Library Filters: Looking Carefully

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Our campus experienced renewed excitement and energy when our students returned to Bryan after a busy summer of work, travel, and ministry opportunities. For the 662 students who comprise our student body, the school year opened with a powerful series of speakers including Dr. Frank Wright, president of the National Religious Broadcasters; Rev. Kenny Marchetti from Rockwall, Texas, who ministered during the Spiritual Life Conference; and Dr. Phillip Johnson, professor of law emeritus from the University of California, Berkeley, and leading proponent for the Intelligent Design movement.

Dr. Wright gave a most fitting Convocation message entitled “Our Appointment in History” as we began our 75th year as a Christian liberal arts college. In this era when many Christian colleges succumb to the pressures of the academy to elevate human reason above the revealed Word of God, Bryan enters her 75th year still faithful to her charter and her mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world. Even as our nation’s destiny is to fulfill its purpose as God has ordained, Dr. Wright challenged us to live out our destiny by viewing our lives through the lens of God’s Word. He reminded us that leadership is the most critical element of our being able to fulfill our destiny as God intended and that leadership is contingent upon godly character, deep convictions, and a high purpose.

One of the great rewards for those of us who minister at Bryan is the daily opportunity to work alongside co-laborers who play a significant role in developing the next generation of godly leaders. My prayer for those of us in leadership at Bryan is that we will challenge and prepare a generation of leaders with godly character—a character manifested in a godly lifestyle, a willingness to act on convictions anchored in deep faith, and a desire to gain a vision of what God can do through them to further His kingdom. Dr. Wright’s challenge to the Bryan College family was clear: “If you fully submit to God and fully commit yourself to doing His will, you will change the world.”

In this edition of Bryan Life, our spotlight is focused on the mission of our library. The library contributes a critical component in the process of forging leaders by engaging students with “life-shaping tools.” With so much information available today, the greater challenge is in its selection to achieve its ultimate purpose of developing a mature biblical world and life view for our students. Laura Kauffman, director of Bryan’s library services, explains that “students at places like Bryan move beyond data retrieval and information gathering to discovering meaning and knowing more intimately the God of Truth.” The library’s dedicated staff serving in a beautiful new facility, its outstanding collection and excellent services, and its mission and purpose provide a solid foundation for our students’ education.

For the 10th consecutive year, Bryan has been named by US News & World Report magazine as a top tier school within the Southern region of colleges and universities. Bryan’s excellence spans a broad array of learning from our certified athletic training major to our new classical studies program. I am convinced that Bryan’s commitment to excellence and to guiding students to secure eternal meaning in their collegiate pilgrimage is indeed producing leaders who “can change the world.”

Stephen D. Livesay
Sixteen billion books line the shelves of some one million libraries worldwide, volumes that represent a vast percentage of accumulated human knowledge. Until recently, those libraries stood as virtually isolated reservoirs of facts, ideas, and opinions, their contents available to local patrons and others who took advantage of interlibrary loans.

Today, thanks to the Internet, many of those libraries are virtually linked, sharing resources and opening access to information their patrons would have thought impossible to obtain locally a generation ago. The federal government offers public libraries nearly $3 billion per year to help pay for Internet access and computer setups.

But along with the blessing of new technology and federal funds came the curse of unwanted information and governmental control. In response to complaints about on-line pornography, Congress passed and President Clinton signed into law the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act in December of 2000, giving libraries until July 1, 2004, to include “a technology protection measure” which filters visual depictions that are “obscene,” constitute “child pornography,” or are “harmful to minors.” As a valid exercise of Congress’s spending power, the laws require Internet safety policies and technology which blocks such material from being accessed by minors through federally subsidized Internet connections.

Although the Supreme Court in 2003 upheld CIPA’s constitutionality, the debate the act sparked continues. Considerations the law raised affect libraries even on Christian college campuses like Bryan. The crux of the debate really hinges on whether filtering software blocks access to a significant amount of constitutionally protected speech. The answer is “no,” although filters do erroneously “overblock.” We’ve experienced that at Bryan when, for example, “site blocked” messages with well-intentioned Scripture verses about purity of thought appear on our computer screens as we research breast cancer or sexually transmitted disease. The Supreme Court has held, however, that for public libraries such blocking is acceptable if a mechanism exists for adults to bypass the filter. That constitutional concern is not an issue for a private college.

But further, these discussions encourage librarians – public and academic alike – to examine their material
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Their best, libraries offer us the guarantee of opportunity to find meaning through interaction with the human record. Public libraries doggedly protect the first element of that guarantee—equal opportunity. Research and special libraries invest countless dollars upholding the noble goal of collecting and preserving the human record. And academic libraries—especially those at Christian institutions—have the enviable calling to focus on the middle aspect, that of empowering users to explore and discover meaning through interaction with the material. Academic libraries take users beyond mere information access to levels of higher, critical thinking—equipping users to discern between information and misinformation. We enjoy levels of interaction and dialogue not readily feasible in a public library setting. How fruitful that interaction can be and how permanent the meaning when it is guided by the Holy Spirit.

In his essay, “A Crisis of Meaning,” Richard Keyes notes the frustration of what he calls the “fragmented” education he received at a well-known university. Most students are victims of a similar process, he claims, garnering “isolated bits and pieces of information most of which evaporates after an exam” (Finding God at Harvard). He attributes the fragmentation and non-lasting value of the information he acquired in college to the postmodern worldview’s “lack of having any ultimate meaning system.” In a Christian academic library, inherent epistemological assumptions allow for revelation and the importance of not separating fact from meaning. Students at places like Bryan move beyond data retrieval and information gathering, to discovering meaning and knowing more intimately the God of Truth.

There is an abundance of scholarly, subscription-based information available via the Internet, but it is only a fraction of the resources available online. There are an estimated 9 million web sites created by individuals or organizations offering information via the “surface web,” that is, the portion of the web which is accessible through open search engines. Information of varying degrees of quality is pushed at us from all directions, including from radio, television, newspapers, and magazines. In this era of “information overload,” it becomes increasingly important for information professionals to employ the best tools at their disposal, including Internet filters—though imperfect—to provide
collections of requisite and appropriate quality for their constituencies. And it becomes incumbent upon consumers—whether college students or individuals simply trying to stay abreast of current events—to critically evaluate the materials they read.

