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AT THE VERY END OF THE BOOK
Never has the road been easy.
Never will it seem harder.
Never will you enjoy it more.
Change is inevitable.
Change is scary (sometimes).
And change is happening right here, right now.
Perhaps it is appropriate that the theme of this book is "Signposts",
because before long, we’re going to be needing them.

It has been 65 years since Bryan College became a realized dream, and now, as before, change is once more necessary.
It may be difficult to get around during the construction and rebuilding soon to befall our quiet little campus, but...
Tim Lien squeezes sister Amy's leg in a show of affection, while Amy begins to slowly die of embarrassment.

you will always be able to find your way thanks to the...
The Arnold Dorm "Second Floor Seven", Monica Rollins, Rachel Brunner, Elizabeth Clark, Jenn Spencer, Katie Spell and Sharon Wood give Pollyanna Whatley a lift on Twin Day during Spirit Week. The group dressed alike and expanded the "twin" aspect of the day.

Senior Chris Fickley ponders the big questions of life while freshmen Josh Hood and Steve Jones wait in anticipation for his wise upperclassman answers.
Have you ever noticed how life (dorm life, relationships) is never predictable?

Have you ever noticed how things (breaks, tests) rarely go the way you planned?

Have you ever thought about just how boring things (college life, your future) would be without some

[Image of road sign: Curves Ahead]
It's a Dirty Job...

The group departed on May 5th and had a few days in London, where Dr. Fouts and the students were joined by a smaller group led by Professor Randy Cook from The Master’s College of California.

The excavations were conducted under the direction of the Israel Antiquities Authority in Jerusalem. The specific area of excavation was located just south of the Temple Mount in the City of David; the structure being excavated was an Israeli four-room house which was host to refugees outside Jerusalem’s city walls at the time. Among the articles found in the house were considerable amounts of pottery, animal bones, a clay baking stove, animal figurines and a metal earring.

When the students were not up to their necks in dirt, they had the opportunity to travel Israel from top to bottom and side to side. Some of the major sites that were visited are the Old City of Jerusalem, Yad Vashem (a memorial to the Jews lost in the Holocaust), Qumram, the Dead Sea, Masada, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Capernum, Hazor, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Golan Heights. The group developed a taste for the local cuisine, and even picked up a several words and phrases in Hebrew.

Not only did these students and faculty learn a great deal about excavation and the land of Israel, but many friendships were made with the Jewish people they worked with, as well as the students from The Master’s College.
Members of the group take a stroll alongside a place in Biblical History. The steps at the top of the path leading down to the water is said to be the place where Christ renamed Simon as Petra (Peter).

An Israeli camel. No further explanation necessary.

Caesarea Phillipi; Breath-taking view of a beautiful place.

Dr. Fouts, Crystal Turner and Sacheen Harding take a closer look at a pagan alter. (they’re not really worshiping; it’s just a tourist thing).
Keri-Lynn Lestman and Stacie Nourse place boards on the ground to get through the “radioactive swamp” during freshman orientation.

Orientation leaders play a big part in Freshmen and Transfers’ lives. They come back to school early to get ready for the oncoming influx of new students, then they do their best to help them make sense of the new world they’ve entered into.

Dr. Traylor stands right in the line of fire from Dmitri Bogachev, Julia Bruehl and Andrew Heathershaw’s water balloon at the All-College Picnic.
Cory Kreuger makes a splash-landing at the bottom of the soccer hill during the water slide activity at the beginning of the fall semester. The soccer hill is a natural magnet for thrill seekers during water slides and snow closings.

New Year, New Rules

Memories and Reality Mesh

Coming back to school this year, I felt like a freshman (I’m really a senior). Let me tell you why: 

1) They are not wearing beanies anymore, and 2) I really don’t know anybody. Okay, I know some people, but professors really don’t count, since I won’t be living with them in the dorm.

by

Liz Ritter

Why do I feel this way, you ask (if you didn’t ask, humor me anyway)? I’m a re-ad. I didn’t used to be, but I am now. I’ve been gone for two years; all of my friends graduated last May (that’s how long I’ve been here), and now I am alone.

But I won’t bore you with such minor details. Thanks to my re-ad status, I didn’t have to be here for transfer orientation (though, looking back, it might not have been a bad idea), so when I got onto campus on Monday afternoon and didn’t see any beanie-heads, I figured maybe we didn’t get any freshmen (which would mean the Admissions counselors would all be changing their names and moving to new cities). Then I found out that the BIG THEY (government) stepped in and outlawed hazing rituals, (wearing a beanie qualifies, supposedly) and now, the poor freshmen are deprived. The Age of Camelot has left the campus.

But enough them. I want to talk about me. And about you other upperclassmen, of course. We really don’t get to have much fun with orientation. We do get the almighty registration first, though. Registration has morphed through the years. Trust me, it’s much easier now than it used to be. This year, almost everything (except for pictures) was in SDO (this is a wonderful thing!). That took up Tuesday.

Wednesday morning, after the Spiritual Life Conference (did I mention we have one of those very year? No? Well, we do). While the freshmen were doing their thing, the upperclassmen get to play that really really fun game of Backwards-Reverse-Upside-Down-Stand-on-Your-Head-While-Potting-Your-Tummy-Handbook Jeopardy (maybe I’m exaggerating just a smidge). Each class picks their favorite person to get up on stage and compete for prizes of non-cash value (like SDO has cash to throw around). Those lucky people get to question answers like “A $25 fine for this illegal cafeteria activity” (what is throwing food or starting a food fight, Alex; really it’s Doctor Traylor, but that takes too long to say).

Finally, Thursday rolled around and Thursday classes started (this is simpler than when Tuesday-Thursday classes started on Friday). And so a new year began.
Old Traditions, New Spin

The Fairy Tale has a Happy Ending

Not so long ago, within our galaxy, on a planet called Earth, in a state called Tennessee, at a college called Bryan, a wonderful event took place (as it does every year). A celebration was held on the lush little campus, and the people spent much time preparing for the big day.

Preparations began the preceding Monday. Most of the people dressed as though they had forgotten to dress at all, and spent the day wandering the hillside in their nightclothes! Tuesday was a day of resurgence and remembrance, for most clothes looked as if they had been in mothballs, their styles long since out of fashion. Many people saw double, and sometimes triple on Wednesday; some saw even more than that (it was a good day for the town eye-doctor). When Thursday came, so did the Dayton of 40 years ago, with hillbillies invading the serene campus atmosphere. Thursday night, at the time when most good college students are studying, a ruckus was coming from the gym. This ruckus turned out to be a pep rally; a pep rally with class skits, floats, cheerleaders and class spirit competitions! A tired student body went back to the dorms to prepare for the next day. On Friday, the Ad Building was on fire with the colorful display of red and gold school spirit. Then came the big day, the day they had all been waiting for!

Saturday brought the grand celebration: a winning soccer game against Toccoa Falls (3-1) and the crowning of a new queen and a king (this was the most new thing of all)! The people of Bryan cheered! That very night, a banquet was held in honor of the court and their jesters. Everyone wore their finest (a big change from Monday), and had dinner in the well-disguised cafeteria. The new king and queen were honored (even though they were there with separate dates; hey, I didn’t say this was a romantic fairy tale).

Never fear, dear reader. This event, known to all as Homecoming, takes place every year, so you may come back to Bryan as often as you like and live happily ever after.

Class skits were also new this year. Sam Umoh impersonates Jim Hutcheson, aka Jim-Bo, goalie extrodaniare, during the pep rally.
This is what happens when people are allowed to dress however they want. TK Knecht, Jason Gray, Becky Buxbaum, Kristie Mattson, Caroline Day, Kelly Atkins, and Jeremy Toliver broke the rules for flashback day.

Homecoming holds a big allure for alumni. Gabe Himmelwright, Felipe Arias, Claudio Arias and Famara Jammeh catch up on old (soccer) times with '94 alum, Donald Dass during the picnic lunch before Saturday's game.

The Queen and King celebrate during the homecoming banquet (with their respective dates). Queen Melissa Carson and her date John Stonestreet got together with King Chris Wood and his girlfriend Dana Scott during the banquet Saturday night.
Trisha Balko, Chris Fickley, Jeremy Smith, Beth Wilson, Jenn Wilson and John Maggard work on the Senior float before Thursday night’s pep rally. The floats were a new thing this year.

The soccer team huddles for a team prayer of thanks after winning against Toccoa Falls at Staurday’s game.

1,000,000 & 1 Memories

Bryan’s First King Reflects

Dear reader,

I guess you could be reading this for the first time. You could be reading this several years removed from your experiences at Bryan College. Whatever the case, think back to Homecoming ’96. What was it like for you? I hope the thoughts that come back to your mind are as special as those that I remember.

Guest Writer
Chris Wood

Jeremy Smith begins the attack during the homecoming game against Toccoa Falls, which resulted in a 3-1 win for Bryan.

Homecoming ’96 was everything Bryan Homecoming is supposed to be, with a couple new twists. Festivities started the week before homecoming with spirit days. Days like Twin Day, Decade Day, Hillbilly Day, Pajama Day, and of course Red and Gold Day allowed students to show their school spirit in the halls. I remember combing through local thrift store racks with John Maggard and Jeremy Smith to find that perfect “Alabama Live Tour” jacket for Hillbilly Day. We saw some crazy outfits that week.

The traditional Thursday night pep rally provided Homecoming ’96 with its first new arrival: class floats. It was originally planned that each class would provide one tractor trailer float bearing their chosen theme. This was a great idea... except for the tractor trailer part. You can only imagine four tractor trailer trucks loaded with paper mache figures, negotiating its way around 200 cars down to the soccer field. Common sense once again prevailed, and the floats were slightly downsized. Each class presented their 4x8 foot plywood float at the pep rally Thursday night. My greatest memory of that night was watching my own class struggle to get our “End of the World As We Know It” float into Summers Gymnasium without our dummy’s head falling off. Needless to say, we were unsuccessful, but it was a fun memory.

Saturday finally came. The arrival of old friends, the afternoon picnic, the pie toss, the alumni choir... it all added to the dynamite of Bryan Homecoming ’96. Myself and the rest of the soccer team were trying to prepare and all the festivities for our afternoon game with Toccoa Falls College. Our game would not be only another victory for Bryan, but it would usher in a new addition to the “Homecoming mix.” It was decided (in fairness to us men, I’m sure) that 1996 would mark the first year that Bryan College would crown a homecoming King along with the traditional Queen. My wonderful memories include being escorted by the love of my life, Dana Scott, and being named the first Homecoming King of Bryan College. What an honor! Being picked as Homecoming King says volumes more for Bryan College than it does for me. Bryan has always been a place where God’s love and forgiveness is evident in everyday life. Just over a year ago, I made wrong decisions that, rightfully, interrupted my college career at Bryan. God, and the Administration, graciously allowed my return this year. Only at Bryan College could someone be so fully forgiven, and the respect of their peers shown in such a loving way. I am in awe of God and the forgiving power that He gives His children. Bryan College was a perfect display of God’s reconciliation power. This is a special place.

Thank you, Bryan College, for the memories that I carry away from Homecoming ’96. They are just a few of the “miracle and one” memories that I will hold onto for the rest of my life.

Christ Above All -- Chris Wood, Class of ’97
As students, finding the best or at least interesting things to do was always the challenge. So, many’s the time we sat and thought of money-saving ideas to do in Dayton.

Okay, so that didn’t take long. Next, we sat and reenacted the vultures from The Jungle Book (“So, what you want to do?” “I don’t know, what ‘chu want to do?” “Now don’t start that again!”). Then one friend decided that he/she had enough and left to do something, or transferred, you never were quite sure. Then everyone in the school caravanned to the $1.50 movie and some coffee shop that made its money off of unsuspecting college students.

Couples always went somewhere and did something, though no one but them ever really cared.

Road trips were always a fun idea...hitting the open road, spending money like mad, and ending up in a Tijuana jail after a night you can’t remember, I mean, uh, have I mentioned the $1.50 movie?

Well, like all good things on weekends, reality sets in and this copy must end. Enjoy the brief time you have to pack weekends into a semester. After graduation, you won’t be able to enjoy the weekends half as much, that is until you just decide to default your student loans and move to some tropical island, but only if they have really cheap movies.
Some folks stick around campus for the weekends, especially if their boyfriends or girlfriends are coming to visit. Marcy Treat's honey, Bryan Alum Cory Lawrence was a frequent visitor, despite the fact that he graduated in 1995.

Leah Wilson kicks back and relaxes while someone else does the driving for the weekend escape from Dayton (actually, she and her friends were taking off the weekend before fall finals to go see Santa at the mall, but the line was too long, so they went to a movie instead).

Jaret Mitchell, Greg Sovereign, and Travis Weldon protect themselves against the killer icicles forming on the rock faces at Pocket Wilderness.

Bryan Alum Willy Sofield and Katherine Byrne did the almost-twin “pair-o’-dice” thing for the Masquerade Ball Cruise.
Contrary to popular opinion, most people do not flop around randomly; there is a method and a point to Olivia Fagan's attack on Hannah Metzger, but we'll never know for sure what it was.

Finals time always provides unique opportunities for hallway entertainment (usually in the dead of night). Dara Ballard and Stacie Nourse watch in wonder as Tammy Doejaaren supports Stephanie Wise during a goofy study break.

Many of the guys in Woodlee take advantage of their split rooms and use one side for video and/or musical entertainment, just as Jimmy Taylor amuses Paul Gordon with his guitar.

Amanda Novak and Kimberly Allum kick back and relax in Long while Laura Bradshaw catches up on national news by reading USA Today.
Pajama Games & Such

The Best & Worst of Dorm Life at Bryan

By now you know that you have made a choice that, for better or worse, you will have to live with for the rest of your college years. You probably chose life in the dorm (and if you didn’t, keep reading, this could come in as a handy reference if you ever change your mind). Paradise, it’s not, nor is it prison. Here is a little list of pluses and minuses, hits and misses.

Liz Ritter

1. No electric bills
2. Phones in your room
3. A bathroom in your suite
4. Roommates: built in friends
5. Strict room
6. You’re only 2 minutes away from your 8 o’clock class
7. Your dearest friends may be right down the hall
8. Multiple dining choices in the cafeteria
9. Friends to borrow clothes from
10. The allowance to move out of the dorm when you turn 23

The advantage of having your own computer in the dorm is that you don’t have to deal with the labs. Matt Gilman (groom of the Marc Weddo nameplate, he doesn’t live there) takes full advantage of his special situation.

1. No electricity if the power goes out (really bad: power that goes out while you’re writing a paper for Dr. Cornelius and you haven’t saved in the last hour)
2. Your roommate’s sweetie always calling the phone in your room (really bad: cordless phones with mixed channels that allow you to hear a sickeningly sweet couple making smoochie noises at each other)
3. A bathroom in your suite (really bad: a shower in your suite that floods and makes your carpet prime breeding ground for worms and other assorted larvae)
4. Roommates: built in friends
5. Roommates that get on your nerves after three months
6. You’re only 2 minutes away from your 8 o’clock class
7. You’re always 5 minutes late for your 8 o’clock class (really great: so is the professor)
8. The same thing for dinner every three nights (really good: Mr. T’s free all-you-can-eat pizza on Saturday afternoons. Really bad: missing steak & shrimp night because you went out to eat)
9. Friends who borrow your clothes without asking (really cool: having a roommate or suitemate with the same size clothes AND feet as you)
10. Your 23rd birthday won’t come until after you’ve graduated (really weird: you already are 23, yet you still WANT to live in the dorm, just like the author)
Today, things are different. Not so many students commune with one another here on campus. To a select group, coming to Bryan is just something they do during the week! (gasp! The horror, Oh the humanity!)

But behold! We have a special name for this distinct breed (I’m seeing a dinosaur theme budding, here). We call them Non-Traditionals.

Non-Traditionals (or non-trads, for short) don’t necessarily do things the same as those of us who get locking in the dorms at night. Non-trads may live off campus (that would make them commuters); Non-trads may be married students (lots of that going around these days); Non-trads may have children (that too, seems to be in vogue). Non-trads may have gone away and come back again (like yours truly, and others of my kind).

Non-trads may even love it soooooo much here on the hill (commuter or otherwise) that they will graduate and come back for another degree; now that’s a dedicated Bryanite right there! Dee Mooney once told me that post-grad non-trads are becoming more and more popular thanks to that half-price tuition for graduates. (betcha didn’t know about that, now did ya?)

And then there’s my favorite story of non-trads: two re-ads, one of which met a boy (who was a graduate), married the boy, went away, came back two years later (this is where the re-ad part comes in), the boy now works for the school while the girl is a student. Then there was her friend, who was in school, moved off campus for a semester, went away for two years and came back. Now, these two non-trad re-ads are going to graduate together (which is especially cool when you consider that they were freshmen and roommates together).

The moral of the story is... non-trads, re-ads, moms and dads... it takes all kinds to make a community.
Matt Hargraves is one of those people who love to do it all; along with being a commuter from Chattanooga, he also holds the position of SGA Vice President of Student Life. Basically, that means he’s here an awful lot (probably more than the average boarding student).

When Pamala and Will Sarrell were married in 1995, Will assumed not only the role of husband but also the role of step-dad to Pam’s son Michael. Pam has worked tirelessly with the Women’s Care Center in Dayton, sharing her personal testimony of her life as a single mother.

Natalie Cruver and her husband Mark were married in June of 1993, then they left for two years and went to Colorado. They came back when Mark, a 1992 alum, took a position in the Admissions office, while Natalie finished the degree she began working on in 1991.
By going to dinner in the cafeteria every night, Chris Fickley and Simon Sakatos (along with the rest of the boarder students on campus) helps support the Argos and pays the salaries of cafeteria workers like Sonya Warren.

The really cool thing about the hot weather is the picnic possibility. The soccer guys get to munch first if they have a game, because they can't eat too close to gametime (but this is only a problem on Saturday afternoon games, usually).

Matt Snead is taking that "take all you want but eat what you take" rule a little too seriously, but at least he's eating ALL of those bananas.
A few memories in honor of the A's.

