains play, but as a fellow grunt and warrior I had a unique ministry and credibility with my Marines that only a fellow warrior could have. Every Christian is called to full-time Christian service...to be a missionary where God plants us. Our mission field just happened to be the Marine Corps.”



Capt. Landry said at times military service can highlight the divide between believers and non-believers. "I don't think I've ever been in any other situation where I've more intensely experienced the tension that comes from being in the world but not of it."

1st Lt. Lucas has a similar perspective. "The U.S. military is a challenging organization to belong to. We're pretty strict on the proficiency and standards we expect from each other, so you have to work hard to stay sharp and be respected. It's obviously a spiritually challenging environment as well."

The challenges also offer opportunities. Maj. Gen. Robeson said highlights of his 34-year career included "working with and leading some of our most

soldiers day-by-day."

Capt. Landry said the decision to become part of the military service, with the understanding that personnel may be called on to kill enemy combatants, does not pose a challenge to his Christian faith.

"Some would say one cannot be a Christian and serve in the military, or at least in the capacity in which I do. I would respectfully disagree. I don't see how you can make that case from Scripture. War is a horrible thing, but no one is ever reprimanded in Scripture merely for taking part in it. In some places the opposite is true. Also, you have to take into account what would happen if people who follow Christ never participate in war. I shudder to think about a modern war conducted by people with no knowledge of God.

"Do I enjoy the thought of killing people? Absolutely not. But I am in a position where I can directly help effect a swift, decisive conclusion to the next war, and that is the best you can hope for in a fallen world."

Alumni in the military seem to have as diverse a view of the value of their Bryan education as do other alums. Maj. Gen. Robeson put it succinctly: "Any success a Christian enjoys on this earth is the direct result of a yielded life and placing Christ Above All."

Capt. Fary said the Bryan



worldview emphasis has been critical for him. That "gives me the opportunity to work well with people from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Understanding my own presuppositions and reasons for them assists me as I interact with others."

For Capt. Landry, his Bryan education "taught me to think about what I believe and why I believe it. Bryan also taught me how to dig deep and push through when you're stressed out and busy to get a job done."

And 1st Lt. Lucas learned that "Bryan believes strongly in Christians being involved in every part of society and culture. I take this to include being in a Marine infantry battalion. It can be a very high profile job with a large impact made at the small unit level.

"Please don't forget to pray for Christians in the military, that God will be glorified by their performance and actions."

talented and selfless American citizens; taking care of their families; returning to America a better warrior-citizen; and witnessing to them and living Christ before them on a daily basis."

Capt. Olson agreed: "Basically, what we (chaplains) do is love on

Photo by David Beisner, Senior



CAPTAIN TIMOTHY FARY

Communication Arts, 1995
Master of Divinity, Reformed Theological Seminary,
Orlando, Fla.
Chaplain, U.S. Army

Assigned as a student to the Chaplain Captain's
Career Course, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and
School, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Why did you enter the military service? The
opportunity to serve my country both as a clergyman
and as a soldier was very appealing. The fact that
my father was a combat veteran was also very
influential.

What are highlights of your military experience?

The opportunities I've had to minister to young men
and women under serious duress due to the rigors of
combat.

What difficulties have you faced? Three tours in
Iraq, away from (wife) Sarah (Kiney, '93) and my
young children has been the most difficult part of my
service to God and country.

**How did your Bryan education prepare you for
your present responsibilities?** A broad liberal arts
education with an emphasis on a biblical worldview
has proven very helpful as my military service gives
me the opportunity to work with people from a
variety of cultures and backgrounds. Understanding
my own presuppositions and reasons for them assists
me as I interact with others.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILIP GRAY

Biology, 2008
Completed military schooling including National
Registry of Emergency Medical Technician and
combat casualty care of wounded soldiers
Healthcare specialist, U.S. Army

Job Responsibilities? While deployed, I am one
medic for up to 12 men. I carry a military issued
M4 assault rifle and a standard issued M9 Beretta
9mm. I shoot the enemy to protect my patients. I
work on patients while under enemy fire, all the time
willing to give my life so that they may have theirs.
I drive and operate an uparmored Humvee with .50
cal turret attached to the top. Stateside, I work sick
call trying to make sure that my soldiers are in top
physical condition. I train with them, making sure
first that they are safe, and second to show them that
just because I am a medic doesn't mean I'm not a

soldier. In my mind I show them that I am the best
of the best, so that when things go wrong they know
that "Doc" is going to be there to bring them back.

Why did you enter military service? I joined because
I know that to serve this great nation is an amazing
honor, and probably because I was born and raised
Army. My father served in the United States Army
for 22 years, retiring at the rank of master sergeant.

Highlights of your military experience? The day I
returned home from my initial military training I had
the luxury of sitting next to two gentlemen who had
served our nation in previous military endeavors.
Hearing their stories and having them thank me for
my service was beyond worldly description.



CAPTAIN MICHAEL LANDRY

Communication Arts, 2003
Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational
Psychology, Louisiana Tech University
U.S. Air Force, B-52 radar navigator

What are your responsibilities? Aircraft navigation,
systems management, weapons employment.

Why did you enter military service? 9/11 happened
during my junior year at Bryan. I remember
watching on the TV in Woodlee/Ewing dorm as the
second tower fell. I realized that there were people
out there who wanted to kill Americans, and decided
that I wanted an active role in protecting our nation
from its enemies.

What are highlights of your military experience?
The places I've been, the people I've met, and the

way I've been stretched to do things I used to think I couldn't do.

What difficulties have you faced? Being a Christian in an operational flying squadron is not easy. I don't think I've ever been in any other situation where I've more intensely experienced the tension that comes from being in the world, but not of it. Also, moving to new places and having to say good-bye to your last home and then establish a new one is never a picnic.

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your present responsibilities? Bryan taught me to think about what I believe and why I believe it, and that has had a profound impact on the decisions I've made along the way. Bryan also taught me how to dig deep and push through when you're stressed out and busy to get the job done. That's an invaluable skill for a military officer. I also completed my Master's degree last year, and was more than adequately prepared to take that on, thanks to Bryan.

Has your military service created special challenges for your family? Yes. Jodi and I have been away from our families our entire marriage, and there are things back home that we have missed out on. It definitely got harder after kids came along.

1ST LIEUTENANT JONATHAN LUCAS

Biology, 2007

Completed the Basic Officer course and Infantry Officer course

Marine Corps rifle platoon commander

What are your responsibilities? Officially, I am responsible for training my unit to perform mission-essential tasks. I must be proficient with all weapon systems within the platoon. It basically boils down to the fact that in the military, or any other job, there are a lot of times you follow orders and do what you're told. Being a commander, though, I also have influence in decisions that are made for the unit, regarding both tactics and welfare of the Marines.

Why did you enter military service? I love our enlisted Marines. They are the ones who do the nitty gritty work day-to-day, serving the people of the U.S. Being in the military is something I always wanted to do, probably because it runs in my family.

What are highlights of your military experience? Graduating Infantry Officer course was one. It was a good place, but miserable. Now it's really satisfying



to spend time with my platoon doing classes, training, and rehearsals for a particular kind of operation and then seeing it all come together

during execution. It's even better to see God honored by the successes of people working "as unto the Lord," whether by their accomplishments in their unit or the integrity they use to make less public decisions. It's an outstanding witness that is recognized by others.

What difficulties have you faced? The military is a challenging organization to belong to. We're pretty strict on the proficiency and standards we expect from each other, so you have to work hard to stay sharp and be respected. It's obviously a spiritually challenging environment as well. Please don't forget to pray for the Christians in the military, that God will be glorified by their performance and actions.

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your present responsibilities? Bryan College emphasizes educating students to make a difference in today's world, and believes strongly in Christians being involved in every part of society and culture. I take this to include being in a Marine infantry battalion.

CAPTAIN MARK OLSON

Business

Administration, 1990

Master of Divinity,
Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary
Chaplain, U.S. Army

Why did you enter military service? I decided to become a chaplain because I love soldiers. I had been pastoring at New Life Community Church (in Evensville, Tenn.) and had a number of



soldiers in the church. Before they deployed I went to the armory in Dayton to help any way I could. When they left, I felt I had been left behind. That sparked my interest. (Wife) LaDonna (Robinson, '90) and I felt it was time for us to move on into another pastorate or missions, but God said "no." I finally looked at the chaplaincy and He opened the door. If you like to fish, it's a great pond to fish in, and I love to fish.