**Do we really need libraries anymore?**

In the shadows of the filter discussion is one more question worth addressing briefly. I hear it all the time. Has the Internet made libraries obsolete? While prognosticators debate whether libraries are passé in the “Amazoogle” age, millions of people, including students at Bryan, busily insist on using them. Bryan College students’ use of library resources has sky-rocketed in the past five years, from 13,000 transactions to almost 35,000.

In its report on libraries’ global impact, the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) offers the following statistics about libraries as valued destinations:

- One out of every six people in the world is a registered library user. Total number of worldwide registered library users: 1.1 billion. Population of the world: 6.2 billion.
- Five times more people visit U.S. public libraries each year (1,116,000,000) than attend U.S. professional and college football, basketball, baseball and hockey games combined (203,700,000).
- If library patrons were to pay the average sporting game ticket price of approximately $35 per visit, libraries would generate more than $39 billion in annual revenues.
- U.S. public library cardholders (148,000,000) outnumber Amazon customers (30,000,000) by almost 5 to 1.

Each day, U.S. libraries circulate nearly 4 times more items than Amazon handles. U.S. libraries circulate about the same number of items as FedEx ships per day—5.3 million. U.S. libraries circulate 1,947,600,000 items a year.

Libraries contain about 16 billion books, about 2.5 items for each person on earth. At an average price of $45 per book, the worldwide library book inventory approaches nearly three-quarters of a trillion dollars. (From “OCLC Libraries: How they stack up.” Used with permission.) This report provides a snapshot of the economic impact of libraries. It contains interesting comparisons of library economics and activities to other sectors, professions and destinations in the worldwide economy. The full report is available at www.oclc.org.

Even with the full text of 60 percent of Bryan’s library—namely, 10,000 journals, magazines, newspapers, and 40,000 e-books—available to them on-line 24/7, both on and off campus, students endlessly ask for more library hours.

I have a resident director friend who regularly assures me that the library at Bryan is as much in the “life transformation” ministry as any entity on any Christian campus. I don’t doubt that at all. That’s the essence of my daily prayer as I walk through the doors of this beautiful building each morning, as we make choices in selecting materials, and as we learn alongside students.

About this time every year, at new student orientation, I tell freshmen my testimony of how a library book saved my life. At a time when I didn’t trust the Bible, the Holy Spirit used the message of an inconspicuous library volume to bring me to renewed faith in Christ. The book was Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Christ the Center*. God continues to use this library as
Bryan students’ use of library resources has skyrocketed.

written by a scholar who frequents Bryan College’s library. Surrounded by expansive windows in the library’s scenic Spoede Room, the poet was inspired by “echoes of far centuries ago” available to her through the medium of books. Her poem conveys the essence of finding God in the library—that is, engaging the human record, infused by the Holy Spirit.

Rainy Day in the Library

Against the steady ictus towards the ground,
Rain strikes rubato drops until it sings
its melody of water-pings on spout;
Then slides in thin canals between the grout.
In wet green tones the Wind sweeps through the grass,
drooping roses and splattering on the glass;
Invisible, yet in transparent rings,
Turns the world to watercolor sound.
As tonal feelings from far centuries ago
clarify to my late heart what others wrote.
These today illumine Jerome’s old quote
to Tranquillinus on reading Origen’s Greek.
Sounding depth by “what’s bitter, what is sweet”
shows Chrystal good by rain on spout and window.

Laura Kaufmann, director of library services at Bryan College, is a member of the Bryan Class of 1987.

What’s COOKING?
In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Bryan College, the Bryan Women’s Auxiliary is soliciting your favorite recipes for publication in a fundraiser cookbook. Please print carefully or type your recipe and mail back by October 29th to:
BWA-Darlene Lestmann, P.O. Box 7816, Dayton, TN 37321
or e-mail to BWA@bryan.edu.
If possible please include history/info of recipe and/or your connection with Bryan and the class year you are part of. If you want to reserve your copy, please let us know that also. We anticipate the cost to be $10/cookbook plus S&H if applicable.
Lessons Learned at Bryan

It was a short move from the classroom to the library, but David Wright has found that both settings have their own educational challenges.

David, a 1974 elementary education graduate, taught fourth grade for two-and-a-half years before earning his Master of Science degree in Library Science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, then found himself back at Bryan working in the library.

“I knew when I was a student at Bryan that I wanted to go to library school.” He said. “I thought with my elementary education major I would go into a school library, and even got my school library certification.” But while he was finishing his master’s degree in 1977, Dr. John Bartlett, who was Bryan’s academic vice president at the time, called to ask if he would be interested in a job at Bryan.

“Ginny Seguine, (’54, Schatz) was leaving, and Rebecca Van Meeveren, (’83H), was going to be director. There was an understanding that I would become director after some transition time,” he explained.

“Coming back to Bryan probably was one of the best moves for me. Being a graduate, I knew the library and knew the institution. Working with Rebecca Van Meeveren was wonderful; I consider her one of my strongest mentors. She was a librarian’s librarian. She had a good plan of services and had excellent skills in organizing a collection. All that was a wonderful influence on me.”

In 1988, David moved to the Atlanta area where he went to work as a trainer for the Southeastern Library Network, and in 1990 relocated to Zanesville, Ohio, where he was library director for the Zanesville campus of the Ohio University and Muskingum Area Technical College. In 1992 he took the opportunity to become director of the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., where he continues to serve.

“I love the variety of what I deal with every day,” he said. “I’m fortunate to be in a position where I’m not so overwhelmed with administrative duties, so I’m still able to be involved with the selection process. I enjoy the personnel side of the job more than I ever thought I would. I enjoy working with projects. I like looking at the big picture and seeing how we can help the institution.”

David faces problems common to most librarians – trying to continually develop the library’s collection in an era of rising costs and limited financial resources. In recent years, this task has changed from simply ordering books and magazines to include providing electronic resources. “We used to ask, ‘Do we buy this book?’ Now we ask, ‘Do we maintain this database, and what do we give up to do that?’ ‘What do we maintain in our print collection and what do we provide electronically?’” he explained.

One lesson he learned at Bryan College is very much a part of David’s every-day experience. “Inspiring professors like Louise Bentley, about whom I cannot say enough good things, really helped me to be a life-long learner.” Today, in addition to keeping up with changes in his field, he has completed coursework for a Ph.D. degree in education administration, planning to receive his degree in May, 2005.

