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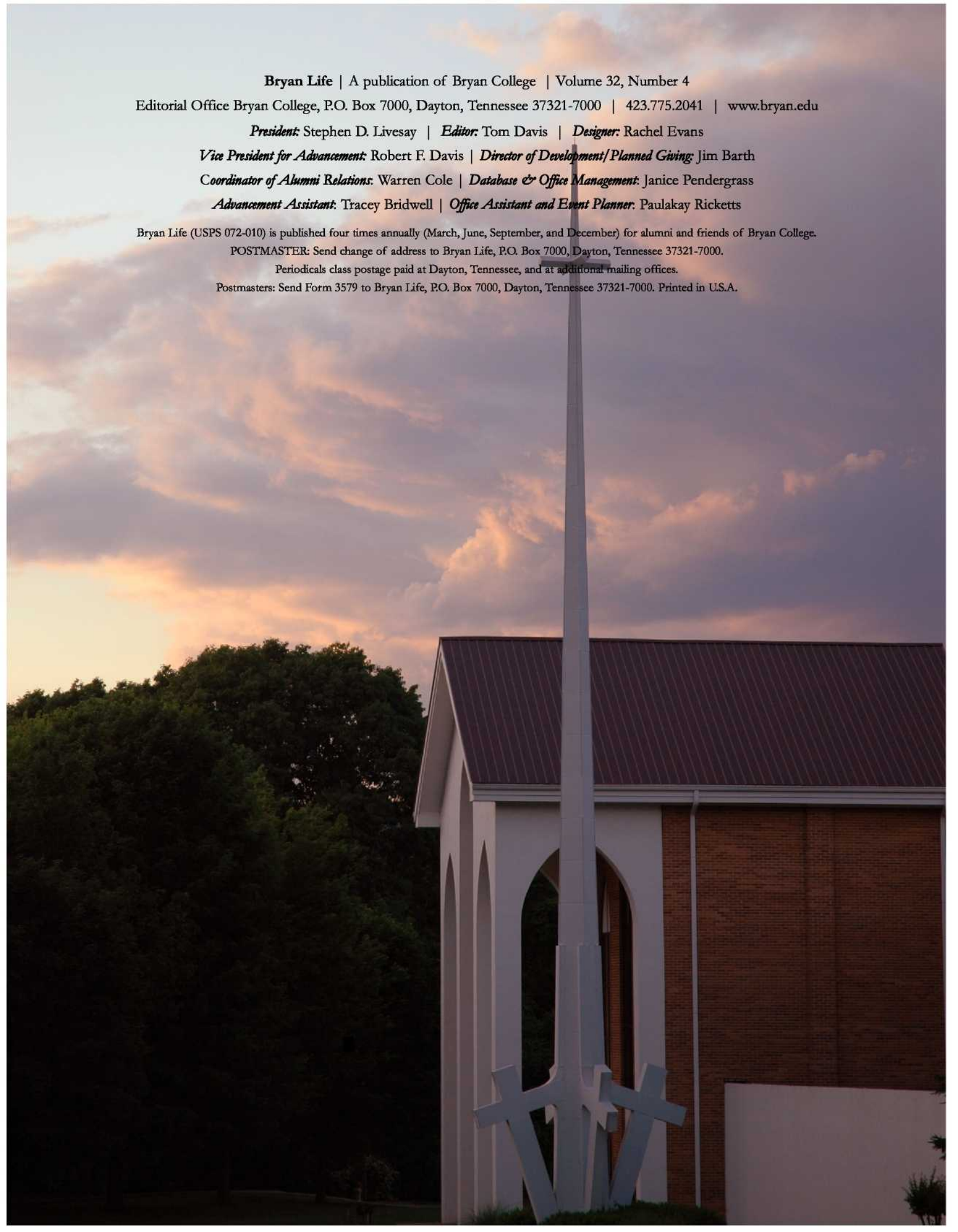
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a letter from the

president



Graduation is a major milestone in our students' lives when after years of preparation on Bryan Hill they truly begin to realize the purpose for which God has called them. I wish each of you could have joined the nearly 2,000 students, family members, and alumni for Commencement 2006. It was thrilling to see over 160 of our students graduate and enter many fields of service. Our Golden Graduates from 1956 were also recognized during the ceremony. What a blessing to hear them tell their stories of God's faithfulness to them and how God has used their Bryan education to enable them to make a difference for Christ's Kingdom.

Ever before us is our mission to educate students to make a difference in today's world; therefore, we strive (1) to offer excellent and challenging academic programs and (2) to create an environment that encourages our students to have obedient hearts to live out God's calling for their lives.

This year's graduating seniors' scores on the nationally normed Major Field Achievement Tests (MFAT) provide evidence of the excellence of our academic programs.

Here are the average scores from just a few of our majors:

- Biology major: 98th percentile
- Psychology major: 95th percentile
- Business major: 95th percentile
- English major: 94th percentile

With that kind of preparation, you can see why 90 per-

cent of our graduates are entering their chosen graduate school or vocation upon graduation.

This edition of *Bryan Life* tells the story of some of our recent biology and pre-med major graduates who have been prepared by our exceptional science faculty to enter medical school. Dr. Ted Tucker, class of '95, says that "medicine is a great opportunity to live your faith and share your faith." In this issue, you will further gain a sense of the value of a Bryan education and of students who are making a difference when you read the article on our students who this summer are involved in developing

a missions lifestyle.

As we prepare to begin a new school year, we thank God for the beautiful Rankin Communications Studies Center and for

"...90 percent of our graduates are entering their chosen graduate school or vocation upon graduation."

North Hall, a spacious 120-bed women's residence hall that will be ready for the students when they return in August. We're looking forward to hearing from Dr. Robert George at Fall Convocation. Dr. George is director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University and is a member of the President's Council on Bioethics.

Please pray that God will use this summer to prepare the hearts of the returning and new students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees for an outstanding 2006-2007 that will bring glory to Him!

Dr. Stephen D. Livesay

Eyes on the Future

Bryan celebrates Graduation 2006

Eyes on the future, with a view to the ultimate goal, became the theme of commencement festivities for the Class of 2006, Bryan's largest ever, as they received their diplomas May 6.

A highlight of the weekend was the reunion of the Class of 1956, as 33 "Golden Grads" received their 50th anniversary diplomas.