What are highlights of your military experience?

My time in Iraq, June 2008 to June 2009. When you take 400 soldiers away from the distraction of daily life in the States, they become more real, you get to know the soldiers really well. Ten accepted Christ as their Savior and I baptized them in Iraq. That was a great time of real authentic ministry.

What difficulties have you faced? The hardest thing has been leaving Dayton. When I was back home (December 2009) it came over me I miss this place so much. It will be nearly 17 years before I can have that permanency again. I've done four death notifications stateside. That's hard. The shooting at Fort Hood was one thing that got to me emotionally, like most of us there. And there is an onslaught of divorce among soldiers. I'm trying to put together programs to help male soldiers to be the best husbands they can be to save their marriage. But you still see marriage after marriage fail.

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your present responsibilities? Bryan established in my heart a desire for missions. I went to Japan twice while I was a student, but God never opened that door. I've used my business degree when I had a roofing business and insurance agency. In the military the business education prepared me to manage all types of things I need to manage as a staff officer for the battalion commander. The Bible minor got me going down the road of Bible scholarship.



MAJOR GENERAL MASTIN ROBESON

Business Administration, 1976
Master's in Military Science
Retired, November 2009, as commander, U.S. Marine Corps Special Operations Command

Why did you enter the military service? To serve God and country.

What are highlights of your military experience? Working with and leading some of our most talented and selfless American citizens; taking care of their families; returning to America a better warrior citizen; and witnessing to them and living Christ before them on a daily basis.

What difficulties have you faced? Long and multiple separations from family, and transient lifestyle (24 moves in 34 years).

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your responsibilities? Any success a Christian enjoys on this earth is the direct result of a yielded life and placing Christ Above All.

What else should we know? That our Christian responsibility is to say "here am I Lord...send me," and that this will almost certainly stretch and challenge you when you do it. God's sovereign plan in our lives is not with an endstate in mind, but is a process by which and through which He molds us, refines us, and prepares us for greater service in His kingdom.

CAPTAIN PETE STONE

Christian Education, 1996
Master of Divinity, Gordon Cornwell Seminary
Chaplain, U.S. Army, stationed at a forward
operating base outside of Baghdad, Iraq

Why did you enter the military service? This is ministry outside church walls. I have a passion to connect with people outside of church. It's a very fulfilling ministry. I feel like I am able to have an impact on people's lives.

What are highlights of your military experience? A chaplain makes his rounds throughout the week going to where soldiers are. Going through a hangar one day, I went to introduce myself to a group, and



one said, "Thanks for coming to see me." He said he needed to talk with me, so we went to an office, and he started sharing with me about his marriage. He was relatively ignorant about the Gospel, but the Lord opened the way to discuss his need for spiritual life. He prayed to express his faith in Christ. Stuff like that happens all the time.

What difficulties have you faced? My biggest struggle is that I feel my performance doesn't meet the standard I need to gain respect; that's idolatry, fear of man. I'm not a Type A personality, so I'm learning to balance standing up for myself and giving way. I feel like the Lord is putting a backbone in me that I didn't know I didn't have.

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your present responsibilities? My experience with friends, specifically playing basketball, helped me develop relationships with guys with much different backgrounds than mine. Basketball opened up a lot of opportunities to travel around the world. Next was the worldview education. For me, thinking biblically became second nature by the time I was entering the world outside the safety of Bryan College. I was able to think independently.

CAPTAIN AARON STRODE

Business Administration, 2002
MBA, Auburn University, 2009
U.S. Air Force, assigned to the 58th Airlift Squadron,
97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.,
as a C-17 Formal Training Unit instructor pilot and
wing executive officer

Why did you enter military service? Growing up, it was always my dream to be a pilot in the military. Like many others, I was probably influenced by the events of September 11 early in my senior year, but I believe I would still have chosen to pursue military aviation had we not been attacked.

What are highlights of your military experience? Graduating from Air Force pilot training; traveling to more than 40 countries; flying multiple missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, including combat airdrop missions supporting forward operating bases in Afghanistan; flying high-level government officials in Iraq and Afghanistan, including secretaries of defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

What difficulties have you faced? The biggest challenge has been the time away from family. For example, during the four years I was stationed in Charleston, S.C., I was away from home an average of 225-250 days a year.

How did your Bryan education prepare you for your present responsibilities? With its focus on worldview, Bryan provided a great foundation for understanding and addressing the challenges we face each and every day. I am thankful that while remaining grounded in a Biblical worldview, Bryan provided faculty that presented varying approaches to current and critical issues. The approaches may have varied and created debate, but they all remained faithful to a Judeo-Christian worldview.



Campus News

Two New Appointments for Academics

Dr. Robert Andrews has been named assistant vice president for academic affairs and Dr. Michael Chase has been named dean of the school of adult and graduate studies, both appointments effective March 1, according to Academic Vice President Dr. Bradford Sample.



Dr. Andrews served as dean of graduate and professional studies for the past seven years, where he had responsibilities for developing Bryan's degree completion program and implementing the MBA at Bryan and the new Master of Arts in Christian Studies programs.

He is a 1967 graduate of Bryan, and earned his doctorate in education at the University of Tennessee. Before coming to Bryan, he served as provost and dean of the faculty at Oxford Graduate School in Dayton, and has extensive experience in higher education and business.

Dr. Sample said, "Bob is a self-starter who likes creating things and managing programs. I have

been impressed by what he has been able to do with the Aspire (degree completion) program. To me, he is a natural choice to lead this effort."

Dr. Andrews will be charged with developing a summer school program for Bryan and assisting the academic vice president with special projects.

Dr. Chase brings to Bryan College nearly 20 years of administrative experience in higher education, most recently at Indiana Wesleyan University where he was associate vice president for the college of adult and professional studies. His responsibilities included supervision of more than 14 locations in three states, oversight of financial affairs, and faculty hiring and development.

"Given his experience and expertise in adult education programs, hiring Michael Chase is a real coup for Bryan," Dr. Sample said.

Dr. Chase earned his doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of Sarasota, an M.S. in administration from Central Michigan University, and holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Spring Arbor University.

Townhouses Offer New Residential Option

Bryan College began construction of a 66-bed townhouse complex in January,

and workers have dodged freezing temperatures and snow to frame the buildings as they move toward an August completion date.



President Stephen D. Livesay said the townhouses will provide much-needed room and will be the first phase of planned development of the northwest side of the campus. "This project serves several needs of the college, the greatest of which is residential space," he said. "I believe it will also provide an attractive first view of the campus as visitors drive up the new entrance."

Plans call for two row-house style buildings, one containing seven townhouses and one with five. Buildings will have the same brick and precast concrete features as other buildings on campus. One of the townhouses will be for the complex's resident director.

Each townhouse will have three two-person bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen, and living room. They will be furnished with beds, dressers, desks, chairs and living room furniture, and living rooms will have access to limited cable television.



Cost for the project, designed by Lewis Group architects of Knoxville, is estimated at \$1.6 million.

The decision to locate the townhouses on Landes Way, the official name for the new entrance, came as work on the road was delayed by the economic downturn this past year. The site originally had been planned for a softball field, but the field has been relocated adjacent to the new buildings.

109 Receive Degrees in December Graduation

One hundred nine graduates received diplomas during Bryan's 79th commencement exercises Dec. 18, 2009, at the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga.

Fifteen graduates received the Master of Business Administration degree, 12 the Bachelor of Arts degree, and 82 the Bachelor of Science degree.

"We thank God for who the graduates are," President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said. "But we also thank God for what they will become in the years to come."

Dr. Robert Haskins, pastor of



Tyner United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, used the word "Bryan" as the basis for his graduation address.

"B' is for belief," he said. "A lot of people have difficulty believing in anything. My aim tonight is to help you reach belief in God that is worth holding on to.

"R' is for realizing. This is not the end but the beginning of realizing something of value in your life. If you leave yourself open, you will realize something far better than you could imagine.

