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(Photo by Evan Johnson)
Everyone at Bryan College had a reason for coming here, initially, and has a reason for staying. Our students come to Bryan from all over this country, all over the globe; our perspectives and backgrounds are varied and sometimes contradictory. Our school, our community, would not be what it is without this diversity, but how much do we really know about the individuals that hold it all together? The fact is, we are daily loved and served by our professors and faculty, even though we’re often unaware of the ways they pour into our lives; our staff have created a kind of altruistic harbor, where students are encouraged and enabled to freely think, grow, and develop; their hope is that students — filled to the brim with the care, wisdom, and instruction they have been given — will then go out into the world and begin to pour into the lives of others.

By Rosalind Goforth Ellis
From reporting the weather every morning to classes, to mentoring, to offering chocolate to passing students, Bryan's professors each find meaningful ways to serve their students. If you were greeted warmly in the cafeteria line or just talked for an hour in the office of a gracious professor, you've already seen how the faculty and staff give of themselves abundantly. Without their dedication and kindness, Bryan wouldn't be the same school: they have been constantly pouring in.

By Courtnie Hoang
Ask any freshman what the most valuable library resource is and they might list a particular book or search engine, but ask any senior (necessarily turned into library-junkies by their theses) and they will probably respond wholeheartedly: “Mrs. Johnson.”

Mrs. Vonnie Johnson is one of those rare constants that every college hopes for; she has worked in libraries for 35 years and in the Bryan College Library for over 20 years. During this time she has seen numerous generations of library staff come and go, filled in as director when needed, and always preferred to remain a “reference librarian” in order to have more direct contact with the students.

“The thing I like to do most is helping students with their research,” Mrs. Johnson says, “I just enjoy the one-on-one interaction I have with students. I like being there for them and encouraging them in their walk with the Lord.” Aside from learning nearly every student’s name, Mrs. Johnson has made an effort to be involved with students outside the library walls as well; she and her husband are longtime “hall parents” and she has been a part of several different Bible study groups as well. “I just enjoy college students,” Mrs. Johnson says, “They can have fun; they can be serious. They’re just at a neat time in their lives where they’re sorting through a lot of things.”

By Ivy Hartman

Pictured: Vonnie Johnson (photo by Kallyn Levi)
Pictured Right: Joey Johnson (photo by Joseph Demme)
There is very little about assistant soccer coach Joey Johnson that can be labeled as "traditional." Born in Ontario, Canada, and having grown up in the northwest jungles of Bolivia, Johnson has a breadth of knowledge and experiences that few can parallel. Even after moving to Florida when he was a teenager, Johnson and his family continued to do Amazonian missions work during the summers. "As a family, it broadened our perspective on life and began to instill in all of us a heart for people," Johnson says.

This "heart" has taken him all over the world and eventually brought him to Bryan. After playing professional soccer for seven years, Johnson came to Bryan to work as assistant coach to the men's soccer team. "Joey just invests in everyone around him," says men's soccer manager Megan Devaney. "He recognizes that there are deeper things going on and he's genuinely interested. He has made a huge impact on the guys and I know they were all really happy that he decided to stick around for awhile."

By Joe Hartman
Members of the Board of Trustees delve into the dirt to break ground for Phase II of the new entrance. Even though the Trustees may not be seen much around campus, they devote a lot of time and effort in keeping Bryan running by establishing policies, raising money, and setting long-term goals among other things (photo by Dave Rixon).
Congratulations, Class of 2009, for successfully carrying on Bryan's great traditions and making Bryan the outstanding center for study, reflection, service, and living together in community. Stay in touch with your classmates and be there to celebrate their successes and to support them when they feel the inevitable pain that life will bring. Be faithful to your alma mater and show appreciation to those on this hill who have invested their lives in you.

Remember your calling and mission to make a difference in the world that God gives to you in your earthly pilgrimage. You will be truly successful if you consistently practice loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and if you will love all others in the way that He loves you. Return soon and often to your Bryan home and those who love you. God's best.

Stephen D. Livesay
Pictured from left to right: Mayor Billy Ray Patton, Senator Jim Cobb, Steve Dillard, John Hanes, Dr. Steven Livesay, Rachel Welch, Tim Hostetler, Representative Ken Yager, John Heath, Bob Vincent, and Ralph Green. Together, this group of state and local dignitaries joined the Bryan College family in breaking ground for the new Bryan College entrance (photo by Joseph Demme).
At Bryan's 2008 homecoming, Brett Landes and his brother, Matt, were inducted into our Hall of Fame for their basketball skills. After reconnecting with many former friendships, Brett Landes decided to give back to the college that had fostered so many wonderful memories. He pledged $1,000,000 dollars for the school's new entrance. "Brett is very generous and has helped many people," says alumni director Mr. Trommanhauser.

The new entrance will be dedicated to Landes' father and is scheduled for completion by Homecoming 2009. Construction will take place in the ravine behind Rudd Auditorium where the entrance will begin at Highway 27 and end with a roundabout on Bryan campus. The donation will provide Bryan with a safer entrance: two lanes, sidewalks, and environmentally safe lighting...not to mention the fact that it will just look awesome.

by Trina Hicks
For eleven years, Judy Olsen has worked behind the scenes as the Administrative Assistant to the Office of Student Life, giving of herself and pouring into lives; so influential to the Bryan Community that a local restaurant named a menu item in her honor. (photo by Rachel Lowdermilk).
This place would fall apart without Ms. Judy,” says senior Jana Watson. Judy Olsen is the communicator to the students and the administrative assistant for the Vice President of Student Life, the Dean of Students, the Campus Counselor, the Resident Directors, and the Dean of Spiritual Formation. A predictable answer for campus-related questions is simply, “I don’t know. Ask Ms. Judy, she’ll know;” and when the questioner walks into the Office of Student Life, he is rewarded with a smile and a ready answer, because Ms. Judy really does know just about everything.

Judy Olsen was raised in New Jersey and attended Cedarville College, majoring in Elementary Education. She passionately desired to be a missionary, but when she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, she was no longer able to travel outside the country. Instead, she taught in Dayton’s Calvary Baptist School until 1998, when she came to work at Bryan for the Office of Student Life. Judy’s extensive reach within Bryan’s community allows her to influence the lives of nearly every student, and she states her goal as simply this: “I want to help students realize how important they are, no matter who they are or what they’re doing.”

By Stephanie Hesley
Inset: Admissions Counselor Caleb Fendrích and Assistant Director of Admissions Christopher Hender-son enjoy their work so much that it barely seems like work to them: "I get paid to be friends with people!" says Fendrích (photo by Evan Johnson).
Although Christopher Henderson grew up in Dayton, he never considered attending Bryan College until three years into his college career at East Tennessee State University. While at ETSU, Chris began contemplating worldview and the ways that it influences education. Suddenly aware that every aspect of education at ETSU was portrayed as neutral, Chris began to wonder about the purpose of such an education. “Sure I was learning,” he said, “but what, and to what end?” It was at that point that he made the decision to transfer to Bryan. He wanted the advantage of a school that understood and was intentional about teaching from a Christ-centered worldview.

Now a Bryan graduate, Chris works in Bryan’s Admissions Office, recruiting new students and coordinating the admissions counselors. His vision for Bryan College is that the school continues to prepare its students to be leaders in their generation by helping them to develop their own worldview and better understand the worldviews of others. Chris is so passionate about his job—the work is so enjoyable and the rewards of it so great—that he has a hard time considering it work at all. He says that there hasn’t been a single person he has invested in that hasn’t blessed him in some way.
IT and Operations

IT Computer Technician Luke Hathaway has been married for just over a year to his wife, Rachel, who is the Administrative Assistant for the Director of Athletics (photo by Joseph Imane).
Luke Hathaway, from the Information Technology department, plans to graduate from the Aspire program in 2010 with a business degree, and he wants to use his degree to teach kids about all things computer-related. When not studying, playing electric guitar, or doing on-site work for I.T., Hathaway can be found volunteer coaching in basketball and football at Spring City middle school. He says, "The satisfaction of making a difference in kid's lives and being a positive influence is the real reward."

By Desiree Hicks

Pictured below, left to right: Adam Crownoble (Web Programmer); Stefon Gray (Director of Information Technology Services); Matt Meloncon (IT Helpdesk Technician); Jim Kinser (Multimedia Manager/Events Facilitator); Steve Paulson (Database Administrator/Manager); James Sullivan (IT Network Administrator) (photos by Joseph Demme).
Dianne Knappen is our ever-smiling, hardworking cafeteria lady. For the past two years, every weekday from eleven to four, Knappen has acted as greeter of eaters and cafeteria bouncer: warmly greeting Bryan students and faculty as they make their way into the Pioneer-catered cafeteria and tenaciously making sure that everyone eating cafeteria food has either swiped their card or paid cash.

During the lulls between meals Knappen can be found straightening tables, sweeping the floor, and wiping off tabletops; it is her way of showing her care for Bryan College and its students. She says, “I don’t want kids sitting at sloppy tables.”

Knappen loves the daily interaction with people that her job entails. She is a natural people person and believes that a person’s attitude is what is important, which explains the warmth of her friendly smile.

By Dianne Hoffer

Pictured above, left to right: Nicki Landetro (Pioneer Employee), Terri Henderson (Pioneer Employee), Kat Rickerds (Pioneer Employee), Heath Hall (Assistant Manager of Pioneer Food Services), Heather Wilson (Pioneer Employee), (photos by Katlyn Levi), Winnie Davey (Director of Mailroom Services), Valerie Castlen (Mail Services Assistant), Jan Green (Print Services) ~ photos by Joseph Diniacco

Not pictured: A.J. Caudill
Ed Stobart and Christian Pendergrass weld a chair cart together with the blowtorch. (photo by Evan Johnson)
Patrick Mugridge purposefully interacts with coaches and the training team as he cleans the gym and Woodlee dorm, putting forth effort to get to know Bryan students on a personal basis. He and his family also open their home to students for meals, for brief escapes from campus, and even for short vacations when students’ homes are too far away.

Mugridge’s relationship with students is in many ways simply an extension of his work environment. The maintenance department begins its early mornings with a daily devotion that includes scripture reading and prayer focus; it is a sort of team, or family, that cares for every member through shared prayer requests and praise, and Mugridge continues that family mentality by getting involved in the lives of the Bryan students.

By Trarce Hicks

Pictured top left to right: Doug Sloan (Director of Physical Plant), David Morgan (Assistant Director of Physical Plant), Steve Sharp (Physical Plant Service Technician), Karen Hansen (Facilities Coordinator), Ronald Masengale (Assistant Maintenance and Repair; Enviromental Services Technician & Student Worker Coordinator). David Bredal (Physical Plant Service Technician), Herman Downey (Physical Plant Service Technician). (Photos by Evan Johnson).

Pictured bottom left to right: Beth Turner (Environmental Services Assistant), Cheryl Kiersey (Environmental Services Assistant), Sandra Carey (Environmental Services Assistant), Lola Johnson (Environmental Services Supervisor), Jonathan B сочета (Environmental Services Assistant), Amy Masengale (Environmental Services Assistant). (Photos by Evan Johnson).
Tami Tullberg, who initially started working at Bryan to help pay for her children's education, loves the level of interaction she is able to have with the students as the Bookstore manager. Helping students like freshmen Nicole Thomas and Cynthia Wade, is part of her ministry (photo by Katlyn Levi).

Tullberg, an employee at Bryan College since 1998, started working in the college bookstore at a part-time position. Eventually the job became full-time, and now, Tullberg is the manager of the store.

With a history of Bryan College that spans over two decades and being the daughter of a former Bryan professor, Tullberg loves the ministry opportunities that the school has offered her: “I love the bookstore because it gives me a chance to be creative and talk to students.”