From Vespers on Friday through the graduation service on Saturday, seniors were reminded that a life of significance depends on choices they will make, and how they react to life's challenges.

Kimberlee Storey told her classmates at Vespers, "We've asked and heard the question 'What are you going to do?' a lot in the past few months." But she suggested a better way to frame the real issue would be to ask "Whose are you going to be?"

"We must choose a cause that matters, or we will by default be relegated to the trivial."

Phil Pranger, a former resident director in Woodlee-Ewing, challenged seniors to keep matters in their lives in perspective. "You've been in class about 36 months; that's about how long the disciples had with Jesus."

He reminded them that Peter, of whom Jesus said, "You're the rock on which I will build my church," denied the Lord three times. "Chances are pretty good you'll make

some pretty big mistakes. Yet I want to remind you something about sin. Sin, though never a good thing, is simply nothing more than a rebellion that has been quashed. Later Jesus appeared to Peter on the shore. There is no condemnation. Jesus' topic was simply 'love.'

"Don't get caught up in the fact you made a mistake. This is about a love relationship with Christ. If you love Him, the love will spill over into your relationship with others."

Dean of Spiritual Formation Matt Benson chose the book of Philippians, with Paul's promise to the church that "He Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion."

He showed a video clip of the class's first day at Bryan, drawing laughs from the crowd as younger faces of the graduates flashed across the screen. "In India a pastor said you will never become what you are not becoming. It is exciting to see what you are becoming, to take a kid and make you a powerful fragrance for Jesus Christ. What we saw (in the video) was not really a beginning; tomorrow will not be the end. God will continue to make you more fully you."

Mr. Benson challenged class members, "You have a lifetime to fully know who you are. Live passionately and fully for the Lord. Discover more fully who you are in Christ. My hope is that as you become more like us (as Paul encouraged Philippian believers to imitate him), you will become more



like Christ. My hope is that in your time at Bryan you have seen the Gospel. That is the calling on your life, to ultimately become more fully Jesus, to be the fragrance of Christ where you go.”

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay told the Vespers audience that his time earlier that evening with the Golden Graduates brought an important lesson to mind. “As I was listening to their life stories it dawned on me what is really important. What counts is not how you start, what matters is how well you finish. I want you grads to fin-

ish strong, finish well. Keep your life pure, develop godly character. It’s that character being like Jesus that will enable you to finish well.”

During Saturday’s ceremonies, Amanda Held, a liberal arts: Bible and philosophy major from Dayton, Tenn., gave the graduation address for students in the traditional program, and Jeffery Tanner, a business administration: organizational management major from Chattanooga, Tenn., spoke for the Aspire degree completion program graduates.

Miss Held challenged graduates to evaluate the “American dream” from a biblical worldview rather than the consumerist culture which surrounds us. “In the American psyche, there is ingrained that idea that each of us has rights, has particular freedoms. But over the years, this truth has been twisted into a sense of entitlement, entitlement to my desires. Not only this, but commercialism tells us that if we get what we want, if we buy the product, the diet drink, the brand name clothes, the expensive car, the extra-strength

carpet cleaner, then life will be good, life will be a success.

“I fear that the church has not been immune to these lies, and our ministry has been affected by this consumeristic mindset, that we choose the ministry we will be a part of based on what we will get out of it, what fits us best. We ask the question, ‘what is my calling?’ rather than, ‘What is God’s purpose.’”

“I would also challenge us to change how we as a society define success. I’ve noticed recently that we judge whether or not something is a success based on how little we have suffered, how much pain we have avoided. Too often we choose the route of least resistance. Difficulty, affliction equals bad; comfort, ease equals good.

“We must come to realize that perhaps to suffer is to know Christ in the most intimate way possible. To be



Jeffery Tanner

acquainted with His sorrow is to feel the pulsing heart of Jesus. When Jesus said take up your cross, he was not referring to the endurance of everyday struggles. The call to take up the cross

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Amanda Held

is a call to certain death of the flesh. You see, God has a much greater purpose than my comfort and a much better story to tell with my life than one of ease and my own profit. All great things are accomplished at great cost.

“So I challenge you, dare to believe that perhaps Paul was right when he said that suffering for Christ brings you closer to the heart of God, and this is where existence finds a purpose. In the words of missionary Samuel Zwemer, don’t just make a living. Make a life.

“Fellow graduates, if the gospel is true then it does not simply change lives. It is life. I would suggest that it is the good, good news of the gospel that redeems our existence, not beauty, not stuff, not hype, not good works- but Christ in me the hope of glory.

“What would it look like if this group of individuals made the decision to ignore the expectations of society, really live radically for Christ? I challenge you not to be passive consumers of Christianity, who view life as one does a movie, discon-



Amanda Held

nected and free of responsibility. I will close with the words of Kierkegaard: ‘Let your consolation be, as it is mine, that we are not to read about or listen to or look at what is the highest and the most beautiful in life, but are, if you please, to live it.’”

Mr. Tanner said in his speech that his reasons for desiring to complete his college degree had changed in the nearly 15 years since he left school.

“Our God has placed in us both an ability and a desire to seek knowledge, and each of us should develop this ability by continuing this pursuit of knowledge every chance we get.”

Jeffery Tanner

“First, I knew I owed it to myself to complete my degree. Learning is truly a lifelong event, and whether you’re here today as a family member, a friend, or a



(Above) Billy Anaya, a Biblical studies major, was the first of 165 graduates to receive his diploma. (Right) Tim St. John and Kimberlee Storey were awarded the prestigious P.A. Boyd Award, which is given annually by the Bryan faculty.



fellow graduate, we should all continue our pursuit of knowledge and wisdom throughout our lives, in both academic and spiritual matters. We should never grow weary in this pursuit. Our God has placed in us both an ability and a desire to seek knowledge, and each of us should develop this ability by continuing this pursuit for knowledge every chance we get.

“For me there was another reason, a higher calling if you will, one less self-ish, less self-centered – my children. I knew that as my children grew up, there would come a day when I would have to look at them and say ‘do as I say and not as I do’ if I didn’t complete what I had started back many years ago.”

“For many here today, this commencement may represent the end of a

lot of hard work, and the beginning of a new life, and more hard work. For others, this may be the first step in your collegiate education, as you may be moving on toward a graduate degree.

