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I was having dinner with a man some time ago and he was so moved by what happens at Bryan that he borrowed my pen and wrote out a check for \$500,000 for student scholarships. Whatever you can give - \$5, \$500,000, or \$5.0 million - will go directly to the scholarship program and be invested in God's work in the students of Bryan College. Please use the envelope inserted in this issue of Bryan Life to send your gift to help deserving Bryan students. Thanks so much!

Yours in Christ,

William E. Brown
President

Christians have a duty to think about politics

by David Fowler

Religion and politics - two things we are told never to talk about in polite social circles. But Christians should not, and indeed, ought not, to avoid the subject. For if God is truly God, and Jesus is the "ruler of the Kings of the earth," and is "seated at the right hand of God far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named," then we Christians cannot ignore the subject of politics. We cannot hold to our conception of God and these express truths about Christ and simultaneously hold that government is somehow autonomous - free from God's ultimate authority - and therefore not subject to Him or of interest to Him.

Just as there is that which is really true about the nature of man and the nature of God and that which is false, there is that which is true about the nature of government and the state and that which is false. And since the Church, according to the Apostle Paul, is the "pillar and support of the truth" and since our Savior Himself is Truth, then the Church should seek to know the truth about all of that which God has made, including government.

However, in this search for truth about the nature of government, we would be wise to remember what the late Francis Schaeffer said about the Bible in the context of the search for truth in the matter of origins:

The central purpose of the Bible is to give us what fallen man needs to know between the Fall and the second coming of Christ... The Bible is not a scientific textbook - in the sense that science is not its central theme, and we do not have a comprehensive statement about the cosmos. But the Bible tells us much about the cosmos in reference to the central theme....

So, too, in discussing government, we need to keep in mind that the primary purpose of the Bible is not to explain government, the merits of any particular form of government, or any particular



David Fowler is a Tennessee State Senator and director of the Bryan College Center for Law and American Government.

CLAG

Twenty legislators from six states attended the initial Foundations Forum in August, a three-day program designed to encourage lawmakers to consider the implications of a biblical worldview as they carry out the duties of their offices.

Tennessee Sen. David Fowler, host for the forum, said, "It is very exciting to realize that there is a hunger for a program like this where legislators could, indeed, have the time to dig deeper into the foundations for the law and economic policies that they constantly have to deal with. The response was even better than I could have anticipated, and the speaker really were world-class."

Friday's session was devoted to the concept of a Christian worldview. Saturday's program examined the biblical foundation for law, wealth, and economy. Sunday's schedule included a worship time and a study of the history of Christian involvement in the public arena.

The Foundations Forum was the first major presentation by Bryan's new Center for Law and American Government (CLAG), and illustrates the purpose for which the center was organized, Sen. Fowler said.

"We want to introduce students to a biblical understanding of the nature of government and law and how that understanding differs from the understanding of secular writers," he said. "We want students to come to an appreciation of the sovereignty of God and its relevance in very practical ways in our society, government, law, and politics."

"We also want to use the Foundations Forum to better ground state legislators in their understanding

political theory. However, government is an integral part of that which God has ordained during this period prior to His second coming. Therefore, in recognition of our need until then, He has given us in His word information about the nature of government and law sufficient to our need before His return.

Earlier I stated that government is not free from God's ultimate authority. The key is the word "ultimate." By that I mean a couple of things. First, it means that, essentially, the power and sovereignty which government possesses finds its ultimate source in God. The Psalmist and Paul both assert that "all power belongs to God" and early church fathers and the Protestant Reformers held the civil ruler's power and authority were rooted in God.

Second, it means that government is not autonomous in the sense that a government can take a nation in some direction that is contrary to God's ultimate will for that nation in the flow of history toward God's appointed ends. God is sovereign over the flow and course of history, directing it toward his ultimate ends and purposes. As Nebuchadnezzar learned the hard way, "none can stay his hand, or say unto him, 'What hast thou done.'"

However, the word "ultimate" is appropriate because it is possible for nations to deny God's authority and sovereignty and lose their understanding of the foundations upon which government exists. The Old Testament provides ample illustration of nations that denied the ultimate sovereignty, power, and authority of God and the consequences of doing so.

It is also possible for governments, losing sight of their foundation in God, to take the next step and lose their understanding of what might be called the "rules of the game." William Blackstone said it this way:

"[W]hen [God] created man, and endued him with freewill to conduct himself in all parts of life, he laid down certain immutable laws of human nature, whereby that freewill is in some degree regulated and restrained. These laws being ... dictated by God himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other."

The foregoing statements are an anathema to a modern culture that has either denied the being of God or relegated Him to the realm of the private life. Even for many Christians it gives pause for concern as it conjures up the struggles between the Pope and the kings of Continental Europe and England and the truly ugly persecutions that flowed from them.

However, in dealing with "God and government," the proverbial baby need not be thrown out with the bath water. The institutions of church and state will always exist and must therefore learn to exist together. To make progress in this area, we must heed the words of C.S. Lewis, written in another context, "[I]f you have taken a wrong turn, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. ... [P]rogress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road. ... Going back is the quickest way on."

In this instance, "going back" does not mean returning to the days when the institution of the church sought to control the institution of the state and vice versa. However, it does mean recovering our belief in the truth that all power and authority find their roots in the power and authority of God and that government is not autonomous from Him. Government leaders need to recognize the truth of their accountability to God as they consider the laws they make. It is for this reason that the Tennessee Constitution forbids anyone from holding any office in the state who "denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments."

The "magistrate" is, according to the Word of God, a "minister," whether a particular magistrate recognizes that fact or not. The Christian legislator, in particular, would do well to recognize that fact as he or she makes decisions.