She has an opportunity to become a “substitute” mother for many of the students who miss their families or are having a hard time adjusting. Also known as Momma T, Tullberg is always ready to give a hug to students in need and opens her home to students that need the influence of a parent figure. “This is part of my job, and I love this part of my job,” Tullberg said.

By Allison Jeannette
Heart of the Dorm
The resident director is the heart of dorm life. Resident directors pour their hearts and lives into the resident assistants, who in turn, pour theirs into their fellow students. Sacrifices in privacy and alone time are made in order to give students and RAs the encouragement and direction they need, and this is not merely the resident director’s job; it is their life. Kristina Anderson, RD of Robinson, says that her favorite part of her job is the fact that she gets to see students’ growth and “the randomness that each day brings. No two days are the same.” Matt Williams, RD of Long, states that he gets energy through watching people grow and change. He says that, without doubt, the most rewarding part of being resident director is the opportunity to live out the gospel in front of people.
Dr. Scott Jones lectures on the biblical canon while referring to the Biblical Foundation's textbook *How We Got The Bible* (photo by Katlyn Levi).
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When he's not in his office grading papers, Dr. Whit Jones can be found enjoying God's creation outside, making monkey calls, jumping tables, or working out in the weight room with his son (photo by Joseph Denne).
During the fall of 2006, Dr. Whit Jones began experiencing a sudden difficulty in swallowing. The problem persisted throughout the school year, and that summer Jones began getting tested for possible causes. By September 2007, he was put on a medication for Myasthenia Gravis. The drug didn’t have much effect, however, and the doctors began to suspect that Jones was experiencing the early manifestations of a much more debilitating illness: Lou Gehrig’s disease (ALS).

Although his first ALS test came back negative, Jones lived for the next eight or nine months under the threat of a probable ALS diagnosis. He describes the entire experience as a test of his faith. “I’m not naturally adventurous, you know, and I don’t just plunge myself into places where my faith will be tested,” he said with a chuckle, “But gradually I’ve gotten better and better at trusting the Lord.”

Since the fall of 2008, when Jones was finally diagnosed with the Myasthenia, he has been responding relatively well to the medication and has been feeling healthy and strong. “I’ve been remarkably calm throughout this whole thing,” he says. “And that’s unusual for me!”
Communications

With characteristic passion, Mr. Chris Clark introduces his film students to the silent film *Sunrise*, a poetic tale of love (photo by Joseph Fennie).
Mr. Chris Clark believes that the most powerful and effective vehicle for illustrating and teaching the love of God is by weaving it into a story. Because of this, Clark's goal is to teach film students to become storytellers and synthesizers of culture through their films. "Everyone should be able to make their own story, even if they are the cameraman," Clark says, and his students have the opportunity to do this in his Introduction to Film, Narrative Film, and European Cinema classes.

When not teaching class or writing scripts, Clark invites his students into his home every other Sunday night for movies, desserts, and big events on television. Clark began these weekly meetings when he first arrived at Bryan two years ago, and the movie choices vary from The Wizard of Oz to obscure European films.

by Tracie Hicks
"D.T." describes how a simple belt can be used defensively in emergency situations with the help of assitant instructor E.V. Simpson in Basic Women's Self Defense. (Photo by Barbara Levy.)
Dr. Jack Traylor loves his students. Every day at 8 a.m., Dr. Traylor stands outside his classroom door, warmly welcoming students. For their benefit, he prepares a daily powerpoint of the day’s weather and news reports that plays as students settle into their seats. Traylor begins each class period with a brief devotional, and then the students pass around a prayer book, on which they write prayer requests which are addressed at the class’ end.

In addition to his history courses, Traylor is also Bryan’s women’s self defense instructor. He had assisted with the program for ten years before taking over the head instructor position in 2003.

Traylor and his wife, Karin, also assist Bryan’s women’s basketball team. He calls the stats, helps with practices, and plans and attends the trips, and she is the statistician. All of this involvement is simply out of Traylor’s love for his students and his hope that they will in turn reach out to their community by getting involved.

By Desiree Hecks
Dr. David Luther and Dr. Sigrid Luther met while attending undergraduate school. They were married only six months before Dr. Luther was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, and while Dr. David Luther was overseas, Dr. Sigrid Luther took a teaching position at Pillsbury Baptist College in Minnesota. The Luthers were separated for 18 months while Dr. Luther was stationed in Korea.

When Dr. David Luther returned home from the war, the couple moved to Louisiana to complete graduate school. While in the process of completing their doctorate program, they were offered teaching positions at Bryan College, giving them the opportunity to slowly complete their doctorate degrees without feeling the need to rush.

Bryan College offered the Luthers an opportunity to develop not only as teachers but also as a married couple. "It had been blessing to work together," Dr. Sigrid Luther said. "A lot of married couples probably would not be able to do it. But we have been blessed to be able to grow together."

By Aries Collins Bailey
After graduating from Bryan in 2002, Dr. Brian Eisenback traveled the country with a friend (while hauling a stump-grinder to pay for "Kerouacian" adventures) before moving to Chattanooga as a telemarketer subsisting on popcorn and hotdogs. He now engages in scientific exploits to the delight of his students (photo submitted).
Dr. Brian Eisenback is a new professor at Bryan College this year. A former Bryan student majoring in Biology, he now teaches Biology and Entomology. Bryan College’s focus on worldview has been influential in Eisenback’s life, and is now the basis for much of his instruction. He says, “Bryan’s strong emphasis of worldview was something I took with me after graduating.”

Whether teaching about the unique beauty of insects or the complexity of human development, Eisenback desires to emphasize the things that are often taken for granted. “I think that one of the great purposes of science is to…enlighten [students] that the world they maybe never think about is way more beautiful and complex than they have gone through their life knowing.” Dr. Eisenback explains, “I would want [students] to have an appreciation, when they walk away from one of my classes, for the beauty, diversity, and complexity of whatever subject they learned from me.”

Dr. Eisenback is excited to be on staff with his former teachers, to learn from them in a new relationship. Although the initial change from mentoree to peer was intimidating for him, Eisenback has been warmly welcomed by the Science Depart staff. He appreciates their guidance as well as the free rein he has to make changes in classes that they formerly taught. All in all, Eisenback is grateful for the opportunity to teach here at Bryan and is enjoying his work. He says, “We basically won the lottery to have a chance to attend and teach at a college, especially a Christian college, but we often take it for granted.”
Mathematics and Business
Dr. Bob Simpson has been a staple in the mathematics department for 27 years, and his passion is admired by both faculty and students. Simpson did not attend school with the aspiration of teaching. In fact, his father insisted on his taking an education course while he was attending undergraduate school, and he hated it. He declares, “It was awful, and I said, ‘No more.’” But later, at graduate school, Simpson was offered to have his tuition and living expenses paid if he taught a class. He accepted the offer, and says, “I found it was a blast, and that was really the point that I decided I would use math as a career.”

Bryan College has developed the way Simpson views his vocation in relation to his faith. He says, “It was here at Bryan that I was forced to think about the relationship between mathematics and the Bible, mathematics and the Christian life.” He now seeks to integrate his faith into his teaching method. Whether by using the hymn “Amazing Grace” to explain infinite sets, or by using the rational creation of mathematics to point towards a rational creator, Simpson desires to share with students what Christ has taught him.

By Atticus Shio Biddle
Mrs. Kathryn Saynes discusses classroom management with her students in the Curriculum Lab in the library, a room specially equipped for education majors.

(photo by Rachel Lawdermill)
Mrs. Kathryn Saynes is a new addition to Bryan’s education department. A former Bryan student who went on to teach seventh and eighth grade for four years, Saynes has been excited to come back to Bryan, saying, “My biggest reason for wanting to come back to Bryan was just the freedom that I had to express my opinions and religious convictions.”

The opportunity Saynes had in teaching in the public sector is something she wants to bring back to Bryan College. She wants to help her students learn how to take a Christian worldview and practice it and apply it in the real world, saying, “The things that I saw in public school and the eye-opening that I had when I started there – I wanted to bring that back and really educate the students to the real world of education.”

Saynes has replaced Marcy Froemke, her own former teacher. “I had expectations,” Saynes notes, “because I remembered the way that she carried these classes out. I had to take them, and make them my own.” Of the education department, Saynes says, “I love the work environment. It is very relaxed, but they hold me to a higher standard.”

By Allison Solomon Bailey
Coach Perron teaches a variety of sport and fitness-related classes, including Aerobic Conditioning and Concepts of Physical Fitness (photo by Jen McCue).
Mr. David Perron is a new professor this year in the Exercise and Health Science department. Perron completed his undergraduate work at Cornerstone University with a degree in Physical Education, later receiving his masters at the United States Sports Academy located in Mobile, Alabama. He has not always anticipated teaching as his career, “but about junior or senior year of completing my undergrad, I knew that teaching was the direction I was being led.”

Perron had previously spent 16 years teaching and coaching at a high school in Illinois, and after that he spent 2 years at Bluefield College, working as an adjunct professor and coaching the women’s soccer team. Perron has enjoyed his time at Bryan so far, saying, “The people are extremely nice, and the student body is great.”

Perron’s favorite class this year has been the Dual Sports class because he enjoys sports. “It’s seven different sports crammed into one semester,” he says. “It’s also fun to watch the athletes that are good at their own sport struggle to master the other sports!”

By Joan McCoy
Dr. Clark Rose and Dr. Steve Bradshaw invest in the development of students, which sometimes involves defeating them at ping-pong Tuesday afternoons (photo by Jenn McGee).
"God takes and takes, but we need to remember that He also took the most important thing, our sin." – Dr. Bradshaw

Memorable quotes, similar to this one, are scattered throughout my notes from my psychology classes. I have always admired Dr. Rose and Dr. Bradshaw’s wisdom and faithfulness to their jobs. They both commute quite a distance for the sake of pouring into the lives of their students.

Dr. Rose’s balance of encouragement and constructive criticism is gentle and effective. He is always approachable, always more than willing to help his students in any way he can.

Dr. Bradshaw sets the academic bar high and expects great things from each of his students. His high expectations teach his students the importance of hard work and the joys of seeing that work pay off.

They have both helped to develop my character and I am grateful for the wisdom they have shared with me.
As an incoming freshman, I was intimidated when I discovered that a retired colonel would be my advisor and frequent professor. Yet, instead of finding a gruff man with no patience for questions, I met a good-humored father of four girls who deeply cares about each of his students. Since I arrived, Colonel Petitte has spent numerous hours with me discussing possible avenues for learning as well as sharing his own journey in life, which has been rich and varied. Among many other things, Colonel Petitte has studied in Germany, trained as an investigator, and acted as advisor to a film crew in France, and he continues to pass on his wealth of knowledge and experience to his students.

Before becoming a history professor, Colonel Petitte worked as the military consultant during the filming of the movie Patton (photo by Joseph Demme).
Dra. Pascucci received her doctorate in the summer of 2008 from the University of Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain. The process took about six years and was concluded by the completion of her 620-page thesis. "It took about three and a half years, consisting of many trips to many libraries all over Spain, the US, Mexico, and Japan to write the thesis," says Dra. Pascucci. Prior to writing the thesis, she spent a year in Spain taking classes, a year writing three separate papers each consisting of fifty pages, and she also had to undergo an oral evaluation. Asked when she became interested in the Spanish language, she said, "I have always had an interest in foreign languages. Spanish was the one that was offered at my high school."

Dra. Pascucci first became interested in teaching on a trip that she took to Japan just after receiving her undergraduate degree from University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. She says, "I always thought that teaching would be a last resort, but I went on a trip to Japan and taught English and realized that I really enjoy teaching." Here at Bryan, Dra. Pascucci most enjoys teaching her upper level classes, saying, "the classes are smaller and students really want to be there. I can see them progress and see their growth, which is pretty cool."
SSTOP used the slogan “it’s time for a solution” to arouse interest for the Scourge conference (photo submitted).