How much time do you spend in the cafeteria? Why do you go to meals? Is it actually to eat, or is it a social thing? Or ask yourself this: How many times have you desperately wanted to start a food fight with a friend at another table, but stopped in mid-throw because you saw Mrs. Argo standing there, glaring at you, daring you to do it? Have you ever thought about just what Mr. & Mrs. A mean to Bryan?

With that in mind, here are a few thoughts on the matter from fellow students.

◆

An Open Forum

"Hope Dalonegra was kissed through the window of the tray line one night at dinner. I did it. We are just friends." -- Gabe Parker

"I truly love working for them! They're great to work with--they really enjoy their service and hard work for us. They do a lot with what they have. Mr. A is such a sweetheart; I love his ironic nickname--"Bad Guy." He is the boss and I guess he can get demanding at times (that's when the name may fit); but on the average, he's a real kind, gentle boss. I work in the pit, and I love slingling leftovers--in the trash and at other workers! We have a blast! And if anything goes wrong with those machines...out comes the crowbar! It's amazing the wonders one of those things does for a stopped-up garbage disposal."

-- Rachel Crumpler

"Argo's is like the military: all you hear is complaints, yet people always show up."

-- Scott Dickison

"I remember when Matt Jones used to play sticks on Marcy Treat by presenting the Pit-Kissing Window--"Kiss Marcy for 25 cents!" when Marcy would work in the pit as the one who took your tray. So one time, at midnight breakfast, Marcy took revenge on Matt. I was sitting across from him, and saw Marcy come up behind him. She proceeded to pour a whole glass of water over his head! Everyone was roaring with laughter, until we saw Mrs. Argo standing at the end of the table, frowning. Everyone got real quiet, until Mrs. Argo smiled and said, "Well, Matt deserved it!"

-- Jeff Schumacher

Mr. Argo comes to work pretty early each morning to take breakfast for less than half of the student body (really, how many people do you see at breakfast when you go? do you know that they serve breakfast?) And breakfast is the best meal of the day.
God Works In Not-So-Subtle Ways

Break For Change Teams find out the hard way

For most students, spring break is a time to kick back and relax (perhaps this is even accomplished at the beach). But, of course, Bryan students are anything but typical. Case in point: Chorale members. For their spring break, they were almost the unwilling cast of "Twister 2," when, while on tour through Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Dr. D decided not to stop at the McDonald's in town because the sky was just too ominous for his liking. The bus bypassed the turn and kept going, and the first item on the local news that night was that very McDonalds, flattened by a tornado.

Liz Ritter

And then there was the Chicago missions trip team, who made it across the Ohio River just hours before it crested, due to the extremely heavy rainfall and flooding.

Do you see a pattern emerging here? Bryan College students in disaster of the week movies (or would that be reality?) casting agents are asking them to play themselves: "And starring, as Dr. David Luther: Dr. David Luther!"

Mind you, this is not saying that the other Bryan reps (the Eluthra, Haiti and Joy Ranch teams) didn't have their own adventures, it's just that they weren't natural disasters per se.

Of course, by now, you probably know what each team did when they weren't girding themselves for disaster. Obviously, the Chorale went on a tour of Texas and showed the Southwest exactly what Bryan College has to offer. The Eleuthera team went to the Bahamian island of Eleuthera to help build a church. According to one inside joke, they practically survived on Pop-Tarts (like all worthy college students do anyway). The team that went to Joy Ranch worked with mentally challenged children for the week, and Drew Robertson and Scott Dickison played the parts of the heroes when they saw an accident happen and helped the victims by giving them first-aid. You already know about the Chicago team's challenge to make it over the Ohio River in time, but did you know that they were working with inner-city kids, and that as a show of bonding, Jimmy Taylor got a bright new haircolor? And then there was the Haiti team. They pretty much went to Haiti. They pretty much managed to escape any disasters, natural or otherwise, the poor folks.

The moral of the story? If you go on a Break For Change missions trip over your spring break, expect big things, because when he's trying to get your attention, God isn't exactly subtle.

◆ Matt McDaniel got close (literally) to Kareem, a friend the group members made in Eleuthera.
David Ritterbush keeps a wary eye on the Leanna Moore and the knife she is wielding in the kitchen of a shelter the Chicago team worked in on their trip.

Jeanna Broome and Monica Rollins found ways (playing cards, almost getting eaten by a tornado) to pass the time while travelling on Chorale's spring tour in the Southwest.

Amy Lien, Jody Noble, Wendi Bauman and Jason Schultz take in the sunset on the beach in Eleuthera. Jason was just really happy that he got to see a sunset in Eleuthera, since he almost didn't get to go.
Mr. James Sattler shows off the architectural plans for the new student center (that big part on the bottom is the new cafeteria. Cool, huh?). (INSET) Dr. Robert Simpson displayed the numbers board, which showed the amount of money we actually have and the amount of money we actually need.

President Dr. Bill Brown, Mr. James Sattler, Mr. Erwin Latimer, trustee, Mr. Rick Norris, architect, and Mr. Dennis Naylor, EMJ, were just a few of the folks responsible for the groundbreaking on the hill between Long dorm and Rudd. The dirt in their shovels provided a photo opportunity for the media-types in attendance that day.
Heritage Day:
Every Reason to Remember

New buildings will never allow students to forget Bryan’s diverse history.

As you well know by now, changes are about to take shape. It is time, the high-ups have decided, to bring Bryan into the 21st century. In some ways, it has already been dragged there kicking and screaming (witness the 21st Century Classroom, Oom Teacher’s Lab in the Library). Now it is the rest of the college’s turn.

March 14 was Heritage Day, the day that we celebrate William Jennings Bryan's birthday. This is a relatively new tradition; it is only about four years old. For the first Heritage Day in 1993, a tree was planted down by the side door of Rudd. It has grown in the time it has been there. This is obviously a sign that it is adapting well to its environment.

Fast forward now to Heritage Day 1997. The tree still stands. And now the change begins. First, a chapel service in which five alumni spoke about the role of Bryan College in their lives and the lives of the generations past, present and future. Then a groundbreaking ceremony for the new student center, the first phase of a 20-year plan. Just the fact that the groundbreaking happened at all should be a sign that this is where God wants Bryan to be at this moment in time; remember how hard it was raining right before chapel at 10 a.m.? Remember how it was so sunny at 11:15 a.m. that you were kicking yourself for not bringing sunglasses?

If it follows the schedule, the agenda put into motion on Heritage Day 1997 will be finally be completed in time for Heritage Day 2017. An entire restructuring of the campus should be complete; it will include the new student center, a new gym, additions and improvements to the existing dorms, an amphitheater, a pond, a fountain, a quadrangle and a plaza (it’s going to be a place you wish you could come back to, or at least send your kids to).

Heritage Day ought to be embraced by students past and present, and its importance needs to be heavily imported to those students coming in the future. The classes of 2017 and beyond (as well as those before) need to be keenly aware of the Godly heritage that has enabled them to come to Bryan, and that has enabled Bryan to stand and be recognized for the previous 85 (or so) years. The saying goes something like “Those who do not remember the past are destined to repeat it.” Bryan does not have a bad history, but turn-of-the-century students will be looking forward to the 21st century, not to experiencing the history of the early 20th century. Of course, with the people up here on the hill, it is doubtful that anyone will forget the events leading up to the highest point in Bryan’s history and heritage.
Freetime: Are you a Wise User or an Extreme Abuser?

Find out if you are misusing or abusing your freetime; if you catch it now, you can still do something about it.

You know the signs, you know the people who exhibit the signs. You know that early detection greatly increases the likelihood of a cure. It's usually freshmen that get it the worst, but studies (scientific or otherwise) show that it can also afflict juniors and seniors, especially if it is the spring semester of graduation.

Too much is just as bad as too little, but it's very hard to find the "just right" amount (sort of like sunscreen, but not in the same way).

To find out your risk factor, take the Commoner Quiz.

Liz Ritter

1. The amount of free time you spend in the Lion's Den each week is:
   a. Any and all of it!
   b. Only when the snack bar is open
   c. Where is the Lion's den?

2. You have approximately how many hours of free time per week?
   a. All of my hours are free time!
   b. Just enough to catch up on what's happening on Friends and ER.
   c. None. I even study at lunch and dinner.

3. How do you prefer to spend your free time?
   a. At the pool table and the foosball table, at the grill and in front of the big screen TV.
   b. Sleeping.
   c. Okay, define "free time".

4. If Dr. Brown held a gun to your head and told you to engage in some free time, what would you do?
   a. Drop out of school and party day and night.
   b. Anything he told me to.
   c. Let him shoot me.

5. When you graduate from Bryan, what will be your fondest memory?
   a. The fact that I got to know EVERYBODY who hung out in the Den or at the gym, because I was always there.
   b. The fact that I had a close group of friends who I was with when I wasn't studying.
   c. The fact that I graduated with honors, and had many dear friends (who were also in my major).

SCORING:
Give yourself 1 point for every A you circled
Give yourself 2 points for every B you circled
Give yourself 3 points for every C you circled

11-15 points: So you're not a social person, huh? You might know your major professors, but do you have any idea who these Dr. Bill Brown and Dr. Peter Held guys are? Yeah, they speak in chapel, but what do they teach? Are you per chance driven on to a higher goal, something along the lines of, say, the US presidency (or taking over the world)? You do know that a little downtime is good for the soul, right? If you don't really understand the concept of downtime, find someone who scored 1-5 points on this test and get to know them.

6-10 points: Okay, so you know people, but you also want to know your grades, Mr. A's and B's. This is a good thing, you're probably one of those folks who likes to study really hard for a test, then go out and celebrate when you've finished it ($1.50 movie, anyone?). You'll get outa here on time, most likely.

1-5 points: Did you even finish taking this test, or did it interfere with your free time? You are most likely someone who knows everything about the students on campus, you know who to order what at the grill, you know the stats for ALL of the Bryan teams (Intercollegiate and Intramural), you know TV schedules by heart, but you still have to ask directions to your classrooms (or worse, you didn't know that the Ad building had a 3rd floor). Are you planning on being a 6th or 7th-year senior? You may be anyway. Enjoy it.
Chip Franklin kills time by playing pool in the Den. This is one of the more effective ways of wasting free time, but it also comes in handy right before a class. If you’re losing, you can always claim that you’re late.

What can you say about two guys who work out constantly? Bryan Osborne and Abe Hadzic look BUUFFF! (ps. I was told to write that)

What better way to celebrate the end of a day of classes than to take a walk on a path that overlooks the surrounding mountains? Walking is extremely popular here, both during the day and at night (though fewer people get “almost” run over in the daytime).
Cory Lawrence, sandwiched between Tim Lien and Kelly Moore, smiles because he is an alum, responsible for escorting a homecoming queen candidate (Marcy Treat) to the banquet.

Banquets are more fun for the girls (Crystalle Cable, Kristen Maxwell, Lorraine Gonce and Kristin Sparks) than the guys (Jon Grove, Alumni Brent Campbell, Jonathan Doran and Mike Veloz); the girls spend lots of time and thought deciding what to wear for just such an occasion, while the guys...well, they dress for church.

The problem with being popular is that, occasionally, (and sometimes at a banquet) you get put on a pedestal, and Jim-Bo sings to you. Cheri Stone found this out the hard way, when he enlisted the help of Jonathan Doran, Josh Hood, Nate Goggins (hidden) and Gabe Parker, to serenade her with “You’ve Lost That Loving Feeling” during the Valentine’s Banquet.

Rachel Crumpler and Lou Velarde took the unconventional but highly appropriate route in choosing their outfits for the Valentine’s Banquet. They are applauded by “Black Friday” observers everywhere.
I Can't Believe It's
Banquet Time Again!

The Story of
Anticipation,
Longing,
Bad Romance Novels...

She sits in eager anticipation by the phone each night, hoping, praying, begging that he will call and ask the question!

He paces the room for two hours each night practicing dialogue and passionately wishing that it were once again Sadie Hawkins style, so that he wouldn't have to ask the question!

Okay, okay, so this may be a tad melodramatic (fine. A lot melodramatic). Asking/being asked by someone to a banquet really isn't quite as big a deal as I've made it sound. I mean, realistically, she doesn't wait by the phone; she's too busy, and let's be real, he only paces for one hour every other day.

Okay, okay, enough slams on guys; down to the real nitty-gritty. The three main banquets are strategically placed throughout the year so that they fall just as grilled chicken and lasagne withdrawal set in.

Homecoming, which falls in October, is probably the most traditional banquet, being a time for alumni to return to the hill and reacquaint themselves with good 'ol BC.

For the past two years, the Christmas banquet has been deemed Sadie Hawkins (really just a sly way of guys getting even with girls on a level where rejection is anticipated), so now it's the girls' turn to wonder if he'll say yes. Stangest thing...it's had the highest attendance, too (just kidding).

The Valentine's banquet...self-explanatory. Kissy couple alert to all who dare go.

Then, of course, there is the mother of all banquets: Junior / Senior. As of this writing, J/S is still two-and-a-half months away, but I'm sure the class of '98 has their act together (Alicia, don't let me down).

All in all, banquets are a good excuse to dress up, have fun, and never leave campus (unless you like to do that).
The USA... Baggage Limits are the Least of the Culture Shock

A new land and a new year equal a new life.

My first day at Bryan was my first day in America. I walked into my room dragging along two heavy bags. My roommate offered kindly, "I could help you move in."

"Thank you, but this is all that I have," I said. A "welcome to Bryan" expression on her face slowly changed into the expression of "You are kidding." The eighty pound weight limit for the luggage was the requirement of airlines I really struggled with when coming to Bryan as a new international student.

Julia Denina

In 1992, Dr. Bill Brown suggested the idea of implementing an International Students Program; "I believe that providing good education and good experiences for the students from other countries can make a significant impact on the world. Interaction with foreign friends is also beneficial for American students. It enriches their experience."

Now Bryan is an American home for 22 internationals. We have students from Arabia, Brazil, the Bahamas, Canada, Chile, England, Gambia, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Russia and the Ukraine. Each has their own story of how they came to Bryan, each is exceptional.

Freshman Volgana Kejo relates family influence: "I am mostly here because of my brother Genic. He has been at Bryan for three years; he loves it. He felt that I would grow spiritually in this school and convinced me to come here." Junior Dimitri Bagachev and Sophomore Oleg Sinitsin and Tonya Ivanova (Sinitsin, as of Dec. 14, 1996) come from St. Petersburg, Russia. Before coming to Bryan they studied at St. Petersburg University of Economics and Finance, and got their degrees in marketing. Oleg said "the opportunity to go to Bryan turned my life to the unpredictable, but most enjoyable direction." Dimitri noted, "Bryan College made a tremendous change in my life. It strengthened my faith and helped me to recognize the skills and abilities I've never thought I had."

Freshman Aleksandra Nikoian came to the US from Moscow two years ago. "I hope to graduate from Bryan and become a multi-language economist so I can make a change in the world of business by standing up for what is true," she says.

Senior Yuri Wakoizawa is from Nagano, Japan, home of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. Her take on Bryan: "Bryan is a fun place to be. It is also a place where you are encouraged to grow in Christ. That is why I am here."

Junior Akari Sakaguchis also from Japan, she came to Bryan because she wanted to go to a small Christian college and to be among people who would share her goal to minister to others. "Bryan is like my second home. If I say that I go to the US, it means for me that I go to Bryan College."

The opportunity to come to Bryan brought a radical change to the life of Vitaly Klimovich, from the Ukraine. He earned his first degree, Bachelor of Arts, in English Language and Literature at Despropavovsk State University; here he is a pre-med major. It was not easy. "A change from Humanities to Sciences was hard. I am very thankful to my professors who were a lot of encouragement to me."

Andrew Garlich, a freshman from Germany, says "One of the things I like about Bryan is that most students live so close to each other. It was also one of the hardest things for me to get used to. In Germany students do not live in dormitories."

International students often take an active part in Bryan life. Seniors Felipe and Claudia Aranc, from Chile, are favorite chapel singers and members of the 1996 Lions Varsity soccer team. Junior Sergei Yuravsky, from Russia, is the Managing Editor of the Triangle, and Junior Neville Johnson, from Jamaica, is director of the Men's Ministry and an RA in Woodlee-Ewing.

Sophomore Ruben Stance from Romania, once noted, "I wish I could go home every weekend." I also think about this from time to time, and every letter in the mailbox steps up a hope that maybe this time it is from home.

Oleg Sinitsin and Tonya Ivanova were married on December 17, 1996. This was actually their second wedding; they travelled to Washington D.C. over fall break to be legally wed at the Russian Embassy (they were wed on paper), but the wanted to have a church wedding, and because time was tight during the semester, they waited until December for the big thing.
Sam Umoh: the friendliest face you'll ever see on Bryan's campus, or anywhere in London.

Bryan Soccer's International Lions: Neville Johnson (Jamaica), Seth Jensen (Brazil), Abe Hadzic (Canada), Claudio Arias (Chile), Genci Keja (Albania), Famara Jammeh (Gambia), & Felipe Arias (Chile).

For her birthday, Akari Sakaguchi's friends Saran-wrapped her and took her to Mr. T's for pizza. Of course, she had no idea what was happening because she was blindfolded until they set her in the chair.
The Caribbean Center for the Deaf sent five of their best students to witness through sign language across the states. Bryan was one of their stops.

One of the more memorable aspects of chapel this year was Jeff Paulson's little tunes. They were definitely "Jeff-like", but he claims that they take him weeks to think up.

This is it, the familiar sight that defines what Bryan is all about: the daily ritual of the Rudd Walk. Walking down the hill to chapel and back up for the rest of your day afterwards is simply a way of life around here.
Kicking Off the Day in a "Good-For-You" Way

Regardless, no matter how busy we are, there is an hour every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday carved out and designed especially for putting aside our businesses and dilemmas, and allowing us to worship as a student body. Whether it be an SGA chapel with Jeff Paulson making up little ditties of the top of his head, telling stories about Meyers and somehow relating it all to a Bible message, or one of the many members of the faculty sharing some little snippet of wisdom, we can always come away from chapel with something to think on for the rest of the day (some folks spent one day trying to figure out exactly HOW Luke Skywalker could have possibly been led on a transcendent path by Obi Wan Kanobe in the Ambassadors chapel presentation).