“For others, today may be the beginning of new endeavors, a new job or new career. But whatever tomorrow holds, my challenge would be to take this education you have worked so hard to achieve and go make a difference in the world. Today is not the end of an era, just the end of a chapter; tomorrow, a wonderful new chapter begins, a chapter where we can all make a difference. And the experience and knowledge you take with you as you prepare to leave this wonderful institution is something no one will ever be able to take from you.”

graduation at a glance

- ◆67 Bachelor of Arts
- ◆99 Bachelor of Science
 - 64 Aspire program
 - 35 traditional program
- ◆72 graduated with honors
- ◆Keelan Diehl received both a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree.

Making a difference...

All around the world



Missions trip is taking on a new meaning for nine Bryan students and recent graduates this summer as the college implements a program to help students develop a missions lifestyle.

The nine will spend extended time in Russia, Slovakia, Uganda, and India, making what they and Dean of Spiritual Formation Matt Benson hope will be significant contributions to host ministries.

Missions trips are nothing new for either the college or its students. In fact, Mr. Benson says the internship program is building on an interest that already exists. He points out

that many more than the nine formally involved in the internships will be on their own missions projects.

Beginning with his taking a group of students to India in the late 1990s, Mr. Benson has been working to build a program incorporating both academic study of missions and a hands-on exposure to mission life. During the 2004-05 school year, this involved taking a group of students from a variety of majors to Micronesia for an extended fall break and putting their skills to work in a missions setting. Longer summer internships allow students to plug into the day-to-day life of a missionary and do “things critical to the func-

tion of the ministries.”

Four students have been assigned to the Bratislava Educational Resource Center in the Slovak Republic; one will be in Moscow, Russia; one in India; one will travel in Central Europe for Trans World Radio; and two will work at an orphanage in Uganda.

In talking with the students involved, two major themes run through the conversation: “I want to see if I can do this” and “I want to serve missionary families and learn from them.”

Beth Simon, a senior math major from Telford, Pa., is going to work at the Bratislava Educational Resource Center (BERC) May 21 to Aug. 3. Mr. Benson first suggested she consider spending the summer in Micronesia. The mission idea caught, but Micronesia didn’t, so he suggested Slovakia.

“I couldn’t forget about that,” she says. “I originally had planned to come home (after graduation next December) and work as a substitute teacher to get my feet in the door. Now that missions is a possibility or a likelihood, I think I’ll have to work to pay off school loans, and then work to raise money to go back to the mission field. When I go to Slovakia, I want to see if I can do this. I’m testing the waters, hoping God speaks to me.”

One of Beth’s companions in Bratislava will be Christen Conrad from San Antonio, Texas, who received her degree in communication studies in May. She will work in an outreach capacity for BERC.

“My job will be going to different



(Above) Matt Benson, left, dean of spiritual formation, and Ben Norquist, '04, are pictured with Joab Sonko, a pastor with Christian Life Ministries in Uganda, which operates orphan homes where Bryan and University of Tennessee-Chattanooga students will be working during the next three summers. (Right) Amanda Held ministers to the people of Southern India.



missionary families and telling them about BERC.” The center, she explains, is a resource for missionary families that offers classes and tutoring for their children, among other services. Christen calls the internship an answer to prayer because “over the past couple of years the Lord has been growing my heart to minister to missionaries.”

When Mr. Benson suggested the internship, “I said, ‘Lord, this is Your answer to my prayer.’ I’m really excited about getting to serve missionary families and learn from them.”

Christen points out that on short-term trips “a lot of times I felt like the missionaries were busy trying to figure out what we needed.” This time, she and the others will plug into ongoing programs and work in areas that have

lacked attention they needed. Another benefit to the longer term will be “an opportunity to invest in MKs, hang out with them, getting to know their hearts and minds.”

While she is considering what steps to take after she returns in August, Christen says, “Whether I’m called to go overseas or be involved here at home, missions is something I want to continue to be a part of.”

Striking out on his own to Russia will be Evan Myers, a business administration graduate from Norcross, Ga. Evan will work with Integra Russia, a part of Integra Venture, which does

microeconomic development in Eastern and Central Europe and Africa. "I'll mostly be in Moscow doing business-type stuff, putting their accounting books together, making sure their English translation of material is good," he says.

Evan has been on a number of short-term mission trips, but none this long. "This will be completely different. This will be a good experience, a great opportunity to see what's going on in another country, what business does, how business is done in a Christian ministry."

Amanda Held, who received her degree in liberal arts: Bible and philosophy in May, will spend the next six months in India, a country she had never considered even visiting. "Then the tsunami happened and Matt Benson said, 'I think it would be great for you to go to India.' I was confused, upset with God for letting that happen. I thought I'd see for myself. When I went, I got a bug that made me want to go back, along with other kinds of bugs."

She found a depth of "commitment and persistence in persecution" that she had never seen before, a lifestyle among believers that made her want to learn more. Although she is going to work with several indigenous ministries teaching English, leading Bible studies, and ministering to church youth groups, she believes she will see personal growth as well.

"I think this will broaden my perspective, give me a better understanding of what the church is, what God is

doing all over the world, how my gifts fit in with that, and whether God can use me better 'there' or here as a sender."

Mr. Dennis Miller, Bryan's executive director of external relations, said there are four goals for the Uganda project: have students minister to street children through a program run by Christian Life Ministries; help students who are aspiring missionaries or are exploring a

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Beth Simon



career in missions to Africa have a first-hand experience with Ugandan people and culture; potentially provide to missions agencies individuals with three years of significant experiences working on the African continent; and help Ugandan street children through fundraising efforts conducted by student interns throughout the three-year duration of this project.

Bryan freshmen Melissa Milner and Allison Cunningham will partner with

two freshmen from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga to begin building relationships with Christian Life Ministries and working to promote that ministry in the United States.

Sarah Dingus, a junior Christian education major, is one of the students planning a missions experience apart from the college-sponsored program. She will work during June at a camp ministry in Kingsport, Tenn., where her

parents are on staff, then spend July in Romania where she and Rachel Stuckey, a freshman communication studies and English major, will work with Buckner Orphan

Care International, the agency which began the Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign.

Sarah said the first week will involve work in villages, then the next three weeks will be spent doing Vacation Bible School-type programs at different orphanages.

Bryan's missions-minded atmosphere is an encouragement for all students, she said. "There are a lot of opportunities with missions even if you don't take the class," she said. "There are a lot of ways to get connected; the camp fair, focus in chapel, the missions conference every other year."