Over the weekend of January 23-25, 2009, SSTOP (Students Stopping the Trafficking Of People) held the second annual SCOURGE Conference. The conference, “SCOURGE ’09: The Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking,” informed students of the steps that they can take to help fight against human trafficking.

Abraham Lee of the U.S. Department of State served as the keynote speaker, explaining the involvement of the United States government in the plague of human trafficking, and also suggesting steps that Bryan students could take to help fight against it. Fellow guest speaker, a Detective Sergeant of the New Scotland Yard and head of Operation Maxim Human Trafficking, spoke of Europe’s involvement against human trafficking.

SCOURGE ’09 was co-sponsored by Colonel Dr. Ron Petitte, who also sponsored the first SCOURGE conference. Colonel Petitte’s desire is to raise awareness at Bryan College of the scope of these crimes against humanity; the students will then, hopefully, relate the information to the community at large.

by Atticus Oleas Bailey

Pictured top, left to right: Zach Scheller, Hannah Lee; Anna Downer, Hannah Lee, Andrew McPeak; sign created by SSTOP; Melissa Brown, Michael Schroeder, Colette Bercu (photos submitted).
Even students roll up the sleeves of their academic pursuits and serve one another. You’ve planned activities, visited friends in the hospital, supported sports teams with cheers (and heckled the referees), listened to each other vent about frustrations, and exulted with each other over triumphs. You’ve argued about predestination, worship styles, and whether Mountain Dew is a “coke,” but you’ve also discovered that, despite your differences, Christ remains above all and with Him you can fill one another up.

By Courtney Jorgins
An interest in the forgotten is a concern that resonates strongly in junior Susannah McIlvaine’s heart. From exploring old or abandoned houses for fun, to preparing for a life of service to the homeless, Susannah searches for beauty in the underappreciated.

“I am just really passionate about loving people,” Susannah said, “especially those who are underserved, forgotten, or looked down upon.”

Since coming to Bryan three years ago, she has become involved in SGA as the class treasurer, as a consultant in the Writing Center and she tutors elementary and middle-school children in reading and math for her work study.

“I absolutely love all of it,” Susannah said. “I think the PALS program we have here is awesome. and I hope to be able to get involved next semester.”

After she completes her degree at Bryan, she plans to go on to get her masters and perhaps her Ph.D in clinical psychology and eventually open a homeless shelter.
During her high school mock trial class, Kathryn Romeo's teacher gave her the nickname “fangs and claws” as a tribute to her sassy nature. “Fangs and claws” turned into “Kat,” the name she now regularly goes by. Because her high school mock trial coach pushed her to reach excellence, Kat became the mock trial captain her freshmen year at Bryan. For the last two years Kat has acted as both captain and coach for the mock trial team, and has thus analyzed cases from three different and simultaneous perspectives. "There’s nothing better than reading a case with a warm drink on a rainy day," says Kat, with a grin. Kat is now entertaining the possibility of studying mediation in law school.

Kat cites her Bryan professors as some of her greatest influences in her continual pursuit of excellence, especially Colonel Petitte. She remembers the day in Medium of Film class (a class that produces the Bryan Film Festival) when Petitte pulled Kat aside and encouraged her to sign up as a producer, even though Kat had no prior experience and had already joined a different committee. That experience as a producer made Kat aware of how much she loved high-stress, life-consuming projects. She says, “the stress of it is an adrenaline rush, and the best part comes when I can sit back and see the results.”

By Katie Hicks

Kathryn Romeo
Sophomores Kelly Shannon, Leigh Aruna, Natalie McGhee, and Maribeth Mcw await the arrival of more incoming students with orientation envelopes. Ambassadors, SGA, Orientation Group Leaders, faculty, and other volunteers spent the week doing everything they could to help the freshmen acclimate to Bryan life (photo by Evan Johnson).
On August 22, 253 new students poured onto campus, flooding the Triangle, Mercer, and Latimer with excited chatter. They trickled into the dorms in the morning, and continued arriving until late that afternoon. Orientation Group Leaders, Ambassadors, and Bryan’s Student Government channeled the flow of young men and women through the campus to the dorms and chapel, where they would receive envelopes and other BC survival material.

The Orientation Group Leaders met four days before the freshmen arrived to plan events for their freshmen, make signs for their groups, and attend seminars by Randy Hollingsworth and Bruce Morgan on how to be engaging and hospitable to the new students.

After undergoing the rigorous schedule of required meetings, orientation activities, and generally adjusting to the college and its community, the freshmen were eager for regularly scheduled classes and chapels by the end of the week. However, new students and returning students alike enjoyed the week to the full.

by Rob Franklin

Pictured bottom, left to right: Daniel Cohen and Chris Tuttle, Jessica Tameler, Melissa Brown, Alicia Schulze (photos by Evan Johnson), Deryk Rankin (photo by Kirsten Meberg)

“It was exciting, but I couldn’t wait for it to be over. I wanted college to begin.”
-Matt Kear
The Woodlee GI-Joe soldiers left the other dorms in their floury dust as they captured the first place trophy for the Dorm Wars competition. (photo by Kirsten McElroy)
The smell of flour wafts over you and you realize that, covered in baking powder, you must now run around the entirety of your dorm. This must be Dorm Wars. This year one of Dr. Hollingsworth’s Persuasive Communications class groups established this uniquely Bryan event. Dorm Wars creators Cassie-Marie Bundy, Hannah Lee, Kirsten Meberg, Jordan Koskamp, Sarah Glines, and Michael Rollins had three weeks to come up with a marketing and advertising scheme brilliant enough to attract the most attenders. After several failed ideas and with one week left, the group ended with a simplified form of senior Rachel Welch’s brain child—Dorm Wars. The least attended of all persuasive communication events with only 103 people, Dorm Wars still captured student’s hearts and earned the People’s Choice Award. The Dorm Wars team members and numerous students hope to make this smashing hit an annual event. The other four groups created events such as a showing of the independent film *A Pistol in Hand is Worth Two in the Glove Box* in Rudd auditorium, the *Ice Cream, You Scream* concert held outside in the Triangle, the Volleyball Raffle, and the *Smooth Magic* performance by magician Brett Myers in the cafeteria.

by Deirdre Hicks

I really enjoyed Dorm Wars and I think it should be an annual event.

-Steve Franklin
In Good Spirits

2007 homecoming royalty Tyler Gay and Jesse Hundley crown a grinning Eric McEachron the 2008 Homecoming King. (photo by Joseph Demeo)
You know it by the sudden influx of alumni and red and yellow flowers and by the crazy costumes, events, and games: homecoming week. The campus is transformed on each day of Spirit week, and this year we had Hillbilly Day with Apple Bobbing and Midnight Madness, Villain Day with Hostile Hostage and Dr. Doomsday Dodge Ball, Sci-Fi & Fantasy Day with Iron Chef and the Iron Man drive-in movie, then '20s and '30s day with First in Flight and the Godfather's Deal or No Deal, finishing with Cartoon Day. The head honcho of the spirit week production was senior class president Brett Myers, who was mostly satisfied with the results of Spirit Week. The only main drawback was the fact that the festivities fell on the same week as midterms—the number of participating students was less than normal, simply because many of them had to choose between bobbing for apples and passing a midterm.

By Desirae Hicks

Pictured, top to bottom: David Brinker (photo by Joseph Denne); Amanda Kinsey, Kristen Nachtwey, Candace Wilmore (photo by Kirsten Meberg); Justus Stout (photo by Kirsten Meberg); Kirsten Meberg (photo submitted); Dana Kennedy (photo by Desirae Hicks).
Daniel Cohen and Billy Eshleman serenade surprised guests waiting outside as the Dayton fire department confirms that smoke was the only culprit of the unexpected fire alarm sounding (photo submitted).
On February 28, 2009, Wayne Enterprises cordially invited all Bryan associates to a special gala event. Upon arrival, the invitees made their way blindly through the dark depths of the “bat cave” (which was created out of black tarps) and then out into the open yet foggy air of the cafeteria; under the multi-colored spotlights guests found their seats and mingled in the clandestine atmosphere. Unfortunately, an overabundance of smoke from the fog machine set off the fire alarm, and the Dayton Fire Department swiftly arrived to rectify the situation. After the guests—who had been advised to leave the building—were seated once again, the Freshman SGA (who planned the banquet) played the accident off as a surprise attack by the Joker. All in all, Bruce Wayne’s associates were given a night they will not soon forget.

by Darrie Hicks

Pictured left to right: Erika Gebel and Evan Johnson (Homecoming, photo by Rachel Lowdermilk); Dr. Clark Rose (Christmas, photo by Joseph Demme); Carolyn Candland (Homecoming, photo submitted); Kyle Van Gorkom, Ben Andrews, Matt Dee; Jason Hundley (Christmas, photos by Joseph Demme)
Repertoire is a once-monthly opportunity for students to perform for each other and for students to see professionals perform; music majors and minors are required to attend repertoire, but other students are welcome to come and listen. Senior and junior recitals take place during repertoire, but we’ve also had, for example, a professional saxophone quartet come in and play. It’s a great way to see how other students are improving—to see what they have worked on all semester—and also to learn things from the professionals.

As a performer myself, it is helpful for me to perform in front of an audience that sympathizes with me and appreciates the time and effort I’ve put into performing a piece; as a listener, it’s great to watch my peers’ skill levels develop over the course of the year and be able to honestly tell them that their hard work has paid off. I think it brings the music department a little closer together and makes us more knowledgeable about music and each other.

by Kelly Miller

Pictured top, left to right: Erika Gebel (photo by Evan Johnson); Stephen Deck (photo by Rachel Lowdermilk); Tori Wisthoff (photo by Rachel Lowdermilk); Analyn Chanco (photo by Evan Johnson); Emily White (photo by Evan Johnson)
Brittany McGehee elegantly performs Rondo a Capriccio by Ludwig van Beethoven during her senior recital (photo by Evan Johnson).
Let Our Music Play

The Bryan College students prove that Michael Jackson truly is immortal by paying their respects through a rendition of 'Thriller'.

Pictured bottom, left to right: James Carmichael, Harry Sherwood; John Moore; Bryce McQuire; Chris Clark, Michael Palmer; Eric MacEachron; Phillip Johnston (photo submitted)
History was made as Bryan College combined efforts with Covenant College to present the Broad Street Film Festival. Films were submitted by both schools, in the pursuit of art and excellence.

For several years, it has been a Bryan College tradition to hold a yearly film festival, but this year was the first time another college was added to festivities: Covenant College proved to be a worthy companion/competitor.

The awards ceremony was held at Chattanooga’s beautiful Tivoli Theatre, where Whelan Awards were given in eleven categories. Students arrived in semi-formal attire, and representatives from both schools provided entertainment with music, dance, and even magic. An after party, hosted by Covenant College, provided a time for students from both schools to let loose, dance, and celebrate the success of their fellow classmates.

Be Allison Bailey
Beneath Yuri Lopez's impish smile and playful antics beats a very driven, very passionate heart that pushes her to strive for excellence in every aspect of her life.

Yuri first heard about Bryan in 2005, when the Hollingsworth family visited her girl's home orphanage in Honduras. Working out the details to come to the school was a 3-year process, but in the fall of 2008, she finally began her Bryan College career.

"They saw me play soccer and said I should come," Yuri says. "I was playing with a boys' team and scoring most of the goals." And when she's not on the soccer field, Yuri can usually be found in the library, working hard to overcome a difficult language barrier and learning as much as possible. "I really like my classes and I like to be busy," Yuri says.

After she graduates, Yuri plans to return to Honduras as a missionary, teacher, and coach. "I like it here, but I miss home and my little sisters," Yuri said. "I want to tell people there about Jesus."

-Yuri Hartman
Senior Michael Rollins knows the trials, tribulations, and joys of working with teenagers at Dunlap First Baptist. After six years of serving the youth at his church, Rollins knows that this is what God has called him to do — this is what he was born for.