Next, Christians, in general, must consider that truth in the context of the means by which God has delegated that power and authority in any particular case. In this country, God has vested that power and authority in the people who, in turn, have exercised that power and authority to establish a republic. However, too often, in the votes we cast and the laws we clamor for, we have forgotten that the power and authority we exercise is a sacred trust from God. We have too often forgotten that the power and authority entrusted to us must be exercised by us and by those whom we elect as consistently as possible with those "immutable laws of human nature."

This does not mean that the "sword" of the state is to be used to "make" people Christians, to observe the sacraments of the Church, or to believe that which the Church universal teaches about God and salvation. God alone has jurisdiction over the hearts and minds of men. However, government, in trying to maintain an ordered society, does have jurisdiction over actions. In this regard, government and politicians do well if they recognize that there are "rules of the game" that we should not ignore any more than the rocket scientist would ignore the laws of gravity, combustion, and aerodynamics.

So, when it comes to politics, the Church does its work best, not when it tries to control the institution of government, but when it teaches the household of faith the whole Truth of the Word of God, calls them to obedience to His Lordship, and exhorts them to live out that Word in all areas of their daily lives, including the exercise of the rights and obligations that are ours as citizens. 🏛️

of the nature of government, the nature of law and their accountability for their actions and decisions to the Lord, not just to the voters."

Now, the Foundations Forum program is limited to state legislators, but Sen. Fowler said he would like to see it expanded to include congressmen and senators on the federal level. "I understand that there is nothing else like this for elected officials at any level," he said.

Sen. Fowler said he envisions the center growing to be a resource for state legislators to share experiences "so we don't have to recreate what has already been done toward developing godly policies. We also could talk about the practical politics of issues – how wording of bills can be important, what groups supported a proposition, what kind of resistance there was."

He also envisions a role for the center as a "positive force in challenging the secular humanistic model (of government) that has evolved since Thomas Hobbs' theory, set forth in *Leviathan*. I hope I could, from time to time, publish articles that confront the question of church versus state and morality and law without God.

"For too long Christians have abandoned the arena of politics, in a sort of modern-day Gnostic theology that government is secular and therefore to be avoided. That's bad theology. I'm excited to have a renaissance of thinking that came out of the Reformation, that God is God of all things – business, family, law. God is the Great Governor in whom all power and authority rests. We (legislators) hold that in trust from Him.

"I hope in the Foundations Forum, if there are legislators who haven't struggled with the integration of their faith in politics, they will have begun to engage in the struggle when they leave. It's an awesome responsibility and privilege to serve in the capacity that Scripture describes as a minister of God."

What does it matter?

by Dr. William E. Brown



Nancy Granna endured a lifetime of disappointment and failure. The Alsip, Ill., native dropped out of high school and then lost her job. She separated from her husband after she had suffered two miscarriages. Whatever she did, wherever she went, she felt that failure marked her.

She met her failures with alcohol, which only made her life darker and more meaningless. She found a kindred spirit in Karen Logan, who had her own problems with life. Together, they developed a tragic bond of mutual misery and sadness. Together they tried to fight the ugliness that life had become.

Then together they decided to give up.

One cold day in March, Karen moved into Nancy's house where they drank, laughed, and cried. After four days, they went into the garage and shut the doors. Climbing into Nancy's Monte Carlo they started the engine. Nancy slumped down behind the steering wheel, crying and clutching her wedding album, the symbol of her only moment of happiness. Karen hugged a stuffed walrus and a rose. In less than an hour, their failures in this life ended.

On the dashboard they left nine sealed letters to family and friends. Between them on the seat was a sheet of paper with the lyrics to *Fade to Black*, a song by the rock group Metallica. The song poignantly expressed their reason for calling it quits.

*I have lost the will to live
Simply nothing more to give
There is nothing more for me
Need the end to set me free
Death greets me warm, now I will just say good-bye*

Nancy was nineteen. Karen was seventeen.

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Dear Bryan College Family:

Most of you know that the 2002-03 school year will be our last year at Bryan. I will assume the Presidency of Cedarville University in Ohio next summer.

Deciding to go Cedarville after next year was one of the most difficult decisions we as a family have ever faced. Leaving Bryan College is a gut-wrenching reality right now. For 19 years we have invested so much into God's work here. It could not have been better! The people, both at Bryan and in the community, have given us the most wonderful life imaginable.

We are convinced, however, that this is what God wants for us and for Bryan. I am grateful that we have another year to enjoy Bryan and to help make a great transition for whomever the Lord leads to become the new president. The Board of Trustees has appointed a search committee and they are hard at work.

Bryan College continues to grow in every way. I feel a sense of peace about where Bryan is now and the significant future that lies ahead. Please pray that God will give Bryan a great year and that God's guidance will be clear to those responsible for choosing the new president.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brown". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

William E. Brown
President

Nine freshmen have been awarded Presidential Scholarships to Bryan College for the 2002-2003 academic year,

including two who received Glenna Ware Presidential Scholarships. Presidential Scholarships are Bryan's highest academic grants, awarded on the basis of high school grades, an essay, and personal interview. The \$8,000 scholarship is renewable for four years. The Glenna Ware Presidential Scholarships, endowed by Holland Ware of Hogansville, Ga., are given to honor Mrs. Ware's Christian commitment and dedication to personal excellence.

Presidential Scholars and their academic areas include:



Ashley Abercrombie

Ashley Kathryn Abercrombie, daughter of Andrew and Kathryn Abercrombie of Winter Park, Fla., education/psychology. Ashley is a home school graduate who was active in her church. She volunteered and served as treasurer for the Youth Board of the Orlando Science Center. She is an elementary education major who plans to teach after college. At Bryan, she hopes to be involved in music and theater.