"Y' is for you yourself. By receiving your degree, it shows a level of determination, of 'stick-ability.' It shows that you trust in yourself, that you are able to do it, and you have done it.

"A' is for attitude. Attitudes are formed. Tonight you form an attitude about where you go from here that will guide you the rest of your life. Your attitude from here on out is key to your future.

"N' is for navigate. Life is like a voyage, with many ports of call. The direction your life takes is a personal decision. I hope you can say at the end of your life that you have finished the course and kept the faith."

Awards were presented to Teresa Curl, an Aspire graduate, for the outstanding research project, and to Carolyn Candland, a traditional program graduate, for having the highest academic average.

Homecoming 2009 Highlights

The rain and gloom of Friday gave way to a glorious Saturday as Bryan celebrated Homecoming 2009 Oct. 2-4, including a joyous march up the still-under-construction new entrance.

Maj. Gen. Mastin Robeson, USMC and a 1976 Bryan graduate, challenged students during the alumni chapel to remember that



each one who "loves the Lord Jesus Christ is going into full-time Christian service. The question is not 'Are you a missionary?' but 'Are you a good one or bad one?'"

Alumni played golf in a cool mist Friday, to kick off homecoming activities. Proceeds from the golf tournament were used to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project, an organization supporting and encouraging service members who have been injured in combat.

Alumni, students and friends of the college got an up-close look at progress on the new entrance Saturday morning, walking from Richland Street to the campus terminus of the drive. Leading the walk were President and Mrs. Livesay; former President and Mrs. Ken Hanna; Dr. John Mercer, son of former President Dr. Theodore C. Mercer; and Mary Frances Rudd Carlson, daughter of former President Dr. Judson A. Rudd.

Alumni honored at the Awards Dinner Saturday night included:

- Henry Barrios, '04, Young Alumnus of the Year
- Mary Frances Rudd Carlson, '67, Alumnus of the Year
- Dr. Thomas B. Carlson, Honorary Alumnus
- Athletics Hall of Fame: Jerri



Beck Morgan, '92, basketball and volleyball; Steve Hicks, '84, cross country; John Shalanko, '77, and Rocky DaCosta, '80, soccer.

Christian Studies Is Second Master's Degree

Bryan College's second Master's degree program, a Master of Arts in Christian Studies, has been approved and college officials are planning to offer the first class this spring.

"This is a natural for us," President Stephen D. Livesay said. "It is an opportunity to offer a degree with a worldview and apologetics emphasis to a constituency which may not be Bryan undergraduates. We believe the program will meet a great need for church leaders and for others who do not intend to go on to further seminary study."

The MACS will be structured like the MBA at Bryan, the college's first graduate program, with students meeting at Bryan's facilities in the Krystal Building in Chattanooga every other weekend for about 14 months. Fifteen to 20 students will form a class cohort that will progress through the program together.

Academic Vice President Dr. Bradford Sample said prerequisites for participating in the program include holding an undergraduate degree and having successfully completed basic Bible courses. The curriculum will include courses such as foundations of biblical interpretation, cultural contexts of the Old and New Testaments, Christian theology and worldview and apologetics.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2010

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff tackled service projects throughout Rhea County Jan. 18 as Bryan College celebrated its 6th annual MLK Community Service Day.

"We are joining a tradition across the country of service, humility, and unity," said Danielle Rebman, MLK Day coordinator and associate for spiritual formation in the office of student life. "This year our goal is to help more in some of the smaller communities around Dayton which have not previously been reached, such as Dayton Mountain and Graysville."

Every MLK Service Day is meant to develop a love for service in students, faculty, and staff, for Rhea County and beyond, Ms. Rebman said. Besides aiding organizations, teams also provide help to individuals in the community who are in need. Although new work venues are added each year, Bryan makes an effort to continue relationships established on previous workdays.

"A lot of people look forward every year to this day, when students help them do something they couldn't do themselves," Ms. Rebman said. "Students can build really significant friendships through service."



Students Rate Bryan High on National Survey

Bryan College students are more satisfied with their college experience than are their counterparts at other four-year private schools, a national survey again has found.

For the 12th year, Bryan participated in the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory of students at private institutions. This year, 276,000 students at 378 schools responded.

"Since the first year Bryan participated in this survey, findings have been unmistakably clear that our students' rankings have exceeded on average the way students in other CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) and four-year private colleges rank their institutions," Dr. Ken Froemke, Bryan's accreditation liaison, said.

Michael Sapienza, vice president for enrollment management, explained that the survey's 89 questions are grouped into 12 areas. "While many schools consider exceeding national averages on one or two scales a great success, Bryan students have once again rated their satisfaction higher than peers at other private colleges in each of the 12 major categories."

Overall, when Bryan students responded to the question "if you had to do it over, would you enroll here again?" Bryan's score was 6.29 compared with 5.21 for other institutions.

"One of the reasons we administer the Noel-Levitz survey is to find an objective measure of what students think about their Bryan experience," Mr. Sapienza said. "We want students to have a positive experience, so the survey results help us know where to focus our attention to continue to achieve that goal."



Dr. Matt Benson successfully defended his dissertation in November 2009 and was awarded the Ed.D. degree.

Drs. Matt Benson, Paul Boling, Jud Davis, Peter Held, Scott Jones, Drew Randle, and Ken Turner attended the 61st annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in New Orleans, La., in November. Dr. Jones presented a paper, "Positive Implications from the Emerging Church Movement for Postmodern Adult Christian Education" at the meeting.

Dr. Daryl Charles chaired a panel discussion on natural law and Christian ethics at the University of Notre Dame in November 2009. He was the plenary speaker for the annual meeting of Lutheran ethicists in San Jose, Calif., in January.

Dr. Gary Fitsimmons attended the American Library Association's midwinter meeting in Boston, Mass., in January. He chaired the risk management and insurance committee of the Library Leadership and Management Association's Library Organization and Management Section.

Dr. Steve DeGeorge and **Mrs. Katy Saynes** took 19 education majors to the annual Birmingham, Ala., conference of the Association of Christian Schools International in February. Dr. DeGeorge also served as a consultant for Mustard Seed School in Hoboken, N.J.

Mr. Herman Downey has been named grounds and fleet management supervisor in the

physical plant department.

Information Technology Services has several changes following the resignation of Director Stefon Gray. **Mr. Steve Paulson** is the new director. **Mr. Luke Hathaway** is the new database administrator and application support person. **Mr. James Sullivan** is the new department manager in addition to his duties as network administrator.

Mrs. Kim Keck organized the Bryan Community Children's Choir this past semester for children in grades five through eight. Twenty-three children made up the first group, and sang during the "Christmas on the Hill" concert in December. In January, she gave a vocal master class for the Bryan College Community Music School, and judged the district vocal competition for the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools.

Mr. Steve Keck has been asked to serve as a board member of the Greater Chattanooga Area Planned Giving Council.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid wrote a book review on Sherman's March to the Sea for the *Journal of Southern History*, which was published in the November 2009 edition.

Dr. Ray Legg performed as Juror No. 8—the role played by Henry Fonda in the film version—in Tennessee Valley Theatre's production of "Twelve Angry Men" this fall.

Dr. Sigrid Luther accompanied the choral workshop of the Chattanooga Chapter of the American Guild of

Organists in January.

Mr. Matt Meloncon has been named web programmer, succeeding Adam Crownoble, who recently resigned.

Dr. Jeff Myers was the keynote speaker for the St. Cloud Christian School banquet in St. Cloud, Minn., in January.

Mr. Mike Nichols, Mr. Chris Henderson, and Mr. D.J. Scheidt attended the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers annual conference in Knoxville in November. Mr. Nichols and **Mrs. Janet Piatt** attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Jan. 31-Feb. 3 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Nichols serves on the 2010-11 Admissions, School Relations, Financial Aid and International Program Committee.

Dr. Michele Pascucci presented a paper, "Revelations from the Personal Library of Jose Juan Tablada: Sources of his Orientalism" at the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies conference in Dallas, Texas, in November.