Born and raised in Dunlap, TN, Rollins grew up in a Southern Baptist family. In his pre-college years Rollins attended a local public high school where he played football.

Football became Rollins’ sanctuary as he slowly began to separate himself from God. Not until Rollins tore out his knee and ankle, effectively removing football from his future, did he realize the extent to which football had been replacing God in his life. This realization — along with his natural passion for serving other people — drew Rollins into ministry.

A natural people person and a kid at heart, Rollins fits well into the position of youth ministry. He takes to heart what his father told him: “Remember who you are, where you come from, and Who you represent.”
Introducing the Freshmen

Daniel Yoder is a freshman from the small town of Westcliffe, Colorado. He is the third of six children and enjoys biking, basketball, and reading, among other things.

Daniel is here at Bryan because he is interested in Bible translation. He came here specifically for the linguistics program and is studying hard for a Biblical Studies major. His favorite class and favorite part of Bryan so far has been his Greek class with Dr. Jud Davis.

Daniel feels very comfortable here at Bryan and was excited to make the move out east, saying, “It was something I really wanted to do.”

Pictured outside Woodlee with his bike, Daniel enjoys not only the outdoors but also good books and quality conversation with friends.
The answer to that question was revealed by dozens of freshmen on November 20th at the annual Freshman Talent Show. This year's class had an amazing diversity of performances ranging from Tae-Kwon Doe to Irish dance, fencing, singing, and even pantomime.

The event was improvisationally emceed by Justin Morton and Bryan Boling. They sat in their living room, flipping channels on their TV and finding another freshman talent on every network.

Though the event was intended to be freshman sponsored with only freshman performing, a crowd of upperclassmen and even two adorable children invaded the stage. Their presence was a welcome one, adding to the fun of the evening. The most memorable upperclassman appearance was a cameo by SGA Executive V. Kim Woody as “the masked villain.”

Participants and spectators alike had a lot of fun with this event, and this year's performers have set a high standard for next year's students to match.

Lauren Garrison
Amelia George
Jonathan Goff
Zachary Gray
Daniel Grayton
Matt Green
Molly Green
Stephen Green

Wendy Greve
Betsy Hailes
Jeremy Haley
Josh Halvorson
Brandon Hampton
Brantley Hattrich
Trevor Haught
Caitlin Hawkins

Aaron Heldorn
Jared Helms
Emily Hendrix
Gordon Hendrix
Brett Herch
Deanna Hicks
Myles Hixson
James Holland
Justus Stott, Jesse Murray, James Holland, Joel Peckman, and other not visible members of the Freshman band “Gunshots in a Crowded Mall” opened the talent show with a bang.

(photography by Joseph Demme)

Left, top to bottom: Alaina Woodall, Alice Schnize, Stephen McGee, Brooks George, Kim Woody; Matt Allan, John Franklin
Top: Nicole Thomas; Sheehanna “Showie” Bray. Robert Soundin, Steven Franklin; Clayton Schmidt. Lower: Adam Kent, Joel Peckman (photography by Joseph Demme)

David Hooks
Jonathan Houghton
Ashleigh Hoxworth
Jacob Hudgins
Daniel Impson
Hannah Jernigan
Crissy Johnson
Jessica Jones

Joshua Jones
Jessica Kaya
Matthew Kear
Owen Kägore
Ruben Kinser
Amanda Kinsey
Lydia Kirkpatrick
Douglas Kitzmüller

Faith Kostreva
Logan LaVoice
Kevin Layne
Chris Leary
Garrett Lemons
Kathryn Levi
Luke Libardi
Alysia Lindsay
Brian Livingston
Jordan Logan
Yuri Lopez
Rachel Lowdermilk
Margaret Lucas
Steven Magnussen
Andrew Mahand
Xavierian McCall

Kelsey McCormick
Kevin McEwen
Stephen McGee
Sonja Meberg
Rachel Meier
Reid Merwin
Brianna Miller
Kelly Miller

Patrick Miller
Carli Milligan
Cassie Miracle
Ryan Moore
Anna Morgan
Joey Morgan
Kara Mullennix
Amy Mulloy
Coffee in reach, pulsing music in ears, pencil in hand, and laptop waiting - Luke Foshee has all the earmarks of a college student “in the zone” (photo by Evan Johnson).
Pictured below, left to right: Jessica Tameler, Sarah Stafford, Bethany Diamond (photo by Katlyn Levi)

Pictured right, top to bottom: Steven Franklin; Sonja Meberg, Nichole Thomas, and Clayton Schmidt (photos by Rachel Lowdermilk)

Harry Sherwood
Ericka Simpson
Erin Siemore
Benjamin Skinner
Calvin Smith
Olivia Smith
Vincent Smuth
Jarod Soltis

Luke Spence
Sarah Stafford
Lydia Steele
Jey Steele
Annie Stokes
Chris Stone
Justin Stout
Savannah Stroud

Douglas Stroup
Jessica Tameler
Carra Tharp
Kyle Thomas
Lindsey Thomas
Nicole Thomas
Lauren Trush
Nick Tuttle
Sophomore Drew Abercrombie’s journey to Bryan College has been a significant step in his lifelong pursuit of learning, knowledge and ideas. Abercrombie’s desire to learn made selecting a major very difficult, but after multiple changes, he has settled on an English major... for now. He hopes it will give him insight into the generations of past ideas and understanding the history of human development.

After Bryan, Abercrombie plans to study philosophy in graduate school and eventually teach overseas. “I love to travel... and am very interested in Europe and Asia,” Abercrombie said. “Europe, because of its rich history, and Asia, because Eastern culture is so different.” He is interested in learning multiple languages to prepare for his cross-cultural move, is currently learning both Greek and German, and plans to continue learning different languages indefinitely.

“I like being here a lot,” Drew said. “I’m around people thinking the same ideas, experiencing the same changes, struggling with the same problems, etc. I love it.”
Donation hunting, thrift-store shopping, late nights that turn into mornings, gluing, sewing hundreds of yards of blue fabric, re-gluing, sending coffee-sealed messages in bottles, climbing, placing blue cellophane in overhead lights, re-gluing, building, re-placing blue cellophane, duct-taping what wouldn't stay glued...

Jenny Harvey, sophomore who served on the decorations committee for the homecoming banquet, said, "You don't realize how much work goes into a banquet!"

Audia Ford, Vice President of the sophomore class said, "It always makes you a little nervous when you have a bunch of big projects." But somehow everything came together. "Some classes don't get as much student involvement in banquets," she said, "but our whole class was really helpful.

by Christie League

Pictured left: Tori Stewart (photo by Rachel Lueders, MLL)
Kyle Van Gorkom, Seth Dukes, Deryk Rankin, and Matt Dee help build the structure for the bow of a ship in the lobby of the student center. The bow was part of the banquet theme of a sunken cruise ship (photo by Rachel Lowdermilk).
Pictured here: Ethan Hargraves (photo by Evan Johnson).

Deryk Rankin
Diana Rice
Kesha Robinson
Stacy Roycroft
Anna Rustchakke
Andrew Schaale
Alecia Schulze
Kelly Shannon

Tyrone Sheppard
Stefanie Shields
Colby Smith
Justin Smith
Megan Smith
Thomas Smith
Sharon Snythe
Rachel Solid

Jessica Southern
Tara Stewart
Tori Stewart
Allison Stimmel
Rachelle Thomas
Liz Van Erem
Kyle Van Gorkam
Audrey Vordenbaum
Sophomores Not Pictured: Madison Baker, Derek Batt, Elizabeth Bensecoter, Bryan Boling, Lauren Copeland, Jonathan Davis, Lauren Edgerton, Jessica Etress, Drew Fendrich, Kaitlyn Fuller, Jacobo Gallardo, Tomas Gomez, James Gunter, Anna Haley, Michael Hogsett, Lauren Holt, Joseph Jones, Kaitlynn Kopeski, Gregory Lavo, Sarah Lyons, Justin MacKay, Andrew Magnuson, Ashley Maye, Bryee McGuire, Becca Morris, Richard Newton, Andrew Nunnely, Ashley Pannullo, Kristen Phelps, Bryan Saylor, Laura Shreve, Karissa Simmons, Rebecca Sours, Faith Wagner, Nickolas Williams, Todd Yawn, Alison Young
"Bryan doesn't have the biggest film program," says Junior Film & Tech major Colton Davie. "But it teaches the core ideas I'm interested in: a film school would just teach technicalities." Even classes that lie outside Davie's field have developed his ideas on art and creativity, especially Bible and literature courses; he cites English professors Dr. Jepson and Dr. Jones as significant influences on his career in creative.

As a freshman, Davie made a point to get to know (then) film professor Julian Williamson, who acted as his professional mentor. Williamson showed him, among other things, that his strengths lay more in the field of cinematography than in the writing and directing that Davie had originally planned to pursue. Professor Chris Clark, who replaced Williamson, has also become a mentor for Davie: through Clark's connections, Davie got a job in California last summer as a second assistant cameraman. Davie wants to pursue a career in cinematography, eventually working on feature films. "I don't have a distinct path in mind yet as to how I'll get there," he says, "But the California project happened very suddenly, and I made a lot of connections out in LA and have some local connections through Chris."

for Humboldt State Rubi

Colton Davie (photo by Joseph Demi)
Juniors gathered in the Lions' Den in February for class event "Comedy-a-la-mode" to literally "go bananas." They made banana splits with Cold Stone ice cream and were entertained by bananas TV show comedian, Taylor Mason. Students rolled with laughter as Mason, a talented ventriloquist and pianist, created hilarious dialogue with his puppets. "My favorite part of the event was sitting down and laughing out loud," John said. "It's the kind of laughing that you don't have to worry about what others may think, because everyone else is doing it too."

Events like these have created many strong bonds within the junior class. "Everyone has a story and a good one at that," John said. "I love every one of them, and I'm glad that I will be walking alongside them when I graduate from Bryan."

Pictured below, left to right: Caleb Beasley, Matt Noel, John Wang, Joseph Maughon, Summer Nielsen, Josh Young, Ben Cunningham, and Seth Crocker (photoby Jon Metz)
The Triangle staff is responsible for the regular dispersion of Bryan College news. Many adjustments were made this year as the paper went online, featuring regular news updates, editorials, and the perpetually popular "off-the-record" quotes. Even after the transition to the web, a few issues were printed, including the annual April Fool's issue entitled "Trapezoid." In the issue, incredulous students read about Dr. Whit Jones' impending departure to call monkeys, the entertainment value of Hello Kitty, and the benefits of a new student bail-out plan. The staff's savvy reporting and wry humor is a testament to their dedication and an important piece of Bryan College culture.

Advisor: John Carpenter
Students eagerly peruse the 2007-2008 Commoner after its distribution during homecoming week in the fall.

Front to back: Tacky Middlekauff, Michael Reneau, A.J. Frick (Commoner photos by Kirsten Meberg)
The RAs went to a sheep farm as an illustrative activity after reading Kevin Leaman's *The Way of the Shepherd*. "It smelled like a farm," junior Taryn Haught observes. "And the sheep were a lot bigger than you would think. I was kind of grossed out." The group was able to watch the shepherd work and even helped to shear the sheep. "They felt really sticky after you sheared them," says sophomore Ashley Maye. The smelly and sticky aspects of the trip, as well as the chance to watch a real shepherd in action made an impression on the RAs. Ashley was struck by the shepherd's consistency with the sheep: the sheep are so forgetful that if the shepherd stops training for one day, he will have to completely start over because they will forget everything they had previously learned. Ashley also noted the firm hand he used in dealing with his sheep: "He would push them until they hurt themselves on the fence behind them, then finally obeyed and went where he told them to." After seeing all of this, one realizes that Christ's comparing his followers to sheep is not flattering at all. As Taryn observes, "They are so stupid!"

