Those present at our commencement on May 10 were eye witnesses to history being made on Bryan hill. It was exciting to see Bryan make significant strides toward realizing Vision 2020—what we desire Bryan to be in the year 2020. This was our largest class of undergraduates, it was our first class of graduate students receiving their Master's in Business Administration degrees, and we had the privilege of bestowing an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on Mr. Erwin D. Latimer of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

Paul Gutacker, the graduating senior chosen by his class to give the commencement address, charged his class to have a “weighty hope,” to have a biblical understanding of what it means to live in a world of evil while pursuing that great hope that all of us as believers have.

As I reflected on Paul’s address, it was so evident that he and all of our students have had the privilege of learning from our outstanding faculty—men and women who understand a Christian world and life view—and have internalized the truths that emanate from scripture.

I believe that our Lord is pleased as Bryan continues to teach students to think critically and love compassionately within a framework of the ultimate authority of the Word of God. In a culture that exalts man’s wisdom as the highest authority, God has called our students to engage that culture with His truth.

I don’t know of another college that so effectively gives to students the intellectual tools to understand our culture as well as prepares their hearts to see this world for whom Christ died. It is indeed a “weighty hope” that we believers have, and I am so encouraged that there is great future for our country and our world with Bryan graduates who are growing in their understanding of the mind of Christ and their desire to be His instruments to effect His truth.

May I encourage each of you alumni to return to campus soon and find out how you can be a part of the incredible opportunities God is unlocking for your college. As Philip said to Nathanael in John 1:46, “Come and see”—see our powerful God at work on Bryan Hill, see the transformation taking place on our campus and in the minds and hearts of our students, come and see history in the making as Vision 2020 is coming into focus.

Stephen D. Livesay, Ph.D
Historic commencement celebrates a bright future

A significant event – graduation – earned the "historic" label in May as Bryan conferred its first graduate degrees, awarded diplomas to its largest graduating class, and saluted a long-time friend and trustee with an honorary doctorate.

Along the way, there was a special reunion for members of the Class of 1958, and a challenge to the Class of 2008 to walk as memorials to Jesus Christ.

Eleven members of the first cohort of graduate students received their Master's in Business Administration degrees. Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay commended them for their pioneering efforts in what is hoped will be a number of graduate programs developed over the coming years. Unlike the undergraduates, MBA candidates carried the hood of their degree to the platform, where program director Dr. Ray Smith ceremoniously draped it over their shoulders before they received their diplomas.

Graduation weekend began with a dinner honoring the Class of 1958 on Friday. Class members gathered at Rhea House, the alumni center, and reminisced before enjoying a meal together in the library.

Dr. Livesay told class members that while many of the trappings of Bryan College have changed, the heart remains unchanged with its commitment to the motto of "Christ Above All." "In this [current] generation of students we use a relational approach to spiritual formation, a different approach than you had,

because our children are different. It's the same message, but a different approach. We want to keep at the heart of the college Christ's command to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind."

He told the group that the curriculum has a biblical foundation, "not just Bible classes. If God is the Creator, learning more about His creation teaches us more about Him."

On his way to the vespers service, he stopped by the dinner honoring MBA graduates. He congratulated them on being the first Master's degree graduates for the college and urged them to use their degrees to make a positive difference for the companies where they work.

The traditional vespers service, planned by the seniors on their senior trip, included a tribute to classmate Matt Wilhoite, who died in a traffic accident early in their freshman year.

David Ragland, '83, father of senior class President Caleb Ragland, warned the graduates that the next 20 to 25 years will fly by. "I feel like I should be going through that [graduation] line," he said. "You will be here where I am soon enough."

Basing his remarks on Psalm 90, he challenged the class to "live your life intentionally. I encourage you to intentionally invest in relationships with others. Guard against an indulgent, self-centered lifestyle."
Class sponsor Dr. Randy Hollingsworth, also father of graduate Taylor Hollingsworth, charged the graduates to be deliberate, delivered, and dedicated. He reminded them that the Children of Israel knew the priests had to put their feet in the Jordan River, "but they didn't know what God would do until they put their feet in the water. They did get delivered, that God said, He delivered."

The Israelites used stones from the middle of the river bed as a monument for future generations to remember God's deliverance. As he spoke, the four seniors who had served as class presidents, placed stones on Rudd's stage. "We look at those monuments in the Old Testament in the shadow of the cross. In 1 Peter, we read that God is building us as living stones into God's temple. The fact that you are a living stone means you have a delivered, deliberate, dedicated story to tell, as living stones to Christ."