Mr. Rodney Stoker, cross country coach, was named the Appalachian Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

Dr. Dwight Page, who is editor of the *Swiss American Historical Society Review*, was appointed to serve as director of the society's special meeting in New Bern, N.C., in July, commemorating the tercentenary of

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Bryan the Communicator

by Randy Hollingsworth, Ph. D.

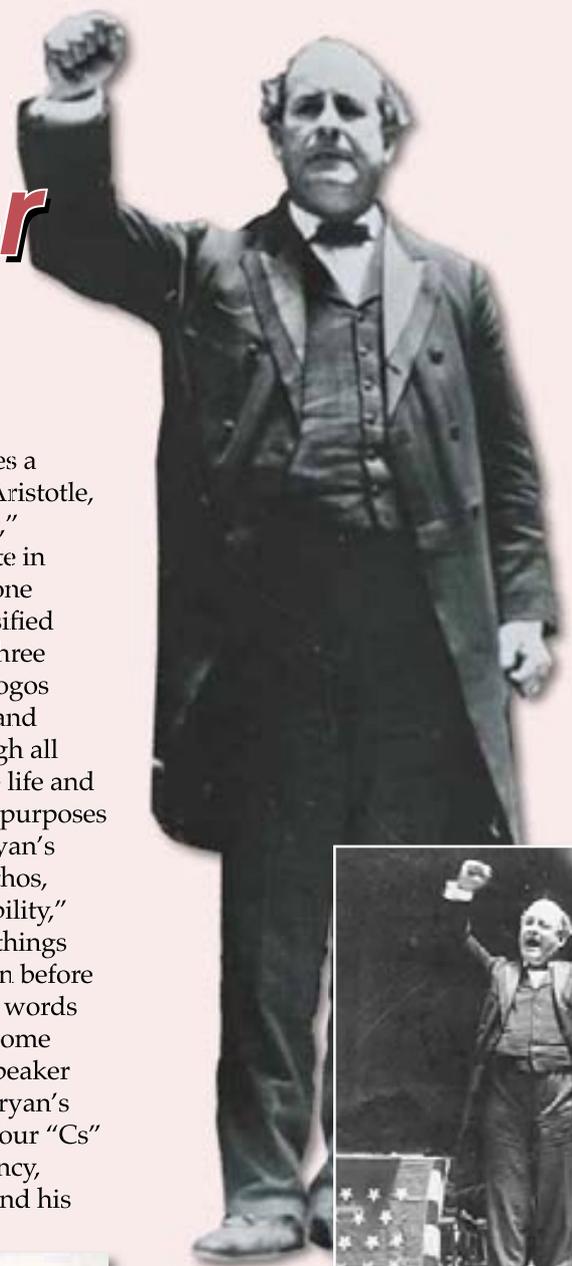
“As long as there are human rights to be defended; as long as there are great interests to be guarded; as long as the welfare of nations is a matter for discussion, so long will public speaking have its place.”

-William Jennings Bryan, *The World's Famous Orations*, 1906

My first remembrance of hearing about William Jennings Bryan was during my senior year at Florida State University, sitting in the late Dr. Gregg Phifer's "Rhetoric of the Old South" class. This elderly communication professor, whose enthusiasm for telling stories radiated through his animated delivery and broad smile, opened his lecture that day with "Ahh... the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan and the celebrated Monkey Trial in little Dayton, Tennessee." From there, my major professor narrated the now-familiar story of the Scopes Trial of 1925, debunking the Hollywood film *"Inherit the Wind"* and telling us the "real" story. All of this was new to me at the time, but a few decades and degrees later, I have come to have a better appreciation of what Dr. Phifer meant when he argued that the Great Commoner was also a great communicator.

But what makes one a good communicator, much less a "great" one? Most of us have our own

opinions about what makes a good communicator, but Aristotle, in his classic "On Rhetoric," provides a helpful template in evaluating whether someone has qualities of being classified as a "good speaker." His three major considerations are *logos* (logic), *pathos* (emotion), and *ethos* (credibility). Although all three are observable in the life and speeches of Bryan, for the purposes of this discussion, only Bryan's *ethos* will be examined. *Ethos*, which we now call "credibility," is often made up of those things an audience considers even before the speaker utters the first words of a speech, even though some *ethos* is "created" as the speaker delivers his/her speech. Bryan's *ethos* can be noted in the four "Cs" of credibility: his competency, his charisma, his charity, and his character.



Simplistically, Bryan's competency could be narrowly defined by his educational degrees – he graduated as valedictorian from Illinois College and received his law degree from Union Law College – but in a larger perspective, the depth and breadth of his competency was demonstrated in several ways. First, in his reputation as an insightful Bible teacher and highly sought-after Chautauqua circuit speaker; second, as a culturally intelligent diplomat who, as Secretary of State, had to be familiar with domestic and international policies and customs;



Trial, Bryan quietly paid the fine assessed to the defendant, John T. Scopes. Although the fine was minuscule (\$100) in light of the magnitude and international publicity of the trial itself, the magnanimous principle of the winner paying for the loser reverberates with goodwill. Even after his death Bryan continued to demonstrate charity through the execution of his final will when, after taking care of his family financially, he bequeathed substantial amounts of money to churches, YMCAs, libraries, and various charitable societies. Finally, and probably more familiar to readers of this periodical, Bryan requested that \$50,000 “be used to establish an academy for boys...I would like special attention given to citizenship and applied Christianity so that the graduates may be prepared for leadership in both state and church” (from “The Last Will and Testament of William Jennings Bryan” in *The Life of William Jennings Bryan*). (Note: Bryan also said in reference to this academy that “I would like the boys to wear a uniform made of blue and gray to symbolize the reunion of the north and south.” The Bryan Lions may need to reconsider the current school colors of red and gold!)

and ultimately on the world’s stage, as the astute prosecutor in the Scopes trial, demonstrating knowledge of law and Scripture as he navigated his way through the highly scrutinized trial.

Bryan’s second ethos factor, charisma – or what Aristotle referred to as “dynamism” – was noted in Bryan’s passionate delivery in his public speeches and sermons, a booming voice so richly resonant that he could mesmerize

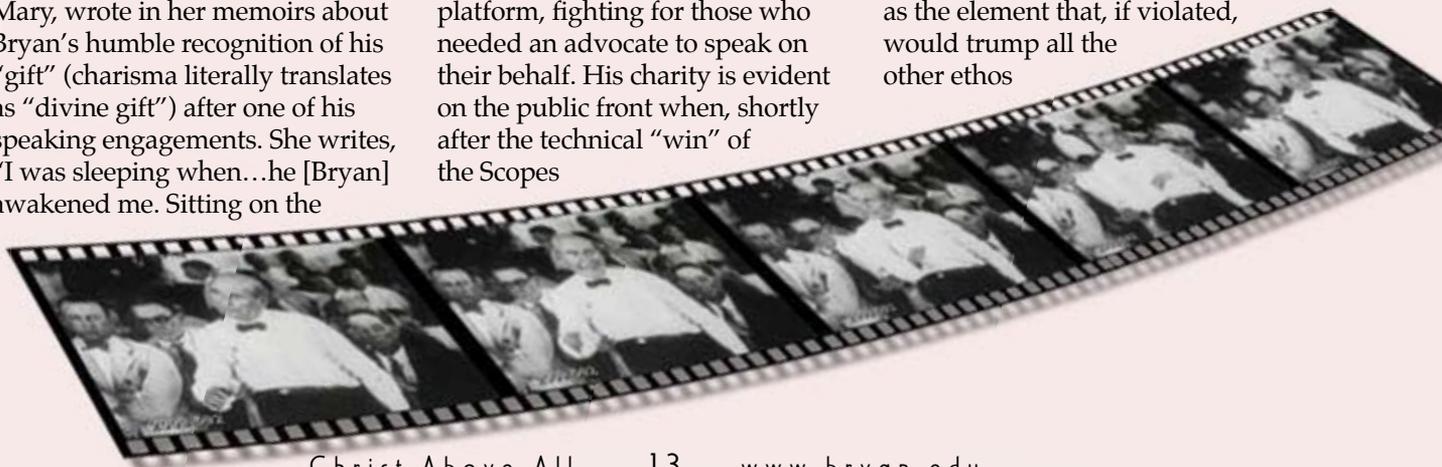


audiences for hours. His wife, Mary, wrote in her memoirs about Bryan’s humble recognition of his “gift” (charisma literally translates as “divine gift”) after one of his speaking engagements. She writes, “I was sleeping when...he [Bryan] awakened me. Sitting on the

edge of the bed, he began: ‘Mary, I have had a strange experience. Last night I found that I had power over the audience. I could move them as I chose. I have more than usual power as a speaker. I know it. God grant I may use it wisely.’”