"I've found that humor helps in enforcing the rules. If it's going to be awkward, you might as well make it purposefully awkward," senior Jessica Phillips.
SGA: More Than Meets The Eye
Junior and senior warriors prepare to charge the freshmen and sophomores in the SGA condoned "Barbarian Wars," wielding only cardboard and duct-tape weapons and shields (photo submitted).

"SGA exists to build and strengthen the community of Bryan College through leadership development, student representation, and purposeful events." This is the vision statement of the Bryan Student Government Association (SGA); it defines three areas in which SGA works, the most visible being purposeful events like banquets or class events.

The two other areas of SGA happen mostly behind the scenes. Senate, made up of the class representatives and led by the student body vice president, bears most of the burden of student representation. SGA, which entirely made up of students, represents the student body, and this representation is taken seriously by the administration, which often seeks out SGA to "feel the pulse" of the student body.

Leadership development occurs within SGA, as every member has the opportunity for leadership responsibilities, but SGA, and specifically the President's Council (made up of the class presidents led by the student body president), has recently been seeking ways to develop leadership outside of SGA which will last long after a person leaves Bryan. Ultimately, SGA exists to serve the students by making opportunities for a good college experience.

by Kim Woody

Pictured top, left to right: Derek Dougherty, Katie Garrison and Brittany Rodriguez (photo by Joseph Demme), Brittany Rodriguez, Elijah Ammen and Olivia Pool (photo by Joseph Demme), Kim Woody (photo by Joseph Demme), Jusin Hipp and Derek Dougherty (photo by Joseph Demme), Jason Bowers, Kim Woody, Jeff Schwenke, and Matt Crutchfield (photo by Rachel Lowdermilk)
College Republicans

Politically-minded students have a chance to work with local representatives and senators, promote conservative issues on campus, and campaign.

Once upon a time in a far-away land, a group of students' wish for a fantasy book club was granted, and they live happily ever after with meetings once a week, reading books of magic and adventure abound to each other.
For many Bryan students, coffee is a quaint pick-me-up in the morning and an indispensable abet for concentration at night. However, there are a handful of students who have taken the mere act of coffee drinking and transformed it into an art.

“The club is for people who like to distinguish the differences in various coffees,” Daniel Grayton says, “The club is great: we meet once a week to taste and intricately analyze coffee.”

The club has a specific process for critiquing coffee based on the International Coffee Drinkers procedure called “cupping.” It is a simple two-step process: first, members smell the coffee beans before they are ground and the coffee is brewed. They then rate the aroma on a scale of one to five. Secondly, members taste the freshly brewed coffee and then proceed to rate certain aspects of the taste on a one-to-five scale.

After the members select the coffee they think was the best of night, they brew a full pot of it, and converse with each other for the remainder of the evening.

Anime Club
A great opportunity for those who love reading manga, watching anime, and learning about Japanese culture. Students get together once a week for a few hours of food and anime episodes.
The Rugby team works hard together on the field but grew even closer after five rugby team members were involved in a serious car accident November 9th on the way back from a game against North Georgia Academy. Steven Magnussen, Bryan Boling, and Stephen Bryan were all injured; the entire school supported them through prayer and visits (photo by Joseph Jennie).

Men’s Volleyball
A volleyball club for men only.

Cycling Club
If you ever find yourself watching Le Tour de France on the edge of your seat, then this is club for you. Join students hitting the trails on two wheels.
The Bryan College rugby club, while not an official athletic team, participates in a rugby conference competing against other colleges and universities which are often much larger. Each team member pays an entry fee in order for the club to be in the conference. Despite the extra funds and members of other teams, as well as the lack of an official coach, the Bryan rugby club finished third in the conference this season.

“Next year we are going to have 16 returning freshman, so we’re expecting a great year,” said Josh Jones, the informal rugby coach.

The rugby club has only existed for roughly five years, but each year the team grows stronger in numbers, experience, and strength. Competitions usually take place on Saturdays, and practice happens two nights a week.

Rugby is an accepted sport at most colleges and universities, and the rugby club hopes that soon they might become a Bryan College athletic team.

Fencing Club
With blades flashing and good old-fashioned musketeer action, the fencing club meets in Brock Hall once or twice a week to practice dueling with either foils or sabers.

Wii Club
A new wave in techno-gaming, the Wii club is a great way for college kids to give their overloaded minds a break from the everyday classroom blues.
Chess Club
This relaxed club gets together for friendly board games, challenging their minds in the name of fun.

Image: This group is an intimate Bible study in which students can be spiritually refreshed with good friends and in-depth scripture reflection.
Stage Movement is a unique opportunity at Bryan for anyone who loves or longs to dance. It was originally established for theater students, to provide the basic dance training needed to succeed in their career, but less than a quarter of the students involved in Stage Movement are theater majors. Beginning Stage Movement introduces the four areas of ballet, tap, jazz and ballroom, teaching basic positions, steps and combinations. Intermediate Stage Movement builds upon these forms, introducing new steps and techniques and enhancing the dancer's individual sense of style. The Advanced Stage Movement club is open to all those who have completed the Intermediate Stage Movement class and desire to increase both their performance technique and choreography skills. This past spring, the club put on a production entitled "I Could Have Danced All Night" which received rave reviews from the college and community.

This club explores the intricacies of the human mind.
Seniors Jen Grove and Cayla Rohrer carefully handle bacteria during their class lab. Biology majors can be found at all hours in the lab, studying and working on projects (photo by Katlyn Levy).

David Axelson stares intently at the computer screen in one of Bryan's many computer labs (photo by Joseph Demme).

Comfortable couches, tasty coffee, soft lighting and company like Erica Hefflemire (pictured) — what's not to like about Mac's Café? (photo by Evan Johnson)

Some study places are homemade, such as Deryk Rankin's perch (pictured here) in the middle of Woodlee (photo by Joseph Demme).

Characteristic of the "information age generation," Andrew Goggans simultaneously surfs the web while talking on his cell phone in the Bryan College Library (photo by Joseph Demme).
While most Bryan students don't even realize Mercer hall has a third floor, much less know what it actually looks like, a special breed of students have made it their second home. The biology students spend countless long nights in the lab studying for high-difficulty tests and practicals; and just as residence halls create their own t-shirts, these young aspiring biologists have their own "Mercer Third" shirts to further brand them to their own special residence.

Among these inhabitants, it has become tradition to take a small piece of their home with them—a beaker, transformed into a coffee mug—when they leave Bryan, so that they may forever remember their heritage. Coffee is, after all (according to senior Jana Watson), the "legal drug that helped us through it all."

"At the end of four years of bio curriculum, only two pre-meds remain. One of them is me; and I am going to marry the other one," Watson says, referring to her soon-to-be beaker-carrying mate, David Villanueva. "A lot more chemistry goes on in those labs than you might think!"
Every Sunday evening around 9:30, Centennial Park in downtown Dayton hosts a group of Bryan Students who prepare for a new week by dancing. These students participate in ‘Bryan approved dancing’ including the waltz, swing, tango, and cha-cha.

Because of the pavilion that Centennial Park offers, Bryan students are able to dance year round. Dancing at the park has become a staple in the both Bryan and Dayton community, and many Dayton locals join the dancing.

“It is very not hook-upish,” says freshman Carlin Nasiatka. “It is just a fun way to recover from the craziness of the weekend, and get ready for another week.”

by Atticus Oles Bailey

Favorite places in Chattanooga to hang out or study: pictured bottom, from left to right: Hunter Art Museum, Walnut Street Walking Bridge, Chattanooga Art District, Walking Bridge with statue (photos by Evan Johnson).
Swing dancing in the park has become so popular at Bryan College throughout the years that there is even a Facebook Group connecting the dancers. Here, senior Josh Young and freshman Rachel Mele “cut a rug” (photo by Evan Johnson).
This spring I have spent more time in my room than I ever had before. “We miss Kaity; we really miss her” has been the constant refrain of my two roommates. Initially, their empathy touched me, and I thought to myself, “They realize that it must be really hard to have my girlfriend gone for a whole semester, studying in Italy without me.” There have been, however, a few signs that have since clued me in to the fact that “We love you and therefore we love Kaity” was not actually what they meant.

For example, John didn’t share in my joy and excitement after I’d stripped the sheets from his bed to complete a blanket fort (that I considered to be a masterpiece). Unable to appreciate the romance of having to duck under a chair and crawl sideways along the edge of a couch, wrapped in the cave-like darkness of hanging blankets (tucked into or tied around bedposts) to get to one’s desk, John said, “I miss Kaity, I really miss her.”

Another time, I decided to draw one of those French artist/communist dictator caps on the mirror at a height just above where my roommate Tomas’ head would be. When he went to look at this reflection, he found a young Che Guevara staring back at him. I was so happy; he just stood there in front of the mirror, goatee bristling, marker-cap teetering on his head, staring at me in the reflection over his shoulder. “Bryce,” he said, “Wait,” I said, knocking off the head of a rubber mallet and handing the wood handle to Tomas, like a Cuban cigar; I was giddy at this point. “Bryce, I’m sure I miss Kaity more than you.”

Living with people is tough. Living in a room the size of an Abu Garb prison cell with three people who have vastly different tastes is even tougher. Sometimes we find things that unite us; we all use the sink, for instance, and we are all male. And we can all laugh in an “It’s funny because it’s true” kind of way, and agree that we all miss Kaity.

By Bryce McGeary
Whether it's in an intramural sports team, a worship team, a Resident Assistant, an SGA team or the Triangle's team, "team player," senior Jeff Schwenke, is eager to help out.

"I just like to be involved," Jeff said.

"I've especially enjoyed being an RA. We've had a really good group of people and the leadership has been great. It's almost more like discipleship."

When he's not working in one of his many roles, Jeff enjoys art, playing guitar, sports and enjoying the outdoors.

Last year he and two other Bryan graduates, Michael Reneau and Andrew Gilbert, backpacked 25 miles along the Appalachian Trail during spring break.

"The first day was pretty easy, but after soreness set in and the trail got steeper, it was much harder. We had a lot of fun though," Jeff said.

A senior business major, Jeff will very likely be joining a new team upon his graduation in May. He hopes to find a job in advertising or continue his education in graphic design.

"I really like the design type of work," Jeff said. "It allows me to be more creative, but we'll see."

For Joe Hertman
Although the majority of out-of-state freshmen arrive on Bryan campus feeling somewhat timid, lonely, and a bit confused, this was not the case for Sarah Ferrante. The presence of her older siblings, sophomores Kristen and Ben, gave her a feeling of automatic comfort. “Having two of my best friends already on campus—one of them being my roommate—made meeting people and getting involved much easier,” Sarah said.

Although she did not intentionally follow her siblings (she had initially rejected the idea of Bryan, saying, “I didn’t want anyone to accuse my family of cloning their kids”), Sarah said that as she began learning about Bryan she “found other reasons to come.”

According to her sister, Kristen, both girls are very happy with Bryan so far. “I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years that I have spent at Bryan,” Kristen said. “The classes have been both academically and spiritually challenging...and I have also had the great privilege of meeting some of my closest friends here; they’ve really enriched my life.”
Lions Battle Strong

Bottom row, left to right: Joseph Joncy, Joshua Courtright, Sam Nduru, Joe Kane, Jacob Gallardo, Darrell Birch, James Carmichael, Chris McElwee, Lyle Gifford, Raphael Correa, Adam Loga, Jonathan Houghton, Carlos Pielago Sanchez. Back row, left to right: Coach Sandy Zenson, Megan Daney, Jota de Silva, Joey Johnson, Rodrigo Pizote, Christian Lithum, Steven Page, Daniel O'Kane, Ryan Simon, Ben Whitley, Tim Harris, Na McCown, Harry Sherwood, Giovanni Andrades, Lee Rickman, David Villanueva, Hayden Lavo, Jeremy Kauffman, Scott Davidons, Curt Hay

(photo submitted)
This year's Bryan Lions emerged triumphant with only two ties and three losses in eighteen games. Going into the playoffs, our Lions defeated Bluefield in the first round, only to be cut short by an uncertain decision in overtime versus Covenant for a 2-1 defeat after a tense game. “We were cheated against Covenant; it was rough to go out on a bad call,” said freshman Lee Rickman. Lyle Gifford concurred, “No training in the world could have prepared us for that.” When asked about their hopes for future seasons, Harry Sherwood responded, “We hope to defend our title as season champs; if we do that we can definitely go further.”