Along the way, David and his wife, Debbie, a nurse manager in Jackson, Miss., have passed along that love of learning to their children, Benjamin, Anna, and Evan.

“The broad-based, rigorous academic preparation at Bryan was very helpful, because I deal with subject matter across the board,” he said. “I was challenged, especially during my freshman year, to work hard at education. I particularly value the idea that our Christian worldview has to permeate our whole educational experience.”
Bryan:

TOP TIER 10th TIME

For the 10th consecutive year, Bryan College has been ranked among the top tier of southern comprehensive colleges in the annual evaluation by US News & World Report.

Bryan was ranked 13th among 35 institutions in the southern region’s top tier of schools. Bryan led schools in the category of freshmen who placed in the top 25 percent of their high school class with 72 percent, and tied for first in the average freshman retention category (81 percent) with Asbury College in Kentucky.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said, “We are so pleased for the tenth consecutive year to be recognized in the top tier of colleges in our region. This recognition showcases Bryan’s ability to successfully meet the challenges of a complex and changing world with a current curriculum and a consistency of mission. We are honored by this recognition and grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve our students and community through Christian higher education.”
“Intelligent Design” is a tactical attempt to confront the logical inconsistencies of evolutionary theory and win a hearing for those who believe there is a Creator behind creation.

Dr. Phillip Johnson, architect of the intelligent design movement, gave his first-hand account of the origin of his efforts during a chapel program in August as part of a speaking tour in the Chattanooga area.

Dr. Johnson said his interest in the topic can be traced back to his boyhood fascination with the Scopes Evolution Trial. “I was a great admirer of Clarence Darrow as a true believer in evolution,” he said.

After his conversion, he said he began to examine evolutionary theory from his perspective as a lawyer. “As I examined this literature [on evolution], it was clear to me that this great scientific theory was not as it had been presented. The proponents always took the tack that the only opponents of the theory were Christian fundamentalists who have to have a law shutting down thought. The only thing the theory threatens is the Book of Genesis if it is read literally.

“It became clear as I studied that the evolutionary process is based squarely on philosophical reasoning, not on experimental reasoning. If God is out of the equation, what we’re left with is chance and physical law. Starting from the standpoint of no creator, we know something like Darwinian evolution is the medium, so we look at the evidence for illustration.”

This realization led him to a strategy for confronting Darwinism. “What we need to do is not propose a Biblical position or use buzz words like ‘creation’ and ‘Bible’ that bring up a reaction from people, but separate science from philosophy,” he said.

There are two definitions of science, he explained. “The good one is that science is the business of impartially investigating facts and conducting experiments to test theories. The second turns up when it has to. That is, science is applied rationalistic philosophy that starts with the un falsifiable a priori assumption that nature is all there is. That being the case, nature is made up of particles and particles had to do their own creating. Therefore, evolution has to be true. The winning strategy is to divide the two theories and ask which one we should follow. Should we follow evidence or philosophy?”

A second part of the plan is to “pursue a political and legal strategy to unite the divided people and divide the united people.”

He said Christians, particularly, and religious people in general seem to be divided. They are united on the existence of a Creator, but are divided on the importance of Genesis and divided over the age of the earth.

“I did not want to embrace the Genesis literalist position; I didn’t want to compare the Bible with science until we could settle what science is. But I didn’t want to pursue that approach to its logical conclusion. What we want to do is start with part of the Bible that unifies: John 1:1, ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’ We ask, is that true or false?

“My approach to Genesis is its importance has to be reached, but it isn’t the right place to start. Start with what unifies. What we seek is a consensus that science has been wrong, dishonestly wrong. That is a mighty blow to the orthodox scientific Darwinian establishment. After that, that’s the time to take up Genesis.

“One position we wanted to shoot down was theistic evolution. That is completely false. If you have a Creator, material doesn’t have to evolve. The strategic consideration is to treat each other with respect and friendship. If you try to pit the Bible against the scientific community too early, you will lose. That’s the mistake [William Jennings] Bryan made. It’s a strategic consideration.”

Dr. Johnson said that during the Scopes Trial “Bryan could have emphasized the real reason for opposing the Darwinian theory. He had seen the military development of Germany [before World War I] and how it was dependent on Darwinian theory. That was a public relations issue. We see today people are concerned about the intellectual and social consequences of Darwinism. Darwin spawned a whole generation of scientific racism. There was racism before Darwin, but he gave a scientific basis for it. That was the way to approach it [the Scopes Trial] rather than seeming to pit themselves against modern science.”
Students invited to meet ‘appointment in history’

America’s crisis of leadership will be resolved by the kind of leaders we have more than what those leaders do, Bryan’s convocation speaker told an auditorium full of future leaders as the school year began in August.

Dr. Frank Wright, president of the National Religious Broadcasters Association, speaking to the Bryan community as classes began, said, “The heart and soul of leadership is virtue and moral excellence.” He challenged the students to be concerned more with character than with deeds.

“I believe that you have an appointment in history. Now I know that the standard stock of convocation and commencement speeches is to remind you that you are our future. That is, of course, true; it’s not very profound, but true,” he said. “Let’s be direct here. You will be our future leaders. The question is will your leadership be good, bad or indifferent. In fact, given the quality of the student body at Bryan, the real question is: will you be merely a world leader or will you be a world changer?”

Dr. Wright said the difference between a world leader and a world changer is set out in Romans 12: 1-2, where Paul says we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds so we can know the perfect will of God. “If you leave this place without coming to grips with these truths, your sojourn in this world will likely be uneventful and insignificant. But if you fully submit to God and fully commit yourself to knowing and doing His will, you will change the world.”

Dr. Wright’s address came four days after 174 new students arrived on campus, 133 freshmen and 41 transfers. Director of Admissions Mark Cruver said the freshmen had an average ACT score of 24, compared to a national average of 20.9. Their average high school grade average was 3.56. Thirty-five percent of the freshmen came from public schools, 31 percent from private or Christian schools, and 32 percent were home schooled. Reversing a trend of the past several years, 58 percent of the freshmen are male, 42 percent female.

During the opening orientation session, when new students introduced themselves and told what they hope to be doing in 10 years, about a quarter said they wanted to be working in education, 20 percent in vocational ministry, and 12 percent in the medical field.