That's the point, Mr. Benson says: encouraging students to become involved, providing direction and structure as necessary, and then watching as God moves in the lives of the next generation of Kingdom workers.

The Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice

Dr. Charles Van Eaton, Director

Summit Ministries

Summit Ministries-East Director John Stonestreet has been busy this spring, involved with training in Biblical Worldview for students, teachers, and parents in Iowa, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia. In March, Stonestreet was keynote speaker for the Indiana Association of Home Educators convention, and spoke at the Summit Spring Conference in Colorado. In April he led weekend seminars for churches in Texas and Georgia.

The 2006 Summit Ministries Student Conferences at Bryan College will be from July 9-22 and July 23-Aug 5. For information about the conferences, contact the Summit office at 423-775-7599 or visit the web site at www.bryan.edu/summit.

The Myers Institute

The Myers Institute's Passing the Baton project now has its own website, www.passingthebaton.org, on which people can sign up to be part of an international network of individuals committed to equipping the next generation of leaders. Fifteen speakers have been trained, and they are busy delivering the popular one-day Passing the Baton workshop to Christian schools, churches, and mission organizations all over the world. The Myers Institute has entered into a partnership to provide leadership training for teachers and students for every Christian school in the Philippines over the next two years, and has partnered with the Association of Christian Schools International in the Southeast U.S. to provide leadership training events for their 800 member schools.

C.O.R.E.

Dr. Kurt Wise and Dr. Todd Wood will attend the 2006 meeting of the BSG: A Creation Biology Study Group. Dr. Wise will speak on creationist paleontology, and Dr. Wood will give a statistics workshop. For more information, visit the BSG website at www.bryancore.org/bsg/. Dr. Wise will continue to be involved in Summit at Bryan College after his move to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and will continue to work with CORE on various projects in origins research. Dr. Todd Wood will become director of CORE in August, when Dr. Roger Sanders will join the CORE staff.

Fall Seminars

The Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice will address the essential question of the meaning of man in its September seminar as prologue to its November symposium on bioethics. If one can come to terms with the initial question, addressing the second will necessarily follow.

Sept. 15-16: What Is Man that Thou Art Mindful?

Dr. Michael Bauman, Professor of Theology and Culture and Director of the Christian Studies Program at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.: "The First Adam and the Second."

Dr. Dennis Hollinger, Professor of Christian Ethics and President, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Myerstown, Pa.: "Choosing the Good."

Dr. Doug Kennard, Professor of Bible, Theology, and Philosophy, Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn.: "Image and Soul."

Nov. 10-11, 2006: Bioethics and the Meaning of Man

Dr. W. Gary Phillips, pastor, Signal Mountain Bible Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Eric Cohen, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Harold Y. Vanderpool, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

Healing Hands:

Pre-med alumni excel in post-graduate studies

Life is hard as a pre-med major at Bryan but the effort pays off, particularly when the realities of medical school set in.

That's the point, as Dr. Martin Hartzell explains. Dr. Hartzell, head of the biology department, said classes are designed to give majors a glimpse at what will be expected in medical school and to prepare them to do well on the Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT), a major hurdle on the way to becoming a doctor. About half the biology majors are in a pre-medical track, Dr. Hartzell said. About half of those opt for medical school and the others are pursuing a nursing degree through Bryan's cooperative program with the Vanderbilt University nursing school. Other majors follow the research or organismal biology tracks.

For all the majors the biology core courses begin with botany, zoology, and general chemistry.

"These are rigorous courses that let the students know they have to study in the major," Dr. Hartzell explained. "If they don't know how to study, the following courses will really push them. If they're going to be medical students they have to do this kind of work."

That's an approach that Bryan alumni seem to appreciate.

Nate Krogel, '01, who is completing his fourth year at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa., said, "I remember my first class, zoology. When I got past that I thought, 'If we could do that we could do anything.'"

Dr. Hartzell acknowledges some students change majors after the first course or so. "I tell them I sat through several first-year medical school courses. Every class was demanding, but if they make it through Bryan they can make it

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Dr. Amy Ford, '00

through medical school."

Dr. Ted Tucker, '95, a primary care physician in rural Fairbury, Neb., said the demanding undergraduate experience paid off for him when he attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"I don't think anybody can be completely prepared for the amount of study required, but having a good foundation is key. I felt like I had that. You adjust very quickly to the load with a good foundation. Without, you adjust, but it may be more slowly."

Work load is a recurring theme when talking with Bryan's biology



Dr. Amy Ford

majors or with alumni in medical school. Dr. Hartzell pointed out that medical students are taught by specialists in each field, "not generalists like me."

Joshua Cone, '03, who is finishing his first year at the Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine at Blacksburg, Va., likened the difference in work load

between college and medical school to that between high school and college. "It's that sort of difference," he said. But he found the increased demands of pre-med classes his junior and senior years helped prepare him for the work he has experienced this year.

Dr. Matt Bryan, '94, a dermatologist in Greenville, S.C., said, "The volume of material was the biggest surprise" when he entered the Medical University of South Carolina. "You're taking close to 30 semester hours per semester, and there are no 'gimme' classes in there. The biggest adjustment I had was that most waking hours I would be studying."

Mr. Krogel, who will receive his Doctor of Osteopathy degree this summer, said the workload could be daunting if a student is not totally committed to the program. “If you don’t want to go to medical school 100 percent, I don’t see how you could survive. If you went in 75 percent sure and 25 percent doubting, I don’t see how you could stick with it through the hard times. There is so much studying!”

Dr. Amy Ford, ’00, who is in her second year of a family medicine residence in Greeley, Colo., said the community atmosphere at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., helped with the demands of the program. “You go to medical school and there are lots of classes—you study all the time. I liked medical school, and the people there. We always studied together, tutored each other, hung out together.”

Some alumni brought their own support with them to medical school. Dr. Bryan and Tiffany Earle, ’04, were married before he began his medical studies, and “I would not have made it if it were not for Tiffany,” he said.



Dr. Ted Tucker

“She was very good in helping me balance studies and life.”

Mr. Krogel and Philene Phaneuf, ’01, chose to go through medical school together, as they both were accepted to the Erie school on the same day. They married after their first year, and are looking for internship and residency programs that will match their professional goals, his in cardiology and hers in obstetrics and gynecology. “Philene being there helped keep me on track,” he said. Going through the experience “brought my wife and me closer together.”