Dr. Livesay encouraged graduates to continue to support their classmates. Reading a news article about softball players who carried an injured opponent around the bases after she had hit a home run but was unable to continue, he said, "As one of you falls, I hope your classmates will pick you up and carry you around the bases until you win the game of life. When you return for your 50th anniversary in 2058, may it be said of you that you love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love others as you do yourself."

The reception honoring the Class of 2008 was moved from the President's home to the cafeteria because of rain, but the weather cleared in time for the graduation ceremony to be held on the Triangle Saturday morning.

Before diplomas were distributed, Dr. Livesay conferred on Bryan trustee Erwin D. "Lat" Latimer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. (Please see the related story.)

Paul Gutacker, who delivered the graduation address, said his years at Bryan have helped him understand "how deeply broken the world is—how utterly ruined it is by evil. We need hope—not a good feeling, not a blind optimism, but something real to cling to—some promise that we can be convinced of. We are desperately looking for hope."

Optimistic humanism, despair, and apathy—natural responses to a broken world—fail as victorious responses because they inaccurately address the problem of evil and the true nature of human beings.

"What we need most, and what we cannot live without, is a hope that can be weighed against these things and found to be greater. Our weighty hope is based in both a historic event and a promised future. Behind us we see the cross, the foundation of our hope. An empty tomb proclaims that injustice cannot triumph, that death is utterly defeated, and that humanity can be redeemed and restored.

"In front of us we see the promise of eternity and the realization of our hope. We see that life will be as it was meant to be—that even though our experience of evil is so big, in the scope of eternity it is actually small. The norm will be humans living..."
in joyful, intimate relationship with each other and God.”

Awards presented at the ceremony included the P.A. Boyd Prize to Paul Gutacker and Paige Ratzlaff, presented to the students “whose principles and character have secured for them the highest degree of influence over their fellow students;” the Highest Scholastic Record Award to Regina Wade; the Aspire Research Award to Bambi Howard; the Most Progress Award to Manoel Silva; and the Faithfulness and Loyalty Award to Jessica Hundley.

Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White also presented a Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Marcy Froemke, who has resigned her faculty position at the end of this year.

In all, the college awarded 11 Master of Business Administration degrees, 54 Bachelor of Arts degrees, and 91 Bachelor of Science degrees. Adding the 89 undergraduate degrees awarded in December 2007, the 234 undergraduate degrees since the May 2007 commencement is the largest number awarded in Bryan's history.

(Above) Members of the Class of 1958, who returned for their Golden Anniversary reunion, include, from left, David Watson, Lloyd Dow, Dean Franklin, Paul Yates, Lester Dow, JoAnn (Helwig) Fisher, Don Williamson, Mary (Graydon) Dow, Lewis Schoettle, Evelyn (Patterson) Brown, Tom Fisher, Barbara (Ridder) Deck, and Dick Franklin.

(Top Right): Paul Gutacker delivered the 2008 commencement address.

(Bottom Right): Graduates Paige Ratzlaff and Paul Gutacker received the P.A. Boyd Awards. The two had an eventful summer, as they were married just a few weeks after graduation and are now Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gutacker.
Erwin D. "Lat" Latimer joined an exclusive group during graduation this year when Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

More than 20 family members joined Mr. Latimer and his wife, Lane, for the special recognition and lunch following the service.

Mr. Latimer, a trustee since 1992, is an enthusiastic booster for the college. "I don't know of anyone who loves this college more than Lat," Dr. Livesay said. "More than anyone I know, he models what it means to give everything that you have with every ounce of energy to promote a school such as Bryan. Everywhere he goes, he recruits new students for Bryan. He proudly wears our Bryan College lapel pin, and lets everyone know that Bryan, as our namesake William Jennings Bryan said so well, is 'a college that puts Christ first' and strives to live by its motto of Christ Above All."

He pointed out that since Mr. Latimer joined the board of trustees, he has served as interim head of the advancement department, financially supported construction of the student center named in his honor several years ago, and has been a friend and mentor to Dr. Livesay and others in the college community. "His smiling face and infectious laughter brightens our day and lifts the load of all who are part of the Bryan community."

Mr. Latimer responded that "I love Bryan College, and have for years and years and years. I have enjoyed serving on the Bryan College board. The leadership and friendship of (former President) Bill Brown and Stephen Livesay have meant a lot to me and to Lane."
Wilma Harrow leaves a legacy of kindness

Wilma Harrow was an ambassador for Bryan while she lived, and her support for the college continues since she has gone to be with the Lord.

Her son, Roy Harrow, a 1970 Bryan graduate, said he believes her decision to include Bryan in her will came from a love for the college and an appreciation for both the mission of the college and the way it handles its resources.