Parents, too, had an orientation session, as members of the Student Life staff answered questions and made suggestions about leaving sons and daughters in a new place. Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Peter Held, encouraged parents to let their young people work through some of the adjustments themselves. “Spiritually, the freshman year can be a struggle,” he said. “They struggle here with the same things they struggle with at home. Sometimes they think college will fix whatever they struggle with at home. We will love them in the midst of their struggles.”
## Fall Enrollment

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President SCHOLARSHIPS Awarded

Seven freshmen have been awarded Presidential Scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year.

Presidential Scholars include:

**LAURA BARTON**, daughter of Wesley and Denise Barton of Franklin, N.C., plans to major in elementary education.

Laura, a home school graduate, has helped with Franklin's Bel Canto children's choir performances and is active in her church. As a sophomore in high school, she directed the kindergarten graduation play.

She learned about Bryan from friends at her church. Bryan "offers everything I want. After visiting, I felt like that is where the Lord wanted me to go."

While at Bryan, she hopes to be involved with Hilltop Players and one of the Practical Christian Involvement ministries, perhaps PALS. After graduation, she plans to become an elementary school teacher.

**JONATHAN BRYANT**, son of John and Denise Bryant of Winchester, Ky., plans to major in communication studies.

Jonathan, a home school graduate, has been active in 4-H, serving as Kentucky treasurer; has served as president of the Bluegrass Area Teen Council and was chairman of the State Teen Council bylaws committee. He was named to *Who’s Who Among American High School Students* and was a delegate to the national 4-H Congress. This summer, he interned with Kentucky Child Now, an organization that advocates for positive youth development.

He learned about Bryan when he attended a Worldview Team presentation and heard Dr. Jeff Myers speak. Despite being impressed, he kept looking at other colleges, "but Bryan kept coming up. I'd rule it out, but God kept bringing it back up. He won." Receiving the Presidential Scholarship was his confirmation that God wanted him at Bryan, he said.

At Bryan, he hopes to be involved with the college Republican club, student government, and to introduce Freedom's Answer, a non-partisan get-out-the-vote initiative. He said during the 2002 elections, more than a million young people were involved with that group.

After graduating, he hopes to attend law school and work in the area of constitutional law.
JILLIAN CARR, daughter of Ronald and Kimberly Carr of Jacksonville, Fla., plans to major in biology. Jillian, a graduate of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, was business manager for the school newspaper and yearbook, vice president of the Bible Club, and was a tutor.

She learned about Bryan from friends, and was impressed with the school’s motto, Christ Above All. “Bryan carries out that motto, but it doesn’t detract from the academics, and the academics don’t detract from Christ Above All,” she said. “There’s a community atmosphere. They reach out to people, and that’s really impressive.”

At Bryan, she plans to be involved with a PCI ministry, possibly tutoring or PALS.

After graduation, she plans to teach biology in high school.

NILES FLEET, son of Gary and Judy Fleet of Dalton, Ga., plans to pursue a pre-med major. Niles, a graduate of Christian Heritage School in Dalton, was president of the student council, was named to the academics Hall of Fame, received the Richard Brock Memorial Award for overcoming adversity, and was captain of the soccer team.

He grew up knowing about Bryan, as his mother, grandfather, and uncle are alumni and his sister is a student. “I’ve always liked Bryan,” he said. He attended Summit, and appreciates the mission statement and the worldview emphasis.

He plans to play soccer at Bryan and participate in the work-study program.

Following graduation he plans to attend medical school and specialize in orthopedic medicine.

PAUL GUTACKER, son of Jim and Sue Ellen Gutacker of New Egypt, N.J., plans to study Christian education with a concentration in youth ministry.

Paul, a home school graduate, has received awards for piano and poetry. He has taught a children’s club and organized youth events throughout New Jersey promoting teens in ministry, and plays guitar in a Christian alternative band.

He learned about Bryan when he met admissions counselor Danny Reid at a college fair. “I visited the campus and met some students. That really impressed me, and I decided to come,” he said.

At Bryan, he hopes to be involved in music, ministry, and possibly student government.

Following graduation, he plans to work in full-time youth ministry.

JESSICA HUNDLEY, daughter of Chris and Donna Hundley of Knoxville, Tenn., plans to major in English. Jessica, a graduate of Fulton High School in Knoxville, was National Honor Society, student government, and Key Club secretary; class salutatorian; captain of the soccer team; and AAU national champion in power tumbling and trampoline.

She began to seriously consider Bryan when she met some students while she was snowboarding in Gatlinburg. Former admissions counselor Tara Cherry “urged me to apply. Every step of the way God worked things out. It was so clear God wanted me there.” At Bryan, she plans to be involved in musical programs and the women’s ministry at Bryan. After graduating, she hopes to travel, possibly study abroad, and work as a writer.

BLAKELEY SPENCER, daughter of William and Colleen Spencer of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., plans to major in political communications.

Blakeley, a home school graduate, was active in her church, in the student government at Okaloosa-Walton Community College, and was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She also was named to the All-Florida Academic Team.

She learned about Bryan when she attended the Summit at Bryan College two years. “I felt like this is where God wants me,” she said. “Bryan has a great academic program, I really like the professors, and am impressed with the political communications major. The students are really enthusiastic about it.” At Bryan, she hopes to start a band and be involved in athletics. After graduation she may pursue a master’s degree, and hopes to work in the foreign intelligence field in Europe.

scrambling to fill those slots. “The key for Bryan is working for the future, retention of the new soccer players,” he said. “I’m looking to build a foundation again, since we lost five great players last year. It takes time to develop replacements.”

This season he has scheduled five junior varsity games to give younger players much-needed game experience as they learn the Bryan style and system.

As he is working to develop the new players, the coach is leaning on his three seniors, Danny Harvey, the captain and a two-time All-Conference player; Mark Ramsey, “who anchors our defense”; and Jordan Matthiessen, who shares goalkeeping duties with Jonathan Sutton.

Coach Zensen said he expects his returning juniors to make a significant contribution as well. “Tyler Oglesby has a stabilizing presence on the field; his experience helps younger players. Craig Biddy is our generalist. I have played him at about every field position. Thiago Goncalves will be a key factor because of his experience. Jorge Valaje will be a leader up top. And I’m expecting a good effort from Tim Franklin.”