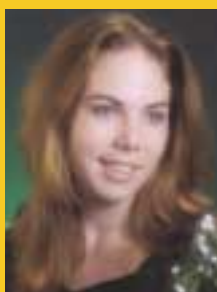
Cathy Chapman

Cathy Chapman, daughter of Robert and Paula Chapman of Dayton, Tenn., humanities. She was a member of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the Toss-Up Team, secretary of the Literary Club, an officer and section leader for the band, and vice president of the Debate Club. She was a member of the Bible Club, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Priority, and track team, and attended the Governor's School for the Humanities. Cathy is a history major who plans to be a writer after college. She hopes to be involved in music and theater.



Christine Freed

Rachel Christine Freed, daughter of Fred and Connie Freed of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., natural science. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta math club, Key Club, the mock trial team, and the Fellowship of Christian Students. She was active in marching and concert band, and a music team. She was honored for academic achievement in desktop publishing, algebra II, world history, Spanish III and English III. Rachel is a biology/pre-med major who plans to become an oncologist. She plans to be involved with a Practical Christian Involvement (PCI) ministry and in music.



Rachel Gentry

Rachel Gentry, daughter of Bruce and Marsha Gentry of Hixson, Tenn., Glenna Ware Presidential Scholarship in humanities; and John Poston, son of Barry and Rebecca Poston of Chattanooga, received a Presidential Scholarship in Social Sciences. Rachel was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, president of the Latin Club, editor of the school newspaper, class treasurer, and participated in the YMCA Youth Leadership of Chattanooga program. She is an English/secondary education major and plans to be a teacher. She hopes to be involved with the student newspaper.



Matthew Henderson

Matthew Henderson, son of Gary and Marilyn Henderson of Pinehurst, Texas, natural science. Matthew is a home school graduate who was active in his church and was treasurer of the Home School Honor Society. He won the "Best in Show" award for a local art show, and has recorded two CDs of piano music, including some of his original compositions. He is a computer science major, and hopes to be involved with music at Bryan.



Matt Hockenberry

Matt Hockenberry, son of Jack and Marjorie Hockenberry of Shelby, Mich., Glenna Ware Presidential Scholarship in humanities. Matt is a home school graduate who attended Summer Science Camps at Hillsdale College. For the past five years competed on the local YMCA swim team and qualified for five state YMCA and three Zone YMCA championship meets. He received the Respect award given by the Macomb YMCA, where he worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor. He is a communication arts major who plans to work in the marketing or advertising field after graduation. He hopes to be involved in student government.



John Poston

John Poston, son of Barry and Rebecca Poston of Chattanooga, social sciences. John is a home school graduate, was a member of the national championship mock trial team in 2002, was a home school representative to the Chattanooga City Youth Council, and was involved with the Honors Program at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. He is a psychology major and plans to work in the counseling field after college. He hopes to be involved in drama and a PCI ministry.



Joseph Radosevich

Joseph Radosevich, son of Raul and Mary Jo Radosevich of Douglas, Ga., biblical studies. Joseph is a home school graduate who was a member of the sound committee at his church. He is a Bible major and plans to attend seminary in preparation for a ministry or missions career. He hopes to play intramural soccer at Bryan.



Timothy St. John

Timothy Warren St. John, son of Robert and Mary Ann St. John of Anniston, Ala., music. Timothy is a home school graduate who was class chaplain, a member of the National Honor Society, and was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He taught piano lessons, was a lifeguard, swimming instructor and assistant swim team coach at the YMCA. He has won several piano competitions. Timothy is pursuing a double major in piano performance and Bible. He hopes to be a missionary. At Bryan, he plans to play baseball.

J. Wayne Cropp:

Impacting Politics



Wayne Cropp, '74, left, is pictured with his good friend and Tennessee's Third District member of the U.S. House of Representatives Zach Wamp. The picture was made during a conference in Chattanooga in 1996, and is one of Wayne's favorites.

J. Wayne Cropp is a lawyer-turned-entrepreneur, but running through his life is a political thread that he sees as his way of making a difference in today's world.

Wayne, president of Aquaterra Engineering in Chattanooga, Tenn., is Third District chairman for the Tennessee Republican Party. Reaching both points in his life was a result of a journey that began at Bryan College.

"I became involved in politics as a student at Bryan," Wayne said. He was vice president of the student body his senior year (1973-'74), and was chairman of a current events forum that professors Dr. Bill Ketchersid and Dr. Bob Spoeede had organized.

Following graduation, he earned his law degree in 1977, and went to work as staff attorney for the Chattanooga Air Pollution Control Bureau. After two years he was named director, serving until 1990, when he moved into private legal practice. In 1999, he was named senior vice president and general counsel of Four Seasons Environmental, then was promoted to chief executive officer.

"I liked the business side of the work and decided at the end of 2001, with a couple of business associates, to become an entrepreneur and brought Aquaterra Engineering, a subsidiary of Four Seasons." Aquaterra is a geotechnical engineering and environmental consulting firm.

His political interests moved with him from school to the work world, as he became active in the Chattanooga Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), and served as state president.

In the early 1990s, when his friend Zach Wamp ran for Congress in Tennessee's Third District, "he asked me to be involved. His efforts furthered my interest," Wayne explained.

"At a more fundamental level, I'm involved because I'm very much interested in the direction of this country and am trying to impact that. I'm conservative, pro-life. This is my ministry," he said.

"I love to see Bryan graduates go into ministry or missions and make a difference in their corner of the world. The political arena is where I can make a difference. I'm not idealistic about politics. I don't see any salvation in politics; there are many times that I'm disappointed with the political process and personal agendas. But somebody has to be salt and light and say there is a better way. All I can do is try to influence those around me. As friends excel, I can have an impact with them."

Reaching that level of influence took time and effort. "You have to pay your dues," he said. "I licked a lot of stamps and envelopes and was involved with door-to-door canvassing and helped raise money before I moved into a position to help with the strategy of a campaign. I was Zach's campaign chairman in '92, '94, and '96. Then he asked me to be Third District chairman."