“She must have seen something working in the business office and with the teachers and students that made her believe Bryan is one of the more dependable places to give the gifts she gave to the college,” he said.

Mrs. Harrow and her family first learned of Bryan when Roy was a child. As the Harrow family was living in Germany, where her husband was stationed with the Air Force, Roy listed Bryan as one of his choices to receive his college entrance test scores. He was accepted, and when his father was sent to a new duty station Mrs. Harrow moved to Dayton temporarily. “She didn’t know anyone, but very early on was enfolded into the Bryan family.”

The family’s experience in Dayton was so positive that when Mr. Harrow retired from the Air Force they bought a farm on Dayton Mountain. They became members of Ogden Baptist Church on Walden’s Ridge, and Mrs. Harrow eventually went to work in the Bryan business office and later worked in the college library.

Alan Winkler, ’60, who taught at Bryan and preached at Ogden Baptist for many years, said, “She always brought news to the church about Bryan, who the speakers were, what special events were coming. She was very faithful about making our people aware of what they could take advantage of at Bryan. The people up there really loved her.”

Roy Harrow remembered that his mother was particularly fond of the ministry of the Bryan Women’s Auxiliary. “She loved to bake, cook, and can. She loved making birthday cakes for Bryan students from out of town. She enjoyed surprising kids who didn’t expect anything like that.”

Laura Kaufmann, ’87, former library director, remembers Mrs. Harrow’s love for students as a compelling reason for her staying on as a volunteer after her retirement. “She was always cheerful, her presence was a blessing to the students and staff. She loved the students and loved to be a part of their lives.”

One of the reasons she went to work is that “she always liked to stay busy,” Roy Harrow said. “She was very magnanimous in her outlook, trying to help people. She didn’t think she had much money, but she was always willing to help with giving her time.”

Under terms of Mrs. Harrow’s will, her gift will be used to endow a scholarship to help deserving students attend Bryan.

Jim Barth, Bryan’s director of planned giving, said Mrs. Harrow let college officials know she had made a bequest to the college in her will, but had executed the will independently of college assistance. “We are grateful for friends of the college who express their support in lasting ways such as Mrs. Harrow did,” he said. “We have resources that can help individuals prepare their estate plans and wills. Armed with the additional information they can take the information to their financial and legal advisors as Mrs. Harrow did.”

For more information about will or estate planning, contact Mr. Barth at 1-800-552-7926, by email at barthji@Bryan.edu, or visit www.BryanGift.org.
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Bryan announces new theatre major

Theatre has become Bryan's newest—and 18th—major following action by the faculty, Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White has announced.

Formerly an option in the communication studies major, students will be able to receive a B.A. degree in theatre, a move major director Mr. Bernie Belisle expects to aid in recruiting and more carefully define expectations.

Students will take between 24 and 30 credit hours of theatre-related courses, along with three core classes in the communication studies department for their major. "We won't require an off-campus internship because the experience majors will get in our productions is plenty," Mr. Belisle explained.

Mr. Belisle said an undergraduate degree in theatre will provide some opportunities for graduates to break into the professional ranks and to gain admission to graduate programs. The major also will provide carry-over skills valuable for other fields.

"The number one skill employers want is people skills," he said. "Because this is a field where dealing with people is critical, our graduates should have skills that will benefit them in any field of employment."

Teacher licensure option added to computer science program

Bryan College will offer a new teacher licensure option in computer science beginning this fall, Mr. Earl Reed, director of the Computer Science program, has announced.

The program will offer state-approved teaching credentials in addition to a degree in computer science in a program requiring a total of 132 hours.

Students will take 32 hours of computer science classes, 29 hours of education courses and one math class beyond the general education requirements.

"This program will put us ahead of the curve," Mr. Reed said. "In doing our research for the program we found only a handful of schools offering licensure in computer science."
Student teaching goes international

For most Bryan student teachers, an "international experience" means they have a child from a foreign country in their classroom. For Christy Noel, it meant flying to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to teach a class that sounds like the make-up of the United Nations.

Christy is one of the first Bryan students to fulfill part of their student teaching requirement overseas, according to education professor Dr. Steve DeGeorge. Since she lived in a large city, adjustment was fairly simple. Professionally, she said, "Teaching in the international classroom is not much different than teaching in the States."

The biggest adjustment was to the slower pace of life, which made it "challenging to not spend a lot of time thinking about returning home and things such as graduating and getting married."

Christy’s class was made up of students from Tanzania, missionary kids, and other internationals. "I love teaching in a class with this much diversity. It makes it so much fun as I learn from the students about their different cultures."