By London Johnson
Senior Cody Christopher soars over the opponent to dunk the ball, something that he was well-known for while at Bryan (photo by Joseph Heuer)
Senior Cody Christopher will be missed when he graduates.

Teammate Derek Bratt says that Christopher has “brought energy and scoring in a way no one else can.” Christopher played twenty-eight games with a total of 300 points in Bryan’s regular season. According to Christopher, the collegiate game that he’ll never forget playing was against our school rival—Covenant College—because of teammate Melkam Kifte’s timely “alley-oop pass” (meaning that Melkam set Cody up for a dunk).

By London Johnson
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Top row, left to right: Tanner Hite, Mark Brown, Gordy Hendrix, Tyler, Steven Brown, JD Davis, Ryan Dabry, Mark Barnwell, Shane Clowes.
This season was a tough one for the Bryan baseball team, but Matthew Hicks is one senior captain that really held the team together. Freshman Steven Brown says, “[Hicks] is always encouraging and lightens the mood and is just fun to be around. He has been here and gone through everything, which has helped us young guys get used to playing college baseball.” Leading devotions and prayer before and after games, Hicks was definitely the spiritual leader of the team this year. Junior Ryan Henn says, “[Hicks] helped me lead a life through Christ while balancing a life of baseball and school.” When asked about Hicks, Coach Taylor Hasty laughed and said, “There are too many memories of Matt, and to list them all would be inappropriate.” Next year, Hicks says, “I want the guys to make sure their priorities are in the right place. Take baseball seriously, but know that when you get to heaven, God will not be concerned with your batting average or wins and losses. And finally, have fun playing ball.”
Focus on the Goal
(In One Breath)

Senior Andrew Dorn gets past another opponent and looks ahead to the finish line (photo submitted).
Focus on the Goal
(In One Breath)

Being on a team comprised entirely of athletes has shaped the way I view hard work and accomplishment. Specifically, Coach Stoker ingrained in me one principal that I will always embrace: "Stop feeling sorry for yourself!" The classic instance in which this was burned into us was during a freezing cold pool workout in October of 2006. All of us were clutching the side of the pool, shivering and heaving from doing laps with our breath held, and many of us had come up for air early in a few sets. Coach explained that our problem was the fact that we couldn't focus long enough to do our jobs: we started thinking of everything that could go wrong and how much it hurt when things got tough, and that's why we gave in and came up for air. And then he started yelling, "Why can't you just focus for the EIGHT seconds it takes you to get to the other side. Come up for air. And do it AGAIN?! Stop feeling sorry for yourself and MOVE!!" And we went. And every one of us made it in one breath.

by Andrew Izen
Junior Josh Mashack drives past a University of the Cumberlands defender in the JV Lions 1-0 victory capping off an unprecedented 7-0-3 season. Josh would go on to score the winning goal in the final 3 minutes of the game.

(photo by Joseph Demme)
Up and Coming

Women's Volleyball: Left to right, back to front: Laura Heus, Lauren Edgerton, Ashley Raburn, Asheleigh Hoxworth, Mary Archer, Dani Sherman, Laura Shreve, Coach Johnny Carney, Whitney Boggs, Julie Barnett, Mary Keeney, Caitlyn Hadick, Caroline Aldridge, Stephanie Petitte, Kristin Devito, Chelsea Kallman. (photo by Evan Johnson)

JV Men's Soccer: Left to right, back to front: Mark Welch, Christian Litwin, Steven Russell, Daniel Downing, Ben Whitley, Ryan Garnick, Matt Dee, Will Galbreth, Dwight Sell, Lee Rickman, Justin Smith, Athletic Trainer Jeremy Kaufmann, Assistant Coach Jordan Mattheiss, Daniel Cohen, Michael Schroeder, Derek Dougherty, Seth Flores, Team Manager Taylor Gentry, Evan Johnson, Sam Alvarez, Josh Beard, Head Coach Joey Johnson. (photo by Joseph Demme)

Stephen Russell, Justin Smith, Paul Shanks, Dwight Sell, Brian Jun, Sam Alvarez (photo by Joseph Demme)

Seniors Christian Litwin, Ben Whitly, Paul Shanks, Will Galbreth, Derek Dougherty and Coaches. (photo by Joseph Demme)
Near Perfection

"How could a coach not be pleased?" said Bryan's head volleyball coach Leo Sayles regarding the Lady Lions nearly perfect conference record of 16-2. "Even when faced with pain, the girls still manage to play their best, encouraging each other to keep going," said freshman Jessica Jones. The top team in every offensive category, their best three games were against King College, Milligan College, and Covenant.

"I believe this is one of the tightest units I have coached while here," said Sayles. "The girls seem to connect deeply and truly have a good time with each other. This year's chemistry has been exceptional."

By Lunden Johnson

[Photo page top row, left to right:
Jessica Kaye, Ashley Sours, Amber Smith,
Madison Fuller (coach), Luray Sayles, Jessica Jones (photo by Evan Johnson)]

[Photo page bottom row, left to right:
Ashley Sours, Amanda Munke, Jessica Press, Jessica Kaya, Julie Barnett]
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This has been the most satisfying year in terms of how the girls got along on and off the court.

-Coach Sayles
Potential for Greatness

Top, left to right: Carrie Cook, Joy Hartman, Jeanne McCue, Lizzy Peters, Lindsey Creasap, Emily Hurbut, Chelsie Carson, Cari Milligan, Katherine Nelson, Lauren Hostetler, Alison Cunningham, Kara Nisley, and Coach Mark Sauve.

Bottom, left to right: Kat DeRhodes, Yuri Lopez, Stephanie Wade, Shannon McGowan, Olivia Downey, Amber Sechrist, Liz Ponte, Chelsea Partain, Alisha Deal, Lauren Bowling, Cynthia Wade, and Erica Smith. (photo by Evan Johnson)
We're a young team, [with] lots of freshmen and sophomores, lots of recruits this year, but I think we have a great future,” says Katherine Nelson. “We have a lot of potential.” The team is optimistic after nearly breaking even in the regular season with 7 wins, 8 losses, and 2 ties. “I think we are steadily getting better. There were lots of mistakes this year that, through hard work, could be easily fixed,” said Kara Nissley. “There was lots of overtime this year, and through time and more practice, we could make those extra goals that would have made all the difference.”
Top, left to right: Sarah Newton, Becca Sharpe, Sara Barnett, Shea Thomas.

Middle, left to right: Wendy Vork, Diamond Hoibert, Becca Morris, Jessica Southern, Hillary Tipton.

Bottom, left to right: Anna Thomas, Kaylin Carswell, Katie Davis, Amber Smith, Lauren Cland.
Coming off of a four-game losing streak, Bryan’s women’s basketball team had to face the number one team in the conference... without their leading scorer, Katie Davis, who was out with a concussion. The team was in need of motivation and confidence, and a pre-game pep-talk from former Lady Volunteer basketball player Kristen Blue a.k.a. “Ace” Clement gave the girls what they needed. Blue challenged the girls to trust their coaches and each other; she told them that they had a battle ahead of them, that even though they had a player out, they had to come together as a team and fight for victory. From the first whistle, the entire team was focused and fired up to beat Milligan. At one point they were up by ten, but then Milligan got on a run and cut their lead to three going into half time. It was an incredibly intense game; Milligan fought hard the second half—as a first team is expected to—but the Lady Lions fought harder, and won by one point.

by Kayla Currell
Playing for the Fun of It

Nathan Wilkinson looks to find a teammate during an intense game of ultimate frisbee. Many of the games were cancelled due to rain, so when the teams were able to play, it was always a good game to watch (photo by Joseph Heame).
When I took the job as an admissions counselor for Bryan College last May, most of my family and friends suspected it was because I would be doing something I love and getting paid for it. But this is not, in fact, the real reason: the primary purpose of my transition from student to staff at Bryan was so I could play for the faculty and staff on intramural sports teams.

I am a believer in the age-old adage, “If you can’t beat them, join ’em.” As such, I felt I had suffered long enough through painful, humiliating defeats at the hands of the faculty/staff teams and at long last it was time for me to play my part. Call it experience, call it skill, call it whatever the heck you like, but whether because of Dr. Rose’s skill at the ping-pong table or because of Scotty bicycle-kicking soccer goals, the faculty teams have long been known for their domination of the intramural realm at Bryan, and this year has been no exception.

So to all of you graduating seniors (at least the ones who have suffered four years of blood and tears on the practice soccer field), perhaps it’s time to find Dr. Livesay and beg him for that opening in the Bible department so you can play with us as well. Until then, feel free to stop by my office anytime; I’ll be the one wearing the intramural champion T-shirt.
The smashing of a blue car, a representation of our archrivals the Covenant Scots, was the climax of a rave-like pep rally before the big soccer game against Covenant. The pounds of the sledgehammer could not even be heard over the screams! In the end, the car was overturned and beaten beyond recognition (photo by Evan Johnson).
Rain or shine, two Bryan baseball fans always show up ready to cheer. Sophomores Ashley Maye and Amy Whisman faithfully attend baseball games simply for the love of the game. "It’s a great, relaxing thing to do on Saturdays," Amy says. Compared to other sports, baseball may not seem as exciting; however, the girls say, "If you pay attention, you can pick up on a lot of the underlying strategy, and it is much more enjoyable when you know the players." Ashley and Amy’s goal this year is to attend every home game. If the team plays during dinner, they just grab a sandwich and enjoy a picnic at the game. As they listen to the sounds of the game — a baseball hitting a metal bat, cleats on gravel, a fastball finding the catcher’s glove, and the deep voiced umpire yelling “Strike!” — they enjoy the fresh air and the escape from schoolwork.

By Kristin Moberg

Pictured, left to right: Elisabeth Cochrane, Bryan Boling, Joy Holby (photo by Evan Johnson); Erica Smith, Michael Beatty, Olivia Downey (photo by Joseph Demme); Olivia Pool (photo by Evan Johnson); Matt Wiggins, Brian Livingston, Aaron Heidorn, Cynthia Wade (photo by Evan Johnson); Amy Whisman, Ashley Maye (photo by Joseph Demme).
The 2008 presidential election dominated most United States Americans' attention. It was deemed from the outset to be an unparalleled, historic race, and it brought out the highest number of voters in 40 years.

Choosing from the top three prospective candidates, Americans had the choice of either having their first female president (New York State Senator Hillary Clinton), their first African-American president (Junior Illinois State Senator Barack Obama), or the oldest Commander-in-Chief elect in American history (Arizona State Senator John McCain).

After the primaries, the choice became a matter of “Change versus Experience.” In popular issues, such as domestic policy and the economic crisis, Obama symbolized a new generation and way of life whereas, wartime hero McCain – 25 years Obama’s senior – represented a firmer understanding of the “ways of the world” and a much wider range of experience.

In order to present a younger, more change-oriented side, McCain selected Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin to be his running mate. Palin’s vivacious personality and minority status received a great deal of attention from the media, and her debate with Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Joe Biden, was the most-watched vice-presidential debate of all time.

In the end, Americans decided that “change” was imperative. Obama was sworn into office on January 20, 2009, after winning the election with nearly 70 million votes (52.9%); more votes than any other presidential candidate in American history.