While he is content with his behind-the-scenes role, he hasn't ruled out running for office one day himself. "That's ultimately a calling," he said. "There are a lot of considerations; my children, financial, timing issues."

Until then, Wayne plans to stay involved, working to be a voice in the political process, seeking to influence his party and candidates toward positions he believes are right.

SPORTS PAGE

Women's Soccer Schedule

8/28	Southern Wesleyan	Away
8/31	Warren Wilson	Home
9/3	Wesleyan (Macon, Ga.)	A
9/4	Atlanta Christian	A
9/7	Brenau	A
9/11	*Virginia Intermont	A
9/13	Southern Virginia	H
9/17	*Union College	H
9/21	La Grange	H
9/25	Milligan	A
9/28	*Montreat	H
10/1	*TN Wesleyan	H
10/8	*Covenant	A
10/11	*King	A
10/14	*Bluefield	A
10/24	Cumberland Univ.	A
10/26	*Brevard	H

*Appalachian Athletic Conference (NAIA)

Volleyball Schedule

9/3	Lee Univ.	Away
9/6	*Brevard	Home
9/7	*Montreat	H
9/10	Johnson Bible	H
9/13	*Milligan	A
9/14	*King	A
9/17	TN Temple	H
9/21	*Univ. VA-Wise	H
	*Bluefield	H
9/24	*TN Wesleyan	A
9/26	*Union College	A
10/1	*Covenant	A
10/4	*Milligan	H
10/5	*King	H
10/7	Johnson Bible	A
10/11	*Univ. VA-Wise	A
10/12	*Bluefield	A
10/18-19	NCCAA Regional	TBA
10/22	*TN Wesleyan	H
10/24	TN Temple	A
10/29	*Covenant	H
11/5	*Union College	H
11/8	*Montreat	A
11/9	*Brevard	A
11/15-16	AAC Tour.	TBA

* = AAC Game

VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS DESIRE TO EXCEL

LADY LIONS FIELD SMALL, TALENTED TEAM

A few players and lots of talent is the way women's soccer Coach Marc Neddo describes his 2002 team.

Just 15 women make up the team, "but the overall quality is as strong or stronger than last year" when the women logged an 11-6-1 record, he said. "Our fate this year is tied to how healthy the starters remain. If we're healthy, I believe we'll have a successful season. If we are hit by injuries, we will be in trouble."

He is looking at six players "straight up the middle" to provide leadership and offensive and defensive fireworks for the team.

Abigail Snead, who was the leading scorer in the Appalachian Athletic Conference and national scoring leader for the National Christian College Athletic Association, will be the team's prime offensive threat.

Backing her up will be Aubre Mjollhus and Alicia Schulz at center midfield. Aubre was an all-conference player her freshman year, but sat out last season because of an injury.

Michelle Unsicker, a freshman, and Katie Mowery will anchor the defense, and Mya Morrison, an NCCAA all-region player, will return for her senior year as goalkeeper.

Conference newcomer Union (Ky.) College will provide a stiff challenge as the Lady Lions work to improve on last year's record. Coach Neddo also believes that Covenant, King, and Milligan will be in the running for the conference title.

"With a healthy team, and the contribution of the freshmen, I think we can hold our own in the conference," he said.

LIONS BRING SPEED, EXPERIENCE, DEPTH TO SOCCER FIELD

"If we stay healthy, we'll be competitive," is the way men's soccer Coach Sandy Zensen is looking at his 2002 squad.

"We're bigger, faster, more experienced, and deeper than last year," the coach said. But five other teams in the Appalachian Athletic Conference stand in the way of the Lions' success.

Union (Ky.) College joins the AAC this season, ranked in the top 10 in the nation after being ranked no. 3 a year ago. "I think they're the team to beat," the coach said. Perennial powers Covenant, Milligan, King, and Virginia Intermont also should be tough again.

"We have our work cut out for us; every game should be a dogfight," Coach Zensen said. "But if we stay healthy, we should give everybody fits."

The team is building on the contributions of returning players Russell Courtney and Henry Barrios, defenders; midfielders Josh Ray, an all-conference player last year, Jamal Marshall, and Danny Harvey; keeper Jordan Mattheiss; and forward Vinnie Castillo, a senior.

In addition, 11 freshmen have joined the team, with six of them expected to see considerable playing time. Tim Franklin (forward and midfielder), Chris Walker (forward and midfielder), Josh Matheny (defender), Craig Biddy (midfielder and forward), Jorge Vallego (forward), and Beto Villamizar (defender and midfielder) should make an immediate impact for the team.

"We have a strong junior class, and a good, solid freshman core," the coach said. "The attitude is great, so I think we're going to see some exciting soccer this season."

A winning attitude, a desire to excel, and an experienced squad make volleyball Coach Jerri Morgan think her team can be a contender in the Appalachian Athletic Conference this fall.

Eleven players are returning from last year's 17-16 team that finished fourth in the AAC. "I hope with this big returning class we can pick up where we left off last year," the coach said. "They all are improved from last year; they've really picked up their play." Two freshmen have joined the team, and are doing well also.

Coach Morgan is looking to seniors Laura Smith and Brook Fleming for leadership. "They have taken great strides in leading the girls in hard work and keeping their focus on doing the little things right."

Along with Laura and Brook, the coach is expecting strong efforts

from Anna Rusch (Most Improved Player a year ago), Randi Mellon (conference Freshman of the Year last year), Alissa Stoneberger, and Faith Phaneuf as the team seeks to improve last year's fourth-place conference finish. Cassidy DeRaad and Kim Barlow also have shown improvement and should make significant contributions as well.

Conference powers King and Milligan, along with newcomer Union (Ky.) College, should prove the toughest tests for the Lady Lions. But Coach Morgan said a speedy offense should help Bryan during the season.

"We're a shorter team than anyone we will face this year," she said. "We're running a quick offense, and that's got to be flowing. When we get our offensive system running well, that will be a big factor in our success."