He expects Covenant, Milligan, and King to battle for the conference crown this season, but promises a strong effort from his Lions. “I think we will surprise a few people later on in the season,” he said. “If we stay healthy, the team can be competitive.”

**MEN’S SOCCER SCHEDULE**

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LIONS SOCCER TEAM REBUILDING

“Inexperienced” best describes Coach Sandy Zensen’s evaluation of his 2004 men’s soccer team – plenty of talent, plenty of bodies, but not much experience.

“We have 16 new players that we’re trying to integrate into the team,” Dr. Zensen said. “It will be a learning experience because the adjustment to the college game is fairly significant.”

The Lions lost five starters off last year’s team that finished 18-3, and the coach is...
‘Dark Horse’ Year Holds Promise for Volleyball Team

“New” may be a key description for the Lady Lions volleyball team this fall, and new Coach Leo Sayles is hoping to use “new” to the team’s advantage. “We have a new coach and a lot of new players, so we have nothing to lose,” Coach Sayles said. “But we’ve set our goals high. We’re looking at this as a dark horse year. Hopefully, we can catch some of the conference teams by surprise.”

While there are a lot of newcomers, there is a strong core of seniors. “Randi Mellon, our captain this year, is an All-Conference player,” he said. She will be one of the top setters in the conference. Abby Humphrey was an All-Conference freshman last year. She’s showing mid-season form already. She has the opportunity to make a great contribution.

Rebecca Rusch spent a lot of time on the back row last year, and I expect her to be one of our rocks if she can get past some nagging injuries.” Also back, after a year without playing, are Cathrine Strode and Kim Barlow.

An impressive freshman roster already is contributing, Coach Sayles said. “We are not as deep as I’d like us to be, but the freshmen are really stepping up. In scrimmages, I’m not seeing a fall-off in performance when we bring in someone off the bench. They play really well together. That will be our ace in the hole if we continue to play with that united spirit.”

Among team goals are finishing at least as well as they did in the conference standings last year and improving on the 16-15 overall record. “I think we have a good chance to move up. This year the NAIA region changed the tournament rules – the top three from each conference will go to the tournament, so that will give the girls something to shoot for.”

He also wants to see more consistent play from the team. “The way they’re starting this year, I think we’ll be able to maintain a high level of intensity and focus. They’re learning that if we set our own goals and focus on those goals, regardless of who we’re playing, we’ll be all right.”

One highlight – which also will be a challenge – for the season will be playing in a tournament in Illinois with several top teams from around the country. “This is a good opportunity to gauge where we are, where we have to go,” the coach said. “Moving outside our region can give us an indication of what more work we have to do to build our program.”

LADY LIONS’ VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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LADY LIONS SOCCER SQUAD WORKING HARD

Bryan’s Lady Lions soccer team may face challenges as the 2004 season begins, but Coach Mark Sauve believes the heart his squad has shown will translate into victories on the field.

Coach Sauve, who came to Bryan this fall from the Charlotte Eagles soccer ministry program, said seven players have returned from last year’s team that went 7-6 and earned a trip to the NCCAA national tournament for the third consecutive year.

Joining the seven veterans are eight newcomers. “It’s a young team,” the coach said. “We’re young, we’re learning, and we’re working hard. If we work hard, we’ll be in games.” I think we can defend the NCCAA titles the team won in 2001, 2002, and 2003, and I’m looking to be competitive in the NAIA region.

“We started with such a small number coming in – we only had 11 report for camp. But the girls are working hard. I think our fans will see a strong work ethic. I expect the team to never give up, always play hard no matter what the outcome. I think we’ll have a strong defense and a working offense. I think it will be exciting to see.”

Abigail Snead is back for her fourth season, the only four-year player on the squad. “I’m counting on her for goals scored, and she’ll offer strong leadership as well,” Coach Sauve said.

On defense, sophomore Heather Couch returns as goalkeeper. “She will help stabilize our defense,” he said.

The coach said, “I think as a team we will be pretty good on defense. Offensively, we’re not going to blow teams out, but I don’t think we’ll get blown out. I think we’ll be competitive.”

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BRYAN ALUM WINS GOLD IN OLYMPICS

The U.S. men’s eight Olympic rowing team, with Bryan alumnus Dan Beery in the No. 6 seat, won the gold medal during the Athens Olympic games, the first gold medal for the United States in the event in 40 years.

Dan, a member of the Bryan College Class of 1997, played basketball at Bryan before transferring to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he took up the sport of rowing. It took him five years to make the U.S. National Team, a feat he accomplished in 2002.

Following the gold medal performance, Dan said, “God gives you a few chances to stand toe to toe with everybody else. It’s a test, and today we came through.”

In prior international competitions, he won the gold medal in the “men’s pair with coxswain” division in 2003, and finished second the year before.

Of his world championship performance, Dan told Bryan College’s alumni magazine Bryan Life, “The significant part is that I never gave up. Just like [former Bryan basketball Coach Morris] Michalski used to say, ‘Never underestimate the heart of a Lion.’“
faculty at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, where he will be responsible for recruiting and faculty development in the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

CONNIE (ROBINSON) VOGT, ’66, has retired after 30 years in education. Connie was a fifth grade teacher at Dayton, Tenn., City School when she retired. She said she and her husband, BOB, ’67, plan to spend time with their nine grandchildren.

DAVID FISHER, ’67, was appointed senior minister of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, N.Y., in August. David is author of the book The 21st Century Pastor, which is in its eighth printing, and is writing a follow-up book, 21st Century Preaching.

TED CAUDILL, ’67, is associate pastor and minister of music at Ladson Baptist Church near Charleston, S.C.

LIL (SEERA) ANDREWS, ’67 was named the 2004 Teacher of the Year in the local Wal-Mart district for Rhea County, Tenn., where she is a teacher in the information technology department at Rhea County High School. Lil is in her 38th year of teaching.

PAUL, ’68, and Sandy TIMBLIN returned from Germany in April for the funeral of his father. Paul has been busy with ministry opportunities beyond his usual service at Brake Bible Institute, and they expect the summer to be full, as well.

MICHAEL LOFTIN, ’68, has been named executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Chattanooga, Tenn.