Shane Maxwell, ’01, married Heidi Seera, ’04x, after he graduated from Bryan. He worked in the pharmaceutical industry in Nashville, Tenn., before being accepted at Lake Erie. Heidi’s support “is the only reason I’m here. If she had had any hesitation, I would have stayed in Nashville. There are times when we feel like we don’t have time for each other, but we realize this is only temporary. We both feel this is where we should be. Being married is a lifesaver. I depend on her.”

Dr. Bryan said it is important for medical students to find a good church and fellowship with other believers. “If not, school can be an all-consuming thing.”

Tabitha Moe, ’00, studying at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, found a connection through the Christian Medical and Dental Society. That has helped her have regular contact with Christians studying for and practicing their pro-



Shane and Heidi Maxwell

fessions.

A long-range perspective in both Bryan’s undergraduate classes and in medical school seems important to deal with the pressures of both programs. At Bryan, the goal is a good score on the MCAT; in medical school, it is the practice at the end of the process.

“I think medicine is a great field,” Dr. Ford said. “Being a doctor is very fulfilling work. You get to work with people who are in need. You’re helping them with physical needs, but get

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Dr. Ted Tucker, ’95

the opportunity to talk about their personal lives. People open up to their doctors in ways that they don’t open up to their friends. I would have a hard time finding a place where I could minister to people better than in medicine.”

Dr. Tucker echoed that thought. “Almost every day I have an opportunity maybe not to witness but to



Dr. Matt Bryan

point someone in the direction of Christ. Medicine is a great opportunity to live your faith and share your faith. Bryan and its worldview emphasis and spiritual life development really facilitates that. I wouldn't want to leave out that part of my education."

Mr. Cone added that physicians with a Biblical worldview are needed to address contemporary dignity of human life issues. He said medicine "offers a good opportunity to engage the culture with a Christian world-

view."

The doctors and doctors-in-training had some advice for Bryan's biology majors:

Dr. Bryan: Get into a hospital, research or volunteer work; institutions look favorably on that. Continue with extracurricular activities. Medical schools like well-rounded people."

Mr. Cone:

"Listen to your advisor. I feel Dr. Hartzell knows

what he's talking

about. Focus and do well in class.

That's one of the best ways to prepare for the MCAT and medical school.

Mr. Krogel: "Try to learn everything they teach you. The biology program is high-quality. It's hard to see the big picture at first, but hard work will come back to help you when classes get tough."

Ms. Moe: Enjoy your life as you know it. Be involved with other things besides school, like Bible stud-

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Dr. Matt Bryan, '94

as a physician in

private practice,

Dr. Bryan

acknowledged the

challenges

ies. Enrich your lives because once you're in medical school all that ends abruptly."

Dr. Tucker: "Study hard, apply yourself, get good grades. It's important to master the material, but don't forget development of your other interests. Pursue them as well."

From the perspective of his work

prospective physicians face. "It's a hard journey, but the journey is part of the program. When you're in it, it doesn't seem that bad because everybody around you is doing it."

At the end of that journey, the doctors say, waits a career that uniquely allows them to make a difference in the lives they touch every day.

Dr. Robert George to speak at convocation



Bryan College will open its 2006-07 academic year Aug. 23, with a convocation address by Dr. Robert George, McCormick

Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.

Dr. George serves on the

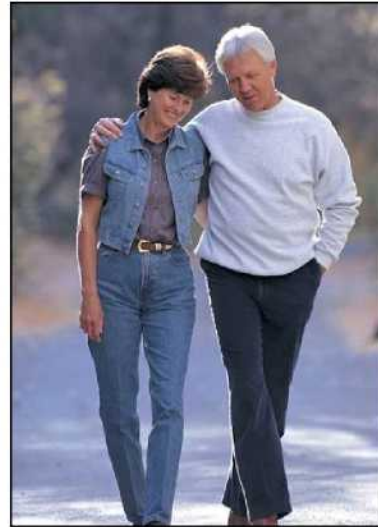
President's Council on Bioethics and previously served as a presidential appointee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He is a former Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States, where he received the Justice Tom C. Clark Award.

"We are delighted to have a scholar of Dr. George's stature as our Convocation speaker," Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said. "His background in bioethics dovetails nicely with the emphasis of the seminars of the Bryan Center for Critical Thought

and Practice this fall as we explore the nature of man and the concept of bioethics. I believe his comments will set the tone for the year as we seek to challenge our students to engage today's culture in meaningful ways from a Biblical worldview."

Convocation is set for Aug. 23, at 10:40 a.m. in Rudd Auditorium, the day classes begin for the fall semester.

Will Something You Don't Say *Accidentally* *Disinherit* Someone You Love?



Reading Between The Lines Is Not An Option

When it comes to communicating, almost everyone has some experience at *reading between the lines*. Parents and children, spouses, employers and employees – everyone learns the meaning of things left unsaid.

But when it comes to life's most important communications, leaving critical specifics unspoken most often results in misunderstanding.

Nowhere is there more need for careful articulation than when it comes to spelling out your final wishes, hopes, and dreams.

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1950s

DAVID NAFF, '52, announces the publication of his book *Stories I Heard in West Africa*, a collection of four stories, which he illustrated, from the stories he and his wife, **MARY (GROVER)**



David and Mary Naff

NAFF, '53, heard while they were missionaries in Liberia. David said he chose the stories for publication because they illustrate Scriptural or moral truths. The books are available from the SIM bookstore, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, N.C. 28241.

Dr. WILBUR PICKERING, '56, reports that his wife, Ida, died July 31, 2005, on their field of service in Brazil. He is planning a visit to the States this summer.

EVERETT, '56, and **FAITH (SANFORD)**, '61, **BOYCE** are planning to resume missions ministry as teachers for two American missionary families who are running an orphanage in Chapala, Mexico, beginning in September. They "retired" from mission work in 1999, then Everett became pastor of Roswell Community Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. They will

leave the church in September for their move to Mexico.

JERRY, '59, and **AMY (WILSON)**, '59x, **SMITH** continue their service as directors of church relations with Biblical Ministries Worldwide. This past summer Jerry was elected president of the board of the IFCA, then spent two weeks in Louisiana and Mississippi in October encouraging pastors and believers in hurricane-impacted areas and planning relief efforts.