Men's Soccer Schedule

8/31	Tennessee Temple	Home
9/3	*TN Wesleyan	H
9/6-7	Bryan Fall 2002 Classic	H
9/6	Warren Wilson vs. Toccoa Falls Bryan vs. North Greenville	
9/7	Toccoa Falls vs. North Greenville Bryan vs. Warren Wilson	
9/11	Campbellsville	Away
9/14	*Bluefield	A
9/17	*Union	H
9/21	Lagrange	H
9/25	*Covenant	A
9/28	*Montreat	H
10/2	*Virginia Intermont	H
10/5	Toccoa Falls	H
10/9	*King	A
10/12	Oakland City Univ.	H
10/17	Mid-Continent	A
10/19	Freed-Hardeman Univ.	A
10/22	*Milligan	A
10/26	*Brevard	H
10/29	Reinhardt	H
11/4-9	AAC Conference Tournament	

*Appalachian Athletic Conference games



Director of Stewardship and
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Brett Roes, '88

Bryan Alumni rank No. in national survey

Bryan College graduates lead the pack as the most generous alumni per capita of any Christian college alumni in North America, according to a recent study by the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. Bryan alumni also received the top spot in the percentage of graduate participation and involvement in on-campus alumni events.

This recognition came as no surprise to many alumni who attended Bryan College during the "early days." The late Clair Brickel, '49, shared with me during his 50th Class Reunion: "The only reason I was able to come to Bryan at all was due to the generosity of Dr. Judson Rudd. That man was a giver through and through." It is in that tradition of self-sacrifice and generosity that several generations of Bryan student received an education.

The study by the CCCU was designed as a benchmarking survey to aid Christian college administrators in developing effective alumni programs and to compare their programmatic effectiveness with that of peer institutions. Although the primary purpose was to produce an executive summary, I began to rejoice in what the Lord had done when I compared the actual scores from each of the participating institutions.

Bryan was the second smallest school of the 47 schools participating in the survey, which included schools with graduate numbers ranging from 3,000 to 50,000 alumni. But Bryan alumni ranked number one in per capita graduate giving and also in percent of alumni participation in on-campus events such as the 10th, 25th, and 50th class reunions.

Bryan is no longer an obscure college in the foothills of East Tennessee; today Bryan is emerging on the national scene as an institution of excellence in academics, worldview studies, student mentoring, graduate career success, and now alumni generosity and involvement.

Thank you, Bryan alumni! Representing you to my colleagues at gatherings with some of America's finest Christian institutions is truly an honor. Our alumni are set apart by many things: top graduate test scores, graduate school entrance rates, first job choice rates, and alma mater involvement. Your generosity is also a distinctive and is a sign that "Christ Above All" is more than slogan to which we aspire, but rather a declaration of what we know to be true.

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Lion Tracks

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ing work on translating the Old Testament into the Koru language of the Solomon Islands.

DAVE, '52, and MARY (GROVER), '53 NAFF attended Dave's 50th class reunion during graduation at Bryan in May. Dave has submitted 16 stories for publication with the Nigerian national church's revised Sunday school curriculum, and they have sent illustrations to accompany the stories.

DON, '53, and JOYANN (CONLAN), '54, WALKER returned to Romania this year and rejoiced to see the spread of the Gospel there. They also continue to lead three weekly Bible classes at home in Fayetteville, N.C.

ROBERT G. CLOUSE, '54, retired this year after 39 years as professor of history at Indiana State University. This year also marks the 17th anniversary of living with a heart transplant and the 47th anniversary of his marriage to Bonnidell (Barrows) Clouse (Bryan faculty, '53 - '55). They have two sons: Gary, an attorney in Los Angeles, and Kenneth, an application engineer in New Orleans. They also have three grandchildren. Robert will continue serving First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind., where he has been pastor for 38 years, and plans to continue writing.

CHARLES "SPUD" WILLOUGHBY, '56, and his wife, Charlotte, are serving with Biblical Ministries Worldwide. They ask for prayer for Cuba, the controversy arising from Jimmy Carter's statements while he was visiting there, and that the embargo will be lifted as it is hurting the common people. Also pray that they will be able to return to Cuba later this year.

BOB HEARING, '56, is recovering from a heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery in March. He is working up to a full-time schedule with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Bob and his wife,

Wanda, attended the international CEF conference in New Mexico in May.

60's

JIM and MIRIAM (SINTAK) WIGGINS, both '60, have moved from Groton, Conn., to the Strausstown, Pa., area where Jim is the new associate pastor of evangelism and discipleship at Christ Evangelical Free Church.

JANET CLAYCOMB, '64, has changed schools, but continues to work with grades 1-6 in St. Mary, Jamaica, West Indies. She also continues a ministry with a health clinic and prepares food packages for elderly and poor persons in an area near where she lives.

ALAN ARMENT, '67, has served for 19 years as a Christian school principal and as a pastor for six years. He is a director of training in the construction industry.

PAUL, '68, and Sandy TIMBLIN have completed 25 years ministry in Germany, and have been busy with opportunities outside the Brake Bible Institute as well. Their son, Mike, graduated from Bryan College this May.

70's

PAUL, '72, and ANNETTE (HENDERSON), '73, HAYWARD are considering opening a Christian bookstore in Ulundi, the cultural center of Zululand, about 2 1/2 hours north of their home base in Empangeni, South Africa.



Alice Thomas, Anice Griffin, Rebecca Ramsey, and Susan Davis, from left, are pictured during their visit to Bryan College.

ANICE (PENCE) GRIFFIN,

REBECCA RAMSEY, and ALICE (DAVIS) THOMAS met **SUSAN (WADDELL) DAVIS, all '74,** at her home in Dayton, Tenn., for a reunion that included a tour of Bryan's new campus. They visited with **DR. RICHARD CORNELIUS, '55, and KARIN (DeROSSET) TRAYLOR, '64,** while on campus.