JOHN, ’68, and NAOMI (COX), ’70x, CORCORAN celebrated the birth of their first grandchild in August. John and Naomi live in Chesterfield, Va., where John serves as chaplain in the Chesterfield County Jail with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, and Naomi is secretary to the senior pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Richmond.

JOHN and JOYCE (BUICE) LARRABEE have returned to Brazil after a visit to the States, where they gave 20 presentations of their work in Brazil.

KEITH PATMAN, ’75, participated in a Bible-reading marathon at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., this spring. He, his brother-in-law, and nephew read from 1:30 to 2:30 a.m. as part of an 80-hour effort to read through the Bible.

LUCY LIEB, ’76, is librarian at Maranatha Seminary and Bible Institute in Fortaleza, Brazil, where she teaches new students good study habits. She also teaches juniors at Nova Metropole Bible Church.

NANCY LIEB, ’77x, is field treasurer and legal director for Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission, and works at the Maranatha Seminary and Bible Institute in the finance department.

STEPHEN FELTS, ’79, has moved from Nashville, Tenn., to Orlando, Fla., to work as part of the national team for WorldWide Student Network, the overseas campus arm of Campus Crusade for Christ. He and several others are launching a ministry with Campus Crusade called No Boundaries, to create strategic partnerships between U.S. churches and universities with campus ministries overseas where no churches exist. The goal is to plant churches through these partnerships. He moved to Orlando in May and was settled in enough to have his life disrupted by Hurricane Charlie in August.

FRANCISCO CLEAVES, ’81, writes to say he and his family recently visited Honduras, where they met former Bryan soccer players JOSE VEGA, ’78, and CARLOS VEGA, ’81, in San Pedro Sula. Carlos is owner and general manager of C&S Consultoria y Marketing. Jose is the company’s regional manager for the north coast. While at Bryan, Jose and Carlos were members of the 1973-77 NCCAA national championship soccer teams, and Francisco was a member of the 1977 team. Francisco and his wife, JULIE (KNICKERBOCKER), ’83x, live in Manheim, Pa., and Francisco is business operations manager for the Exelon Corp., at the Peach Bottom Nuclear station in Pennsylvania.

JERRY BAUMAN, ’61, retired in June after 27 years as pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Traverse City, Mich. He and his wife, Char, will be living in Florida.

DAVID EGNER, ’62, traveled to Moscow, Russia, in April to teach Isaiah through Malachi, and PHIL HOBSON, ’62 spent part of February in Minsk, Belarus, at the Minsk Bible College teaching a survey of Hebrews through Revelation. They are planning another trip to Minsk in February 2005, to teach Paul’s epistles. David is retired from Radio Bible Class, but still writes for RBC. He and his wife, SHIRLEY (WHITENER), ’63x, live in Grand Rapids, Mich. Phil and his wife, Mary, live in Traverse City, Mich.

J. PATRICK WHITAKER, ’63x, has been named director of
They serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

JERRY and CINDY (WILLIAMSON) WALKER, both ’84, had a busy furlough, traveling throughout the United States, speaking and visiting friends, family, and supporters. They got to sled and make snowmen with their children while in Ohio during the winter, something not possible in Papua New Guinea where they serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

LORI (SWAIM), ’89, and Carlos MONTOYA announce the birth of their daughter, Sara Grace, on Aug. 6. Sara weighed 8 lbs., 11 ozs. She joins siblings Jeremy, Kimberly, Jonathan, Marcy, and Leslie. The Montoya family lives in Siguatepeque, Comayagua, Honduras.

LOIS (SWAIM), ’89, and Daren MELSON announce the birth of their first child, Phillip James, on April 20. The Melson family lives in Rock Hill, S.C., where Daren works as a computer programmer and Cynthia is a tutor and helps run the family computer business.

GREG HOLST, ’92, recently received his MBA degree from Capital University, in Columbus, Ohio. Greg works for J.P. Morgan Fleming, where he is an internal wholesaler of mutual funds. Greg, Sharon, and their three children live in Ostrander, Ohio.

Derek, ’92, and Candace (Rockey), ’91, REAML, announce the birth of their third child, Caleb, on Sept. 12, 2003. Caleb weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and was welcomed by sister Danielle and brother Ben. The Ream family serves with UFM International in Indonesia.

Michael, ’93X, and Julia (Edleton), ’96, COLLMS announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Ashley, on Feb. 17. Megan weighed 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother Daniel, 2. The Colloms family lives in Cleveland, Tenn.

Mark and Kathleen (Maranz), ’94, NAVRATIL, announce the birth of their daughter, Zarya Christelle, on Sept. 30, 2003. Zarya had a "rough start," Kathleen said, but now is doing fine. She joins big brother Skyler, 3. The family lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where...
and coach, while Emily is enjoying being a full-time mom at their home in Lancaster, Pa.

TIT McGHEE, ’99, has been promoted to manager of the Radioshack in L’Enfant Plaza in Washington, D.C. The store is located three blocks south of the National Mall.

BRYAN, ’99, and MARLA (FISHER), ’00, OSBORNE both received Master’s degrees in education from Lee University in August, 2003.

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JEREMY, ’98, and Neyled CHEON announce the birth of their daughter, Anielia Sofia, on May 30. Anielia weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Tiffin Ashworth, ’99, and Matthew Barile were married June 12 in Knoxville, Tenn. Tiffin is the daughter of PHIL, ’66, and KATIE (MCCROSKEY), ’67, ASHWORTH of Dayton. Her sister, CHARA ARMSTRONG, ’95, sang at the wedding, and her attendants included EMILY (MAYO) HOPPERS, ’97, and CHRISTIE (WILHOIT) WALTERS, ’99. Tiffin and Matthew live in Kennesaw, Ga.

JASON ERICKSON, ’99, and AMANDA IMMEL, ’04, were married July 31, in Charlotte, N.C.

LORANDA SILER, ’00, and James Lyons were married June 12, in South Pittsburg, Tenn.

JOSH MULLINS, ’00, and CHRISTINA NEELY, ’01, were married May 22, in Athens, Tenn.

AMY FORD, ’00, received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., in May. She began a three-year residency program at North Colorado Family Medicine in Greeley, Colo., in July.