## Twitter Buzz

Similar to Facebook status updates, this social networking website gained immense popularity as celebrities and the general population began keeping the world at large up on their personal lives.
Plan ditchings are not typically met with enthusiasm, but pilot Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger was nationally showered with praise after safely and skillfully landing a U.S. Airways jet, carrying 151 passengers, in the Hudson, River near NYC.

The University of North Carolina Tarheels defeated the Michigan State Spartans, 89-72, to take home their 5th consecutive NCAA basketball championship trophy.

Electric Election

**Susan Boyle**

While the world at first received this Britain’s Got Talent contestant with harsh skepticism, only seconds into her song many listeners were moved and even brought to tears by her beautiful, heartfelt performance. She became an overnight star.

**Swine Flu**

A deadly strand of influenza, referred to as the “Swine Flu,” took many lives in Mexico and fear of its epidemic ability created a widespread sense of panic among many North Americans.
Filmgoers flocked to see Heath Ledger's most recent film, *The Dark Knight*, which premiered in July, several months after his death in January, 2007. His performance as "The Joker" was widely acclaimed as his lifetime best.

Georgia invaded South Ossetia on August 7, 2009, an effort to gain its independence from Russia. After 19 days of serious conflict, Russia recognized South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent republics.

**Beijing Olympics: Phelps's Playground**

Piracy off the Somalia coast has been a threat to international shipping for some time, but in August of 2008, nations around the world decided they had run out of patience and established the "Combined Task Force 151" to begin eliminating the problem.

Many thought pop star Britney Spears' career was destroyed after her psychological outburst in 2007, but Spears set out to prove that she's no fluke with the release and popularit of her album "Circu
For much of August, TV viewers were captivated by the Beijing Olympics, from what some critics hailed as “the most spectacular Olympics Opening Ceremony ever produced,” to tense gymnastics competitions and incredible record-setting performances, such as Usian Bolt’s literal bolts to the 100 and 200 meter finish lines to become the newest “World’s Fastest Man.”

However, one athlete in particular captured the majority of the viewers’ attention as they watched him climb to the top tier of the winners’ platform again. And again. And again. And some more. United States swimmer Michael Phelps broke the record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic Games as he smiled at the world eight times from his accustomed perch.

In total, the Games saw 43 new world records and 132 new Olympic records set. The Chinese athletes won 51 gold medals and 100 medals altogether, and the United States won 36 gold medals and 110 total medals.

Economic Crisis
In December of 2008, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) announced what the rest of society was feeling — that United States has been in recession since December of 2007, and it may be the worst since the Great Depression.
Leaving Bryan and serving outside the campus—this is the goal for which we've been prepared. Graduates have written 500,000 papers and regurgitated information onto 10 million exams to go out and serve in another capacity. Students remain, but also find ways to serve the community off the hill, in churches, in PCI ministries, and in anything they find to do. The hope we've been given is too great to keep inside—it just spills out.

By Courtney Ingrassia
While the men's soccer team may receive resounding kudos from the student body for their grueling battles against the likes of Covenant and King, some of their most meaningful games go unnoticed. These games are not under bright artificial lighting; they are on the Dayton City School's practice field. According to assistant soccer coach Joey Johnson, members from both the men’s varsity and junior varsity teams have been helping run practices for the local junior high school twice a week over the past semester and hope to continue to do so over the years to come.

"I would just say it's one of the greatest investments someone can make is in a kid's life," Johnson said. "Many of these kids come from very broken homes and could really use some positive influence in their lives."

In addition to working with the school system, the Lions also run two outreach tournaments for the Latin American community each year and players are encouraged to go play with them.

"We've developed a really good relationship with the Hispanic community," Johnson said. "I appreciate the interest level my guys have had in the lives of others in the community."

By J.J. Hartman
The Bryan JV soccer team thanks their fans for supporting them (photo by Evan Johnson).
Semesters Abroad

My decision to spend a semester in Italy was one of the best that I have ever made. I was finally able to see the places that I had previously only read about in history books, and I was able to get to know many amazing people.
—by Katie Wilkens

Spain
My three months in Segovia, Spain were challenging for me in many ways. I definitely improved in my ability and confidence with the Spanish language, and I learned a lot about the culture and the people.
Erin Grayson found that Russia's cold exterior is warmed by the kindness of its people (photo submitted).

Winston Churchill once described Russia as a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma; this semester I have had the privilege of experiencing this wonder. My time in Russia has taken me to the 12th century cities of Suzdal and Vladimir; the Muslim center of Russia, Kazan; Russia's capital, Moscow; the Northern Venice, St. Petersburg, and the industrial center of Nizhni Novgorod. The academic studies in Russia were supplemented by interactions with Russians, visits to Orthodox churches, and traditional Russian folklore and holidays. I also had the chance to get past the Russian shell by living with a host family for a month and by working with the children at a local shelter, both of which gave me a stark picture of real life in Russia. In this country well-known for its cold, I have been enveloped in great warmth by its people.

Erin Grayson

Our group stayed for a little while in the heart of the old city (Jerusalem), just a few minutes' walk from the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock, the Garden of Gethsemane, and many other incredible places. We finished our time there with communion, and as we did so, I heard the Jewish horn, sounding the calling of Sabbath, and the call to prayer ringing from the mosques.

This fall I had the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford through the Best Semester Program. In this picture, I'm enjoying (with some of my fellow students) an evening at the second-oldest fair in Europe, the St. Giles Fair, which has been held annually in Oxford since the Middle Ages.
While Bryan College offers many activities that distinguishes it from other colleges, perhaps one of the most unique and celebrated groups is the Worldview Team. While the idea of worldview is taught in most classes that Bryan offers, the Worldview Team travels throughout the southeast United States sharing what they have learned and asking thought-provoking questions; their goal is to teach and encourage the country’s youth to think purposefully about their world.

“The Worldview team is where, as college students, we go to high schools and present our program and then get to interact with the kids,” said senior Stephanie Wade.

When visiting the schools, the Worldview Team presents a program that consists of a series of talks and small group discussions covering the topics that are influencing society, ranging from naturalism to the western new age movement, and concluding with the importance of a Christian worldview.

“Worldview has challenged me to be more aware of the world outside of Bryan and that other people matter outside of the Bryan community. It has turned me into an evaluator instead of a consumer of culture,” said Wade.

By Atticus Olus Bailey

Pictured left to right: Andrew Zimmerman; Audry Vorderbaum, Rachel Solid, Andrew Davis, Brett Myers; Kirsten Amling (photos submitted); Bonnie-Marie Yager (Assistant Director of Worldview Teams), Ben Williams (Director of Worldview Teams)(photos by Katlyn Levi).
On Martin Luther King Day, Bryan College reaches out to the community by doing service projects for the people of Dayton, TN.

One of the recipients this year was Kim Tuttle, who works in the admissions office here at Bryan. “We gutted the house so it could be rebuilt and Kim’s parents can move in,” says Clayton Schmidt about the project. Schmidt explained how his group helped the Tuttle family by prepping the house for a complete interior renovation. “Give a bunch of kids sledge hammers, crowbars, and other heavy metal objects,” says Schmidt, “And walls come tumbling down.”

The group demolished the inside of the house by stripping the interior down to the studs. Satisfied with their work, Schmidt says, “The house looked pretty clean inside when we were done. Caleb Ebersol spent the entire day belt sanding the kitchen floor, and another crew of guys re-ran the electrical and prepared the basement for dry wall.”

Students were able to sign up for various projects in the community, according to their gifts and interests. For instance, Chambers singers sang to nursing home residents, and Break for Change teams completed projects relevant to their ministries over spring break. This day is special each year as students have the chance to take a break from their studies to focus on pouring out into the community.

by Jean McCoo
Caleb Ebersole willingly gives up his day to sand down a fence. (Photo submitted.)

Breaking Down Walls
When we began rehearsing for Elijah in August, Dr. D. animatedly told us in chorale about how big and beautiful the production was going to be. His excitement was contagious, and I eagerly began to memorize our twelve pieces. I didn’t realize, though, how much time and effort this production would require. What with cramming the lyrics into my head ten minutes before we were supposed to sing without using our music, to hours with other chorale members and a piano, to giving up our evenings for rehearsals, well, it was a lot of work.

When we started to stage the production, I saw the bigger picture of what it was going to be like when we would perform. We were given our costumes, we learned our blocking, we added acting and makeup, and, while we weren’t finished just yet, we could definitely see the light at the end of rehearsals, and it was beautiful.

Performance night, I heard no grumbling and no complaining. We were all so anxious to finally be able to show the world what we had worked so hard on. It was spectacular. Being a part of such a well-done production was a great blessing. Even better was the fact that the audience enjoyed it just as much as we did! Everything went smoothly, the audience was pleased, and it couldn’t have happened if we hadn’t put so much of our time into making this happen. It was definitely worth it.

by Lindsay McKissick

Pictured top, left to right: Spring Chorale (photo submitted); Baal prophets from Elijah (photo by Evan Johnson); Woman’s Chorus (photo by Kaulyn-Levi); Nicole Thomas, Stacia Powell, Paul Shear, Matt Albin (photo by Evan Johnson); Mrs. Kim Keck (photo by Evan Johnson)
Dr. Luther, aka Elijah, calls down holy fire from God to prove to the heathen Baal worshipers who the one true God is. (photo by Evan Johnson).
Thornton Wilder's portrayal of small town America; with a deliberately minimal set, the play emphasized the relationships that developed between the characters.
Grandma Krunitz (Eve Hilderbrandt) emphasizes her autonomy as a refugee, widow, and business owner by refusing money from her thug son (Ethan Hargraves) (photo by Rachel Lockermilk).

"It was really fun, and probably one of my favorite roles," said sophomore Justin Winters of the Hilltop Players' production of Neil Simon's 'Lost In Yonkers,' "The interaction with the other characters and other actors took me to a new level in my acting career."

"Lost In Yonkers" was presented with dessert and dinner from January 26-31 and was The Hilltop Players' mid-year production. The play was directed by Bernie Belisle and was held in Brock Hall, creating a close and intimate atmosphere. The play had a smaller cast than the other yearly productions; it consisted of only six students, which included veteran Hilltop Players such as Senior Cameron Lane, sophomore Ethan Hargraves, and Winters himself, along with the new face of freshman Josh Jones.

"Putting it next to 'Annie Get Your Gun' or 'Our Town' [which were much larger in scale], it was vastly different," Winters says, "With a larger cast, it's more task oriented; with a smaller cast it is more about getting into character."

By Allison Moran Volle

Annie Get Your Gun
Irving Berlin's box-office hit tells the story of Annie Oakley's romance with Frank Blair, and the comedy and obstacles that follow.

Pictured left to right: Jonathan Catoe; Lindsey Wolfe; Lindsey Wolfe; Justin Winters; Josh Jones (photos by Rachel Lockermilk); Ethan Hargraves; Alicia Simon (photo submitted)
The Bryan College Ambassadors were a group that I had always admired because of their connection to visitors and prospective students. Having grown up in Dayton, I’ve always had a love for Bryan College and the opportunity to share that love with prospective students is a great experience. There is nothing about this school that I don’t love. My previous experience at Bryan has also been a bonus because I have a larger view of the school. For example, I attended classes in Mercer before it burned and stood on the sidewalk in the “Triangle” as it burned. I remember the library as part of Mercer and the cafeteria below it. Having the ability to relate those images to incoming students and their parents helps to personalize the college and ease their apprehension about college in general.

Any Ambassador will tell you that the worst tours are the ones where we just talk for forty-five minutes with no feedback or questions from the family or group. But when people start asking questions and making comments, the group comes alive, and tours become memorable experiences. Dads in the group always want to know about security on campus and all about curfew. Moms want to know what the cafeteria is like and about the spiritual life of the campus. The students just want to know how many chapel cuts they get, but hey, that’s all part of it. The life of an Ambassador is fun, but it carries a lot of responsibility, and I’m proud to be part of it!