JAN LEININGER, '75, was married to William J. Nelson on Jan. 5. William and Jan live in Ellicott City, Md.

MASTIN, '76, and NANCY (NOFSINGER), '74, ROBESON, send their greetings from Camp Lejeune, N.C. Mastin is the deputy commander of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism). Mastin also serves as an elder in a local PCA church.



The Robeson family includes, Mastin, Nancy, and Lee, in front; Charlie and Elizabeth Hall, Mastin and Alex in back.

DOUG, '78, and Becky BLANTON have purchased a home in Dayton, Tenn., where two of their children, Wesley and Cyndi, are attending Bryan College this year. Doug continues to work in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

80's

KATRINA CROSBY, '80, lives in Sanford, Fla., and has a business making custom lampshades. Her husband, Buck, works as a TV and video producer at First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla. They have three children, Luke, 21; Dan, 19; and Grace, 13.

Jeff and **MARTHA (THOMAS), '80, DINGUS** were busy this summer with the camping program of Bancroft Gospel Ministry in

30's

ED, '39, and JOYCE (HIRSCHY), '40, DEROSSETT rejoice in visits from friends who reminisced with them about their service in Peru. They are experiencing some physical difficulties related to their age, but are thankful for their health and ability to visit with friends.

40's

NELL PEARSON, '49, has worked with Global Baptist Mission in Austria for 40 years. This spring, she was diagnosed with Lyme's disease and requests prayer for complete healing.

50's

DR. ERNEST, '52, and LOIS (CARTWRIGHT), '54, LEE have moved to a new home in Duncanville, Texas, still near their son, Ben, and his family. They attended the Golden Grads reunion for the Class of 1952 during Bryan's graduation in May and enjoyed catching up with classmates. They are continu-

Kingsport, Tenn. Their daughter, Sarah, will be a senior in high school this fall, and their son, Nicholas, is 3.

JAMES, '81, and KAREN (CROWDER), '80, ASHLEY had a summer full of travel, with James attending the Wycliffe international conference in Waxhaw, N.C., and Karen going to Papua New Guinea to be with their children, Philip and Susan. They then plan to travel to the States to see son Kent. They are in the final stages of translating the New Testament into the Sa'a language.

ANNE (LOHSE) CHALVET, '81, her husband, Gerard, and family serve with Christian Missions in Many Lands in France. Please pray for the family's ministry.



Gerard and Anne Chalvet, Samuel, Jonathan, Sarah, and Daniel

ALLAN, '81, and KATHY (KINDBERG), '82, COURTRIGHT continue their ministry with Missionary Athletes International in Matthews, N.C., where Allan works with the Charlotte Eagles professional soccer team. The family has had three knee injuries this year. Their oldest daughter, Kim, graduated from high school and plans to enroll at Bryan College this fall.

BRUCE, '82, and JERRI (BECK), '92, MORGAN were married May 11. The couple resides in Dayton, Tenn. Bruce serves at Bryan as dean of students, while Jerri coaches the Lady Lions volleyball team.

Greg and **CHERYL (JOHNSON), '84, RYLE** will move to Haiti, where Greg will be interim program manager for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

ALEC, '83, and TAMMY (GRAHAM), '84, HARRI-

SON have decided to extend their furlough from ministry in Brazil to allow daughter Natasha to complete high school. They are continuing preparation for publishing the New Testament in the Xavante language.

TITUS, '85, and Anya HANHAM announce the birth of their second son, Jonathan Edward Titovich Hanham on March 7. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Jonathan joins big brother David, 3 1/2.

Tim and **BETH (BRANSON), '87, WOOD** continue language study in Zimbabwe. They are monitoring a serious drought situation among the people of Manchanga and considering ways to lend aid.

Keith and **HEIDI (NIEHOFF) BARKMAN, '89,** are continuing revisions of the New Testament for the Bororo people in Brazil. Heidi continues to struggle with the effects of chronic fatigue syndrome, which has impacted their ministry plans.

DR. JACK HELLER, '85, has been appointed assistant professor of English literature at Huntington College in Huntington, Ind. This position once was filled by the late Dr. Robert McCarron, former Bryan faculty member.

GARY, '85, and DEANNA (FLORES), '86, ELLISON continue their ministry in Mexico City. They rejoice in a growing attendance and membership at their church.

GLENN, '87, and SHAWNA (BUCKLEN), '86, McCLAIN, announce the arrival of their daughter, Helen, born March 21.

DAWN HOFFMAN, '89, works for the Office Depot corporate office and was recently promoted to regional training manager. She is being relocated to Maryland, but was able to stay in Florida until she graduated in June with a Master's degree in human resources management from Nova Southeastern University.



Jon and **ANNA (SMITH) VICKERS, '89,** announce the birth of their third child, Rebekah Anne, on Jan. 26. Rebecca weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long. She joins sister Abby and brother Joshua. The Vickers family lives in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., where Jon is director of business operations for RoleModel Software, Inc. They recently met Anna's brother, **MARK, '91,** and his wife, Lindsey **SMITH,** when the picture of their children was made.

90's



Andrew, Austin, Aidan, and Alexandra Margraff

AMY (BARTH) MARGRAFF, '90, and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their fourth child, Andrew Bennett, on March 5. Andrew joins twin brothers Austin and Aidan and sister Alexandra. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio. Visit their family website at <http://home.columbus.rr.com/margraffs>.

STEVEN, '90, and MELISSA (JONES), '89, WILLIAMSON live in Carrollton, Texas. Steve is upper school dean of students at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, Texas, and Melissa teaches piano and is pianist for Metrocrest Presbyterian Church. They are parents of Davis, 8, and Tara, 2.

KEVIN, '91, and KARLA (TRAMMELL), '93, BOOT

have completed classes – Kevin in mobilizing and Karla in Portuguese – as they continue ministry with Crossover Communications. They live in Columbia, S.C.