Some overall favorites are the times when Dr. Brown is actually on campus (taking a break from raising money for the 20-year plan), and shares 101 ways to drive your roommate crazy (stare at them constantly; set their alarm for an hour after they go to bed, then wake them up and tell them you were just checking to make sure they were really asleep). Another favored format is the open-mike chapel; specialty chapels like Chorale, Break for Change and Summer Missions are crowd pleasers (of course, the best is simply SENIOR CHAPEL!). Of course, the newest chapels are the Mens and Womens groups, which deal with problems and encouragement facing the sexes separately (it's a kinship kinda thing).

No matter what other problems we may encounter in the outside world, we'll always have chapel (until we graduate, but that's a whole other article).
Caravan & Fine Arts: 
the Common Connection

Yes, they do go together. And here’s how...

You’re probably thinking to yourself, “What do Caravan and Fine Arts have in common?” Okay, have you had your head stuck in a hole the entire time you’ve been at Bryan? Hello? Caravan is the perfect opportunity to show off to visitors exactly what Bryan College is made of. Fine Arts is the perfect medium to show off. Whatever you do, if you didn’t make that connection, please don’t take any type of logic class during your senior year (you can’t afford to flunk it by then).

Liz Ritter

Okay, okay... all kidding aside (and I was kidding), Caravan really does afford the perfect opportunity and reason to demonstrate to prospective students and their parents the wonderful world of culture that their children can experience as a part of Bryan College. So we won’t rely so much on the Faculty/Staff slam dunk contest to make that same impression—after all, this past fall, Marc Neddo dressed in drag as a cheerleader, Tyler Ford wore a terribly unattractive wig, and Mr. Bruehl wore his patented moose antlers/superman/trenchcoat/kneesocks outfit (it kept the crowd in stitches the whole time). Really, when else during Caravan are you going to be so thoroughly entertained? Probably not in your classes, maybe during chapel (depending on the speaker), possibly during the Fine Arts event that is required for you (unless you’ve already been to two that semester), but definitely during a time when male members of BC Support Staff cut loose and have fun with wild abandon.

This is not to say that there is anything wrong with Fine Arts events. On the whole, they do tend to be entertaining. Remember Elijah? It was already pretty cool, but when the Baal worshippers came onstage, I really thought that the mother of a prospective student sitting in front of me was going to have a coronary. I chuckled. Remember Arsenic and Old Lace? You’ve just gotta love a Caravan Fine Arts event with a murderous twist (and Chris Fickle playing a Bela Lugosi look-alike). And although it wasn’t a Caravan Fine Arts, A Midsummer Night’s Dream should have been. What better way to introduce prospective to BC than with Puck, Oberon, Titania and Nick Bottom?

When it comes right down to it, you know the real reason behind having the best Fine Arts programs during Caravan: “This is what we do here, and we do it better than any other college you’d think about sending your kid to. So send ‘em here so they can get cultured!”

And that, my friends, is the real reason for all the madness and mayhem that surround both Caravan and Fine Arts. At last, the mystery is revealed.
Marc Neddo, Assistant Registrar in drag, makes a whopping big basket during the Faculty/Staff slam dunk contest held on the first night of a fall Caravan weekend. Oh, sure, only when prospective students come do they go all out and dress the guys like cheerleaders.

Fine Arts and Caravan seem to go hand in hand, and usually, the Chorale gets to dress up and perform to impress visitors.

Caravan games are so cool, this guy was videotaping them for posterity. Not really. But there was a video crew here for the March Caravan, and they were taping EVERYTHING for a promotional video about Bryan.

Elijah was the big draw for the Fine Arts program during the November Caravan. Despite what it looks like, Baal worship is NOT a way of life at Bryan.
Photographic proof of "Karaoke with Bob and Sue" night at the Oyster Bar. Chris Fickley wanted to show off, but Jeanna Broome hogged the spotlight with her impressive air guitar skills, until she decided to join in on the chorus of Jimmy Buffet's classic, "Come Monday."

Everyone knows that Bryan College students can play soccer; that's a given after this year. But can they play it on the beach? Apparently so.

This is the one and only time that a class worship will ever be held in a bar. Originally, we had planned to have worship and breakfast on the beach, but it was a gray day, so we had it on the porch instead—never mind that it was the porch of the hotel bar. That makes no difference at all.

Natalie Cruver and Kristy Diller strutted their stuff in honor of their major during senior chapel. They kept coming out after every other major—they just couldn't get enough of the spotlight.
Imagine that not only do you have to do everything listed above, BUT you also have to take any finals that your professors won’t let you out of, you have to plan senior chapel, Vespers and graduation. On top of all that, you still have to pack for senior trip—never mind packing up the last four years of your life so that your parents can cart it home with them in just another week. Underclassmen, do you understand what I’m telling you? The seniors needed a vacation.

So we took one. Florida in late April/early May is a pretty nice place to be. Aside from the obvious warmth (unlike what we were getting here in southeast Tennessee), it was perfect simple because the beach wasn’t too crowded and the freaks only came out REALLY late at night. And even though it rained the first two days we were in Daytona, it was pretty wonderful. The ocean was a very welcome sight, and I’m sure that all of the other water babies on the trip would agree. Don’t get me wrong, mountains are beautiful and all, but give me a shoreline any day.

Here now, some relaxing memories of a class trip. Saturday night—Karaoke with Bob and Sue in the hotel bar/lounge thing. Chris Fickley and Jeanna Broome, then Jenn Wilson showing off; anyone remember (not that you can forget) the 60-year-old woman who had come all the way from Ocala just for this, and now she had LARNGITIS! which she told you about by screaming at you? Remember rain for two days straight? How many people went cruising down the street in Daytona just looking for something to do at night? Did anybody get anything pierced at one of the hundreds of body-piercing shops? No? Good—you can still get in trouble for that, you know. Did anybody try to convince any one to get something pierced (nudge-nudge, wink-wink)? Remember how absolutely gorgeous it was on Tuesday, the day we had to check out and go to Orlando? So, how long did you stay on the beach after you checked out of your room? Where did you change back into normal clothes after you had been in the water—the hotel public bathroom? So did we.

Now for some Orlando recollections. Were you really excited about your room but bummed that there wasn’t a beach next to it? How about those “2 for $40” Disney, World tickets in the lobby? Anyone else get up early Wednesday morning to go buy some of those, only to find out that you only get them if you’re married and interested in a time share? How many graduates do we have with Orlando time-shares now? Disney World would have been fun, but some of us were a little on the poor side, and after Disney World, others of us were a lot on the poor side. Pleasure Island, Planet Hollywood...any of this ringing any bells?

Remember the sadness of Thursday’s dawn? It was time to go back. Personally, I would have been glad to stay and just have my diploma faxed to me. But maybe that’s just me. Or maybe not.

Chris Wood, jocks, etc., etc., etc., etc.—did a dead-on impersonation of Dr. Ritter herald in senior chapel. Senior chapel really needed the seniors with the perfect opportunity to lovingly skewer their senior professors. Most were kind, even the history major.

The Simple Life
One Last Week of Calm Before the Storm of the Real World

Remember the last full week of classes? Remember how stressed you were? Remember how many papers you had to do? How many tests you had to take? Remember how you couldn’t breathe because you’d forgotten to schedule it in? Is any of this coming back to you now? Good. Now imagine that you’re a senior.

by Liz Ritter
The Time Has Come

Amazingly, some seniors are sad about the final walk through Rudd.

W ell, the time has come and gone. It is now three weeks in the past, yet I wish I could relive it, if just to say good-bye one last time. According to one friend, graduation brought out the sap in me; she was unaware that I am capable of shedding a tear outside of injuring myself or getting something in my eye. But it's true and I will readily admit it. I am a Bryan College graduate, and I am actually sad that I am not returning in the fall. There I said it. I am a class-A emotionalist (happy now, Haven!).

Liz Ritter

I remember the morning of graduation. It was gray and threatening to rain. I explained to my parents that, in fact, it would not rain because it was my graduation day. In the many years that I have been at Bryan, it has never rained on graduation day; I wasn't about to accept that it could ruin a good record by starting today, on my day. It was also insanely early...there was supposed to be a breakfast for everyone involved in commencement! Great! I was thinking big Argo's breakfast-eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage, the works. Disappointed again. When they found out it was really more of a continental-type thing in Brack, my parents ditched me at commencement practice and went somewhere nice for their morning meal (how rude). Now, I may be the only one, but it seemed to me that 7:45 a.m. was just a tad early to expect a bunch of almost-graduates to be awake, much less coordinated enough to follow directions about how to stand and walk and sit and shake Dr. Brown's hand over your left while receiving your diploma in your left (you can see why I just wanted it to be over and done). And when that was finished, there was no time for a nap before the ceremony!

Looking back now, I have no idea how I made it through that day. I just know that I did. I am probably not the only one who feels that way, either. After graduation was over there was the traditional spilling outside of EVERYONE who came to see ANYONE they knew walk the stage. A madhouse barely begins to describe it. I was found by Dr. Donn, who was desperate trying to pull all the Communication Arts majors together for a group picture. Once that was said and done, my parents wanted a picture (just one!), then they wanted to leave. So I took them back up the safety of the parking lot next to Arnold and they left for home. By the time I got back down to Rudd, the crowd had considerable thinned out, as had many of my friends. This made my heart heavy, for I didn't get to say good-bye to many of them, yet other friends I did get to see for the first time in 6 months. There was an element of both joy and sadness in the air that day.

I guess I knew that it was coming; I expected it to. I just hadn't prepared myself for what was staring me in the face. I kept thinking that there was more time; Senior Trip had something to do with that, I think. A week is spent in Florida with your class, and at the time you're not really thinking of the inevitable. The inevitable is that this is your last hurrah. Take that time and make the most of it, because you can't get it back (though many mornings I lay awake in bed wishing I was still on Senior Trip).

I think I'll stop there. So from one unprepared alum to her other unprepared friends...this is my way of saying good-bye. Hey, there's always Homecoming 1997.

◆Matt Bostic's dad dressed up for his part in graduation; he gave an invocation to the parents of graduating seniors.
I have a duty, as a Communication Arts major, to include this group of very handsome folks. Presenting the 1997 Communication Arts graduates (and their two professors): Brian Ward, Jeremy Smith, Jeremy Toliver, Haven Strickland, Elizabeth Clark, Dr. Dann Brown, Monica Rollins, Mr. Bernie Belisle and Liz Ritter. Not pictured: Chris Fickley, Brooke Shepherd and Jenn Wilson.

Dr. Brown is sad to see us graduate, and it’s written all over his face. He’s really going to miss the class of 1997. But as he himself said, “You came here to leave.” So we did.

The final walk began in Rudd’s parking lot and led up to the foyer and on inside.

What a Saturday! Despite threats to the contrary, it didn’t rain on our parade. Not only was it sunny, it was a little windy, too, as Pamala Sarrell and Sarah Beth Nordmoe discovered as they shielded their eyes and struggled to keep their mortarboards on.
Marcy Whisman and Amy Lucas take advantage of a beautiful day and discuss Biblical Worldview class.

Mrs. Karin Trayor and Mrs. Margie Legg serve up fun while Randy Evans helps himself at the President’s reception following Convocation.
Have you ever noticed how school (Monday through Friday) is pretty much constant?

How fast the work (labs, reading) adds up?

How every project is due (papers, take-home tests) within the same week?

That's how you know you're in the study zone.
Majors

From the day the freshmen arrive on campus the aspire is to be a senior. Seniors come in many shapes sizes and majors: Bible majors, Communications majors, Biology majors, Education majors, English majors, History majors, Music majors, and even a P. E. major.

Where are these many types of seniors? Often they are hard to spot because of the countless hours spent off campus having interviews, completing student teaching, living in Bryan Village, or working. Yet, we have other seniors who live on campus, are highly involved, and are hard to miss. Some are RA's, cheerleaders, Hilltop Players, Varsity ball players, and/or in SGA.

The senior class contributes much to the student body each year. They set the tone for the school year. Their passions and traditions carry on after they graduate. This year the seniors have shown their Bryan spirit by being so involved with Bryan as well as their "Christ Above All" spirit in chapels and in the halls.

by Michelle Rich

Haven Strickland completes practicum hours for her Communication Arts major at the Rhea County Medical Center.

Tom Cybulski and his friends grab a midnight snack before tackling any late-night studying.

Matt Vanderwell enjoy's his last All-College picnic before facing life outside of school.
When asked what they plan to do after graduation, seniors replied... 

**Our Future Plans**

I plan on going home after graduation and getting a sandwich. (or grad school, maybe, or not. I'll be working in entertainment somewhere) -Chris Fickley

My goal is to teach third or fourth graders in the public school setting. Kids in the public schools need positive role models and a Christian input in their lives. -Allison Hobson

I am currently seeking a full-time youth-pastor position or an internship for the summer. I would like to obtain a full-time youth pastor in the south so my wife and I can stay in the area. However, we will go wherever God has decided He wants us. -Chris Dewald

My major is Business Administration. I am staring up a business with Ken Conrad, Dave Gerhart and Walker Haynes in video production. We will be shooting commercials for local and distant businesses. -Carl Diebold

My major is liberal arts. I wanted to stay broad in my education so I could go in one of many directions. I plan to go to seminary, and do some kind of ministry within my vocation, whether it is the formal ministry or not I don't know. Liberal Arts major has helped me think deeply and broadly and given me a breath of knowledge and understanding through the grid of a Biblical worldview, which is the goal of Christian education. -Jeff Baker

I would like to be in some sort of music ministry. Not in a church as such, but performing for people. I hope to have an impact specifically in the lives of teenagers. Law school is still a possibility, but not in the near future. -Chris Wood

Chris Fickley helps direct Michelle Boiling, Matt Gilman, and Matt Taylor in the Reader's Theater production "An Evening with Garrison Keillor." Chris was the assistant director and played the part of Garrison Keillor.
Many Jobs Often Left Unnoticed

Work Study

There are many new jobs at Bryan College that go unnoticed. These jobs are big in making the college run. We perhaps do not see the need to be thankful for these workers because they are fellow students.

The work study program is offered by the college so that students may be able to earn money while still pursuing their studies. Students are given the opportunity to work many jobs on campus. The Argo's and the Grounds are two options that provide many jobs for students who are seeking their fortunes here on the Hill. Although the work is hard, it is very rewarding. No one can put a price on the amount of glamour that is involved.

The opportunity that Bryan College provides is used to the fullest and without these much needed jobs some of us would not be able to be a part of the great Lion pride.

by Daniel Fary

Crystal Turner blasts autumn leaves earning her work study dollars while Travis Weldon rushes by on his way to work.

"Garbage Guy," Mark Cooley, makes cleaning fun.

Heather Ingersoll spends more time in the Career Placement office than the average senior.
"Scholarships," are a big financial support that all students work very hard to get.

Scholarships

Out of 450 students in Bryan, 239 students have some kind of scholarship. This means every other person has a scholarship.

Twenty students (almost five percent of the student body) have earned the college’s top scholarship honor— the presidential scholarship. "To get a presidential scholarship," Sophomore Timothy McGhee said, "I had to have at least a 26 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA. I also had to write an essay about why I wanted to come to Bryan College. My most concern was the interview: each student had to go into a room with all the professors of the department, and they asked me many questions."

In 1996, the GPA requirement went up to 3.6, but every student who tries out for the presidential scholarship can get the Dean’s Award, which is a scholarship that gives $4,000. This is only $2,000 less than the presidential scholarship.

Eighty-one students have athletic scholarships, 90 students have 2,500 academic awards, and 48 students have $1,500 academic ones. Many students could not be here at Bryan without the aid of these awards. Keeping a scholarship is no easy task. Education department presidential scholar senior Melissa Carson said, "Keeping a 3.5 is very hard to do. It is a lot of pressure, but it helps me be accountable. I am glad I have to do it because it makes me disciplined."

By: Akari Sakaguchi

Freshman Sarah Synder enjoys her time at Bryan due to her Presidential Scholarship in music.

FRESHMAN ADVICE

"Make sure you are on the right floor before you walk into your room."
--Mickey Norris

"Pitch a tent, get out the Coleman and camp out in front of the registrar's office to get classes."
--Mindy Baker

"Throwing roommates out the window gives you a 4.0."--David Ritterbush

"Soccer is more than a game; it is a way of life."
--David Wilkes

"Don't call up Caravaners and tell them that you're in love with them as a joke because they really think you are telling the truth."
--Stephanie Miller
What's in Store?

A new building! I came on campus as freshman and one of the first things I heard was that Bryan is expanding! All of the new features of the building excite me. We will have a new game room, and Living Room. The new offices for the Commoner and Triangle will be nice. There is little space in the Communication building and when deadlines conflict the building seems to shrink. The offices will be across from the new Student Cafe which will make deadlines more bearable. SGA will have more space too. PCI will be allowed to spread out giving the PCI presidents more room, and more work space for when the lesson plan procrastinators show up. The student life will be enhanced greatly. There will be more "favorite spots" on campus for couples and more places to hang out to socialize. The new cafeteria will be greatly appreciated. Friday luches are very difficult during caravan when you only have fifteen minutes between classes. Even now, lunch overflows into the Lions Den on Mondays at 12:00. We will also have a nice banquet room for Homecoming, Christmas, and Valentine's banquets. The Student Cafe will be awesome! Our present Snack bar is nice, but the Student Cafe will just be a cafe, not seated in the middle of a TV or video games that take away from a cozy atmosphere. I can't wait until we can be in it!

by Michelle Rich

Rachel Crumpler and Hope Dallenegra get a kick out of working in the pit. Any chance the new Argo's will be self-cleaning?