The third ethos factor – charity – or what Aristotle described as “the speaker’s goodwill toward his audience,” is the characteristic which gave him the affectionate nickname “the Great Commoner.” John and Genevieve Herrick, in their book, *The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, explain that Bryan “was known to the people of America and the world as the Great Commoner because he found the Divine spark in the soul of the humblest of his fellow men.” This biblical perspective of humanity drove Bryan to do whatever he could through word and deed to help his fellow man. This desire to bring charity toward all people, not just the wealthy or the elite, became his personal and political platform, fighting for those who needed an advocate to speak on their behalf. His charity is evident on the public front when, shortly after the technical “win” of the Scopes

Character, the fourth ethos factor, is probably the dominating characteristic of Bryan the Communicator. Aristotle called this “trustworthiness” and saw it as the element that, if violated, would trump all the other ethos



elements. As a politician and statesman, Bryan was constantly under the scrutiny of his constituents, his opponents, and the media. Yet even among his opponents, his character and integrity were consistently acknowledged. One newspaper wrote regarding Bryan after his untimely death, "Even though we do not agree with some of his doctrines," they said repeatedly, "we can pay tribute to his honesty and sincerity."

As a communication professor at Bryan, it has been my duty and privilege to teach my students about the importance of good delivery, sound arguments, and appropriate emotional appeal. I constantly point them toward the Greatest Communicator, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as the ultimate model of effective communication and the embodiment of the redemptive gospel message. On another level, I am honored to be able to also point to our college's namesake as another example of a good communicator – though

not perfect, still a noteworthy model to be emulated in practice and principle. Bryan was a man who loved his Savior and fought faithfully to the end to communicate that devotion to the world. He knew that great speeches did not necessarily make a great man, but rather, a humble servant devoted to glorifying Christ through word and deed demonstrated one's greatness. Bryan acknowledged the importance of ethos – a communication principle that is less about the words and more about the walk – in this excerpt from one of his many speeches: "You cannot judge a man's life by the success of a moment, by the victory of an hour, or even by the results of a year. You must view his life as a whole. You must stand where you can see the man as he treads the entire path that leads from the cradle to the grave – now crossing the plain, now climbing the steeps, now passing through pleasant fields, now wending his way with difficulty between rugged rocks – tempted, tried,

tested, triumphant. The completed life...either by its success or failure, emphasizes the words of Solomon – 'The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day'" (Bryan's speech "The Law and the Gospel" from *The Life and Speeches of Wm. Jennings Bryan* by William Jennings Bryan).

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I am indebted to my former student, Dwight Sell, who suggested "charity" as a synonym for Aristotle's "goodwill" in order to achieve alliteration, thus, the "Four Cs of Credibility."



Bryan, March 12, 1922, at Point Breeze Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh during KDKA broadcast

Seen On Campus



Dr. Anthony Esolen



Andy Crouch



Robert Pettus



Jim Glover, '79



Walt Jackson, '82

Andy Crouch – Senior Editor, *Christianity Today International*, speaker for the back-to-school “Engage” conference in January.

Walt Jackson, '82 – Managing director, Goldman Sachs, spoke to business students in January.

Robert Pettus, '67x – Retired executive vice president of Coca-Cola Consolidated, Charlotte, N.C., spoke in chapel and to business students in January.

Sgt. Roddy Llewellyn – Detective with New Scotland Yard, focusing on human trafficking, spoke at Bryan and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in February.

Dr. Anthony Esolen – Professor of English, Providence College, Medieval and Renaissance literature specialist, spoke in chapel and was a guest lecturer in English classes in March.

Jim Glover, '79, an Atlanta-area real estate executive, visited campus on February 23 and spoke to students about his experience in business.

Rotary Scholars



Dayton Rotary Club President David Ray Brown, right, presented Bryan College President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, left, a check to fund two scholarships at Bryan. Rotary Scholars this year are Andrew Zimmerman, from Grandview, and Kelley Adams, from Evesville. In addition to the presentation, the Bryan College Chamber Singers performed a brief concert for the Rotarians and their guests.

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New Bern.

Mr. Earl Reed and students Stephanie Huskey and Nick Cahill, Bryan's two Appalachian College Association Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics scholarship recipients, attended the ACA fall summit in Abingdon, Va., in October.

Dr. Travis Ricketts took eight students to the Federal Seminar course in Washington, D.C., in January.

Dr. Roger Sanders has been awarded an Appalachian College Association Faculty Fellowship for the summer of 2010 to support his travel to botanical museums in New York; Washington, D.C.; and St. Louis to study plant specimens.

Dr. Adina Scruggs successfully defended her dissertation in November 2009 and was awarded the Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Mr. Rocky Stinson attended the National Fastpitch Coaches Association convention in Nashville in December 2009.

Dr. Jack Traylor has become a member of the Academic Advisory Board for McGraw-Hill's publication *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in United States History*, a publication featuring conflicting understandings of various issues in U.S. history. It is used in a number of upper-level college history courses.

Mrs. Tami Tulberg has been named vice president of the Tennessee Association of College Stores. She and **Ms. Jan Green** attended the association's annual meeting in Knoxville in the fall.

Mrs. Marlene Wilkey attended the 2009 Southern Association of Colleges and Employers convention in Nashville, Tenn., in December.

Mr. Ben Williams was the keynote speaker and led five sessions for the Association of Christian Schools International Southeast Region High School Leadership Conference in Goshen, Va., in November.

THE NEED

Many people desire to support Bryan College but are unable to donate property during their lifetime. For example, a donor may have property that is needed during life to cover living expenses or rising health care costs but may be able to donate this property through his or her estate.

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"I give my car to Joshua."

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If you would like to include Bryan in your estate plans, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 1-800-55BRYAN (552-7926) ext. 4.

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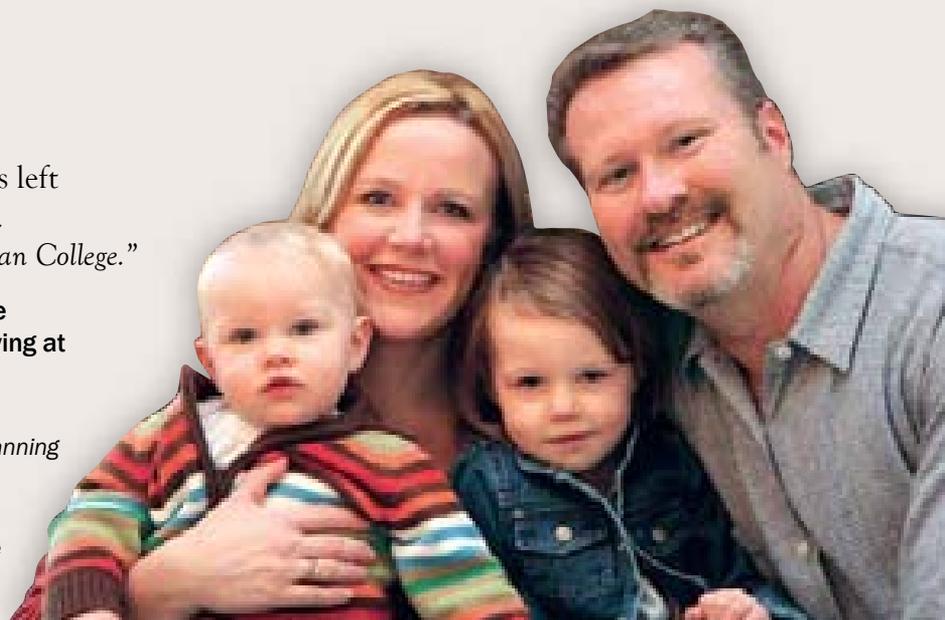
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If you have already included Bryan in your will please let us know.