ASHLEY SISKEY, ’00, has moved from New York City to Nashville, Tenn., where she works for the National Federation of Independent Businesses as a senior meeting planner. She is continuing her affiliation with the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and Fourth of July Fireworks as a key volunteer.

KELLY GRIFFIS, ’00, and Corey Gilbert were married July 12, 2003, in Mesquite, Texas. Bryan alumni in attendance included MATTHEW MCDANIEL, ’99; AMY (GRIFFIS) MCDANIEL, ’01; MARINA (CRUZ) KRESS, ’99; SHAY HAYNES, ’99; and LYDIA TALLENT, ’00. Kelly and Corey live in Florence, Miss., where Kelly is working as a paralegal and Corey is an administrator at Wesley College.

MIRIAM HAMMOND, ’01, and Joseph Ledbetter were married July 10, in Knoxville, Tenn. Miriam is a French teacher at Ringgold, Ga., Middle School, and Joseph is in the U.S. Army.

JEFF, ’01, and JILL (REEVES), ’00, CONSTANCE announce the birth of their second son, Trevor James, on July 1. Trevor weighed 9 lbs., and was 20 inches long. Trevor joins big brother Tyler, 2.

DANIEL CARVER, ’01, and MELINDA PANGEL, ’04, were married July 17, in Spartanburg, S.C. The Carvers live in Greenville, S.C.

IV, ’02, and KATIE (BUTTRAM), ’03, SMITH announce the birth of their first child, George L. Smith V, who will be called King. King was born May 20, and weighed 10 lbs., 4 oz. IV is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and the family is living in Dayton, Tenn., until he reports for additional training in January 2005.
Jason McConnell were married April 3, in Franklin, N.C. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Jason is assigned to the Navy base at Goose Creek, while he attends nuclear power school.

MARSHA EAST, '02, moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in October 2003, and is teaching music to kindergarten through sixth graders at Wonderpark Elementary School. Before moving to Alaska, she played Jellylurin/Griddlebone in CATS at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, Tenn.

DANIEL DUNCAN, '02, has been named Money Matters development manager for Drake Software in Franklin, N.C. Crown Financial Ministries, the successor organization to the late Larry Burkett's ministry, contracted with Drake Software to complete computer coding for Money Matters 2005. Money Matters had been working on the project for more than two years, and it took Drake Software another six months to complete. Now Drake is developing versions for Mac and Linux applications and is planning for a Palm version. The new software will provide additional online banking features as well as ministry and small business applications.

DIANE (JOHNSON) WALKER, '03, received her Master of Arts in Teaching degree in July from Lee University. Diane is teaching secondary mathematics at Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

HANNA PRATT, '03, and Jonathan Carson were married May 22, in Lookout Mountain, Ga. The couple lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

JASON THORP, '03, completed advanced individual training at the U.S. Army's Ft. Jackson, S.C., in early August, and was to report to his duty station in Germany in mid-August.

CLAIRE WILLIAMS, '03, has begun graduate school in elementary education at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She is rooming with LAURA LUSTER, '01, who is interning with Volunteers for Christ, a UT campus outreach.

JONATHAN BASHER, '04, and BEVERLY DAVIS, '03, were married Oct. 20, 2003, in Beverly's hometown in France. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

MASON, '04, and KRISTI (SIMMONS), '01, HUDLOW announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Thomas, on April 13. Jonathan weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. ROGER, '02, and Karen SIMMONS are grandparents. The Hudlow family lives in Rome, Ga., where Mason is director of dining services for Winshape Retreat and Kristi is a stay-at-home mom.

Peter Fowler were married April 26, 2003. Their daughter, Juliana Faith, was born May 7, 2004, and weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. She was 19 1/2 inches long. Emily and Peter preparing to go to the mission field in France.

LOIS (RINGLER) SCHUMACHER, '57, of Auburndale, Fla., died June 8.

CHARLOTTE (MEADE) CAUDILL, '70x, of Ladson, S.C., died April 13, after a lengthy illness. She and her husband, TED CAUDILL, '67, had been married nearly 36 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son and a daughter.

PATRICIA (WELLS) HIPPLE, '72, died June 19, while visiting her parents in Huntington, W.Va. She is survived by her husband, GEORGE HIPPLE, '71, and two sons.

JULIAN MOTIS, '76x, died Aug. 9. He is survived by his wife, Lillie, five children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RUSSELL COURTNEY and KATHERINE STRUNK, both '04, were married June 12, in Lookout Mountain, Tenn. They have moved to Greenville, S.C., where Russell is director of the middle school youth at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and Kate is looking for a job.

LEKESHA SANDERS, '04x, has competed U.S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes, Ill.

STEPHANIE HUTTENHOFF, '04, and Brian Moody were married June 19, in Cleveland, Tenn. The Moodys live in Cleveland.

SHANNA NIEZWAAG, '04, and William Bechtel III were married May 15. BJ is center manager for Inner City Impact in Chicago, and Shanna volunteers at the center.

With The Lord

ALBERT F. WYLIE, '44, died Dec. 18, 2003, in St. Louis, Mo. He is survived by his wife, GWEN (HAY), '45; daughter DIANA RIGDEN, '68; and sons JOHN, '72, and Gregg.

ALICE (TUCKER) ST. JOHN, '47x, died June 30. She and her husband, the Rev. ROBERT ST. JOHN, '44, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary two weeks before her death. She is survived by two sons and a daughter and 12 grandchildren.

FRANCIS BRILL, '50, of Gibbon, Neb., died June 2. He is survived by his wife, Edith, two sons and a daughter.

If you are an alum and have information for us to publish in Lion Tracks, send it to: Alumni Office Bryan College P.O. Box 7000 Dayton, TN 37321 or email: alumni@bryan.edu
Coach Matt Bollant conducted a basketball clinic for boys and girls from the Rhea County area in August. Proceeds from the clinic will help defray the cost of a missions trip the Lady Lions basketball team is planning to the Bahamas in December.

Dr. David Fouts had a paper entitled "Selected Lexical and Grammatical Studies in Genesis 1" published in the Andrews University Seminary Studies, Vol. 42, No. 1. He had presented the paper at the 2001 national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Mr. Stefan Gray and Mr. Jason Wasser attended the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association’s information technology retreat in July.

Dr. Ruth Kantzer attended a meeting in June at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, sponsored by the Appalachian College Association (ACA), on effective faculty mentoring processes.