46 SIGNPOSTS
The New Student Center

NEW & IMPROVED

A New Cafeteria
A New Dining Room
Terrace
A New Kitchen
Student Cafe
Game Room
Living Room
Sitting Room
New SDO Office
New PCI Lab
New SGA Office
New Commoner Office
New Triangle Office
New Bookstore
Mr. Schnittjer

Mr. Schnittjer has received the title of Teacher of the Year from the votes taken in February of the student body. The students have said that he is always real and honest with them and he has made an impact in their lives that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Out of thirty teachers, Mr. Schnittjer received an overwhelming 37 votes, and received recognition in the Honor’s Day festivities.

Unfortunately, Mr. Schnittjer is leaving Bryan College at the end of the year. He has accepted a position at Philadelphia College of Bible. The students and faculty will miss him, but they will always remember his generosity and love for everyone.

by Melissa Dodge

There is one thing that comes to mind when you think of Gary Schnijjer: proverbial wisdom. But he's leaving Bryan to go into the Witness Protection Program, so it doesn't matter.
School is a place of learning. Learning requires teachers. The Bryan College professors choose to be a part of this process. When the students were voting for their favorite teacher, many expressed their appreciations for the sacrifices made by the faculty.

**Tribute to the Professors**

There are many awesome teachers at Bryan, but few that take the time to really talk to their students. Dr. Legghas always shown interest in my life and Dr. Bradshaw is challenging and determined. His classes are never easy, but you know you will leave knowing what you need to know. He does his best to make the subject matter interesting. Personal experiences with him when applicable, that means a lot to me and also because you know that he practices what he preaches. His life is a Christian testimony and he is excited to live for Christ.” -Cheri Stone teacher, he’s my friend.” -Diana Whorley

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Projects

Crunch time! It always seems that the professors conspire in those Thursday morning faculty meetings to decide on when to give out many assignments. Your English term paper is due the same week that you have a Bible and Business exam on Wednesday, a speech on Monday and 30 pages of reading due on Thursday. Each one requires attention because a good percentage of your grade is on the line.

Although it doesn't seem like it at the time, projects help us learn by applying the knowledge obtained in class. The satisfaction of a completed task helps us realize the high value of education.

Projects can be fun. Making the infamous Coat of Arms shield helps you to evaluate your priorities and interests while drawing out creativity through your choice of presentation.

In each project a little of yourself is put into the task. You develop your views on life and the world and present them in each assignment. It's all part of the learning process.

Soon the day will come when all of school assignments are over and college is a memory, but the valuable lessons learned through time management and self evaluation are applied.

by Michelle Rich
"Yuck! What is that awful smell?" You may have just walked into a biology lab, and the smell of formaldehyde is overwhelming because some kind of animal is about to be cut open and examined. Or perhaps you have just walked into a chemistry lab where a weird looking brew is on one of the desks with students all around trying to discover the contents of the mixture.

Having lab sessions is one of the methods used by professors to help students learn. Jennifer Berry, a freshman biology major, says that a lab "brings things alive." For many, visual and hands-on experience helps to develop knowledge, skill, and mostly patience. Jennifer said that labs can be "awfully long sometimes."

Welcome to the world of science!

My most memorable lab was a worm lab. I am not particularly fond of worms, so when Dr. Hartzell poured them out of the test tube, my skin began to crawl. I put aside my dislike for slimy creatures, pulled on a pair of rubber gloves, grabbed a pair of forceps and a dissection pan, and went to claim my worm. The dissection was interesting, and seeing the internal anatomy on the lab helped reinforce it in my mind.

One of my favorite labs has been a qualitative analysis lab. A test tube filled with an unknown solution was given to each student to run tests on to discover the contents of the mixture. Sometimes it can be frustrating if the tests do not turn out right or if you miss an important observation, but it is fun and helps build character.

by Kimberlee Allum

Charles Motley poses with his fetal pig before the investigating its internal organs.
Like the Break for Change Missions Teams, we had a mission to preach the Word, but our own way—through testimony and song. God proved that to this year's choral over and over again. Many people became ill, and weren't able to sing. We were in the path, only minutes ahead of the tornados that devastated Anahuac, Texas. Through each trial, God brought us safely through. He made it evident that this was what He would have us do for our Spring Break. Not only was it a great tour musically, though we were told several times that this was the greatest choral ever, but it was wonderful spiritually. Each of us, at one point or another, was confronted with our personal relationship with Christ, whether through testimonies during the concerts, or the devotions on the bus, or by the songs themselves. Many resolutions and renewed commitments were made.

We were able to see some amazing things on this tour. We went to the Alamo, Graceland, San Antonio, and New Orleans, just to name a few. There were long bus rides, S.O.S. stories, freshman initiations, card games lasting four hours at a stretch, and movies everyone had seen twenty times, but through it all Christ prevailed. We began each concert with prayer and worship, giving the concert to God. He definitely honored that.

by Beth Phillips

Tennyson Martin, Abby Baker and Brooke Shop here made a stop at the Salisbury Cathedral in London while on the Fine Arts Trip over Christmas Break.

The Chorale travelled for countless hours during the tour of the South.

Like the Fine Arts tour group, some Chorale members were drawn to the local playgrounds for relaxation and recreation.
Imagine the dull monotony of sitting in the very hard, very uncomfortable desks and listening to yet another classroom lecture about some place you've never been. Then, after class is over, imagine having to sit for hours blankly staring at a computer screen filled with Fine Arts slides of even more air off places or pieces of art...Now try to imagine stepping off a plane at the Satwick Airport, catching a ride on a luxurious coach which takes you to our hotel-London's Royal Lancaster Hotel, overlooking Hyde's Park...Just think of the excitement of seeing examples of Fine Arts in another country and getting to experience the culture of another place. The London Fine Arts option is an excellent way to get a Fine Arts credit because the academic work load is drastically reduced due to the student's opportunity to experience a virtual reality of art, music, and culture firsthand!

Over this past Christmas Break, many of us went on ACIS's Yuletide London Tour. On our eight day tour, we were able to experience a wide variety of things, such as the Roman Baths, Windsor Castle, Hampton Courts, Big Ben, the Tower of London, Stonehenge, and the Cathedrals-just to mention a few! In addition, we got to ride on the Underground subway, ride in the lifts (elevators), experience the excitement of hearing Big Ben ring in the New Year, while some of us brought in the new year at St. Paul's Watchnight Service or Trafalgar Square. We got to taste authentic English tea, pastries and scones, and got to experience what going to a pub was like. Also, the fast pace of London drew many of us in as we visited the museums and the gift shops! The fast pace of the cars, double decker buses, driving on the left side, the throngs of people pressing against you and the biting winds, the lush rolling of the landscape and the beautifully constructed buildings-the people and their heritage-were all a part of London!
Library

Research paper? Another summary of a Wall Street Journal article is due? Just wanting to check what new happenings have occurred in the world while you were preparing for that huge Zoology? Library is the place for you to go. There, you will always get help.

The new couches make it more cozy. Unfortunately, they also make it more tempting to take a nap instead of studying. Those who are considering teaching as a career can benefit from the new Educational Center on the third floor. The library is also a great place to meet new friends or maybe even "the one."

Library Technical Services Coordinator Christy Cattlet, who came to work at Bryan this year, said, "I thought the library would be boring or quiet, but here so much is going on, so much energy is around."

Those who work in the library learn quickly to be very understanding and good at guessing. "Could I get that thick book that i had earlier. I don't remember what it's called or the author's name, but it was red and the title was written in big black letters." Such mysterious requests are commonly given to the librarians.

Of course, the computers sometimes shut down right before you save your paper and the copy machine breaks down at a very important moment, but still the library becomes our only refuge in the middle of exams.

by Julia Denina
Welcome to the generation of computers!

Computers

invite you to come surf on the NET! The wave of the future is reaching its crescendo and it is time to jump on in and join the surging masses in this technological era. Bryan College’s own BryanNET allows faculty and students to get their feet wet by offering newly available resources to be at the tips of students’ fingers and by offering access to “the information superhighway” of the InterNET.

Technology has become so much more advanced that computers have most become an essential factor in nearly everything we do. This is no different here at Bryan. It is much easier for students to accomplish their academic goals. BryanNET opens up a flood of opportunities which make it easier for students to write papers, theses, reports, study, do language reviews, view Fine Arts or Biology slides, or accomplish many other assignments that are served out to students by professors.

However, all study and no pleasure is not the motto most BC students have adopted. On the contrary, that welcome doodle-oo which announces an e-mail message or the many windows of options opened by having access to the InterNET allow students many reasons to procrastinate. Students often shake off homework or studying (especially during crunch time or finals week) and send each other messages. Where else could you receive the accumulation of knowledge such as we get when conversing over e-mail. You might learn how to “Get rid of a Blind Date,” “Kill your Roommate,” “Find True Love,” “Know how to Procrastinate the Right Way,” or many other such enticing drops in the wealth of knowledge. Also it’s a neat way to stay up half the night getting to know fellow students by using “chat.” So, please do add into and experience for yourself the refreshing tide of the knowledge found on BryanNet.

by Sarah Hurley
Honors Program

From all around the nation they have come - the best and the brightest that the United States of America has to offer. They have descended upon our small campus and are armed with bright dreams for the future. Who are they? They are the honor students, those who are a part of the Honors Program at Bryan College. The honors program, which has been in existence for two years, is open to any student who meets the qualifications of at least a 28 on their ACT or a SAT of 1240. The high school GPA must be at least a 3.6. If after freshman year a student wishes to be a part of the Honors Program, he or she must have a GPA of 3.75 and recommendation from two faculty members. The Honors Program is headed by Dr. Dann Brown, Mr. Jim Coffield, Mr. David Johnston, Tim McGhee, and Laura Bradshaw. In order to successfully graduate as a part of the Honors Program, students must meet a variety of course requirements. Honors students must take a minimum of 18 credit hours each semester which includes a sophomore and Junior Seminar, Senior Thesis project, and an Independent Study. The sophomore seminar for this year covered Multiculturalism and Politics in the fall semester and Aging, Death, and Dying in the spring semester. In order to remain in the Honors Program, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5. In the end, all the labor will be paid for in full as the honor students walk across the stage to receive their diploma and go back out in the world to make their dreams come true.
Odd Thursday Dessert? Advanced Classes? Guest Speakers

"Odd Thursday Dessert?"

"Yes" Dr. Dann Brown replied, only half kidding.
These Odd Thursday desserts are open to all honors students here at
an. Every first, third, and fifth Thursday of the month, at 6:00 P.M. the
hors community gets together and enjoys a little Christian fellowship.
We have had many activities this year, from backstage tours to presentas-
s and discussions. "Dr. K" talked to us about his trip to Russia last summer.
Had a session about the different lifestyles and customs of different coun-
s around the world courtesy of several international students on campus.
A week three senior presidential scholars, Melissa Carson, Matt Vanderwall
and Brooke Shepherd, came to tell us about the pros and cons of being in
lerated classes. Fred Stansbury from World Vision came and talked to us
out the underdeveloped countries of the world and touched our hearts with
deo of poor children and their families in Cambodia, and the World Vision
nts there. Mr. Ron Pettite, Bryan college's own registrar came and told us
ut his secret life as an inspector general for the U.S. Army. Courtesy of Mr.
sle, the honors students got to tour the set of "Arsenic & Old Lace" the
ning before opening night.
The best Odd Thursday dessert was the night Cathi Woods from the
man's Care Center in Dayton came and spoke about STD's and unplanned
ancies, especially here in Rhea County. We did a simulation of the risks
ex by rolling dice. After only a few rolls, out of the people present, five of us
babies, eight had STD, and two died of AIDS
Odd Thursday Dessert is informative and fun. We get to learn things and
ings that the general public never will. That's just one of the perks of
ng an honor student.

by Amanda Novak

Honorable Quotes

"The luncheons are fun because we get to learn more in depth about the
speaker such as Rena Kornreich Gelissen, the Holocaust survi-
vor."

-Amanda Novak

"I like the fact that we get so many opportunities to enhance our Bryan
College education."

-Bekah Paul

"Even though the classes are hard, I enjoy them. They provide a
challenge."

-Iris Griffioen

"The Honors Program gives us opportuni-
ties we wouldn't otherwise have both through special
programs and creative learning techniques."

-Laura Bradshaw
Some Folks Come to Stay

Honors Day

Honors Day is a day in which students who have achieved excellence in the classroom are honored. It is a time in which those who have strived for academic excellence and attained it are rewarded for time spent on Biblical Worldview projects, Communications speeches, term papers, seminars and so much more.

The day also honors faculty members for their faithfulness and longevity. Dr. Bill Brown presented the Outstanding Teacher Award, which consisted of a certificate and a secret decoder ring to Dr. Fouts. Others were honored for five years service: Dr. Bruehl, Mr. Ingolfsland, and Mr. Jones. Ten-year service awards went to Mr. Barth, Mr. Hostetler, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Legg. Dr. Simpson and Mr. Webb received awards for 15 years of service, while Dr. Bradshaw, Mrs. Kinney and Dr. Phillips were recognized for 20 years of service.

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Dr. Bruehl and Dr. Boling sat on stage and waited for the show to start.

Dr. Phillips got a decoder ring (and a hug) from Dr. Brown for his 20 years of service to the college.

Dr. Phillips and Dr. Simpson participated in the Honors Day program (they had to...they were on stage).
Honors Day awards were given to students who showed specific qualities. The P.A. Boyd award was given to a junior (Kritsie Mattsson), a sophomore (Laurie Blanton) and a freshman (Keri-Lynn Lestmann) who manifest ability of character, fearlessness and self-sacrificing devotion to ideals and a purposeful life.

The Robert D. Marsden Scholarship was given to someone who works their own way through college, is participating in work-study and achieves a 3.0 (Bethany oliver).

The Virginia M. Schmikl Music Award was awarded to the highest achieving freshman music major who demonstrates a love for Christ through Christian service while attaining a high cumulative average (Josh Mullins).

The M.A. Cooley Memorial Scholarship was given to three students who demonstrate special musical ability (John Bailey, Beth Freeman and Sharon Wood).

The Brynoff Scholarship was awarded to someone who is a rising sophomore, junior or senior traditional English major who has ability, personal character and financial need (Kathleen Hicks).

Two returning Biblical Studies majors who received at least a 3.0 GPA were awarded the Lawrence E. and Lillian C. Payne Scholarship (Bruce Barnett & Jason Schultz).

The Al page Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a business major who integrates a Christian perspective and life in business (Christina Broome).

The highest achiever of the freshman class in mathematics was awarded the J. Schmikl Scholarship (Mark Anderson).

The Judson A. Rudd Testimony and Influence Award was given to an upperclassman who demonstrated an outstanding Christian testimony and had an extreme influence on the freshman class (Simon Sakatos).

Honors Day included many other awards for high achievement and scholarship. The seniors involved in PCI all four years at Bryan were honored for their dedication (other senior awards were given during commencement). The service included with prayer and the Alma Mater.
When finals come around everything changes. Stress is not just for the middle-aged, but a real part of Bryan life. Because of procrastination, fear, and "better things to do," pressure builds to a boiling point. Explosions are common the week before finals and come in many various ways. Some students sweat off their stress, scream out their stress, cry out their stress, or just "Bust Out" their stress. Some freshman girls choose to deal with their stress by dancing to "The Oldies" in their dorms. Other students get prepared bringing out the coffee, chocolate, and Coke to keep the adrenaline pumping and the creative juices flowing. Some students, who are industrious, actually get their work done before "the night before." But after the semester is over, the nerves have grown back, the study group aftermath is cleared away, and students have slept, Bryan students start the cycle again for the next semester.

by Michelle Rich

Jennifer Berry and Kimberlee Allum share Botany insights until all hours of the night.

Sarah Cruz and Jenny Garcia work on their English final.
What is your favorite way to study?

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My method of study last semester was rather unconventional. The class I spent the most time on was undoubtedly my World Lit. class with Dr. Cornelius. I've taken his classes before and the ONLY way to pass them is to do two out of three each week.

With the schedule I had last semester, the only time I had to read was after all-in, which was fine for me, but I still needed to unwind, too. So I did both: I read and did my homework for World Lit. while watching Letterman (did I mention I had a 92 average in the class at the end of the semester?). —Liz Ritter

Believe it or not, siblings can work together peacefully, as shown by Travis and Alyssa Weldon.
Freshmen show their school spirit at their first Bryan College Pep Rally during Homecoming week by doing their class cheer.

Psychology Prof Jim Coffield gets a shaving cream pie the face by junior Diana Whorley, who wanted to show her love for his tests.
Every opportunity offered is (classes, sports, music) an important part of Bryan College.

But it is the people here that (students, faculty & staff) make life at Bryan so unique.

That is why all other aspects of school (grades, homework) must make way for the pedestrian crossing.

Ben Davis, Kevin Ingolf Island & Jim Nichols
Shane Maxwell & sister Kristin
TK Knecht & Beth Phillips
Mr. Bruce Ferratt, the new sports trainer, tapes up Junior Chris Mayberry’s ankle before basketball practice.
Dr. Jack Traylor blocks a kick from Freshman Amanda Novak in Women's Self-Defense class.
A group of Freshmen girls during Freshmen Orientation attempt to move across the soccer field while staying on top of a board and some cylinders.

Jamie Akins
Kimberlee Allum
Brian Anderson
Danny Arwe

Kelley Atkins
Mindy Baker
Brandon Ballard
Dara Ballard

Autumn Barkley
Wendi Bauman
Christopher Bean
Jennifer Berry

Becky Blackmon
Michelle Boling
Brandon Boozer
Laura Bradshaw

Ronda Bruce
Nikki Burnette
Kara Butler
Crystalle Cable

Memories of a year gone by

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Summer plans: to play soccer with the Charlotte Eagles overseas in France and Sweden for 2 1/2 weeks. Spare time:
Hunting, fishing, camping and swimming on the Amazon.
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NAME: MINDY BAKER
AGE: 19, FROM: KNOXVILLE, TN, MEMBER OF: LADY LIONS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM,
LIKES TO: Run, wrestle with girls on her hall,
WATER SKI. HIDDEN TALENT: SHE CAN DO A VALARAL
RAPTOR ROAR. FUN IN THE SUN: SUMMER CAMP LIFE GUARD.
FAMILY: 2 sisters, 1 brother. BIRTHDAY STORY: HAD TO GET 9
STITCHES IN HER LEG AFTER FALLING WHILE DANCING ON A TABLE
IN THE GUYS DORM ON HER BIRTHDAY

Fresban Iris Griffeon and Kara Butler enjoy sitting outside of the administration building to hang out and talk.