Undivided Percentage of Asset Bequests

A testator may bequeath or devise an undivided percentage of a particular asset.

"I give half of my home to Austin."



Doing something good for **Bryan College**



**“On top of that,
I’m very happy with the income.”**

A charitable gift annuity with Bryan College is producing a return for Bradford Lapsley, some of which is in dollars and cents.

Mr. Lapsley purchased his annuity because “I wanted to do something good for Bryan College. When our kids got to college age, I was pulling my hair out trying to figure out how to pay for college, and it’s a hundred times worse today than it was then.”

With six children, four of whom were born while Mr. Lapsley and his wife, Betty, were missionaries with SIM in Ethiopia, he remembers the challenge of paying for college. He met a number of Bryan graduates, and through their influence was led to consider Bryan for their daughter Lisa. Lisa, now Lisa Mitchell, is a 1985 Bryan graduate.

While he appreciated Lisa’s experience as a student, the icing on the cake came from a comment his mother made. “My mother visited Lisa at her graduation, and afterward told Lisa that of all the schools that her grandchildren had attended (and she had visited them all at some time or another), she thought Bryan was the very best.”

Mr. Lapsley got into the publishing business from talking with Steve Strauss, a 1976 Bryan graduate who was working in Ethiopia at an underground Bible school. “He said there was a problem with teaching Ethiopians in English (rather than their national language), and I said, ‘I’ll pray for you.’ The very next day, I saw a woman with a Korean-English Bible, and I said, ‘That’s what Steve needs.’”

He published an Amharic-English New Testament and about 15 other books before turning that effort over to the publishing arm of the Ethiopian Evangelical Seminary. Not long after, he received an email from a man in Germany who asked to put his Ethiopian-English New Testament on a web site. “I thought to myself, “Why don’t I get a web site going and put books on it?” He did just that, and today www.good-amharic-books.com has more than 300 titles on the web, with more in the works.

When he’s not working on publishing, Mr. Lapsley is more than happy to talk about his ancestors, one of whom was a chaplain in the Confederate Army, then a minister in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Another was a soldier at Galveston, “defending Galveston against the Yankees.” He became a doctor in Fort Worth and had the first phone in that city.

“We are very pleased with what Bryan did for our daughter, and we were more than happy to send you all some money to help you keep up the good work. On top of that, I’m very happy with the income. It’s good to have it coming in.

“If a person had any second thoughts about giving money instead of investing money, this should resolve them.”

For more information about a charitable gift annuity or other giving and estate planning options, contact Jim Barth at 423-775-7280 or by email at barthji@bryan.edu, or Steve Keck at 423-775-7581, or by email at steve.keck@bryan.edu.



I remember *Bryan*

by Martha Sheffield Payne, '55



I remember Bryan for the lessons learned during those four years.

As a history major I learned about the world past and present in Mr. Brown's classes. Science classes taught me to appreciate God's creation. Who can forget the ornithology trip to the Great Smoky Mountains, or the bear that came crashing through our camp one night? Mr. Zopfi's Christian Ed teaching on the inductive method of Bible study enabled me to feed myself from the Word as a missionary in the Amazon Jungle.

But not all lessons were learned in the classroom. Participating in intramural sports taught teamwork. Various jobs in the office, monitoring study halls, or in the kitchen instilled a work ethic. I even met my future husband peeling potatoes.



1954 Sophomore Women's Basketball Team

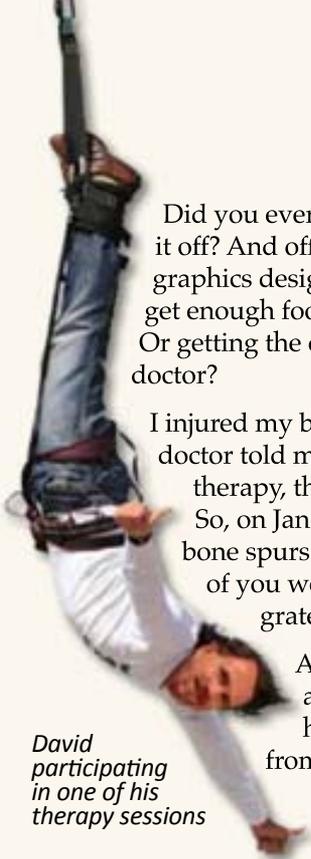
Extracurricular activities enhanced my education. The Forensic Club and debating taught me to stand up and express my thoughts. The Science Club took us on hikes up nearby hills or spelunking in caves deep within them. We turned off our flashlights and stood in awe gazing at the glow worms that dotted the ceiling. Praying with others in the South American prayer band strengthened my calling to missions.

But of all the lessons learned during four years at Bryan, one far supersedes all others, for it was at Bryan College I learned to trust the Lord. No one in my family had ever thought of going to college, let alone dared to do so. My family encouraged me, but was unable to help financially. In the fall of 1951 I arrived on campus with approximately enough money for the first semester. Various jobs helped me finish the year owing nothing. A good summer job enabled me to return the next fall. At the end of four years I graduated with all bills paid, and even some money left over, so that I received my first paycheck from the accounting department!

I was young, and now am old, but have gone through life trusting the Lord. He has supplied all my needs, physically, financially, mentally, and spiritually. These are the lessons learned at Bryan over a half century ago.



Come Back Here



Did you ever “know” you should do something, but kept putting it off? And off? And off? Like starting that latest diet? (Dean Bell, our graphics design specialist, claims he is on two diets because he does not get enough food with one!) Or making that phone call to a friend or loved one? Or getting the car fixed? Or taking that time off to be with the family? Going to the doctor?

I injured my back five years ago, and tried everything I could to avoid the inevitable. The doctor told me then I needed surgery, but I knew I had things to do, places to go, etc. I did the therapy, the spinal injections, lots of Ibuprofen, all of it. In the end, I came back to square one. So, on Jan. 7, I had spinal fusion surgery. The surgeon inserted two rods, four screws, knocked bone spurs off of four discs, and somehow treated the moderate arthritis that was developing. Many of you were so gracious, offering much prayer and encouragement. I am deeply humbled and grateful.

Along the way, I got great help from alums. Dr. Eric Clarke, '80, led me to a great surgeon, and Diane Dempsey Sirmans, '86, and Doug Padgett, '90, were able to give great advice, having gone through it themselves. Nancy Ruark, '80, came to the hospital, all the way from Michigan, just to harass me! THAT is true friendship!

I think you know where I am going with this. So many of us have put off making the trip back to Bryan. We have found other things to do. Recently, a couple of good friends came back after many years. Walt Jackson, '82, a managing director for Goldman Sachs, came back after at least 15 years, and spoke to business classes here and at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Jim Glover, '79, member of a very large real estate agency in Marietta, Ga., also came and spoke to a business class. It had been 30 years for him. I hesitate to speak for them, but both seemed extremely impressed. That might be a phone call you may want to make and get the story from them!

David participating in one of his therapy sessions



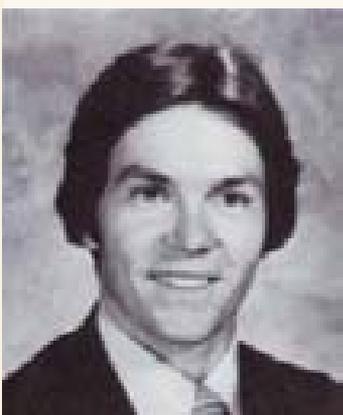
We had a wonderful time at the Dallas alumni dinner in February, hosted by Carl and Nadine Bracy, '84. Dr. Livesay gave an update on the college, and alumni enjoyed great fellowship. If you would like to host an upcoming event, please let me know at davidt@bryan.edu.

I would strongly ask you to make plans now for Homecoming Oct. 1-3. We will be inducting Carlos Vega, '81, into the Athletics Hall of Fame. He is coming from Honduras, so that wipes out the “too far” excuse! Tom Branson, '80, will speak at the Sunday Alumni Chapel service. Landes Way will be finished, which means Matt and Brett will be here as well. Shoot, the Hee Haw Honies from the Class of 1980 will be here!