Dr. DeGeorge said this and placements in an inner-city school in New Jersey are designed to "expand offerings to students and to better meet the mission of Bryan College."

Remodeling projects completed

Three remodeling projects were completed in time for the college to welcome hundreds of guests for summer conferences, Vice President of Operations Tim Hostetler said.

Renovations to the dining hall and kitchen, and changing rooms in Huston Hall to house three students instead of two will have long-range value for
students as well. “The renovations to the residence hall will give us 14 more beds,” Mr. Hostetler said. “That’s critical for enrollment increases.”

In the cafeteria, work done in May will allow Pioneer Food Services to implement new meal preparation and menu plans and to speed the serving time.

In Mercer Hall, a face-lift and slight office reconfiguration in the Admissions Department will provide a more welcoming appearance to prospective students and their families and allow for better work flow.

Mr. Hostetler said using the campus during the summer is a stewardship issue as well as a recruiting tool. “It has to do with putting our facilities to the best of their use as well as letting teens know who we are and what we are here for,” he said.

For two weeks, church groups will rent the campus, then, early in July, Summit will open its two two-week leadership conferences.

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Athletes receive honors, break records

The following student athletes recently received honors:

**Women’s Basketball**

**Katie Davis:**
First Team All-AAC, AAC All-Academic Team, NCCAA MidEast Region Co-Player of the Year, First Team NCCAA, All-American, Scored 1,000th point of career

**Wendy Vork:**
AAC All-Academic Team

**Becca Morris:**
AAC All-Freshman Team

**Jessica Southern:** Honorable Mention All-MidEast Region Team

**Courtney Swanson:**
NCCAA All-MidEast Region Second Team

**Amber Smith:**
NCCAA All-MidEast Region Second Team, AAC All-Academic Team

**Kaylin Carswell:**
AAC All-Academic Team

**Baseball**

Michael Kent, Brad Starnes, Jeremiah Peters:
AAC Honorable Mention All-Conference Team

Michael Kent, Jonathan Brown, Daniel Zimmerman, Matt Hicks, Ben Young, and Gabe Keen:
AAC Academic All-Conference Team

**Indoor Track**

Josh Bradley (800 Meter Run), Zach Mobley (800 Meter Run), Daniel Goetz (Mile Run):
NAIA All-American

Josh Bradley, Hunter Hall, Daniel Goetz, and Zach Mobley won the NCCAA 4x800 meter relay championship

Daniel Goetz (3000 meter run), Zach Mobley (800 meter run), and Josh Bradley (800 meter run):
NCCAA All-American

At the Appalachian Athletic Conference Meet, the men finished in third place. Daniel Goetz won the 3k steeplechase and Zach Mobley won the 800 meter run. All-Conference team members include Daniel Goetz, Zach Mobley, Hunter Hall, Colby Smith, Drew Nunnelly, Josh Bradley, and the 4x400 team of Mobley, Nunnelly, Smith, and Bradley.

At the NAIA Outdoor national championships, Josh Bradley became the first Bryan College track athlete to be named a two-time NAIA All-American with his 5th-place finish in the 800 meter run.

During the indoor and outdoor season Bryan set 11 school records.
Mr. Jim Barth attended the Christian Stewardship Association conference in Albuquerque, N.M., Jan. 30-Feb. 2. He also attended the Gift Legacy Internet Marketing seminar in Washington, D.C., where he received the Bronze Award for the Bryan College GiftLegacy website and weekly eNewsletter. The award recognized Bryan's GiftLegacy website as being among the top 2 percent of page views in 2007 among more than 5,000 development websites.

Mrs. Tracey Bridwell, Mrs. Janice Pendergrass and Ms. Paulakay Ricketts attended the annual conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Atlanta, Ga., in February. Mrs. Pendergrass also attended the Southern Millennium Users Group conference at Centre College in Danville, Ky., in March.

Mrs. Valerie Castlen attended the College and University Mail Services Association conference March 30-April 3, in Rome, Ga.

Dr. Scott Jones and Mr. Stefon Gray attended the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education workshop “Introduction to Teaching with Technology in Liberal Education.”

Dr. Doug Kennard and other Biblical Studies faculty members attended the regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society and Evangelical Philosophical Society in Memphis, Tenn., in March. He presented papers for both ETS and EPS. Student Mark Baker submitted his senior thesis, which was chosen as one of the top three student papers submitted.

Dr. Jeff Myers spoke in New Jersey and New York, and participated in a meeting of political and social leaders with the Council for National Policy in New Orleans, La., in March. In May he spoke to Christian school and home school groups in Nashville, Tenn., Orlando, Fla., McDonough, Ga., and Winston Salem, N.C.