Dave Loftin
Amy Lucas
Mary Maclean
Julie Marlow

Nancy Masoner
Emily Mathers
Carrie Matthews
Kristin Maxwell

Kris McGary
Michelle Mejeur
Hannah Metzger
Jessica Miller

Not Pictured

Mark Anderson
Jeffrey Carter
Brent Crowe
Reid Daniels
James Edgar
Ben Edwards
Abe Hadzic
Porter Hampton
Rachel Hawkins
David Lee

Chris Mayberry
Joe McElhaney
Chip Miller
Charles Motley
Mickey Norris
Beth Phillips
Daniel Springer
Matt Taylor
Alison Villanova
Alyssa Weldon
Sophomore Paul Gordon and junior Brenda Nollmeyer are just hangin' around. (far right) Sometimes it’s nice to get off campus to watch a football game. Sophomores Matt Gilman, Ben Edwards and Daniel Fary and freshmen Ryan Thornton and Seth Jensen relax at Daniel's parents' house.
Karey Channell
Joy Cheshire
Jenni Clayton
Jenny Colloms

Ken Conrad
Marina Cruz
Jamie Daniels
Anna Davis

Ben Davis
Brooke Davis
Rachel Diaz
Brian Duncan

Stacy Durham
Randy Evans
Daniel Fary
Dave Gerhardt

Matt Gilman
Paul Gordon
Kelly Griffis
Shea Haynes

Julie Hill
Sarah Hurley
Jackie Johnson
Tina Johnson

Philip Jones
Klon Kitchen
Ben Kreloff
Keri-Lynn Lestmann

Amy Lien
Emily Link
Jenny Mathis
Shane Maxwell

Matthew McDaniel
Ashley McDonald
Matthew McFarland
Leanna Moore
Simon Sakatos, TR Black and Frank Rouse sing the National Anthem before the homecoming game. (far right) Good things come in big numbers! A group of sophomores and freshmen make a campfire at the Bluffs and enjoy hanging out together.

Amy Nace
Jim Nichols
Jody Noble

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Trish Austin
Suzanne Barber
Laurie Blanton
Rachel Brunner
Marina Cruz
Cara Dulaney
John Gosse
Jason Harrison
Don Hixon
Robert A. Lay
Joy McCaskey
Tom McDonald
Tim McGhee
Marica Mohnkern
Amy Morgan
Ben Phillip
Dave Phillips
Andy Sarine
LJ Sells
Tony Smith
Tim Stewart
Cheri Stone
Sarahanne Strickland
Melissa Vaughn
Bryan Osborne
Ben Philip
Bryan Prudhomme
Brian Quickie

Rexella Richardson
Andrew Robertson
Matt Russell
Tracy Schultz

Jason Scott
Janel Shaffer
Jess Sharkey
Susanna Sharpe

Tonya Sinitsin
Dawn Smith
Tonya Smith
Carissa Sofield

Reuben Stancil
Jennifer Stewart
Cheri Stone
Lydia Tallent

Jimmy Taylor
Matt Taylor
Elizabeth Tidwell
Bethany Toliver

Crystal Turner
Harmony Vukin
Sara Beth Wade
Sonya Warren

Susie Warren
Alyssa Weldon
Christie Wilhoit
Jenny Wilson

Leah Wilson
Barbara Wing
Elizabeth Young
Kimberly Young
Memories of a year gone by

NAME: TR Black
Hobbies: Singing, cliff diving, the ocean.
Life verse: Proverbs 3:5-6. Quote: "Hallelujah!"
Ambition: to be a Music Teacher.
Observation: "In a fight between the Drs. Luther, Rigio would come out on top."

Juniors Melinda Snead and Patricia Keith do their best cheerleading imitation-wigs included- before the junior skit in the Homecoming pep rally.
Talking in the dorm hall are Sophomores Mandy Wills and Robin Olive and Freshman Heather Home.

NAME: Rachel Crumpler
Age: 20, From: Dothan, AL, A flower Child
Her Many Activities: Ambassadors, Biblical Worldview Team
VP of Off-Campus Activities for SGA, youth ministry
Summer spent: Lake Forest Ranch counselor. Hobbies: the great Outdoors, hiking. running, working out, bike riding SGA, Family campouts, whitewater rafting. Family: 2 younger sisters
Freshmen at Lee. Verse: Philippians 4:6-7
Bitcha Didn't know: she was violently attacked by frogs as a child.

Not Pictured
Jim Arnold
Bruce Barnett
Gayle Couch
Brooke Davie
Mark Devaney
Micah Gelatt
Beth Green
Chris Johnson
Andrea Moore
Shawn Mosher
Joy More
Jeff Paulson
Chris Petty
Simon Skanos
Jason Schultz
Cristie Simpson
Karissa Sofield
Chris Triolo
Mark Wages
Carrie Ward
Aaron Waters
Marcy Wiseman
Serge Yurovsky
Two by two
(or sometimes three)

Although some people look forward

to the time when they can move

away from their family,

many students at Bryan bring

their siblings with them.

Some of these duos (or trios)

even say that they

really enjoy the time

and experiences they share.

And these aren't just a few people.

There are 23 families of siblings at Bryan.
Senior John Maggard reaches in and causes the Freshmen flag football player to fumble.

Becky Batchelder, Mischa Gann, and Cara Helpling enjoy their last few months together at Bryan.
Sidebothom checks to be sure Melissa Carson is taking the right classes to graduate this May.

Of Arnold Dorm, Pamela Brown, spends time working every week in SDO.

P. Abiel Baker
Elementary Education

Rebekah E. Batchelder
Elementary Education

Heather J. Brasher
History

Kelly D. Bridenstine
Bible

Jeanna M. Broome
English Literature

Pamela R. Brown
Christian Education

W. Edward Campbell
Music-Piano Pedagogy

L. Melissa Carson
Elementary Education

K. Elizabeth Clark
Communication Arts

Kristy L. Copenhaver
English

Natalie B. Cruver
Liberal Arts

Anna M. Cunningham
History
Argo's provides a social time together for Haven Strickland and her fiancé, Andrew Heathershaw.

My future plans are...

"to become a full-time youth pastor at a Christ-centered Evangelistic church."
--Sam Teasley

"the graduation exercises in May. I have dreams and ambitions around serving the Lord in entertainment, whether acting, writing or circus act."
--Chris Fickley

Tomasz H. Cybulski
Business Administration
Nicholas S. Daniels
Bible
Caroline V. Day
Music-Piano Pedagogy
Christina E. Day
History

Carl J. Debold
Business Admin.
Christopher E. DeWald
Christian Education
Holly Ann DeWald
Psychology
Kristy M. Diller
Liberal Arts

Christopher M. Dickley
Communication Arts
S. Michelle Gann
Elementary Education
Johanna R. Gelatt
Elementary Education
Andrew E. Graham
Mathematics-Computer

Elementary Education

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Mathematics-Computer
Bekhy Batchelder returns to the dorm after a Children's Lit. class.

The Den provides entertainment for many, especially ping-pong players Jeremy Smith and John Maggard.

Patricia J. Green
Psychology

B. Walker Haynes
Communication Arts

Cara A. Helpling
Elementary Education

Derek A. Hermel
Elementary Education

V. Kathleen Hicks
English

Stacie L. Hixon
Psychology

Allison J. Hobson
Elementary Education

C. Anderson Hudson, Jr.
Business Admin.

Andrea M. Kemp
Christian Education

William E. Ketchersid
History

Kristen S. Kecher
Psychology

Cory P. Krueger
Christian Education
Displaying the creativeness used in teaching are Mandy Mayhood and Melissa Carson.

If I could speak in chapel, I would say...

"thanks to Dee Mooney & Judy Shetter for all of their hard work to help me return to Bryan every year."

---Marcy Treat

"date as many different people as you can, regardless of what you might be labeled as. And streak the Grassy Bowl before you graduate."

---Walker Haynes

Aimee S. Lee
Psychology

Timothy J. Lien
Bible

John D. Maggard
Business Admin.

Renee A. Marcus
Elementary Education

P. Tennyson Martin
Psychology

Mandy L. Mayhood
Elementary Education

Emily M. Mayo
Physical Education

Robert L. Mejeur
Biology

John P. Montgomery
Mathematics-Computer

Kelly Moore
Business Admin.

April L. Moseley
Elementary Education

Shawn J. Mosher
History
Jeff Schumacher shows that seniors can still be crazy and have fun in the cafeteria with flying ice cream.

Matt Vanderwall stops to chat with a professor and friend, Dr. Steve Barnett.
ekhy Batchelder finds that research on the computer is hard no matter how old you are.

My favorite thing about Bryan was...

"finding Mr. Right."
--Andrea Kemp

"the friends I made. The closeness was shared and the absolutely dumb things we did to pass the time will be things that I will remember forever."
--Clarke Zoeller

L. Brooke Shepherd
Communication Arts

Jeremy C. Smith
Communication Arts

Deanna M. Stephens
Business Admin.

Haven N. Strickland
Communication Arts

Dawn M. Sullivan
Elementary Education

Michelle W. Teasley
Mathematics

Samuel K. Teasley
Christian Education

Christine L. Tilby
Psychology

Jeremy N. Toliver
Communication Arts

Marcy A. Treat
Christian Education

Heidi Van Brocklin
Psychology

Matthew K. Vanderwall
Bible
Walker Haynes asks Sophomore Daniel Fary which Caravaner would be the best choice.

n R.A. and basketball player, Patrick Muncey manages to stay very busy.

Mark S. Wages
Mathematics-Computer

Yuri Wakabayashi
Biology

A. Daniel Walters
English-Literature

Brian M. Ward
Communication Arts

Carrie B. Ward
Biology

Mark D. Wegner
English

Beth E. Wilson
History

Jennifer E. Wilson
Communication Arts
ome students, such as Beth Wilson, realize that spending time in the library may be necessary for graduation.

My best advice to underclassmen is...

"God has given you this moment, make the most of it by making an eternal impression on another's life."
--Melissa Carson

"You will one day understand... Contrary to the belief of some professors who will remain nameless... life does not revolve around their classes. For example... Fine Arts. It is good for you right now, however."
--Chris Wood

Claudio E. Arias
Psychology
D. Scott Arnold
English-Literature
Jeffrey L. Baker
Liberal Arts
Jennifer N. Baker
English-Secondary Lit.
Daniel M. Boot
Mathematics

Matthew R. Bostic
Christian Education
Jeremy E. Colloms
Christian Education
Craig D. Dale
Bible
Matthew R. Davies
Christian Education
Joe W. Graham
English-Secondary Lit.

Gabel G. Himmelwright, IV
History
Elizabeth A. Gethersid
History
Randall E. Nichols
Bible
Brian E. Osborne
Physical Education
D. Andrew Penney
Christian Education

D. Alan Smith
Biology
Randall H. Stappenbeck
Bible
John B. Stonestreet
Bible
Alison M. Taylor
Liberal Arts
Brent D. Walker
Business Admin.

Bradley C. Wing
Christian Education
Christin D. Winkler
Mathematics
Christopher M. Wood
History
Jennifer A. Wooten
Business Admin.
W. Clark Zoeller
History

NOT PICTURED
The Lion's Basketball team prepares for the upcoming season by watching videos of early-season scrimmages and getting pointers from Coach Michalski.

The Lady Lions Volleyball team gets geared up for a game with the help of Klon Kitchen and Dr. Jack Taylor.
BRYAN COLLEGE SPORTS HAVE (the crowds, the fans) ALWAYS BEEN ELECTRIC.

THE SAVES, THE THREE-POINTERS,
THE SPIKES.
(basketball, volleyball)
THEY ALL SHOW THE POWER
BEHIND THE LION PRIDE.

THE CAUTION THAT GOES TO THE OPPONENTS
(Covenant, Lee)
OF BRYAN IS:

DANGER
HIGH VOLTAGE
Watching this year’s men’s varsity soccer team made any autumn afternoon more fun. Our players moved the ball with skill and ease that kept their opponents at our mercy.

We saw incredible feats as Gabe Himmelwright juggled around two or three players off to maneuver into position to pass or score. Himmelwright and fellow striker Genci Keja were an incredible and nearly unstoppable duo: they could score at will.

We also witnessed, on the other end of the field, tremendous athletic ability in the goal as transfer Abe Hadzic showed off his talent. When the other team would press down on us and the only person that was there, besides the keeper, was John Gosse, we knew that we were safe and that nobody was going to get by him.

We didn’t lack for talent at midfield either. With Matt Davies in the middle and Jason Schultz and Charles Fox on the outside feeding the ball up front, scoring was inevitable.

The team this year was oozing with talent. Of course, the coach must also get his due credit: without Coach Z, this team would not have been as potent or powerful a unit as they were.

When the season started, folks predicted that we would win the NCCAA title. At the end of the season, Bryan was ranked number one, but instead of pursuing the NCCAA Championship, they took their TVAC title (the first in Bryan’s history) to the first round of the NAIA playoffs. Their 2-1 victory over Bluefield in the snow earned them a trip to Kentucky, where they were defeated by Lindsey Wilson, ranked number three in the nation.
The regional finals were exciting. Due to the 4-1 loss to Bluefield the previous week, the Lions were forced to travel to the frozen tundra of Bluefield, West Virginia. The conditions for the tournament were less than perfect; Friday's game against the Covenant Scots took place in freezing rain and on a pitch that was extremely muddy. The Lions were on top early when senior Genci Keja put in a loose ball from six yards out. The score was doubled in the second half when Jeremy Davidson headed in a cross from Gabe Himmelwright. The Scots were not finished yet and came back quickly to bring the score to 2-1. The Lions bounced back and sealed the victory with a goal from senior Claudio Arias, who placed a volley in the upper corner of the Scots' goal. This gave the Lions their second victory over the Scots for the season and propelled them into their first regional finals ever.

The stage was set for a rematch of the previous week's game against the host Rams from Bluefield. Playing conditions had deteriorated overnight, and the field that was once covered in water was now frozen and covered by an inch of snow. The intensity was high, but the conditions just wouldn't allow either team to score a goal. At the end of regulation, both teams were exhausted, but neither was ready to give up.

In the second period of overtime, the Lions got the break they hoped for when Davidson finished from 15 yards out. But with only nine men, the Rams battled back to equalize the score with only a minute remaining in the game. Once again the teams were forced into overtime.

This was now Sudden Death overtime. Fortunately for the Lions, it was Keja who took a pass from Charles Fox, and found the back of the net to end the game and give Bryan College its first Regional Title ever, in any sport.  

by Jeremy Smith
YOUNG GUNS RIDE TOGETHER
Bryan’s net set sports new faces

By Matt Gilman

Completing the season with a 10-18 record, the women’s volleyball team reflects on a season of joy and heartache. Considering all of the new faces to the program, the women look forward to a less disappointing season next year.

With the presence of significant height up front from sophomore Amy Lien and freshman Rebecca Richardson, seldom could the opposition spike effectively. The Lady Lions also acquired two talented setters: Marla Fisher and Cheri Stone.

To spike and score consistently takes determination and power; Rhonda Bruce possessed these characteristics. With her exciting power and accuracy, she raised the emotion of her teammates and inspired them to either come back or finish off the other team.

At the top of the list is senior Renae Marcus; she led the team with consistent greatness, love for the game and love for her team.

Rebecca Richardson had this take on the 1996 Lady Lions: “We were a young team, but we came together. We tried hard to build on what skills we had. It took a lot of hard work, but by the end of the year we learned how to work together as a team. I look forward to next year and to taking what we learned and capitalizing on it. This year’s Lady Lions volleyball team fought through some tough times but kept forging ahead and had a great season.”

The season held high points for some players, however; hitter Amy Lien was awarded NCCAA All District Team and NCCAA District All Tournament Team. Renae Marcus earned NCCAA All District Team along with Lien, as well as earning both District and National Scholar Athlete honors, and the TVAC District Scholar Athlete Academic All American honors and sophomore Cheri Stone was named to the District All Tournament Team.

Coach: Jerri Beck
Coaching Record: 38-52
Grad: Bryan College, 1992
Misc: Basketball and volleyball player for Bryan
Thanks to: “the fans for all of the support throughout the year. You are the best.”

THE 1996 LADY LIONS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
(Row 1) Tina Johnson, Amy Lien, Cheri Stone
(Row 2) Marla Fisher, Stephanie Miller, Olivia Fagan, Julie Brasheir
(Row 3) Klo Kitchen, Renae Marcus, Autumn Barkley, Jessica Miller, Rebecca Richardson, Rhonda Bruce, Christin Winkler.
Klon Kitchen

Klon Kitchen, a sophomore at Bryan and assistant coach to the ladies’ volleyball team, has come up through the ranks of volleyball by playing pick-up games and outdoor tournaments, which led to eventually playing in various clubs in the Atlanta area. Klon, who was recruited by Southern California and Pepperdine, found his way to Africa this summer to play volleyball for Athletes in Action.

He brought his experience to Summers Gymnasium, helping Coach Beck and her girls. Kitchen is also involved with a club team from the Dayton YMCA. They will be playing different teams around the area and go to a national tournament in the spring.

This year, Kitchen not only got to make use of his volleyball skills, but also made new friendships and improved the ones he already has. He had no idea that any of this would come about. Kitchen, who transferred to Bryan in the second semester of his freshman year in 1996, reflects, “I felt like I was a part of something.”

——— by ben simpson ————
New JV Team Scores Big
Bryan's Second Soccer Team Makes Debut
By Andy Sarine

This year was the first year that Bryan had a junior varsity soccer team. As expected, it was a building year full of experiments for the Bryan Lion cubs. The team began its season getting ready and getting in shape from the lazy days of summer. Some of the team was made up of varsity players, while others were walk-ons. Yet, we were all part of a winning team.