Friends, come back. Bryan Alumni Family, come back and catch up. Don't wait. Don't put it off any longer. Make this year the year you decided to come back here. God is doing some amazing things. Come see for yourself.

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser
Alumni Director



Lion Tracks



Skip & Judith Hipple

1950s

CHARLES THORNTON, '53, retired Oct. 1, 2009, after serving for 49 years as a pastor in Grace Brethren churches in Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Michigan, Washington, Iowa, and finally in Soldotna, Alaska. Charles and his wife, **JANICE**, '55, plan to live in Alaska.

JOY (LESLIE) BOSTROM, '56, traveled to Richmond, Maine, in June 2009, to help celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of **LESTER** and **MARY (GRAYDON) DOW**, both '58. Mary and Joy were roommates at Bryan, and they enjoyed reminiscing about their college days. In July, Joy and her husband, Bob, drove from their home in Brooksville, Fla., to Vermont to take part in the Appalachian Trail Conference. Joy hiked for 10 days, covering 81 miles. She has 760 miles to go before completing the entire 2175-mile trail.

1970s

GEORGE "SKIP" HIPPLE, '71, and **JUDITH (RINCK) MILLER**, '70, were married Aug. 12, 2009, in Ringgold, Ga. **CHARLOTTE (ROBINSON) MCSPADDEN**, '70, and **CARVIS CHAPPELL**, '70, were matron of honor and best man. Skip and Judy reconnected through the new Bryan alumni web site. Both had married their first spouses from Bryan. Skip was married to **PATRICIA WELLS**, '72, who died in 2004, and Judy was married to **RANDY MILLER**, '70, who died in 2006. The Hipples live in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

VERN "STEVE," '79, and Dorris **STEVENSON** are celebrating their second retirement, this time after 30 years of service with SEND International. In 1977 Steve retired after 20 years of military service, then came to Bryan to prepare for a second career. Vern

and Dorris, who live in Chugiak, Alaska, have found that this retirement really means a change from one lifestyle to another.

1990s

MARK OLSON, '90, ran into some Bryan alumni during his 2009 deployment in Iraq, where he served as an Army chaplain. He met **SCHAUN "CJ" MYERS**, '87, and **PETE STONE**, '96, at Camp Taji, Iraq in May. Schaun is with the Pennsylvania National Guard; Mark is with the Fourth Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas; and Pete is with the First Cavalry Division from Fort Hood.

CONDA (OESTREICH), '94, and Ken **HYSELL** announce the birth of their "miracle baby" son, Kenton, on April 21, 2009. Kenton weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz., and was 21 ½ inches long. He joins big brother Caleb, 11. The Hysell family lives in Dayton, Tenn., where Ken works for 84 Lumber.

The Hysell Family





Colter Lee Stone



Yara Juliece Taylor

KEN GUSTAFSON, '94, has put his experience in the Chorale to work. This past fall he was selected to an Atlanta, Ga., vocal group, the Northside Festival Singers. Ken lives in Lawrenceville.

Dr. GLYNN, '95, and Angie **STONE** announce the birth of their third son, Colter Lee, on July 19, 2009. The stone family lives in Longview, Texas, where Glynn is pastor of Mobberly Baptist Church.

DAVE, '96, and Sally **ALBAN** announce the birth of their second son, John "Jack" William, on June 30, 2009. Jack weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz., and was 21 inches long. He joins big brother, Seth, 3. In September, the family moved to Richland, Mich., where Dave is principal at Gull Lake Middle School. He had served as assistant principal at West Ottawa High School in Holland, Mich., for the four previous years. He also is nearing the end of his Ph.D. studies in educational leadership

Jack William Alban



at Western Michigan University.

CHET, '96x, and **ROBIN (SLOAN), '93, CROMER** have lived in South Carolina since they finished at Bryan, with Chet working for Cromer Food Services and Robin working as an attorney. The Cromers and their three children will be moving from Anderson, S.C., as Robin has accepted an appointment to the Foreign Service with the U.S. Department of State. After training in Washington, D.C., the family will be posted to a U.S. embassy overseas.

MELINDA (SNEAD), '98, and Matt **ROWAND** announce the birth of their son, Logan Matthew, on Nov. 15, 2009. Logan weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 ½ inches long. He joins big sister Olivia, 2. The Rowand family lives in Suwanee, Ga.

JIMMY and **JULIA (BRUEHL) TAYLOR**, both '98, announce the birth of their fourth child, Yara Juliece, on July 27, 2009. Yara weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz., and was 19

inches long. She joins siblings Auburn, 8; Dayleah, 5; and Jent, 2. Jimmy is pastor of baptism and leader of media and technology at Grace Church in Greenville, S.C., and Julia is a full-time mom. The Taylor family lives in Taylors, S.C.

2000s

SUE HUBER, '01, and Tony Orlando were married May 20, 2006, at Clearwater Beach, Fla. Alumni attending the wedding included Sue's mother, **JAN (LEININGER) NELSON, '75; JUDY (LEININGER) LEE, '75; AMBER (LANE) DELPH, '02; JENNIFER (FERRELL), '00**, and **RUSTY KALENZA, '01; MICHELLE (KALENZA) GOODWIN, '04x**; and **STEPHANIE (WAGNER) CAMP, '04x**. The Orlandos live in St. Petersburg, Fla., and announce the birth of their son, Anthony, Jr., on July 21, 2009. Tony is a general manager at ARS, and

Sue and Tony Orlando



The Rowand Family





Anthony Orlando, Jr.



John and Erin Wisehart



Joseph Steven Christian

Sue is a controller for a property management company, working at home since the birth of their son.

NATE and **MICHELLE (PHANEUF) KROGEL**, both '01, announce the birth of their son, Noah Ryan, on Sept. 28, 2009. The Krogels live in Farmington, Mich., where Michele expects to complete her OB/GYN residency in August. Nate is in his first year of a gastroenterology fellowship.

ERIN DAVIS, '02, and John Wisehart were married Oct. 24, 2009, in Columbus, Ga. Alumni attending the ceremony included **RICKY** and **HILARY (DAVIS) SMITH**, both '96; **TR BLACK**, '99; **AARON** and **KELLY (AMBROSE) BRAUN-DUIN**, both '02; **SARAH (CANTRELL) DRAKE**, '02; **BRYON** and **JOIE (STONE) ROSSI**, both '02; and **MICHELLE LARGENT**, '02. Former Bryan professor Dr. Jim Coffield and Dr. Ed Smith officiated. The Wiseharts live in Newnan, Ga., where John is an engineer with Georgia Power Co., and Erin is a marriage and

family therapist with Lighthouse Counseling Center.

JENNIFER (WILSON), '03, and Daryl CROW announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Marie, on July 30, 2009. The Crow family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Daryl works in programming at Unum and Jennifer is an account manager at Cigna Healthcare.

HOPE KOSTREVA, '03, and Andrew Hubbard were married July 25, 2009. The Hubbards live in Charlotte, N.C., where Hope teaches part-time and is finishing her Master's degree in English, and Andrew works in retail while pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree in accounting.

EVA HOLDER, '05, completed her Master's degree in piano performance at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in May, 2009. She continues to live in Knoxville, where she teaches piano. During the winter, she and a friend who plays cello developed a recital program which they presented several

times.

SCOTT, '04x, and **ALLYSSA (MANTOOTH)**, '02, **PACKETT** announce the birth of their son, Ayden Tayte, on Aug. 1, 2009. Ayden weighed 8 lbs., and was 22 inches long. The Packett family lives in Athens, Tenn.

JULIE MILLER, '05x, passed the Tennessee Bar examination this past fall and has moved from Florida, where she was an assistant attorney general, to Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is in private practice.

JASON, '06, and **OLIVIA (FESSLER)**, '05, **BRAATEN** announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Laine, on Dec. 30, 2008. Nora's name was inspired by one of Olivia's former suitemates, **NORA VIRGINIA MACHA**, '05. The Braaten family lives in Woodstock, Conn., where Jason is an insurance agent and Olivia is a part-time reporter for the community newspaper.