1960s

ROBERT, '67x, and **DOROTHY (SIDES)**, '65, **KAATZ** are celebrating Bob's new job as safety manager with AccelaPure Corp. in Newark, Del.; a new home in Wilmington, Del.; and a new grandchild, their seventh.

FAITH (ISELL) HEITZER, '69, recently was profiled in her hometown newspaper, *The Tracy (Calif.) Press*, highlighting her years of service as a diabetes educator who uses a rubber hammer to drive home the point of staying on track with the disease. Since she graduated from Bryan, she has been a wife, mother, nurse, teacher and missionary.

DAN MCMILLAN, '69, is pastor of Green Hill Presbyterian Church in Enterprise, Ala., and continues to serve as an Air National Guard chaplain. His

wife, **ANITA (ANDERSON)**, '90, teaches in the Enterprise city school system.

1970s

WILLIAM, '70, and **KATHY (PAGE)**, '70x, **WILSON** have moved from Pensacola, Fla., to Snellville, Ga., where Bill is serving as southeast regional director for the Association of Christian Schools International.

HELEN (SCOTT) WALKER, '71x, is a Realtor with Crye-Leike, Realtors, in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she lives with her husband, Robert, and daughter, Rachel.

Dr. TIM KIMMEL, '72, recently has published two books, *50 Ways to Really Love Your Kids* and *Raising Kids for True Greatness*. Tim and **DARCY (DIRKS)**, '74x, **KIMMEL** live in Scottsdale, Ariz., where Tim is executive director of Family Matters, a ministry to families.

JIM GLOVER, '79, recently received the No. 1 Transaction Agent Companywide and No. 1 Listing Agent Companywide with Harry Norman Realtors of Atlanta, Ga. He also received the Agent of the Year award in his Marietta, Ga., office for the fourth consecutive year. He recently purchased some property near Charleston, S.C., and **CEIL (COKER) BRUNER**, '80,

was his agent. Jim serves as chairman of the board for the Cobb Symphony Orchestra, has authored two books on Southern history, and is active in St. Jude's Episcopal Church.

1980s



Philip Closkin

ARTHUR, '82x, and Susan **CLOKSIN,** announce the birth of their son, Philip Larry, on Jan. 20. Philip weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long. The Cloksin family lives in Waukon, Iowa.

HOWARD K. BURGOYNE, '82, has been named superintendent of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. He has served pastorates in St. Paul, Minnesota, Batavia, Ill., and is senior pastor at Newport Covenant Church in Bellevue, Wash.

RICHARD, '83x, and **KIM (FIORI), '83, PARKER** are rejoicing that a growth near Richard's spinal cord was a benign calcification rather than something more serious. Surgery at Duke University in March removed the problem, and the Parkers were able to hold a reunion with members of Richard's family in nearby Greensboro, N.C.



Peach Family

COLLEY (WOOD), '84x, and Brian **PEACH** announce the birth of their second child, Sarah Elizabeth, on May

15, 2005. Sarah joins big brother Jacob, 3. Colley works part-time as a nurse practitioner in the neurology department at Emory University in Atlanta, and Brian is a computer software trainer at Wells Real Estate Funds in Norcross, Ga. The Peach family lives in Marietta, Ga.

JEFF, '87, and **CHERYL (DEAR), '89x, PINDER,** live in Amelia, Va., where Jeff is senior pastor at Amelia Baptist Church. Jeff served 20 years as pastor of student ministries



Pinder Family

before earning his Master's degree from Liberty University. Cheryl taught sixth grade English until their twin sons, John and Caleb, were born in 2001.

DAWN HOFFMAN, '89, became regional human resources director for Barnes and Nobel in January. She oversees the company's employee relations for the western half of the country. Her new job involved a move to Frisco, Texas, near Dallas. Earlier she earned certification as a senior professional of human resources.

1990s

REBECCA WHISNANT, '90, spent 28 days in Germany during 2005 as part of the Rotary Club Business Exchange Program, living with German host families and studying German business practices. She also took a new position with the Department of Family and Children's Services as employment services case manager.

BYRON, '90, and Natalie **TALBOT** and their two boys live in Anchorage,

Alaska, where Byron is minister of youth and music at Sunset Hills Baptist Church. Natalie works with the young adult/college class at the church, and is looking for employment as a teacher.



Smith Family

CHRISTINE (PIERCE), '90x, and her husband, Shannon, **SMITH** recently moved to Trenton, Fla., with their four sons, Caleb, 13; Jonathan, 12; Stephen, 11; and Michael, 8, near where Shannon practices law in Chiefland. Christine will teach in the local public school system.

ROD, '91, and Jenn **CAMPBELL** are living in Anniston, Ala., where Rod works for the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes as a children and family counselor. He received his Master of Arts degree in marriage and family therapy from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss., in 2000. Rod and Jen have three children, Ellen, 8; Liv, 5; and Cash, nearly 2. **DAVID, '91,** and Robin **BOLIN** live nearby in Gadsden, and Rod and David eat lunch together regularly.



Campbell Family

MARK, '92, and **NATALIE (CAWOOD), '97, CRUVER** announce the birth of their son,

Nathan Paul, on March 1, 2005. Nathan weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 inches long. He joins big brothers Seth and Andy, and sister Joelle.

JULIE (SCHULTZ), '05x, and Joe LEAVITT

announce the birth of their first child, Sophia Grace, on Dec. 31, 2005. The Leavitt family lives in Spring Hill, Tenn., where Joe works in affiliate relations for the Dave Ramsey Show and Julie is a work-at-home mom.



Sophia Leavitt



Jeremy and Shonda Knowlton

teacher for the past 10 years, and Jeremy is a biological research diver and landscape architect.

JEFF SCHUMACHER, '97, returned to Bryan to earn his teaching certification this year. He spent the past five years working at Walt Disney World.



Ryan, Reagan and Cade Himmelmwright

GABE, '97, and GAYLE (COUCH), '98, HIMMELWRIGHT announce the birth of their son, Joshua Cade, on Dec. 8, 2005. Cade weighed 9 lbs., 9

oz., and was 22 ¾ inches long. He joins big brother Ryan and sister Reagan, both 2. The Himmelmwright family lives in Virginia Beach, Va., where Gabe owns a hardwood flooring company and Gayle teaches at a local college. She is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in communications.