Dr. Michele Pascucci successfully defended her dissertation, "Between Mexico and Asia: Image and Poetry in the Work of Jose Juan Tablada," on May 12, and was awarded the Ph.D. degree in Spanish from the University of Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain.

Mr. Scott Smith presented a paper to the 39th annual Conference on African Linguistics on "Language Development in Equatorial Guinea."

Dr. Roger Sanders and Dr. Todd Wood had their peer review paper, “Toward a Practical Theology of Peer Review,” posted on the Answers Research Journal website.

Dr. Ray Smith was elected chairman of the board of Lumiere Medical Ministries, a ministry headquartered in Gastonia, N.C. He traveled to the Czech Republic in February and March to teach at Mendel University and at a NATO air force base.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit sang in performances of Brahms' "Requiem" with the Chattanooga Symphony Opera and Chorus in March. In April he sang with the Chattanooga Bach Choir in its spring concerts in Cleveland and Chattanooga. He also presented a paper, "R.E. Winsett Music Company: A Case Study in Ma and Pa Publishing," at the Middle Tennessee State University's conference "Farther Along: Southern Gospel Singing Convention Music” in April.
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WHAT'S YOUR MOTTO?

I have been sitting in this chair for about six months now, and have taken a few moments to reflect on what I have witnessed and heard over that time.

First, I went back 30 years to my time as a student. “Christ Above All” was our motto then. In the classroom, even before we knew what a biblical worldview was, we were getting an education from a biblical worldview perspective. All our activities, our chapels, our classes were guided by that ideal.

Were all decisions handled with that in mind? For the most part, yes. I have heard of stories where grace was left outside, and hearts were broken, spirits were quashed. Nevertheless, we pressed on. At the end of our time here, we were beginning to understand the motto, and put into practice, no matter what, “Christ Above All.”

More recently, I have reconnected with many old friends, and made some new ones. I asked myself, what was their life motto? Did they remember the Bryan College motto?

Greg Cromartie, ’80, faced almost certain death from Kurdish guerrillas on Mt. Ararat looking for the Ark. What was his motto when facing a loaded gun? “Christ Above All.”


I heard from an alum who went through a painful divorce. At the end of it she was able to proclaim “Christ Above All.”

My wife and I spent a week with Matt, ’83, and Chrissie, ’86, Landes in Dallas. From the front row at a Dallas Mavericks basketball game, to hosting a senior prom party for their very talented son, to late-night conversations about life, I learned that God has blessed them immeasurably because, yes, they live “Christ Above All.”

More than 60 percent of Bryan alums find their life partner here. Do you know how blessed you are? You were able to find someone with the same values, same life goals, same motto, “Christ Above All.” You were able to grow together, to share together, to learn together what it means, “Christ Above All.”

What I discovered watching my fellow alums is that although Bryan College has for its motto “Christ Above All,” our alumni population by and large has adopted it as a lifestyle. That, my friends, is a priceless education. That, my friends, is what binds us together after all these years.

Please pull up a chair and join me at the table of fellowship at Bryan College. What’s your story? What’s YOUR motto?

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser, ’80
Director of Alumni Relations
1970s

Class Representative
1971: Maye Hayes Jepson

DR. STEVE DEGEORGE, DR. MARCY FROEMKE, AND DR. KEN FROEMKE

MARCY (STEWART) FROEMKE, ’72, was honored by the Bryan education department with a farewell reception this spring as she has announced her retirement as associate professor of education. During commencement, she also was presented a distinguished service award.

JACK RODDY, ’75 became director of missions for the Watauga Association of Baptists in Northeast Tennessee in September 2007. This new ministry follows a 22-year pastorate at Siam Baptist Church in Elizabethton. Jack’s wife, JEANNIE (WARREN) ’79, works as a teaching assistant in the Elizabethton City School system, and also enjoys leading and teaching in Sunday school and Church Training clinics in association churches. Jack is a 13-year cancer survivor; both are involved in Relay For Life. They reside in Johnson City, and have two grown sons, Peter and Thomas.

RHONDA JACKSON, ’77, has been in Honduras for nine years. She has started a children’s home for mountain children and a school for poor children in the area of Siguatepeque. Her website is www.destinodelreino.org. She said her school needs teachers, and encouraged Bryan grads to contact her through her website if they are interested in serving in a mission school. “Thanks for all the great things that Bryan did for me. God really met me there and prepared me for the wonderful life I have here in Honduras now.”