The season began with a game against the Covenant Scots JV Squad; although the game was played well, the Lions came away with a loss. Despite that tough loss, the team came away with new vision for the future. We knew that we could play good, sound, tactical soccer. The next game was against the Fayetteville Lightening, a club team from Atlanta. The game was lost, but not a complete loss was suffered. After playing a great team, we saw a few problem areas and identified some good areas of play. Our coach, Dave Erskine, stressed the good parts of our play. After another tough loss, the winning team fed us a wonderfully made pie of pizza, which was gladly accepted by the whole team. We then picked our heads up and looked forward to the next game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Lead by a group of seniors consisting of Walker Haynes, Matt Vanderwall, Tom Cybulski and Dan Boot, the Lions took the field and played a very tough game against UTC. For our efforts, we walked away with our first victory. Our next game was against the alumni of Bryan; they, headed by Bolivian star Joe Johnson, had a very good team of older and perhaps more experienced players. However, the youth of the team sparked a tough yet fun game. The alumni game was good preparation for the next game against Covenant. Johnson coached the team for that game. We walked away with another loss, but saw the game as a learning experience; we all played very tough; we played like a team that could hang with the some serious competition.

The team closed its year with another game against UTC. Again the Lions played well, but they couldn’t match the strength of the Moos.

The year was tough, yet it was a good learning experience. We all learned more about what kind of team we were and are going to be in the future. The future of the Bryan JV seems very bright. It is foundational for a good varsity team. The Lions hope to put on another good showing for next year.

Coach: Dave Erskine
Coaching Record: 2-5
Grad: Bryan College, 1989
Misc: Soccer player for Bryan MK from West Africa
Team Summary: “Overall positive experience for me and the team”

IV Soccer / Alumni Game
Bottom: Alum Joey Johnson, Alum Jeff DeArman, Alum Paul Jarrett, Tom Cybulski, Alum Matt Hafford, Gabe Parker
Middle: Andy Sarine, Daniel Fary, Bodie Buck, Alum Barney Torry, Ben Edwards, Walker Haynes, Chris Johnson, Tamara Jammeh
Top: Porter Hampton, Matt Gilman, Alum Matt Young, Matt Vanderwall, Alum Marc Neddo, Manny Carril, Bryan Prudhomme, Brent Crowe, Sam Umoh, Alum Nat Snyder

FLASH BACK
- Matt Gilman battles Brent Crowe during the alumni game.
- Tyler Seera plays a ball from an oncoming defender.
- Brandon Boozer works for the ball.
- Ben Edwards chases a loose ball.

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DEFENSE!

One of the vital keys to this year’s outstanding success for the Bryan Lion’s soccer team was their defense. Going above and beyond expectations, the defense was rock solid. Jason Shultz, Paul Gordon, Claudio Arias and John Gosse showed incredible skills and strong will, and seldom let an opponent by. If one managed to sneak past this wall, he was only to be met by a second one. Starting Canadian keeper Abe Hadzic made it look easy. He had 29 saves in the Covenant game, leading the Lions to a 1-0 victory, defeating the Scots for the first time in over a decade; his experience and leadership made him a blue-chip asset. Injured twice during the season, Abe left capable freshmen James Hutcheson (better known as Jimbo) guarding the goal. Jimbo did his job—he shut down the opposition. With this dynamic duo keeping watch on the goal as well as on the field, the Lions accomplished success that no other team in Bryan’s history has ever done.

by Shane Maxwell
FROM CLUB TO VARSITY
A new year brings changes and disappointments coupled with victory

by Melinda Snead

Although I joined the varsity women’s soccer team several games into the season, I still got to be close to the girls on the team. I joined as the backup goalie, having no previous experience in the goal and minimal experience in the game of soccer. Without much playing time I learned what it meant to practice hard, play hard, and encourage my teammates.

If you have never played a varsity sport in college, then you do not realize how much time and work is put into improvement. Every afternoon we met at 3:30 on the soccer field for two hours of drills, conditioning and preparation for games. Although our record was 3-10, we improved tremendously throughout our first varsity season, which ended with an exciting victory over LaGrange College. Much of our success is owed to coach Marc Neddo and assistant coach Rick Anderson, who spent countless hours working with us.

Senior captains Carrie Ward and Mandy Mayhood will be greatly missed next year. While captain Tiffin Ashworth will remain on the team as it continues on. The captains showed a lot of leadership on and off the field, and they encouraged everyone to consistently play as a team.

Playing varsity soccer was definitely a new and exciting experience for me. I tried something different. I learned a lot and had fun doing it, and I can say I was a part of the first women’s varsity soccer team at Bryan College.

Coach: Marc Neddo
Coaching Record: 4-8
Grad: Bryan College, 1991
Misc: BC Lions soccer team member years as goalkeeper, 2 years as captain years NCCAA All-American Academic NSCA All-American Sr. Year.
Team Summary: “I saw good progress over the season brought about by hard work. I see a tough road ahead with tough players to line it.”

The 1996 Lady Lions Varsity Soccer Team
Top: Heidi VanBrocklin, Coach Marc Neddo,
3rd Row: Gayle Couch, Co-Captain Carrie Ward, Co-Captain Mandy Mayhood Tiffin Ashworth, Suz Warren,
2nd Row: Rachel Hawkins, Melody Owens, Kristin Sparks, Hannah Metzger, Amanda Hicks
Bottom: Melissa Vaughn, Suzanne Barber, Christy Wilhoit, Jenny James, Mindy Baker.

FLASH BACK

Co-Captain Carrie Ward turns up the field
Melissa Vaughn sends the ball to a running Christy Wilhoit.
Rachel Hawkins was a key element in the Lion’s defense.
Co-Captain Mandy Mayhood crosses the ball to midfield.
Christy Wilhoit makes a move against the opposition.
Christy Wilhoit boots the ball up the field.
The fall of '96 saw the arrival of Women's Soccer as a varsity sport at Bryan College. Preparation for the season actually started in early summer as the players began logging in miles of endurance runs and sprints. It takes integrity to do what you should even when you do not feel like it and no one is looking over your shoulder.

The rookie season reflected the strength of character the sixteen team members possess. When they continued to compete with ardor despite being overwhelmed by much stronger teams, their character shone.

And when the competed against four other first-year programs, they recorded three wins and one loss, scoring fourteen goals and allowing just three.

The biggest win came on the last game of the season playing away against LaGrange College, an established women's soccer program. This match seemed to demonstrate the progress achieved by the team during the season. They fought back, responding to each of LaGrange's three goals with one of their own. Their discipline on the field finally earned them the four to three win, as well as a respectable four and eight first-year record (w&l).

A solid foundation was established this year. New players will have a nucleus of returning players with impressive character to look up to and emulate. As the skills develop, Bryan Women's soccer will become more competitive, and seniors Mayhood, Van Brocklin and Ward will be proud of their legacy: one built on character.

by marc neddo
FACING ADVERSITY
Injuries and inexperience hamper Lions’ efforts
by Daniel Fary

Fourteen men struggled in one of the most discouraging seasons in recent Lion history. Defeated in their home opener against conference rival Lee College by more than 30 points, the Lions were not to rack up a conference victory all season. Plagued by injuries and inexperience, the Red and Gold collected only four victories throughout the course of the year. Giving credit to the Lions’ efforts, Coach Morris Michalski reflected on the character of his squad and is optimistic about the team’s future.

“We have endured a very difficult season (one where we began to play dangerously well by the end),” Michalski said. “We responded to the disappointments better than I could have ever expected, and have positioned ourselves for one of the greatest season turnarounds in college basketball history.”

It was a season of injuries. “From Randy Evans’ season-opening appendectomy and David Lee’s twice-broken nose to the LONG recoveries of Brian Anderson (from back surgery) and Chris Mayberry (from a sprained ankle) we seldom got to suit out all 14 players,” Coach Michalski recalls.

Among the season highlights were some impressive individual accomplishments. Senior captain and team MVP Matt Bostic reached the 1,000-point mark in his final collegiate basketball game vs. Covenant. Matt knocked in 250 3-point goals for his career also.

Freshman Reid Daniels and newcomer transfer Chris Mayberry led the team in scoring.

Junior Randy Evans did well on the boards, leading the Lions in rebounds and earning Most Improved Player honors.

“Our guys showed real character on the court and off,” Michalski added. “Jimmy Arnold and Tim Lien were honored with the Isaiah 40:31 Award for strong play, tireless effort and consistent devotion to God.”

In addition, five Bryan Lions were named to the TVAC All-American team.

Coach: Morris Michalski
Coaching Record: 51-133
Grad: The Kings College, 1981
Season Reflection: “Another season where the post-game gathering at center court allowed us to testify to each visiting team of our genuine faith in the Lord of the Lions, Jesus Christ.”
"The credit actually belongs to the man who was in the arena, whose face was marred by sweat and tears." This quote from Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt appropriately brings this men's basketball campaign to a close. It was a difficult season for the Lions. As the losses began to add up quickly, spectators could be heard before, during and after games commenting on how bad the team was this year. I'm sure that the players could sense that the fans were hopping off of the Lion bandwagon. Undoubtedly, this added to their own frustrations.

As we, the spectators, remember back on this men's basketball season, let us focus on the fact that we were not on the court, ever. Those guys, despite their final record, deserve and because of their determination, also, demand our respect. They played each and every game mustering all the strength and talent possible only to squeeze out a few victories. Well, we as fans and fellow students applaud their efforts and rejoice in the simple fact that they accomplished what they set out to do...they finished and did not quit. Good job, guys.

--- by micah gelatt ---

Senior Matt Bostic was an effective leader on the court.
GROUPING AND REGROUPING
Slow start leads to mid-season turnaround
by Sarah Anne Strickland

We can be seen on the court playing, or walking down the halls of the Ad Building going to classes, or just hanging out in the den playing pool and ping pong, but most people never get the chance to see us when we just let it all loose—the Lady Lions locker room. Take a quick glance into our locker room on two particular days: the first day of practice and the last. We invite you to come with us and feel the emotions that we felt.

September first, we are getting together as a team for the first time. Each new player is nervous and wondering “Where do I fit in on this team? What if the other players don’t like me? What if I die during conditioning?” The old players try to act cool, like they have it all together and have no worries about the upcoming year, or about conditioning.

Excitement is all around. A fresh start. A new team. Expectations are high. This is the year we go all the way.

After the introductions we loosen up a little. We start to have fun together. We all realize we had the same desire, the same goal—we want to win. Hard work is what it’s going to take and everyone is willing to give her all to accomplish this dream.

Over the next few weeks we become a team. We work hard to reach our goal. At mid-season, we had yet to win a game, but we still held to our dream. We want to win, but more than that, we want to be respected. It was a long season as we faced loss after loss, but we learned quite a few things about ourselves in the process. We learned that winning was not everything, but doing our best was.

Our philosophy paid off. By the end of the season we had tallied up two conference victories, enough to earn our way into the TVAC playoffs for the second year in a row, something the doubters could never have predicted.

All too quickly the season is over. We meet for the last time as a team; there are tears, laughter and, of course, lots of hugs. We realize that never again would we be together as a team. Things never stay the same.

Coach Ratledge and several of our teammates would not be returning next year. We had to say goodbye to people who mean so much to us. We had learned to deal with losing as a game and getting on with life, but no one was prepared to say goodbye to our teammates.

The season was a hard season, and we never imagined that we would look back on it with fond memories. How many games we had won was no longer of any importance. In five years we would not remember the scores of the games, but instead all of the good times that we had together.

The Lady Lions of 1996-97 close our lockers for the final time this season. We would like to thank Coach Camille Ratledge for her years of dedication to our program. We will never forget her.

Next year there will be a new coach and a new group of ladies representing Bryan College on the court, and we wish them the best.

Coach: Camille Ratledge
Coaching Record: 29-99
Grad: U of FLA, 1992
Team Motto: Philippians 4:13
Season Reflection: “The girls played smart and aggressive as a team. To put it simply, we did more right than we did wrong.”
Coach Jeri Beck

Teamwork is an integral part of any sport. This fact is especially true at Bryan College. The Lady Lions were a work in progress this year, and they had help from an outside source. Jeri Beck, women's volleyball coach, played a dual role this year...first as (obviously) the volleyball coach, and secondly, as the assistant women's basketball coach. Often, due to physical ailments, Coach Ratledge was unable to make it to practice, and occasionally had to miss a game. Coach Beck stepped in whenever she was needed to coach and encourage the girls.

Coach Beck was an example of how one person can make a difference, as well as share the responsibility of teamwork. Coach Beck, your salute is due you.

And in the spirit of teamwork, the Commoner would like to take this opportunity to thank the Triangle editors and photographers, without whom we would not even have pictures for these pages. Somehow, the season passed us by, and we found ourselves staring down the barrel of a deadline with no pictures to show for it. So to Serge and Jenn, Jeremy and Travis, we say THANK YOU!
Tennis. A team sport in which the competitor faces his adversary alone (Okay, not in doubles, but you see my point).

In no other sport at Bryan College does the individual effort make such a bold statement on the scoreboard. After all, the match results are simply a tally of each member's individual results. And five of those matches (four for the men and one for the ladies) would have ended up in the win column if one match had gone the other way.

How does first year coach Bob Andrews view the season? “I think it was a good season,” he said. “My season goal was to double last year's wins. The men had only won one, and the women, two. The men finished with three wins and the women with four. So, we did what we set out to do.”

Upperclassmen leaders turned in good results. For the men, number one seed Cory Krueger ended up with an even record (6-6) overall and sophomore Bryan Osborne finished at 5-5. Freshman Matt Snead was undefeated in conference play and turned in a 9-2 overall record.

Junior women Melinda Snead and number one seed Freshman Alison Villanova finished with winning conference records (5-4 each).

The men finished fifth in a field of seven at the TVAC tournament, tying with King College.

The ladies also tied King, placing in fourth of the eight conference challengers.

What does next year hold for the young program? (This is only the fourth year for Bryan varsity tennis).

“I expect the women to do really well,” Andrews said. “We had no graduating seniors.”

“For the men, however, I think it's a toss up. We are losing some good seniors. Next year we will have to rebuild.”

Coach: Dr. Bob Andrews
Coaching Record: 7-18
Favorite Pasttime: "Beating eighteen-year-olds at tennis."
Season Goal: "To double last year's record -- we did it."

Freshman Matt Snead provided consistent play and a winning record. He and several teammates will be the foundation of the future of the men's tennis program.
What a Match!

Bob Andrews and Bryan Tennis, it just makes sense.
Bob Andrews first picked up a tennis racquet at Bryan College, not when he was a student but a few years later during his tenure as Dean of Men. He and his wife, Lil Seera Andrews, (also a Bryan Alum) learned to play on Bryan’s brand new tennis courts (That was in 1971).
He and Lil lived in Long Dorm and, with a set of courts next door, they got to be quite good at the sport. So good, in fact, that they are both now coaching.
Although this is Andrews’ first experience coaching a tennis team, he has had quite an impact on tennis in Rhea County. He and Lil supervised the construction of Bryan’s second set of tennis courts. They have also been instrumental in helping restore the courts in the City of Dayton.
Lil Andrews has been the Rhea County High School Tennis coach for many years. She also teaches tennis lessons for the Rhea Family YMCA.
Both of the Andrews are avid competitors and play at area tournaments.

by daniel fary
THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS KEY

The Cheerleaders experience growth through consistent determination and school spirit

by Brooke Shepherd and Lisa Davis

Growth is the word that I would use to describe the Bryan College Cheerleading squad this year. Not only have we doubled in size, we have grown in character and ability as well. We have done things this year that we never have accomplished before. And we have learned quite a bit as well. God has used the squad to teach us all some tough lessons. Some have learned how to press on, even in the face of fear or pain. Others have learned a lot about relationships and what it means to be a part of a team. And still others have learned how to place it all in the Lord's hands and say "your will be done."

Through all of the growth, good times and bad times, we have formed some very solid friendships. I don't think a single one of us will forget how awesome this year was, and how tough it was as well. We have worked harder than ever, and we have also laughed a lot.

B.C. Cheerleading is on the edge of a new horizon. I believe that if we continue to press on and do our absolute best, Bryan College will see that new horizon dawning.

--Brooke Shepherd, Captain

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thes. 5:11)

This is an appropriate verse to describe the Cheerleading team. Cheerleading requires the gift of encouragement. Brooke Shepherd (captain) and Liz Tidwell (co-captain) have helped the cheerleaders excel to their greatest potential. The majority of the team's effort can be seen in the stunting abilities and in the team's positive spirit. The Cheerleading squad began as an all-girl team and merged into a co-ed group of 8 girls and 6 guys. This year, the team cheered to a new level which came from long hours of practice and hearts of dedication. Each member of this team made many sacrifices to ensure that the other Bryan athletes were cheered on. May we all encourage one another in this way.

--Lisa Davis, Cheerleading Sponsor

The 1996-97 Bryan Lions Cheerleading Squad

Top: Josh Hood, Justin McBrien, Simon Sakatos, Gabe Parker, Brad Johnson, Josh Drake
Bottom: Tina Johnson, Deanna Hillabold, Christina Day, Brooke Shepherd, Liz Tidwell, Kelly Atkins, Ashley Siskin, Kristin Kocher

Captain: Brooke Shepherd
Cheering Record: Squad member freshman year; Co-Captain, sophomore and junior years; Captain senior year
Will Grad: Bryan College, 1997

FLASH BACK

En Vogue, Strike a pose.

Brooke Shepherd and Kristen Kocher take a break.

Go BC Lions! Go Lions Go!

Gabe Parker gives Brooke Shepherd a boost.

The cheerleading squad attempts to rouse the crowd.

The squad goes into formation.
I saw the game from a totally different perspective, almost like the players' perspective. I see how discouraging it can be.