MICAH, '98x, and JOHANNA (ZIEG), '97,

GELATT recently moved to Valley Falls, Kan., where Micah is a teacher and Johanna is a stay-at-home mom to Josiah, 3 ½, and Ethan, 1. Ethan was born March 10, 2005. He weighed 5 lbs., and was 18 ½ inches long.



Ethan Gelatt

JASON and BETH (FREEMAN) DUROY, both '98, with their children Kathleen, 3, and Jack, 1, have moved from Signal Mountain, Tenn., to



Duroy Family

Greensboro, N.C., where Jason is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance. Beth plans to begin a Master of Music degree this fall.



Cochran Family

SHARON (WOOD), '98, and Matthew COCHRAN announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Elizabeth, on April 7. Emily weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 9 ¾ inches long.

Emily's Aunt **CHERYL WOOD, '00,** sent the picture of the Cochran family.

2000s

DARA BALLARD, '00, and Bryan Dykes were married March 11, on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn. Dara is a librarian for a law firm in Chattanooga, and Bryan is an attorney for another firm. Matron of honor for the wedding was **TAMMY (DOE-JAAREN) BALLARD, '00,** and attendants for the bride included **STEPHANIE WISE, '00; SHERI (TILLEMANS) STERNKE, '00;** and **NICKI BURNETTE, '00.**

Four friends from the Classes of 1999 and 2000 met recently in Atlanta for their own mini-reunion. Pictured below, from left, are **KELLY (GRIFFIS) GILBERT, '00,** who lives in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she works for the State of Texas; **LYDIA TALLENT, '00,** of Palo Alto, Calif., where she is an attorney; **MARINA (CRUZ) KRESS '99,** of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and **ASHLEY (MCDONALD) SOVEREIGN, '99,** of Columbia, S.C., where she is a stay-at-home mom for Caedmon, 5, and Abigail, 2.



MICHAEL, '01x, and Lisa **TIMBLIN,** announce the birth of their son, Sebastian Wayne, on Jan. 14. The Timblin family lives in Warsaw, Ind.

JONATHAN and ANNA (NEFF) URQUHART, both '02, announce the birth of their daughter, Afton, on March 29. Afton weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. The Urquhart family lives in Columbia, Pa.

IV, '01, and KATIE (BUTTRAM), '03, SMITH

announce the birth of their second son, Julius "Duke" Smith, on March 12. Duke joins big brother King, 2.



King and Duke Smith



Travis Weldon, Wesley and Gavin

TRAVIS, '02x, and CARRIE (MATTHEWS), '99, WELDON, announce the birth of their second son, Gavin Walker, on Dec. 9, 2005. Gavin weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz., and was 18 ½ inches long. He joins big brother Wesley, 3.

ANNIE DICKERSON, '03, recently presented her first art show, an exhibition of her photographs of scenes in Chicago. Annie is a teacher in the Chicago public school system.

KEDRIC WEBSTER, '03, received his M.A. degree in Biblical studies from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Fla., in May. Kedric continues his employment as resource consultant with Ligonier Ministries in Lake Mary, Fla.

JOSH, '03, and VANNIE (PHINN), '04x, LOWERY live in Knoxville, where they moved in June 2004, after living in Dallas, Texas, following their marriage July 5, 2003. Josh works for DHL and Vanny is a manager for Panera Bread.

JONATHAN, '04, and BEVERLY (DAVIS), '03, BASHOR

live in Birmingham, Ala., where they recently bought their first home. Jonathan works in management and Beverly works at a law firm. Their son, Aiden, is nearly 2.



Lt. Joshua Ray

JOSHUA RAY, '05, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army on Dec. 15, 2005. Josh was sworn in by Col. Ron

Petite, associate professor of political science and pinned by his parents, Bruce and Debbie Ray.

A film produced by **MATT ROGERS, '05,** and directed by **JOSH LONG, '05,** won the People's Choice Award at the Southern Fried Flicks Film Festival in Augusta, Ga. The "mocumentary" "For the Title" tells the story of two Ultimate Frisbee teams as they compete for a league championship and was filmed at Bryan and on location in Rhea County.

OLIVIA FESSLER, '05, has moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, after working in Washington, D.C., following graduation. She is developing a television show for an international pro-life organization that is due to air later this year in the U.S. and Canada.

JESSE and LARISSA (HONEYCUTT) JOHNSON, both '05x,

announce the birth of their first child, Kindred Spirit, on Jan. 9. Kindred weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 ¾ inches long. The Johnson family lives in Whitestown, Ind.



Kindred Johnson

With the Lord

Rev. EDWARD M. DE ROSSET, '39, died March 20, in Dayton, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, **JOYCE (HIRSCHY) DE ROSSET, '40;** daughters **KARIN TRAYLOR, '64,** and **Dr. ROSALIE DE ROSSET, '69;** and sons Dr. Frederick de Rosset and Edward de Rosset.

Rev. EDWARD D. MILLER, '46, of Modesto, Calif., died Dec. 9, 2005. He is survived by his wife, **EILEEN (GOODMAN) MILLER, '46,** and four children.

Rev. RYLAND "Pete" ROCK, '53, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died Dec. 25, 2005. He is survived by his wife, **CHARLOTTE (HOWELL) ROCK, '53,** and five children.

DONA (BLAINE) MEZMAR, '53, of Peoria, Ariz., died Feb. 22. She is survived by her husband, Dr. **LEONARD MEZMAR, '51;** and three children, **Dr. MARTIN MEZNAR, '82,** Joan Meznar, and Andrea Meznar.

Rev. FRANCIS NEDDO, '54 of Sale Creek, Tenn., died March 24. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and six children.

GEORGIE (LEDBETTER) ASCHENBACH, '56, of West Springfield, Mass., died Sept. 30, 2005. She is survived by five children.

DIANNA (GOODMAN) SHARPE, '96x, of Adams, Tenn., died Jan. 18. She is survived by her husband, Donald Sharpe; three daughters; two sisters, **MELISSA** and husband **DAVID BROWN,** both '94, and Regina Dickerson; and her parents.

faculty/staff notes

Dr. Marci Froemke completed requirements for her doctoral degree at Trevecca University in April.

The Board of Trustees has affirmed the following personnel decisions: **Dr. Marci Froemke**, promoted to associate professor; **Dr. Travis Ricketts**, promoted to associate professor; **Dr. Brian Hill**, promoted to professor; **Dr. Ron Petite**, promoted to professor and granted tenure.