1980s

Class Representatives
1980: Tom Branson
1984: Paulakay Franks
1985: Steve Stewart
1986: Gina Lyles Hays
1987: Laura Kaufmann
1988: Brett Roes
1989: Gretchen Mann Sanders

DAVE, ’81, and KATHY (DAY) CLASSEN, ’82, write that their family took a mission trip to Thailand in March, part of their plans for a brief sabbatical. Dave is taking this year from his ministry responsibilities. They visited missionary friends and let their daughter see a mission school where she has considered teaching.

MATT, ’83, and CHRISSIE (WOOD), ’86x, LANDES live in Dallas, Texas. Matt is chief executive officer of Lobo Tortilla Co. and last year was named to the board of directors of the Tortilla Industry Association. Chrissie stays busy in community activities. They have a daughter Lauren, 21, and a son Austin, 18.

JERRY and CINDY (WILLIAMSON) WALKER, both ’84, serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea, where Jerry has developed a “Portable Audio Recording Kit,” or PARK, to help translators record Scripture and music in their villages. PARK is a solid-state digital recorder that can run on batteries for use in remote areas. They report the device has been well-received by translators.

SHAWN WOLF, ’86, has been named president of Wright Manufacturing Co., a leader in commercial lawn maintenance technology based in Frederick,
Md. Shawn was chief operating officer for eight years before being named president Feb. 1.

**1990s**

**Class Representative**
1991: Debbie MacNab Gegerson

**BRETT KIK, ’91x,** lives in Madisonville, Ky., with his wife, Gwen, and four children, Hannah, Abby, Jett, and Bob. He is co-owner and managing member of Charbon Contracting in Madisonville.

**KATHY (SHANNON) FAIN, ’92,** received her Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill December 16, 2007. She now works as a children’s librarian at Southgate Library in Raleigh, N.C., part of the Wake County, N.C., public library system.

**MICHAEL, ’93x,** and JULIA (EDDLETON), ’96, COLLOMS announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Christine, on Feb. 18. Addison weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long. She joins big brother Daniel and big sisters Megan and Emma. The Collins family lives in Cleveland, Tenn.

**DANNY, ’94, and HEIDI (SMELSER), ’97x,** COLPO announce the birth of their son, Giacobbe, on Feb. 16. Giacobbe, pronounced “ja’cobbe,” was 9 lb., 1 oz., and 20 1/2 inches long.

**ALAN, ’94x,** and TAMIA (MILLER), ’92, BARTH announce the birth of their first son, Hudson Alan, on Feb. 19. The Barths have lived in Michigan City, Ind., since their marriage in August, 2004. Tami is a clinical psychologist working at Samaritan Center and also in private practice, and Alan works with a private engineering firm.

**DEREK, ’95, and Julie BOLLINGER** announce the adoption of their daughter, Cherish Rose, in China during the 2007 Christmas season. Cherish was a year old when she became part of the Bollinger family. The Bollingers live in Jacksonville, Fla.

**RICKY VELARDE, ’96,** is a clinical psychologist working in assisted living facilities in Florida. He earned his doctorate in 2002, and worked as a clinical psychologist in Nebraska until moving to Florida to be near his family.


**JEFF PAULSON, ’97,** lead literacy instructor and third-grade teacher at Thrasher Elementary School in Chattanooga, Tenn., was chosen elementary school teacher of the year in Hamilton County in March.

**JEREMY TOLIVER, ’98,** was named February’s Builder of the Month by the Home Builder’s Association of Southeast Tennessee in Chattanooga, the local chapter of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Jeremy is a licensed residential and small commercial general contractor and owner of Toliver Construction Enterprises, LLC, in Dayton. He serves on the board of directors of the NAHBR, the remodeling side of NAHB. One of his downtown Dayton projects won the Downtown Dayton Merchants Association Beautification award. TCE also recently completed a historic renovation of the Spring City Railroad Depot, circa 1910. Jeremy and his wife, ALANA (YEDERLINIC), ’98, and their sons Nathan, 5; Caleb, 3; and Levi, almost 1, live in Dayton.

**MANDY (WILLS), ’98,** and Joel HERPOLISHEIMER announce the birth of their second child, Lucy Joy, on Oct. 1, 2007. Lucy weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and was 19 inches long. She joins big brother
Tyler, 2. The Herpolshemer family lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Mandu is a stay-at-home mom and Joel is a design manager for a tool and die business.