--Simon Sakatos, on the view from the sidelines
Class Competition Still Thriving
Intramurals Fuel the Fire

by Christie Wilhoit

Bryan students strutted their stuff in basketball, football and even chess -- some of this years intramurals. Basketball, the most popular, continued to show the faculty in a different light as the full-court pressed the guys. Girls battled it out for the ever famous championship shirts, which inevitable end up pajamas. This year -- and about every year -- the fun and competition on the football field made up for all the broken bones and grit between the teeth. And some found satisfaction in “accidentally” tackling an R.A. in the mud. On a more cerebral level, students and faculty felt the intensity of a chess game, knowing one small mistake could lead to defeat. But, then again, everyone has their own “fouts.”

You don’t, however, have to be a Jordan, Montana, or Big Blue to enjoy intramurals at Bryan. In other words, students of all skill levels participate -- a unique characteristic of Bryan College.
Intramurals: a quick glance at a Bryan College bloodsport (or at least a pastime that takes longer than homework).

The Events
Coed Volleyball
Mens Volleyball
The All-College Picnic
Mens Football
Ladies Football
Mens Basketball
Ladies Basketball
Mens Soccer
Ladies Soccer
Pingpong (5 events)
Tennis (5 events)

The Point Totals
Seniors - 3200
Juniors - 5600
Sophomores - 6250
Freshmen - 5450

The Winners
SOPHOMORES
Even with her duties as an R.A., Heather Brasher still has time to spend reviewing the phone bill with sister Julie.

Matt Gilman tries to decide which hat better suits cigar while Matt Pierce passes behind during a dress rehearsal for "Arsenic and Old Lace."
We share one goal (ministry) WITH OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Together, we will strive TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN (student government) TODAY'S WORLD

Using EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT KNOCKS ON OUR DOOR, (missions) BECAUSE HERE, THERE IS
The Ministry That Revolves Around Stories & Kids

by Rachel Diaz

Tina Johnson makes it all interesting with her enthusiasm, which captivates the attention of the children.

My experience has been a great one for the last two years. Although I do not consider myself much of a teacher, I do consider myself fortunate to be given the opportunity to share bible stories with little ones.

God tells us in Matthew, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them...” (Matt. 19:14). I feel that through the Bible Education Ministry I can do my part for God’s precious children.

There are not many places and definitely not many colleges where opportunities like BEM are available. The opportunity to share my knowledge has enriched my life in ways that I never thought possible.

Each hug, each smile, each picture colored and decorated with words like “God loves me” has been such a refreshing example of the faith that God wants us to all have.

I know that my BEM kids look forward to our arrival each week. I look forward to coming each week to share what I know about God. So many kids have never had someone that loved and cared for them unconditionally. I am so glad that I am one of those who have the opportunity to share wonderful messages of love to many children.

Each week we use every minute of our time for songs and picture stories from the bible. Even if we are late, we always make time for lots of hugs to tickle us over until the next time.

The BEM team: fully assembled and rarin’ to go.
A Valentine hug from Joshua Hood gave this kid a smile.

"When we leave the classroom and the kids hug me, I feel that I am doing what God wants me to do."

Michelle Rich, regarding the impact of BEM

Kattie Rowlett laughs with her BEM kids when the photographer interrupted to take their picture.
Gimpers No More: Puppeteers Get a Name Change

Our new name does describe what we do quite well. Every Thursday morning we go into the elementary schools using our hands to put on puppet shows for the children.

Tyler Seera seemed to have a similar opinion. He said “I think it’s great! Gimpers doesn’t really describe what we do, whereas His Hands does.” It’s a good description of what we’re all about.”

Brooke Davis stated about His Hands “it reflects the more serious side of puppets, whereas Gimpers was more fun.” Even though the name may be more serious, we still have our mishaps. Some of which are quite funny.

For example, the time one of our cassette tapes got messed up. We were in the middle of a performance, when we realized that we wouldn’t be able to use the songs tape. Talk about panic! We ended up using our own voices to sing the songs (Poor Kids).

The very next week we left the college without realizing we had left a vital piece of the stage at the college. There was no way to set up the stage without the part, so our leader had to return to the college for it.

Since we couldn’t set up, we had to improvise. We decided to sing songs continuously until our leader arrived with our missing part.

His Hands is the new name for the puppet ministry. Even though the name may sound serious, we still have fun times using puppets to make others laugh while learning about God’s love.

His Hands perform before many of the children in Dayton with their puppets.

Tyler Seera and Sarah Hurley sing with the kids, and they use hand motions to prepare the kids for the performance.
As he covers the puppet’s ears, Tyler Seera looks to the kids for participation in the performance.

"We use our hands, which belong to the Lord. His Hands reflects our mission for the ministry."

Jeremy Toliver, reflecting on the purpose of the puppet ministry.

Tina Johnson, Kathrine Byrne, Crystal Turner, Tyler Seera, Akari Sakaguchi, Brenda Nollmeyer, Andy Graham, Ember Davis, and Nathan Robinson.
Big Folks and Little Folks Make Life-Long Memories

Is there somebody in your life to love you and to care about you even when you make a mistake? Is there somebody who is ready to listen to you and help you when things are not going well. Is it your sister? Brother? Parents? For many people it is a friend.

A true friendship, unconditional love, and devoted care is what PALS is all about. As a ministry of PCI, it gives Bryan College students an opportunity to reach out to needy children in the community. Bryan students became pals for more than 20 kids this year. These are children from rough backgrounds, children who do not have anyone to be there for them at the difficult times.

PALS President, Tina Godsmark says, “It is neat to see the difference our students make in the lives of so many children. I will also always remember how much the interaction with kids changed the lives of the students.”

A Magic Show, balloon games, excursions to the Discovery Museum and Aquarium are just some of the activities PALS had this year. The students also like to spend some time with the kids on campus playing pool, investigating the possibilities Bryannet and doing different other fun things. However, being a friend is not just playing a game together or sympathetic to Godsmark says, “We try to build strong relationships with the children and show them a true meaning of love.” That is what becomes a memory your little PAL will carry throughout his/her life.

Andrew Robinson, Emily Link, Neville Johnson, Wendi Bauman, Jamie Akins, Aimee L. Monica Rollins, Jessica Howard, and Shanna Kelsay.
Big Pal Josh Lindsey is captured by four young kids.

"My Pal's favorite activity is going to the playground. He likes to be pushed in the swings and climb the monkey bars. He just wants to play outdoors."

Shawn Mosher, relating to his inner child through his Pal
I joined Senior Adult Ministries with a slightly different motive than most people. It was not that I did not care for elderly people, but I knew I had absolutely no experience in relating to them at all. Since God calls us to revere our elders, and I thought this ministry would be a good growing and stretching opportunity for me.

Needless to say, I was terrified, but God helped me through this experience, giving me a faithful and encouraging team to model myself after.

Andrew Heathershaw, who had been a team leader last year, told our team everything we need to know about the ministry.

Joy Motte also has been a faithful SAM member since her freshman year.

Last but not least, Diana Whorley, whose projecting voice and unfailing patience, repeats things to communicate easily with those who do not hear well. Every week the four of us go to visit Pinnacle. At first, I was uncomfortable, but as time passed, I learned how to communicate effectively like Diana, and like Andrew I began to cultivate a deep concern for the elderly people.

We made some wonderful and wise new friends, and we learned more about ourselves the process. SAM is a bit sweet ministry. Sometimes we have to watch one of the ones we have ministered to pass into eternity. Even during this sad time however, the rewards of being there for them in their final days are immeasurable.

This year many of the elderly were encouraged by the list of Bryan students. At Christmas, some of the patients were able to come to Chorale’s Christmas concert.

Volunteers Make Wise New Friends
Joy Cheshire and Michelle Mejeur make valentines with the senior ladies.

"I like to listen to them tell me about the history of Rhea County. My friend Jug sometimes tells me about the Scopes Trial and driving a horse and wagon to Chattanooga."

Andrew Heathershaw, noting the little things about SAM
Tutors Take the Time to Help Dayton Students

Bryan students go to Dayton City and Rhea Central after the kids get out of school to tutor children that have difficulty in some academic subjects. Once a week these students devote one hour to helping these kids grow and progress in school.

Most students that get involved in the tutors program are motivated by the relationships that they have with the children. Also, the students know that if they do nothing to help these kids, no one else will take the time to help them.

One of the major difficulties that tutors have is that parents many times lack motivation. Sometimes parents forget to bring their child to the meeting place, and sometimes parents forget to pick up their children from the meeting place. This lack of parental motivation can hinder the kid’s motivation too.

Another struggle that tutors face is scheduling the right time for every one. As any other college student tutors have complicated schedules, which makes for difficulty in finding the right meeting time and their schedules also need to meet the needs of the children too.

Even though tutors a small ministry of Bryan College it makes a big difference in the lives of many in the Rhea County area. The students have worked hard and have made this year an excellent year for the Tutor Ministries.

Next year, the Tutor Ministry will be led by Lorraine Gonce.

Dr. Ray Legg and his wife Margie were among the faculty supporters in the Walk for Life in early April.
Plenty of students like Joy Cheshire joined in the show of support of life at the life Walk.

The most rewarding thing about tutoring is seeing the progress that the kids are making. However, the biggest motivating factor is the relationship with the child, and knowing that if you don't help, there is a good chance no one else will.

Tutors officers Heather Horne, Jason Scott and Steve Paulson.
Woodland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga flew to the mile wide, hundred mile long island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas over Spring Break.

Our mission was to the Eleuthera Freedom Bible Training Center pulling weeds, spreading curry to level the driveway, and mix, by hand, cement for the footers. We also had the awesome privilege to freely teach Bible lessons in the public schools in the mornings and in the evenings we held open air meetings outside of Griffin's Garage.

Our days were packed! Dr. Bruehl would wake up the team members who were going to the work cite around 7:30 and the rest of us would sleep in. While they were hard at work we entertained the children in the schools.

We changed in the unfinished rooms of the building, lathered up with sun block and started work around ten. We would eat P.B.J. sandwiches on the beach across the street for the work cite, then go back to work for an hour or two.

Then the fun began!!! We changed into swim suits and swam at a local beach-Alabaster, Banana Beach, Twin Cove, Double Bay, just to name a few.

After chasing crabs, spearing fish, playing water football, hunting sanddollars and snorkeling, we would rush to shower and change for supper.

We would eat an awesome supper, made by our fabulous cook Becky, then rush off to Griffin’s Garage for open air. Two or three of the team members would give a testimony, we sang, and some church members sang some hymns before the gospel message. After open air, we would have a team meeting before good night rest!
Chicago Team: Bobby Lay, Jackie Rothwell, Korie Otto, Mark Cooley, Allison Villanova, Julie Brasher, Eric Ward (row 2) Leanna Moore, Jon Doran, Allison Womble. (row 3) Jennifer Stewart, Jill Reeves, David Ritterbush, Anita Shaffer. (top row) Matthew Cooper, Jimmy Taylor, Sonya Warren, Keri-Lynn Lestman (Obviously, Sponsor Dr. Ray Legg was taking the picture).®


"The open air meeting in Haiti was neat, and to sing songs with the Haitians and experience their culture. It was good to encourage them in their faith."

--Diana Whorley, relating her best experience in Haiti
Bryan Volunteers : The Dayton Difference

Being a part of Backyard Missions is a great way to work with and get to know fellow students and people throughout the community.

It is encouraging to see God working through everyone as they do their various tasks on the projects. There is a great sense of accomplishment at the end of each day that we go out.

Our first project was at a group home for mentally handicapped women in Dayton; we did some general upkeep for them—landscaping and gutter cleaning. The ladies at the home really enjoyed socializing with us while we worked.

For our second project, we went to the home of an elderly lady whose yard had been severely neglected because her son and grandson refused to help her. After about forty man-hours of extensive work, her yard looked great.

The third project was a very rainy one, and we didn’t get to do everything we had planned. We were at a Christian-run girls home just outside of Pikeville. There was plenty of work for us to do, but the rain limited us to picking apples in the adjacent orchard. Inside, however, there was plenty more for us to do. For the majority of the afternoon, the women prepared the wallpaper while the men nailed sheetrock in place.

At the end of each project we ask the people if we can pray with them, and we have never been refused. These people have burdens you cannot imagine, so giving a few hours of our time every weekend is hardly a burden for us.
Amy Nace contributes to the community by raking the leaves of an elderly lady's yard.

"At the end of a workday, the feeling of accomplishment and the peoples' appreciation make the projects worth it."

Jamie Cooper on the benefits of Backyard Missions

Joy Woodcock and Christie Wilhoit clean the paint pans after the project was finished.
This is FCA's first year here at Bryan College. It began with a vision of Drew Robertson, who is co-president with Paul Gordon. FCA would meet Wednesday nights in the Hayden Welcome Center.

At the beginning of the meeting Drew would take prayer requests. Then we would have fun playing games, which were led by Mindy Baker, who is an FCA Rep.

Next we would sing songs, which were led by Andy Sarine or Rob Carson and Scott Dickison. We would often sing "Celebrate Jesus", "All in All", "Refiners Fire", or "Create in Me a Clean Heart."

We would finish the meeting with a speaker, such as Dr. Bruehl, Marc Neddo, and several of the FCA members. The FCA members would share things that had been going on in their lives, and how God was teaching them different things.

FCA has had more than Wednesday night meetings. FCA led Praise and Worship on many occasions, inviting several other colleges and high schools.

Also, FCA had a retreat, which was held on Lookout Mountain at the Carson's house.

It was an excellent weekend of fellowship and learning for all us.

Scott Dickinson spoke about how people call themselves Christians, but they did not live it or allow to make a difference.

We played games, we hikin, some went repelling, and some rock climbing.

Last we had a bonfire and a time of praise and worship.
Drew Robertson was one of the original and enthusiastic organizers of Bryan's FCA chapter.

"It was a real good time to fellowship and learn about many different people's experience with God."

--Carrie Matthews, on the new ministry FCA.
The Sexes Bond Separately During Chapel

The Women's Ministries here on the Bryan campus play an important role in the lives of women here. Mixing fellowship, worship, and great speakers the ministry has made a huge impact on the campus.

The most memorable chapels for me have been the sharing chapels. The first took place in the Lion's Den with an awesome time of worship, and then time of sharing from those in the group who had prepared a message from their hearts to be shared.

The message that spoke to me the most was about gossiping. It is so easy to say things about others that can really hurt them. However, watching what is said can save those around us from great heartaches. God knows how to convict people at the right times.

Another chapel that really ministered to me this year was a chapel, which Tennyson Martin shared her testimony to the group, and then it turned into an open microphone chapel. The women spoke on loneliness andaloneness with God.

The women share more freely when it is not mixed company. It was inspiring to hear that I am not the only one who hurts and I am not the one who feels alone in the midst of great friends.

They also spoke on how to turn the times of loneliness to times of aloneness with God. God gives desires and longing that only He can fill, and it is nice to know that everyone experiences them at times.

This year the ministry among the women has made tremendous impact on the campus.

I am so glad that God provided the college with a ministry that is just for women.
Tennyson Martin coordinates all of the Women's Chapels, so she shared her testimony at the last chapel.

"It's good for men to be together, and their speakers have been insightful and challenging. Besides, when we are by ourselves we can belch. I hear women do that, too."

-- Jeff Paulson, telling his favorite part of Men's chapel.
1996-97 Was An Eventful Year For Bryan's Premier Musical Group

David Luther if he thought we should stop in Arkadelphia for lunch. Seeing the dark skies around us, Dr. D. decided that we should press on a little further.

We found out later in the evening that through that decision, God kept us out of the path of a tornado that destroyed much of downtown Arkadelphia about thirty minutes later (right when we would have been loading lunch back on the bus). We were very thankful for that reminder of God's presence with us as we started out on that trip and reflecting back we can see His hand in many other aspects of our year together.

Without a doubt, 1996-1997 was a busy year for Bryan College Chorale. It began with the Fall Chorale's staged production of Mendelssohn's Elijah. Who could forget Elijah's "exploding" altar, the passionate Israelites, or the hideous Baal priests?!!

The annual Christmas concert capped off the first semester, followed by those long hours of rehearsal in January and February preparing to record the chorale's first CD. Spring Break saw the Chorale travel through Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama ministering in many churches, eating Texas potluck supper and staying in homes along the way. The year came to a close with the Chorale singing Vivaldi Gloria, conducted by senior Sarah Beth Nordmoe.

So Chorale, when you look back on this year remember: brown cows, the exploding altar, our countless evening rehearsals, and the endless miles of Texas road, but never forget the privilege we have had to sing great music with great people such an awesome God.

Sara Beth Wade and Shane Maxwell performed during November's Elijah performance.

The Israelites and Baal worshippers clashed in Elijah, just like they did in the Bible.
John Bailey and Simon Sakatos were earnest Israelites in the production of Elijah.

Sure, on stage they're all business like and professional, but even the Chorale needs to goof off sometime.

Anahuac (Texas), because God showed me that I can minister through music, and I can use it to serve Him."

--Christi Rhodes, relating her favorite Chorale tour concert
Stage Directions: Walk On, Walk Off

The Chamber Singers never seemed to get that part of the concert right. The music was incredible, the faces were smiling, and the hearts were rejoicing, but the feet always managed to take the Chamber Singers to places un-
known. For example, during one of the early spring concerts, half of the Chamber Singers found themselves running through the lawn of a church in order to get from the back door to the front door (much to the amusement of the customers at the McDonald's across the street) for the second half of the concert. To their intense chagrin, those Chamber Singers found themselves locked out of the church. Fortunately, the other half of the Chambers had wisely made their way to the front of the church via the sanctuary and were able to let the winded others inside. Composure was quickly regained following much suppressed laughter as they began the second half of the concert.

There were many new faces that joined the Chamber Singers this year. Newcomers Lindsay Amberson, Don Hixson, Allison Hobson, Shane Maxwell, Christi Rhodes, Monica Rollins, Jessica Sharkey, Tony Smith, Sara Wade and Alyssa Weldon joined veterans John Bailey, Andrew Heathershaw, Dave Mundy, Sarah Beth Nordmoe, Frank Rouse, Simon Sakatos, Shane Wood, and pianist Caroline Da. All members found a special joy in bringing their beautiful music to the almost fifteen churches which they performed. Two favorite pieces were "To Knoc Thee" by Hank Beebe and "I C See," arranged by David Mee. One other thing that made this year's concerts particular pleasant were the very often present faces of Mrs. Nan Rouse and the Maxwell family. As an old commercial used to say, "And we thank you again for your support."