Anna Rawls

MELISSA (LAY) RAWLS, '92, and her husband, Jamey, announce the birth of Anna Saunders Rawls on Jan. 15. Anna joins her siblings Jacob, Abigail, and Jonah.

KATHY (ROSE), '92, and John **WAGNER** continue their ministry with Bancroft Gospel Ministry in Kingsport, Tenn., where they were chapel speakers for day camp week. They also have assumed responsibilities as directors of the children and youth departments at their church.



Aubrey Dawn Goss

MARCUS, '92, and DAWN (RAMSEY), '90, GOSS announce the birth of Aubrey Dawn on Jan. 12. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Aubrey joins big sister Peyton, 2.

TERRY BROWN, '92, has been appointed pastor of Ogden Baptist Church near Dayton, succeeding **ALAN WINKLER, '60,** who retired in August 2002. Alan had served the church for 36 years.



Eric and Benjamin Starick

Scott and **TOMMI (REED) STARICK, '93** announce the arrival of Benjamin Otto, born May 5. Ben weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long. He joins big brother Eric. The Starick family resides in Stoneville, N.C. Scott works for Atlantic Aero in Greensboro, and Tommi is establishing a catering service.



Daniel Newmyer

Tim and **TRICIA (ANDERSON), '93, NEWMYER** announce the birth of Daniel Anderson on May 4. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 ? inches long.



Caly, Corban, Peter, and Caleb Causey

CLAY, '95, and PORTIA (STONE), '93, CAUSEY, announce the arrival of Caleb Stone Causey, born on April 5. Caleb joins siblings Caly, Corban, and Peter Cade. The family resides in Knoxville, Tenn.

BETHANY BURCH, '94, is teaching English at L'Anse Creuse Public Schools in Detroit, Mich., and lives in Jeddo, Mich. She hopes to move her home to a "condo more centrally located."

DERIC WHATLEY, '95, toured Central and South America this summer with Book of Hope's World Outreach Ministry from Pompano Beach, Fla. He plays guitar with the praise team "Zamar" and drums with the band "Glass Angel."

Kevin and **KATHY (BROWN), '95, GOUNAUD** announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Kathryn, on May 31. Hanna weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Kevin and Kathy are stationed with the Coast Guard in Wilmington, N.C. Kevin is the operations officer on the Coast Guard Cutter Diligence.

TARA LUTHER, '96, has taught in Kazakhstan, Korea and at Bryan since earning her M.A. degree in teaching English as a second language at Columbia International University in 1998. She has been accepted as a missionary appointee with Greater Europe Mission to serve in France, and is living in Dayton, seeking prayer and financial support.



Presley Grace Dale

CRAIG and CAROLINE (DAY) DALE, both '97, announce the birth of their first child, Presley Grace, on May 30. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. The Dale family lives in Flowery Branch, Ga., and their e-mail address is cddale@juno.com.

AMY (CASTLEN), '97, and Heath **SMITH** announce the birth of their second daughter, Madelyn "Maddie" Ryan Smith, on July 9. Maddie weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Daniel and Christie Walters

DANIEL WALTERS, '97, received his Masters degree in Art and Religion from Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, Pa., in May. His wife, **CHRISTIE (WILHOIT), '99,** teaches history at Delaware County Christian School.

KATHLEEN HICKS, '98, and Thomas Draper were

married June 15. The couple resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.



Natalie Johnson

BRADLEY and ELIZABETH (TIDWELL) JOHNSON, both '98, welcome Natalie Grace, born Feb. 21. The Johnson family lives in Milton, Fla., where Brad is an attorney and Liz is a homemaker.

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MARTY MANOR, '98, who served as a short-term missionary in Slovakia, has been accepted by the Witherspoon Fellowship at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., to study how to articulate Christian values in the political arena. She hopes to begin work on a Master's degree in history at the University of Richmond, Va., in January.

DEB LAWSON, '99, was promoted to night shift assistant human resource manager for La-Z-Boy Tennessee in Dayton.



Karlee Terrell

DAWN (SMITH), '99, TERRELL and her husband, Marty, announce the birth of their daughter, Karlee Grace, on Jan. 31. Karlee weighed 8 pounds, and was 21 inches long. Marty is youth pastor at Tega Cay Baptist Church in Fort Mill, S.C., and Dawn will teach part-time in a home school enrichment program in Mathews, N.C. The Terrell family lives in Charlotte, N.C., and their e-mail address is martyterrell@yahoo.com.

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OLIVIA FAGAN, '00, graduated from Marshall University Graduate College in West Virginia on May 11 with a Master of Arts degree in school counseling.

TABITHA (MOE) KENYON, '00, is working on dual Master's of Business Administration and Master's of Health Administration degrees and is applying to

medical school for the fall of 2003. Tabitha and her husband, Jon, live in Independence, Mo.

KIMBERLY, '00, and Darrell **BERGIN** of Niota, Tenn., announce the birth of their third child, Samuel Almon Bergin, on May 30. Samuel weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins sisters Emily and Allison Grace.

LAURA YATES, '01, and Rob Prout were married Feb. 9, in Stone Mountain, Ga. Following a honeymoon in Madeira, Portugal, the Prouts live in Peachtree City, Ga. Laura is a teacher at Newnan High School and Rob is a salesman for Simco Technologies. Member of the Bryan family who attended the wedding included **JEFF, '01**, and **JILL (REEVES), '00, CONSTANCE; KRISTI (SIMMONS), '01, HUDLOW; HEATHER HAMMOND, '00; TONI CELIUS, '01; LESLEY COLE, '01; ELIZABETH MILLER, '01; MICHELLE MUNDY, '01; ELGIN GONCE, '02; RENAE ANDERSON, '02**; and students Kim Vaughn, Jessica Hendrix, Quentin McCuiston, Whitney McChristian, Lizzy Murphy, Celeste Stanly, and Mr. Bernie Belisle.