2000s

Class Representatives
2001: Elizabeth Miller
2002: Jonathan Mobley
2003: Matt Lowe
2004: Taylor Smith
2005: Barton Stone
2006: Rob Palmer

RUSTY, '01, and JENNIFER (FERRELL), '00, KALENZA announce the birth of their second daughter, Sophia “Sophie” Marie, on July 19, 2007. Sophie weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. She joins big sister Kayla, 4. The Kalenza family recently moved to Fort Mill, S.C. Jennifer enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and Rusty is a vice president/project manager for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

JOHN, '01x, and SUSAN (BAKER), '01, OTT announce the birth of their third child, Jude Allen, on Nov. 15, 2007. Jude weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins big brothers Liam, 5, and Aidan, 2. The Otts live in Bethlehem, Pa., where John is a logistics assistant and warehouse supervisor for Nestle Purina and Susan stays at home full-time.

IV, '02, and KATIE (BUTTRAM), '03, SMITH announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Diana “Lottie,” on Feb. 14. Lottie weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. She joins big brothers King, 4; and Duke, 2.

JONATHAN and ANNA (NEFF) URQUHART, both '02, announce the birth of their second daughter, Ella Carrie, on Dec. 11, 2007. Ella weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. She joins big sister Afton Reay, 2.

EMILY SMITH, '03x, graduated from the Regent University School of Law in May 2006, and practices with the firm McRae, Stegall, Peck, Harman, Smith and Manning, LLP in Rome, Ga. She also is on the board of directors of TeenPact Leadership Schools, a non-profit ministry.

TIM, '04x, and REBEKAH (COLEMAN) LONG, '04, announce the birth of their son, Elijah Ray, on Dec. 26, 2007. Elijah weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 20 1/4 inches long. The Long family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

JULIE MILLER, '05x, received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in May. She served as president of the Child Law Society this past year. She plans to take the Florida bar examination in July, and to work as an assistant district attorney in Miami.

HEIDI IMMEL, '07, and Dan Schumaker were married July 28,
EDNA (JACOPS) GARDNER, '51x, died March 28. She is survived by her husband, Lamar Gardner, of Fremont, Ohio.

BONNIE PRATT, '58, of St. Paul, Minn., died Jan. 18.

Word has been received that Dr. Earl Williamson, a faculty member in the late 1940s and early 1950s, died in 2005. He is survived by his wife, HELEN (GOW) WILLIAMSON, '48.

Correction
In the Spring edition of Bryan Life we inadvertently misidentified several children of the late Robert Murphey, '50. His wife, Ruth Currie Murphey, '51x; and children, Kathy Farney, '71; Tim Murphey, '73x; Coleen McKechnie, '78; and Rob Murphey, '83, are all Bryan alumni. We apologize for the error.

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With the Lord

Nearly 80 years ago the first Bryan students drove—or walked—up Bryan Drive to the new Bryan College campus. That same street, with several more layers of asphalt, still serves as the main entrance to a campus that is "newer" than it was in 1935.

Almost five years ago the college completed the permit process to build a new entrance, began acquiring the necessary property, and developed plans for the project.

**Now it’s time to build!**

Already Bryan has spent some $750,000 to reach this point. Construction will cost approximately $1 million.

**Alumni are saying “let’s do it.”**

One alum, out of a deep love for the college and the Christ-centered education it provides, has offered a challenge grant of $50,000 to encourage other alumni to give to help make the new entrance a reality. The "Pride of Bryan New Entrance Project" is another way alumni can contribute toward the new entrance. Alumni Director David Tromanhauser has located noble, elegant concrete sculptured lions which will be placed along the half-mile entranceway. Already 16 class representatives have agreed to work to raise $25,000 each to "buy" a lion, which will be identified as a gift from those classes. When 40 classes have made that commitment, the project will be fully funded.

For more information and to help make the new entrance a reality, contact David Tromanhauser at 423-775-7308 or by email at davidt@bryan.edu.
“THE INTERNSHIP CONFIRMED WHAT I WAS LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM.”
- NATHAN HORNE

Students participate in summer internships around the world

Summer job" is taking on a whole new meaning for many Bryan students as they spend the time between spring and fall semesters in a variety of internships, meeting requirements for their degrees and maybe even being paid. Internships range from the diplomatic (Jonathan Barnett is working for the State Department in the Bahamas) to the festive (Nathan Horne is working for the Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga, Tenn.) to ministry-centered (18 students are working in six countries around the world in mission-focused jobs).

"Internships supplement the educational experience gained in the classroom by giving students hands-on experience," Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White said. "This is valuable for them later as they interview for jobs after graduation, and it benefits the college by gaining and maintaining meaningful connections with organizations in this area and in other parts of the country and world."