Dr. Dana Kennedy has been selected as a member of one of the planning committees for the 2006 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Promotion Conference. She will help design the "Non-traditional Partnerships" track focusing on involving faith-based and other non-governmental organizations in community-level health promotion efforts. Dr. Kennedy and several of her students also collected data from Rhea County K-12 students for a statewide study on Body Mass Index.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid was a fellow at a Salzburg Seminar, "The Transatlantic Divide: Myths, Realities, and Business as Usual," in June.

Dr. Sigrid Luther attended the Music Teachers National Association conference in Austin, Texas, in March, where she presented a session on "Developing Practical Musical Skills through Church Music" and served on the national nominating committee. She judged the Cadec Conservatory Scholarship Competition in Chattanooga, Tenn., and coordinated the Bryan College Community Music School Festival



Faculty and staff leaving at the end of the academic year include, from left, Anneli Horner, assistant director of Worldview Teams, who will begin graduate studies at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; Dr. Kurt Wise, who will direct the Center for Theology and Science at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; Marci Wulf Yost, athletic trainer, who will be a junior high school science teacher and athletic trainer near Ft. Benning, Ga., where her husband is stationed; Josh Porter, athletic trainer, who is moving toward missions service; and Jeff Longenecker, head athletic trainer, who is pursuing further education in the medical field. They were honored during a reception as the school year drew to a close.

Miss Michele Pascucci traveled to Spain during spring break, and will spend much of the summer in Spain working on her doctoral dissertation.

Mr. John Stonestreet completed requirements for his Master of Arts degree in Christian Thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He also spoke at worldview seminars in Florida, the Summit Adult Conference in Colorado, was keynote speaker at the Indiana Association of Home Educators state convention, and spoke at the Christianity and Culture seminar in Longview, Texas.

Dr. Jack Traylor has published a review of *Watching the Trains Go By: A Narrative of a Santa Fe Railway Man*, by Harry J. Briscoe, in the winter 2005-06 edition of *Kansas History: A Journal of*

the Central Plains. Mr. Briscoe is a retired officer of the Santa Fe Railway and was a supervisor of Dr. Traylor's father and a neighbor of the Traylor family in Emporia, Kan.

Mrs. Tami Tulberg attended the Tennessee Association of College Stores annual convention in Pigeon Forge. She is a member of the association's board.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit performed a trumpet solo during the Chattanooga Bach Choir's Mardi Gras dinner in February. He also taught the fine arts component for Bryan's Italy Abroad semester. He also sang with the Chattanooga Bach Choir in its spring concert in March.

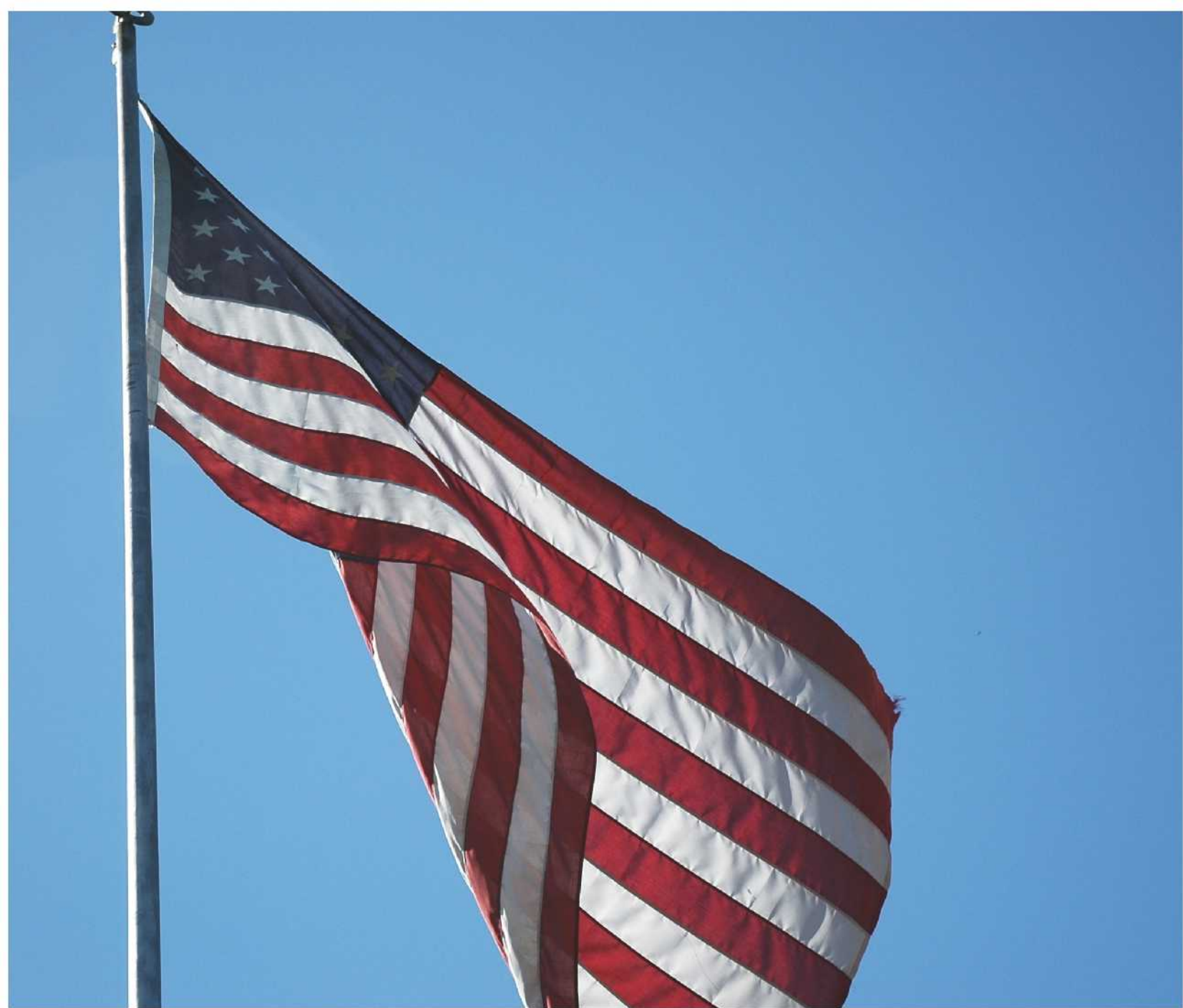
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