TIFFANY (MANZ), '04, and **STEVEN**, '06x **CHRISTIAN**

Noah Ryan Krogel



Lucie Marie Crow



Ayden Tayte Packett





Nora Laine Braaten



The Peters Family



Jorge and Brittany Vallejo

announce the birth of their first child, Joseph Steven, on Dec. 16, 2009. Joseph weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21 inches long. Tiffany worked as an admissions counselor at Bryan for four and a half years before Joseph was born, and Steven is a maintenance worker at Bryan.

TAYLOR and JULIE (THOMPSON) HASTY, both '06, announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Maddux Hasty, on June 21, 2009. Maddux weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21 1/4 inches long. Taylor is in his second season as the head baseball coach for the Bryan Lions.

ELI, '06, and **BETSY (HALVORSON)**, '07, **PETERS** announce the birth of their son, Jedidiah David, on Aug. 4, 2009. Jedidiah weighed 9 lbs., 11 oz., and was 22 inches long. The Peters family lives in Sherwood, Ark.

JORGE, '06, and **Brittany VALLEJO** were married Aug. 14, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pa. Jorge is in his third year working with the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Philadelphia's inner city. He also is playing with the Philadelphia KIXX soccer team and coaching high school soccer.

STEVEN and CHRISTY (NOEL) CHAMBERS, both '08, announce the birth of their son, Steven Andrew, Jr., on Aug. 13, 2009. Andrew weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long.

TAYLOR HOLLINGSWORTH, '08, and **ELISABETH COCHRANE**, '09, were married July 25, 2009, in Columbia, S.C. The couple lives in Dayton, Tenn., where Taylor works as an educator for the Women's Care Center and Elisabeth is a reporter for *The Herald-News*. Elisabeth is the daughter of alumni **PAUL**, '83, and **BARB (WIENS)**, '84, **COCHRANE**, and Taylor is the son of Bryan Communication Studies professor Dr. Randy and Jennifer Hollingsworth.

MELODY (FINDLEY) NASIATKA, '08, works as communication director for

John Hagee Ministries, an international television, radio, and print evangelism ministry in San Antonio, Texas. She and her husband, **JEREMIAH**, '09, live in San Antonio, where Jeremiah is national campus coordinator for Christians United for Israel.

JASON FINNELL, '09 MBA, has been named director of development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray, and Whitfield counties in Georgia.

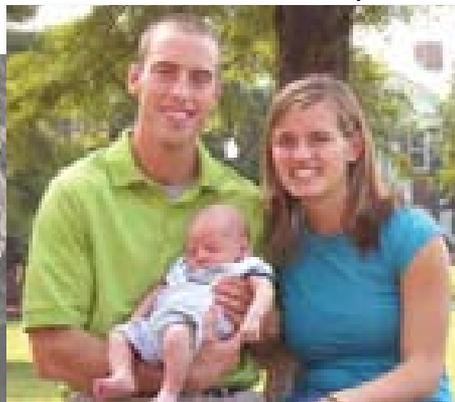
BRITTANY MCGEHEE, '09, earned a top-ten spot in the Miss Louisiana Pageant in June. She was selected as a preliminary talent winner, and received the Miss America Academic Award, given by the national organization to the state contestant with the most outstanding academic record.

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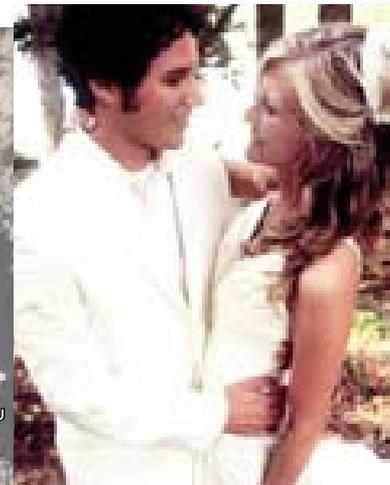
JORDAN LAWRENCE, '10x, and **LAUREN PAGE**, '09, were married Dec. 13, 2009, in Canton,

Taylor and Elisabeth Hollingsworth

The Hasty Family



The Chambers Family





Jordan and Lauren Lawrence



Michael and Melissa Schroeder

Ga. **DR. DAVID LUTHER, '95H**, led the Bryan College Chamber Singers during the ceremony. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included **CARI-JEAN BOWMAN, '09**; **JESSIE LAPLUE, '09**; and **MICHAEL SCHROEDER, '09**. Students in the wedding party included Molly Gehring, Ryan Smith, Andrew Davis, and Ben Cunningham. Leading the congregation in worship were students Danielle Wilson, Jason Hundley, Lindsay McKissick, and Chad Byers.

Jordan and Lauren live in Kennesaw, Ga., where Jordan is studying American history and Lauren is teaching music at a Christian school.

MICHAEL SCHROEDER, '10 and **MELISSA BROWN, '09**, were married Jan. 23, 2010, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included **DIANA PARKER, '08**; **CARRIE COOK, '09**; **PHILIP SCHROEDER, '05**; **JORDAN LAWRENCE, '10x**; and **DREW GOODMAN, '08**. Students in the wedding included

Amanda Elswick, Ryan Smith, Andrew Davis, Emily Hendrix, Jason Hundley, Seth Flores, and Matt Dee. **ROY SMITH, '08**, was pianist, and Dr. Peter Held, vice president for student life, officiated.

With the Lord

ARNOLD MOLLETTE, '42x, of Red Jacket, W.Va., died Nov. 21, 2009.

VERA MAE (SMITH) CARLSON, '48x, of Elyria, Ohio, died July 17, 2005.

HERBERT H. CARLSON, '52x, of Elyria, Ohio, died April 17, 2009.

Dr. DALMAIN CONGDON, '50, of Carol Stream, Ill., died April 6, 2009.

DAVID C. HARMON, '56, of Grand Junction, Colo., died May 4, 2009.

BARBARA (SMITH) STEPP, '56x, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 27, 2010.

HAZEL (WYATT) KETCHERSID, '63, of Spring City, Tenn., died Nov. 8, 2009.

BOB TAYLOR, '65, of Dayton, Tenn., died Feb. 4, 2010.

Dr. BRYAN K. SHELLEY, '71, of Hendersonville, N.C., died Feb. 9, 2010.

NESS JUDSON, '72, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Sept. 23, 2009.

GLENN A. PORCELLA, '77, of Lake Placid, Fla., died Aug. 15, 2009.

RANDALL SOUTHARD, '82, of Acworth, Ga., died Jan. 13, 2010.

KATHY (GROSSER) GARNER, '82x, of Wheat Ridge, Colo., died Jan. 2, 2010.

ASHLEY TURLINGTON, '07x, of Lakeland, Fla., died Sept. 18, 2009.

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All-Freshman Team

Jake Bradley
Jason McLeod

Coach of the Year

Rodney Stoker



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Women's Cross Country–AAC Tournament Runners-Up

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Liz Olsen



Daniel O'Kane



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Tom Hemmings

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Jenn McCue
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Men's Basketball—Regular Season Co-Champions Conference Champions of Character Award Winners

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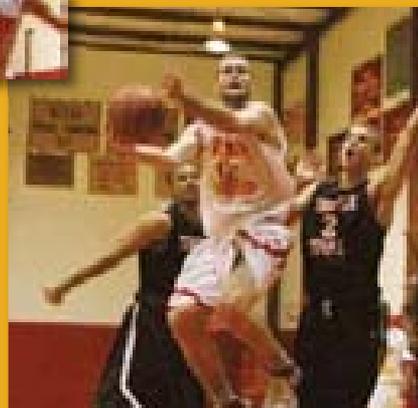
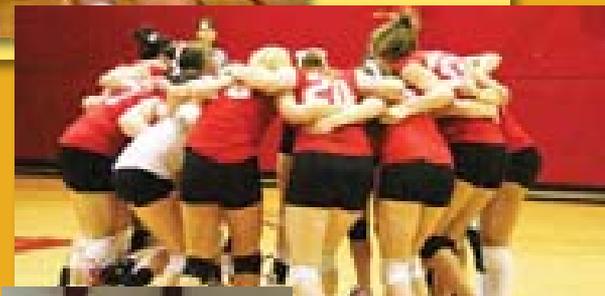
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