One of the more high-profile internships belongs to rising senior Jonathan Barnett, a politics and government major, who will spend nearly three months at the American embassy in Nassau, Bahamas. "My job will include reading and answering cables, researching specific projects, taking notes at official meetings and escorting dignitaries," he said.

Dr. Ron Petitte, Jonathan's major professor, said the selection process is "very objective. Unlike some political internships the selection does not rest on who you know." Jonathan competed with students from across the country, and was selected as an alternate candidate, which meant he has to pay for travel and meals. Dr. Petitte said the Schnabel Foundation provided a grant to cover meals, and the Bryan Center for International Leadership provided travel funds.

On the other end of the spectrum, Nathan Horne, who graduated in May, is completing an internship that began in February with the 28th annual Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga. The corporate communications major, who plans to study advertising and public relations in graduate school this fall, said his internship "encouraged me in the fact that I learned hands-on practical stuff at Bryan professionally and spiritually. It's encouraging to know my education prepared me for the internship and the internship confirmed what I was learning in the classroom."

His responsibilities have included creating and delivering press releases about the festival and entertainers, working on the program guide, meeting with media representatives, and brainstorming with the promotions staff on advertisements.

Mr. Matt Benson, dean of spiritual formation, said 18 students are
involved in missions-related internships in Rwanda, China, Slovakia, Vienna, and India. Like the spring Break for Change and fall Applied Missions trips, these students “are doing missions activities related to their vocational interest. But the internships offer a much deeper experience in the (foreign) culture. They are in their internships long enough to get tired of it, but with a mentor to help them deal with that. They are finding that they are the same person there as they are here, finding some things they like, some things they don’t.

“The goal is to help give them an idea of what a missions lifestyle looks like, so they are aware of global needs even if they don’t become vocational missionaries. If they pick up a passion for missions and how to live that passion for the needs of the world, I love that.”

Erin Grayson, a junior communication studies major from Maryville, Tenn., found an internship that fills requirements for both her major and the honors program. “I’m going to be working with Anita Bickford with the Summer Institute of Linguistics school in Grand Forks, N.D.,” she said. “Ms. Bickford helped compile the phonetics text book we used this semester” in a class for her linguistics minor.

“The first project I’ll be working on is to take all the sounds that have been found common to all languages of the world and putting them together in a sound chart. People will be able to use that as a study aid on video or on the Internet. I’ll tape (Ms. Bickford) saying the sounds. I learned some of them in linguistics, but I know I’ll pick up more and get them down better hearing her repeat them.”

If time permits, she will help rebuild a computer program for teaching and testing tones by inputting information.

Mary Clauson, a senior mathematics major from Warren, Mich., has an internship combined with a math class at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. “It’s called a Research Experience for Undergraduates,” Mary explained. “I’m taking a four-week class on scientific visualization using a computer and working with a mentor on a research project for eight weeks. We’re learning how to create computer graphics in the Mathematica program, demonstrating data graphically on a computer.” Her research project involves studying the spread of a disease in South America and how to control that spread.

Emily Ricketts, a senior from Dayton, Tenn., will begin her internship in August at Disney World in Florida, something of a dream come true for the communication studies-theatre emphasis major.

“It has been a dream of mine for many, many years to go to work for Disney,” Emily said. “When I found out they have a program where you can get college credit while you work, I really wanted to do it. I decided to audition and I got the role of Mickey Mouse. It was essentially a dance audition with a little bit of acting. I didn’t get called back for a second dance audition, so I thought I wouldn’t get anything. But they offered me the character role. I think my height helped because Mickey Mouse is 4 feet, 8 inches to 5 feet.”

While specific job instructions will come when she reports in August, she said as Mickey Mouse she will be dropping into stores and restaurants, participating in the theme park’s parades, signing autographs, and having her picture made with guests.

Emily, Nathan, and Jonathan share the distinction of being “firsts” for Bryan interns. Emily is the first Bryan student to land a position as a character at Disney World, although Kathryn Rawley interned with Disney in another capacity several years ago. Nathan is the first to intern at Riverbend, and Jonathan is the first to intern with the Department of State.

While internships are required in many majors, Nathan has discovered an even more basic reason for the program: “I encourage anybody to try an internship in their field to see if it fits.”
"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14, 16

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Special thanks to Bryan student Hilary Tullberg for providing the cover photo for the spring edition of Bryan Life (above). Tullberg, a senior majoring in communication studies, has a talent for capturing the beauty of the Bryan College campus with striking images of its flowers and landscaping (left and below). She has also contributed several photos of the 2008 commencement ceremony on pages 2 and 4 inside. To see more of her photos, visit: http://www.flickr.com/photos/naiadsspring.