Andrew Heathershaw sits back at the Loft listening to the speeches given by Chorale members.

Vision frequently prepares a concert of spirituals to sing for the Churches, and here they are practicing for a concert that is coming up in the future. Vision will also tour this summer with their many talents.
"I look forward to ministering to people outside of the college who might not know about BC, and singing because it's one of my first loves."

--Jenn Wilson, on the importance of Vision as a ministering tool.

A Glimpse at How the Musical Half Lives

When I think of Wind Ensemble I think of a small group of people in it not for the fame but in it for the fortune. That fortune is a sense of belonging, intimacy, and an outlet to express themselves through music.

Though we may be small, it doesn’t mean we don’t have diversity among us.

Just picture this: Dr. Wilhoit telling one of his jokes as TR Black is cutting up the way TR only knows how, Dave Gerhart accompanying the scene with a melodious arrangement of Row Row Row Your Boat on the bass guitar, Chris Bean yelling at me to be quite when I have said nothing, and the innocent flute section sitting there intently listening to Dr. W’s jokes.

Most of the people who are in Wind Ensemble are people who are majoring in other areas, but they want to play their instrument just because they want to.

Most of us have very busy lives, and so Wind Ensemble does not perform in the public much.

I know people wonder if we do anything, but we do. The first thing we did this year was go on tour. The Sunday before fall break we went to three churches and let the worship music for the services.

Hopefully, most of most students remember we played for Day of Prayer first semester.

This semester, we haven’t performed much, we were supposed to play for the Group Breaking ceremony, but because of the weather we decided not to.

Most students don’t know that we are kind of a lab for conducting students. We are learning about ten pieces of music they can practice conducting.

After being a lab, we had to shift gears back to being a performance group getting ready for the spring concert. This was the last performance we had, and it was the highlight of the year.
TR Black plays the clarinet for the Fall Day of Prayer, which is always a showcase for Wind Ensemble.

"You practice so hard and long, it all comes down to a few minutes of performance, which displays your abilities."

--Mary Maclean, on the hardest part of performing.

The 1996-97 Wind Ensemble:
(2nd ROW) David Phillips, Chris Bean, Mary MacLean, TR Black, Diana Whorley, Chad Owens.
(3rd ROW) LJ Sells, Beth Phillips, Christina Broome, Matthew Hargraves, Matt McDaniel, Tim McGhee.
(4th ROW) Dave Gerhardt, Allen Williams, Don Hixson, Tim Shetter, Joel Gonce, Mark Anderson, Dr. Wilhoit.
Costumes + A Big Boat = A Recipe For Moonlight Fur

The event that has had the most impact on my life had to have been the Leadership Conference. About forty student leaders went to Pigeon Forge.

Tim Manzer was our speaker, and he entertained us while challenging us to be Godly leaders. He made the Characters in the Bible come to life, and gave us practical ways to apply it to our lives. There were several people that had a ‘hands on’ experience with leadership skills.

While hiking, a couple of girls got separated from the rest of the group, and it was a chilling and memorable fiasco.

I laugh every time I think about twenty leaders in Gatlinburg wandering in the streets trying to find a place to go. There were a couple of us that will not be able to erase from our minds the guys in the Huddle House.

No one who attended will soon forget the relaxin atmosphere in which we were able to learn how to become a more unified group, and have fun and fellowship.

Some SGA leaders—Jackie Johnson, Rachel Grumpier, Robin Olive, Allison Hobson, Jeff Paulson, Chris Fickley, Matthew Hargraves, and Julia Bruel—were desperately in need of a break.*

SGA VP Matthew Hargraves, Chaplain Jeff Paulson and Marcy Whisman took advantage of the Masquerade Ball on the Southern Belle; Matt was Al Capone and Jeff was Robin Hood (the rebels of their respective days), and Marcy was Maid Marian to Jeff’s hooded do-gooder.*
Paul Gordon and Neville Johnson take advantage of the indoor pool during the Leadership retreat.

"Free food and a variety of food is what sparked the interest of a large portion of the student body for the SGA party."

Nate Bauman, Julie Marlow, and Justin McBrien glide across the water at the SGA sponsored rafting trip.

Katie Spell, exposing the real reason SGA is so popular
I have been an RA here at Bryan for two years, and it has its perks and challenges. I think the most enjoyable and rewarding part of the RA position is building the relationships with the girls on your hall. This, to me, is the ministry of being an RA.

However, it can be challenging, and most often it is a great opportunity to get to know people that you would otherwise not ever have contact with. Many times RA’s make lasting friendships with the people on their hall.

Also, there are challenges that stretch our character. One is having to approach your peers and point out things they are doing against the college’s standard. Even though RA’s are not the only ones responsible for keeping the student body accountable, most of the responsibility is on us.

We often try to do this by setting an example in our own lives. This too, is very challenging. It is ironic that most people feel RA’s are watching them, but I have found that more often RA’s are the ones being watched.

Another one of my personal favorite parts of being an RA is the one that most people do not ever see. That is building relationships with other RA’s and with the RD’s you live under. The RD’s of Long and Arnold have been a blessing and constant encouragement to me both years I was an RA.

Being an RA is an experience I wouldn’t trade for the world. It has been one of the many growth experiences I have had here at Bryan College.
Is it legal to stand on a fire hydrant? I don’t think so. Neville Johnson, a 10-point point slip will be in your box tomorrow morning.

These are the folks who enforce the rules when you, the average student, break them: RA’s Patrick Muncey, Kelly Moore, Melody Owens, Nate Petersburg, Lydia Tallent, Eric Ward, Heather Brasher, RD Amber Marks, Neville Johnson and Heidi VanBrooklin.

"Confronting situations that call for discipline, especially if they are friends."

---Melody Owens, on the hardest part of being an RA
A person’s involvement with acting gives him the opportunity to experience situations and to do things that normally he or she could only dream about, or have nightmares about. “Students can not only be exposed to, but also have the opportunity to participate in classical and modern award winning works of drama,” says Walker Haynes. Most students at Bryan College have little or no exposure to anything cultural, so Hilltop Players adds an aspect of culture to the student’s life. Of course, there is always the fact that it is absolutely fun to those of us who love to perform and show off in front of our friends and family.

Seasoned Thespian Chris Fickley thoughtfully concludes “Hilltop gave me the opportunity to learn more about something that I love to do, and dress up in women’s clothing.”

On a much more serious note Simon Sakotas had this to say about Hilltop, “CHARGE!! I have enjoyed theater since my sophomore year in high school, but Hilltop Players helped me to refine what I learned in high school.” “It is a definite learning experience having to take on completely different roles from semester to semester,” he added. “It gave me more confidence in my communication skills. I am learning how to develop as a speaker and to overcome my inhibitions. There is nothing like getting in front of a group of your peers and doing what you would consider acting like an idiot. If you can do that then you can almost do anything. I would not exchange the experiences that I have had and plan to have in Hilltop with anything else.

Aunt Abbie offers her “special-blend” of tea to one of her many gentleman callers, while Teddy looks on with approval.
Teddy Brewster (Simon Sakatos) honestly believed that he was Teddy Roosevelt, and his habit when leaving a room was to draw his sword and yell “CHARGE”, then make a mad dash for the stairs.

Sarah Beth Nordmore, regarding the condition of her now-permanent black hair.
Better than the Royal Shakespeare Company

For once, let us read some quotes and cliché statements from the people who actually saw their fellow students wearing silly costumes and dancing (no, I mean choreographing) onstage. For many, it was an opportunity to experience the finer art of Shakespearean production and to revel in the beauty of the archaic English that so magically drips from the tongues of the actors onto the appreciating minds of the classy audience members. Yet, for others it was a chance to see guys wearing tights.

Whatever the reason was for attending, the fact remains that the show was enjoyed by all. Ben Krellof noted that "it was very entertaining and humorous. Compared to the other Fine Arts concerts this year, it was by far the best.” Senior Jeremy Smith, who at the time of this question was focusing on the fact that he was graduating soon, said that, "was the best performance I have ever seen...and the sitcom was like the one at McDonald’s Playland. Straying away from these two honest but cliché answers, we come to sophomore Daniel Fary, who having been woken up by this editor mid-afternoon phone call managed to utter a fair "...cool..." in response to the question of what he thought about the play.
Jeanna Broome swept us away with the humorous character she played, Puck in a Midsummer Night's Dream.

"The most challenging scene to direct was the one where both of the guy lovers were falling all over SB. Being able to understand important lines, keep straight faces, and still be funny was difficult."

--Elizabeth Clark, on the challenges of being the student director of Midsummer Night's Dream.
An Expression of the Creativity of Humanity

In a letter to William Dean Howells, Mark Twain said that he was writing *The Mysterious Stranger* to show what a "shabby, poor, ridiculous character" man is. In contrast to Twain's cynicism is Lord Byron's Manfred, a portrayal of man as transcendent, autonomous, a superman, a god himself.

However, in between the two there is David who declares with awe in Psalm 8 that man is a "little lower than the heavenly beings," but they "rule over the works of [God's] hands."

Those of us involved in 3rd Line celebrate our humanity with the Psalmist: not man as brute, nor man as god, but man as man. In other words, we gather neither to apologize for our depravity nor to pretend that we are becoming immortal by way of art, but to celebrate the creative aspect of the image—creativity in language, melody, and color.

In light of my experience with 3rd Line and other similar things, I am not fully convinced that mere creativity is a special talent or gift. I believe it is an essential part of our being in God's image.

So in response to an occasionally asked question--"Are you surprised at seeing those whom you would least likely expect to be artistic or poetic display creativity?"--I answer with a resounding "No." That is after getting over my initial prejudices and remembering the creative potential in all of us. I am not surprised.

Creativity is not manifested in each of us the same way, but it is manifested. Seeing it come to fruition in a kaleidoscope of ways is what 3rd Line is all about. So in the end we are not Twain's brutes trying to be Byron's heroes; we are humans celebrating our humanity.

Dave Mundy takes advantage of the opportunity to share his creative mind at 3rd Line.*

Mark Cooley presents his art on canvas to other creative minds at 3rd Line.*
Inspiring others, Nancy Masoner gives her contribution by reading a poem.

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Daniel Walters, Editor of Arts & Letters, sharing the purpose of the journal

Together Simon Sakatos and Hope Dallangera share a song at the Friday night 3rd Line.
Newspaper Production: Not for Mere Mortals

Every Tuesday night, a few diligent students converge at the Communication Arts Building. Eight hours, a million jokes, stories, and several bags of junk food later, they head back to their rooms, praying that everything turned out fine. Wednesday afternoons their fears and delights are realized as that week’s Triangle is placed in the mailboxes.

Everyone, from staff writers to the Editor-in-Chief, work hard each week to bring the Triangle to their fellow students.

Monday nights they all meet together to edit articles, learn a little about news reporting and writing, and brainstorm for more article ideas that are interesting and newsworthy.

Tuesday nights the editorial staff gets together, edit articles and try desperately to fill up white space in the eight-pagers and make enough room in the four-pagers. Working with outdated equipment, each minute is an answer to prayer when the computers do not crash or the printer keeps printing.

Wednesday morning everybody wakes up and prays that headlines are OK and names match the photographs.

The rest of the week sees the staff running around, trying to set up interviews, calling people for opinions, and waiting for those late night sports teams to return. Wednesday afternoons, everyone hard work is rewarded in seeing the students open their boxes and read their paper.
Photography Editor Jeremy Toliver and assistant Carrie Matthews are no strangers to the darkroom; they also spend most Tuesday nights in there developing pictures to go in the paper.

"The best things were seeing the staff and the editors grow in their writing and working together, succeeding in producing a paper out every week. We were also excited to receive feedback from students, faculty, staff, and alumni through the year."

--Jennifer Wilson and Serge Yurovsky, on the best of being the Editors of the Triangle
Stress: A Day in The Life of a Yearbook Editor-In-Chief

A day in the life of the Commoner Editor.

Typical Wednesday: 10 a.m.: Chapel.
11 a.m.: Rhetorical Thought and Theory tutorial (Dr. Dann Brown, Micah Gelatt and I. Always entertaining, rarely educational. Just kidding).
12:30 p.m.: Editor’s meeting (and sometimes the editors actually show up!). Karin and I go over the little details about an upcoming deadline; I set more deadlines, and the editors tell me what they have done and what they need done. I try to get people to do what they are supposed to do, but it doesn’t always work. After the meeting adjourns, Karin and I sit around and talk about paying bills, but it only actually gets done once or twice a semester. Sometimes, I clean the office just so I can find things (right now I’m trying to find a very important phone number that I think got thrown away. Whoops.)

Sometimes I come back to the office during the evening and work on something that needs to be done yesterday. Sometimes a few staff members will come down, too, but that’s usually only when we have a 60-page deadline.

Typical Thursday:
Classes are over at 3:45 (linguistics is going to kill me dead).
Occasionally, I’ll go to the office and work until dinner. If I don’t, I’m down there by around 7. 7:30 p.m.: Staff meeting (some people even call this CLASS TIME!). We throw around ideas, make assignments to staff folks for copy, pictures and caption-writing (and sometimes it even gets done. This copy is a good example: Haven has been on me for weeks to write an article for her, and I’m finally doing it. You’re welcome, Haven.) The meeting usually dismisses (or falls apart if I’m the one running it) around 8:15.

Then Jeff Paulson (photography genius) entertains the hangers-on with fascinating stories from his childhood (like he did last night, but I really can’t print any in here).

Typical Saturday: 10 a.m.: Noon: This is about the time that I become conscious again. So I get up and go to lunch.

After lunch, I go to the office and sit at the computer and try to make it bend to my will. I play with it for hours on end, and the next thing I know, it’s time for dinner. Someday I actually get something accomplished. Other days, not so much.

Occasionally, I even spend a Sunday down here. There have been times when Dr. Dann and Marke Belisle have left for the weekend on a Friday afternoon and come back on Monday morning, only to find me exactly where they left me. They have offered to just put a bed in the back conference room for me, but I think I really like my own bed better. I am told that the previous editor to over the office in much the same way as I have, so I consider myself to be carrying on a tradition (kinda).
The Chief Editor, Liz Ritter spends her time creating graphics for many yearbook spreads, which no other editor could fathom.

"People don't realize how hard of a job yearbook really is. The yearbook staff are artists. They start a work and slowly manipulate it to completion and perfection is achieved."

--Micah Gelatt, expressing the reality of being a publication staffer
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The Ultimate cheap pizza came to Daytona in 1997. Mr. T's sold small pizzas for $3.99 and large for $5.99.

Star Wars returned to the big small with its re-release to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Theaters nationwide were packed with fans old and new.

The president of Zanie left his country amid scandal and uncertainty about his health. In response, Zanie no longer exists. It is now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Read this carefully, it may make you a little misty. Since I have never done a closing before, I really don’t know what to do, so I’m just gonna do it the Liz way.

Before I continue, you should know that making this yearbook was completely a labor of love (and a little hate, on occasion), not to mention the hope of one day WOW-ing potential graphic design firm employers, thereby leading to a fantastic career in the graphic industry which pays at least $100,000 a year, provides me with a nice penthouse in New York City, a view of Central Park (from the office or the balcony of my penthouse— I don’t care which)...but I’m getting ahead of myself and counting my chickens before they hatch, which isn’t so good because I don’t have chickens, but I had a friend who did but gave it back to it’s original owners...but I digress.

The whole point of that was basically to let you know that making this yearbook took up a huge hunk of my time this year. And if you think about the fact that I became editor-in-chief by default, it gets even funnier. If Karin hadn’t been pregnant, and if Tim hadn’t been too busy to do design, I probably wouldn’t be writing this right now (did I mention that I am writing this on May 17...2 weeks after graduation). But, hey, that stuff did happen, so here I am (Thanks Karin. Thanks Tim).

I have always loved doing the yearbook, despite the (frequent) crises that arise on a semi-regular basis around here. This year was particularly significant, first of all because I was returning to Bryan after a two-year absence and didn’t know anybody except the professors and maybe a few students. The second significance comes in the form of the theme this year. Signposts was decided on after a morning of brainstorming and after many other themes had been passed up. It wasn’t actually until after homecoming that the fact that we had a great theme for this particular year hit me...the 5-year plan was about to become reality, at least the construction stage of it was. I think that the signposts theme and the construction about to begin complement each other very well...perhaps Signposts should be a theme for the next 5 or 10 years (but that probably won’t happen).

The whole point of this little soliloquy was to let you know that I have enjoyed this year and this time working on something to document this tremendous year in Bryan’s history.
Remember when the Break for Change teams were trying to raise money for their trips? That was probably the only time you'll ever see Jason Schultz in tights. Here's one more look.
Volume 65 of the Bryan College Commoner came about due to the dedication of its staff and many weekends spent (under bribes and with the promise of brownies and pizza) in the Commoner offices in the Communication Arts Building.

All production work was done in our wonderfully messy and cramped office and in the BIG conference room, not to mention the smelly darkroom (but there are lots of chemicals in there, so it's okay). Most of the really cool graphics were done in CorelDraw 5 (when it was working), and the copy and occasional graphics were done in PageMaker 5. All graphics were designed by Editor-in-Chief Liz Ritter, who borrowed her ideas from Tim Lien and Sarah Hurley.

Copy was done in Dauphin and Futura Lt BT (Student Life); Americana and LinnGoth 12BT (Academics); Futura M/BT, Times New Roman, Allegro and Swis 721 LtBT (People); Bodoni BkBT (Sports); and Times New Roman (Organizations). Headlines were done in 36 pt. Shelley Andante and 24 pt. Prose Antique; Subhead was done in 18 pt. Prose Antique. (Student Life); Amherst and MsSerif (Academics); Aachen BT Italic and FranklinGothic ITC BkBT (Sports); Architecture (Organizations). Any and all signs were created in CorelDraw and imported in to PageMaker.

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