Laura Prout and Bryan friends

MICHELLE EDWARDS, '02, is on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

Fall Enrollment 2002

Freshmen	157
Transfer	31
Total new students	188
Continuing students	380
ASPIRE students	43
TOTAL	611

The second-largest entering class in many years – 188 freshmen and transfer students – enrolled in Bryan this fall, as the college launched a theme of "All for Christ."

Students weren't the only newcomers, though, as the college welcomed 20 new faculty and staff members, including Academic Vice President Dr. Calvin White and Vance Berger, the new chief financial officer who arrived early in September.

Dr. Ken Boa, president of Reflections Ministries of Atlanta, Ga., spoke at the Spiritual Life Conference and convocation as the school year began. He challenged the students with the theme "Conformed to His (Christ's) Image" during Christian Life Conference sessions. At convocation, he encouraged the audience to be people who live life with "a renewed mind – fixed on Jesus Christ; a renewed heart – fixed on God; and with character – walking in obedience to God."

Mark Cruver, director of admissions and enrollment management, reported that the entering class was made up of 43 percent men and 57 percent women. The average ACT score is 23, compared to a national average of 20.8. Entering students had an average high school grade average of 3.48. Thirty percent of the entering class came from Christian or private high schools, 37 percent were from public high schools, 27 percent were home school graduates and 6 percent were from foreign school.

DANNY KING, '02, and Anne Young were married June 29 in Dayton, Tenn. They plan to work several years before pursuing service in missions. Anne's parents are **PAUL, '77**, and **BECKY (ELY), '76, YOUNG**.



Danny and Anne King

With the Lord

ROSEMARY (BODLE)

VAN SCHEPEN, '46, announced that after being on dialysis for almost nine years, her husband, Clarence, passed away in May.

ANNE (FIREBAUGH)

BALDRIDE, '47, died January 6, 2000.

RUSSELL KONVES, '52,

died May 10. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **LOIS (TEETER), '52, KONVES**.

REBECCA VAN MEEV-

EREN, Honorary Alumna, died May 2. She was a retired librarian of Bryan College. She is survived by her daughter, Dawn Adams.

Bertrand "Cap" Miller, security supervisor for Bryan College from 1990 to 2002, died May 8. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, son, Bert, and daughters Tina Hood and Caren Manser.



Alumni News

What does it matter continued from page 4

The Meaning OF Life?

Why couldn't Nancy and Karen find enough happiness to make it through their difficulties? Is life such a puzzle that they were discouraged to the point of death? Was life so empty that a nihilistic song by Metallica was their only voice?

Maybe they made a sensible choice. After all, if life has no ultimate meaning, then suicide is a viable option. French writer Albert Camus claimed, "There is but one truly philosophical problem, and that is suicide . . . Dying voluntarily implies that you have recognized, even instinctively, . . . the absence of any profound reason for living, the insane character of that daily agitation, and the uselessness of suffering."

But is Camus right? Is there no ultimate goal intended for all of us to achieve, a purpose to give meaning to our individual struggles? If there were, it would certainly make difficulties more bearable. Even Friedrich Nietzsche admitted, "He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how."

It Really Doesn't Matter

French writer and philosopher Jean Paul Sartre concluded, "It is meaningless that we are born. It is meaningless that we die."

Today's popular culture takes Sartre's emptiness and throws in our faces: "We are fooling ourselves if we think there is a hidden purpose lurking behind the joy and despair of our lives. The nature of life is simple, yet brutal. We are born, we live, we die. Get over it!"

Such a meaningless view of life is not derived in isolation; it is a part of a greater whole; it is a mood that leaps from a worldview. Our beliefs about God, morality, and what happens when we die are tied permanently to the question of meaning.

After Sept. 11, nonbelievers were visibly perturbed that so many people turned to God and still continued to believe in Him. Atheist magazine *Free Inquiry* devoted an entire issue to their concern, "From Ground Zero: The Search for Meaning in the Cosmos" (Winter 2001/02). Their message is simple: science tells us that there is no God so we need to "dance over the dark abyss" and enjoy life before we die.

The problem is that science can only tell us how the world works, not why. Science can only give us knowledge of process not an understanding of purpose. Those who put their faith in science see the world through a narrow lens that was never designed to find meaning.

As children of their culture, Nancy and Karen found no purpose in life that could deal with the pain they were experiencing. Suicide prevention professionals claim that the young women needed to find a meaning in life to compensate for the struggles they encountered. But where could they find it?

Finding Meaning

Times of loss, tragedy, or change make us stop and take a long look at life. Morrie Schwartz of the best-selling *Tuesdays with Morrie*, realized this when he was dying with Lou Gehrig's disease. He told his former student, sports writer Mitch Albom, that thinking about ultimate issues is excluded from most people's lives.

"The culture doesn't encourage you to think about such things until you're about to die," he sighed. "We're so wrapped up with egotistical things, career, family, having enough money, meeting the mortgage, getting a new car, fixing the radiator when it breaks – we're involved in trillions of little acts just to keep us going. So we don't get into the habit of standing back and looking at our lives and saying, 'Is this all? Is this all I want? Is something missing?'"

Now, these questions dominate our cultural landscape as never before.

So, while most of pop culture and naturalistic philosophers scream that life has no meaning, we have the challenge to say, "YES!" to life because we know the One who gives life meaning. The world does not need new ideas; it needs to see truth lived. In the words of Soren Kierkegaard, our purpose in life is simply "to make people aware of what is essentially Christian."

For too long Christian agendas and actions have caused our culture to define Christianity for what we are against. In a world of despair and fear, our sacrifice, our giving, our love, and our truth will give rise to the notion that hope is vibrant in the world through a God who cares. 🏠



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