Dr. Bill Lay and Mr. Earl Reed attended the ACA-sponsored Teaching and Learning Institute at Montreat College in North Carolina May 30 to June 3.

Dr. Ray Legg officiated at the weddings of two alumni couples this summer, was the chapel speaker for a week at Cumberland Springs Bible Camp in Dayton, and played the role of William Jennings Bryan for the 14th year for the Scopes Trial Festival in July.

Dr. Stephen Livesay participated in the eighth annual Colloquy on Christian Education and Culture at the Consortium for Education Advancement in New York City in August. The colloquy was moderated by Dr. Peter C. Moore, president of the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry.

Dr. David Luther attended an orchestral conducting workshop at Carnegie Hall in New York City with Michael Tilson Thomas in April.

Miss Michele Pascucci spent the summer in Spain, where she passed the oral examination for her doctoral program. She also did research, audited a doctoral class, and traveled.

Mr. John Stonestreet presented eight worldview programs at Florida schools and churches, some in conjunction with the Worldview Team and Mr. Travis Stevens, in May. He attended the "Scripture and the Disciplines" conference with Dr. Paul Boling at Wheaton College. He spoke at several conferences in June, and directed the Summit at Bryan College in July.

Dr. Jack Traylor wrote an evaluation of a new American history textbook for McGraw-Hill Publishers, and revised and updated the history section of the Scopes Trial annotated bibliography.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit’s article, “What Am I Doing Here?” has been selected for inclusion in College Faith 2: 150 Christian Leaders and Educators Share Faith Stories from their Student Days, published by Andrews University Press.

Dr. Dan Wilson taught a course in first-year Biblical Greek at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam, Holland, June 25 to July 17. Tyndale Seminary is an English-speaking seminary that offers Master’s level training for ministry and missions to evangelical students who come mostly from Eastern and Western Europe and Africa.

Ketchersid Publishes Book on Gilded Age

Dr. Bill Ketchersid, professor of history, has published The Gilded Age Presidency Reconsidered, a reassessment of the presidencies of Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, and Grover Cleveland. In his book, Dr. Ketchersid argues that the popular perception of these as presidents dominated by a strong Congress is wrong. He demonstrates how these men responded to economic problems and initiated policies to eliminate the evils of the spoils system.

The book is an expansion of his doctoral dissertation.
A good experience and fond memories have led two former faculty members to do what they can to support Bryan College after they are with the Lord.

Dr. Frank and Carol Zeller, who live in Bloomington, Ind., taught science courses at Bryan for over five years. Carol came first. She was a senior zoology major at Wheaton when she visited Bryan in the fall of 1947 as a guest of a former Bryan student. While on campus Carol visited the biology lab and met the professor. During their conversation he mentioned that he planned to go to graduate school the next fall. He then said, “Why don’t I go in and resign and you can interview for the position while you are here?” They did, and when Carol returned to Wheaton she carried a contract in her pocket.

When she returned in the fall of 1948, Carol went immediately to the biology lab to inventory equipment and get ready for classes the following week. She found only two microscopes and two boxes of slides. After the first wave of panic, she located some catalogs and put together an order for 10 rebuilt microscopes and the necessary supplies. The business manager paled at the sight of the order and said that he could not authorize such a large expenditure. After a conference with President Dr. Judson Rudd and Dean Dwight Ryther, they approved the order, which totaled almost $1,500, a huge sum at the time.

After two years that she described as “wonderful and sometimes hectic,” Carol left for the University of Illinois to pursue her Master’s degree. She was replaced for a year by Lou Rouch, her former college roommate, who had just finished her M.S. in biology. After the year Lou continued her graduate studies and later returned to Bryan where she taught for many years and married Gerald Woughter, the music professor.

It was at Illinois that Carol and Frank met. At the end of the year Carol returned to Bryan with her new M.S. degree while Frank stayed on at Illinois. During that year they became engaged and planned to be married in June. She went to resign but Dean Ryther said, “Don’t be in such a hurry. Maybe we can hire him too.” The next fall Frank joined the faculty.

It was an interesting year. Together they were the biology and chemistry departments, teaching six courses in the two fields.

At the end of that year the Zellers left Bryan so Frank could pursue his doctorate at Indiana University. When he finished, he was offered a position in the IU zoology department and they have been in Indiana ever since.

For 35 years, Frank taught at Indiana and, after their three children were in school, Carol also worked in the zoology department as a supervisor of teaching labs, a position she held for 25 years. When Frank retired he was invited to teach Endocrinology at the IU Medical School and did so for 10 years before retiring again.

Through the years they maintained their interest in Bryan, impressed by the dedication of administrators, faculty, staff, and the very special quality of the students.

Along the way, a personable young IU graduate student, on whose doctoral committee Frank served, spoke with Carol about teaching at a Christian college. She recommended he apply to Bryan. Dr. Martin Hartzell is beginning his 30th year of teaching at Bryan as a result.

This past spring the Zellers visited Bryan and were impressed by the progress made both academically and in the facilities. They noted that the campus looked very different from 50 years ago when they were there, but that the same special spirit prevails.

Recently, the Zellers purchased a charitable gift annuity which will provide them a set income for life and then leave the balance of the investment to the college at their deaths.

A Sunday school class discussion some time ago prompted them to think about this. The discussion leader said, “We all contribute to worthwhile ministries which is fine as long as we are alive, but what happens when we die? How can we continue to give after we are dead?” When they considered the information about Bryan’s annuity program, they realized this would be a way to keep on giving to a place they had been part of, had enjoyed, and know is doing an exceptional job for the Lord.
The George R. Johnson Family Foundation recently presented a check to Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay to endow a scholarship for a Rhea County student to attend Bryan College. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Livesay, Stella Anderson of First Tennessee Bank; Janice Wilson, president of the foundation; and Beverly Johnson, Foundation Director. Dr. Livesay said the gift helps ensure that qualified Rhea County students will have the financial help needed to take advantage of a quality Christ-centered education close to home.

Patsy Hazlewood, BellSouth Corp. assistant vice president for East Tennessee, recently presented a check to Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, matching gifts given by BellSouth employees to the college. Dr. Livesay said the gift is encouraging because it represents BellSouth’s support for the community and its employees’ commitment to Bryan.
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