By Bee Brotwell

Pictured bottom, left to right: Aaron Heidorn; Glenna Gibbs, Danielle Lovins, Audrey Vordenbaum, Nicole Walker, Melissa Brown, Kim Tuttle, Sarah Becker, Amanda Kinsey, Katie Garrison, Lauren Garrison, Matt Green, Justus Stout, Beau Boutwell, Aaron Heidorn, Lauren Garrison, Garrett Lemonds; Lauren Garrison, Kirsten Meberg, Sarah Becker, Melissa Brown; Chris Tuttle (photos by Evan Johnson)
Warm Welcomes

Senior Melissa Brown hands out name tags to students coming to compete for the Dean’s Scholarship (photo by Evan Johnson).
PALS is by far one of the most rewarding ministries I have ever been involved in. The difference that a college student can make in the life of a child simply by spending time with them is incredible. Looking back on my years at Bryan, my involvement with this ministry will definitely be one of the highlights. There is nothing like seeing the face of a kid light up when you pull into their driveway, because they know that you are there to hang out with them. PALS is about relationships, it’s about love, and it’s about letting the Gospel shine through you in such a way that children will see and know the saving power of Christ. I will never forget the time that I went away on break and found twenty-two missed calls from my pal on the first day! The Lord truly is doing some awesome things through this ministry, and I am excited to see where He takes PALS in the years to come.

by Danielle Wilson
PRISON MINISTRY is based on 2 Corinthians 1:4, which talks about how the Lord "comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." A group of girls go down once a week and spend 2-3 hours with the women of the Dayton jail, building relationships and sharing the love and comfort we have from Christ, and then Dani Park writes about 20 letters a week to the women there.

After playing a game of soccer, Phillip Kohler and Ryan Garnier lead a "Bible time" with the children involved in the PALS ministry room. PALS provides Bryan students with the opportunity to create a deep relationship with children between the ages of 6 and 12. These children and their Bryan Pals are mutually blessed by the friendships they create (photo by Joseph Dunne).
Although we're a relatively new ministry at Bryan, the Evangelism Team has already begun to influence many people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to reach out to a specific neighborhood in Dayton, seeking to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people there; this year we have focused on the area behind Rhea County High School as well as the folks that live right on Bryan Hill. Our goal is to share the full gospel with each person we get to know, and to establish people in local churches that teach solid biblical Christianity. We have been able to pray with people who are struggling with cancer, surgeries, family problems, economic troubles, and other needs; lots of times, we've just visited with people, especially those who are housebound and lonely. You don't have to be a skilled communicator or excellent in apologetics to be effective in this ministry; all you need is a heart for people, and a love for the lost and broken. Evangelism team will pull you out of your comfort zone, but it will also permanently change the way you think about life, community, and the gospel.

Carla Nunez

Evangelism meets on Saturday afternoons seeking to begin spiritually significant conversations with unbelievers in the Dayton area, sharing the Gospel and praying with those in need. Before heading out into the community, they pray that the Holy Spirit would be moving in the hearts of the people they meet (photo by Jane McCall).
PESTIFY shares the Gospel creatively through a combination of song, mime, sign language, and drama local churches and her events (photo submitted).

SSTOP (Students Stopping the Trafficking of Persons) raises awareness among students about the global problem of trafficking, facilitates dialogue about trafficking and thoughtful solutions from a Biblical perspective, urges those in power to use their resources to prevent trafficking, and supports those who participate in local and international work to restore trafficked victims (Pictured right, photo submitted).
LIFE CLUB participants meet with area high school students in small groups to address issues such as abstinence, secondary virginity, love, body image, and respect. LIFE Club members encourage the students to make wise decisions in their dating relationships and show them Christ’s redeeming love (photo submitted).

Jenny Harvey is signing up to go on a trip with Lifeblood. Using the money they receive from donating blood plasma, Bryan students provide financially for children at the Banjara Tribal Ministries Orphanage in Hyderabad, India (photo by Katlyn Levi).

ACT: 2 SHOW: CHRIS is a theater ministry focusing on bringing their audiences the message of Christ’s love while encouraging the members of the group to let their lights shine for God’s glory (photo submitted).
RIDE (Reaching Individuals with Disabilities Effectively) uses horses and horseback riding to help children overcome physical and developmental disabilities.

Practical Christian Involvement

This has been a real year of growth for Lifeblood, and senior David Villanueva, the original president of Lifeblood, has been seeking to pass along the vision to a new team of leadership. Lifeblood continues to support Banjara Tribal Ministries (BTM) by transporting students to ZLB Plasma Services in Chattanooga, collecting the money earned from the plasma donations, and sending it to BTM. By supporting BTM, we get to share in the work they are doing to put a stop to human trafficking in India by rescuing the Banjara children and providing food, education, love and a bright future. In addition to our work with BTM, Lifeblood is also passionate about seeing change and growth in the lives of the students involved. Our vision is twofold: first being our work with BTM, and secondly to encourage and empower students to make a difference around the world by helping to form a lifelong habit of sacrificial giving. We, as leadership of Lifeblood, are working toward expanding the variety of opportunities for volunteering in our ministry in order to open up more ways in which people can get involved. We are excited to see all that God has in store for Lifeblood!

by Natalie McGaha
A very unlikely team of 8 students and 2 adults packed their bags and headed to Haiti to spend their spring break with the Baptist Church of Gran Bassin. While in Haiti, the team spent their mornings doing construction at the medical clinic owned by the church. Every day they moved thousands of pounds of rock and mortar by hand for the new foundation that was being built. After that, they went to the local school to help feed the 800 Haitian children that so eagerly anticipated what would probably be their only meal for the day; afternoons were spent playing sports with the children. The team took part in the church services and were extremely blessed with an opportunity to work alongside those of a different language but of the same faith.

by Justina Smith

Going back to Latvia for the second year in a row meant getting to see the people I had met last year, and I was extremely excited. However, I was not sure about the filming aspect, as I am not a film and tech major and was in the middle of taking my first film class when we went to Latvia for spring break. I knew some basics but still was not comfortable making a film without help from someone more experienced. However, with over 40 kids wanting to make films, and only three film majors, I teamed up with Chris Tuttle (another film amateur) and together we attempted to make a film with a group of about 14 kids. It was definitely a challenge, but through it I realized that our real purpose there in Latvia was to build relationships with the kids.

by Lauren Hosteller

Pictured left to right: Zach Bradshaw, Ali Ihsen, Bryce McGuire, Tomas Gomez, and Nate Rogers (photos submitted)
Allison McLean works with students in an English class in Latvia. The Latvia team spent a lot of time at the Limbazi 3 Vidusskola (middle and high school) interacting with students in their English classes, playing word games or just having basic conversations (photo submitted).

God really blessed us with a good trip to Nicaragua this year. Jeremy Blaschke and I were the team leaders, and the only ones who had been to Nicaragua before. Our team prepared for the trip as if we would be doing evangelism again, though with Guillermo in charge you never really know what you’ll be doing. A few days before we left, we found out that we would be doing a youth camp with 13-22 year olds. This was significantly different from last year. The theme of the camp was Jovenes de Impacto (or Youth of Impact), which went along with the verse of the week, 1 Timothy 4:12. Our team was in charge of planning some games and serving in the kitchen. A few of our team members acted as camp counselors, staying in rooms with the kids and leading them in devotional times. At the end of the week, we were able to go to the barrio where a lot of the kids were from, which was called Paraiso (in English it means Paradise). It was a very eye-opening experience for us. Most of the homes were made out of cardboard, sticks, and plastic bags. It was a great privilege to be able to serve these kids, and I think it meant a lot to them that we would come so far just to serve them.
I had never been on a missions trip before, but now I can see why people say that it's an invaluable experience. The ten people in my group spent a week with the City of Refuge in San Diego, California, doing a variety of things like washing cars and mowing the lawn, playing with kids, and handing out bags of food to homeless people. There are about 15 people who live near and work for the City of Refuge ministry, and there are always interns and other local people helping out. Each week they receive tons of donated food, from which they pull what they need for themselves and then give the rest away; I have never seen anybody's life so dependent upon faith as the lives of the people in the City of Refuge. Each of my team came away from that week having been touched in a different way. For me, I've grown up knowing that God provides for His people, yet here I saw God work in a way I've never seen before.

by Joy Berner

Pictured left to right: Rachel Hewitt: Ben Cunningham (photos submitted): Andrew McPeak, Tara Stewart, and Jessica Phillips, Melissa Longoria, and Mr. Ben Norquist (photos by Joy Berner).
Sometimes God sends us across the ocean, and sometimes he sends us across the backyard fence. Hope for Opelousas is a ministry whose goal is to share Jesus with their community. Our team worked alongside people who help the government-housing neighborhoods in their city by providing tutoring, after-school care, and other opportunities for the families living there. I watched the ministry care for the students in the tutoring program, treating them not as mission projects but as kids who need people in their lives to love them and set a good example. Working with Hope for Opelousas has caused me to begin wondering how the love of Jesus can be shown to the neighborhoods in my city, in my community, across my backyard fence.

by Sarah Ferrante
Elizabeth Jackson graduated from Bryan a semester early, in December 2008. She had taken 16-19 credit hours each semester although this heavy load helped Elizabeth graduate early, it also added a great deal of stress. She formed the unwelcome habit of becoming seriously ill once every school year—“always at the busiest time of the semester,” she recounts.

The first time the sickness came on, during Elizabeth’s freshman year, she grew so weak that she couldn’t even open the heavy bathroom door and, of course, couldn’t go to classes. “But people were watching out for me,” she says. Some girls on her hall—Ann Grisham, Allison Cunningham, and Sarah Urie—made her peanut butter soup because they knew that was her favorite and R.D. Myra Goza took her to the emergency room. In the next years, Elizabeth’s recurring illness forced her to depend on others: “I was like a little child learning to walk again,” she says.

“My roommate, Elizabeth Barrett, was an amazing encouragement,” says Elizabeth, recalling a moment when the fire alarm went off in her dorm while she was weak from the illness. Unable to rise and exit the building, she sat in the floor, cowed by the throbbing noise coming from right outside her door. And Elizabeth Barrett came to her rescue. “She comforted me and helped me out of the dorm,” Elizabeth says.

The faculty and staff supported Elizabeth as well by praying for her and mercifully allowing her extra time to complete assignments. Dr. Impson told her, “Sometimes we can’t do great, but what matters is that we do the best we can.” Even A.J., the new chef, helped her find things to eat in the cafeteria since the doctor prescribed a gluten-free diet.
Spectators gather to watch seniors launch watermelons from the roof of the Robinson dorm. Each senior was to toss their watermelon if their name was called (photo submitted).

Nathan Hill
Justin Hipp
Laurabeth Hixson
Joy Holby
Lauren Hostetler
Austin Hubbard
Elizabeth Jackson
Courtney Jergins
The seniors kicked off their *Office* party by making pretzels in the Robinson dorm kitchen, in honor of the *Pretzel Vendor* episode of the show. Then, outside, the thirty or so seniors gathered around a trampoline and waited to see if Zach Sheller, playing the character Michael Scott, would call their name to come up and take a turn at tossing watermelons over the roof of Robinson. This was a reference to an episode in which Michael threatens to jump off the roof but is convinced not to by the others; instead they all throw watermelons off of the roof. The senior class has had *The Office* parties before, where they watched episodes of the show.
The theme of this year's Jr./Sr. Banquet was "Long Expected Party," but it turned into a long-awaited arrival back at Brya (photo by Evan Johnson).
On Friday, April 3, juniors and seniors loaded onto buses at four in the afternoon and set off toward an unknown destination. Their first stop was a renovated old factory called “The Factory.” Inside was a beautifully decorated banquet room, fashioned after Bilbo Baggins’ birthday party in the beginning of the Lord of the Rings, complete with an enormous tree in the center of the room. During the dinner the audience was entertained by two comedians.

After dinner, the buses were reloaded and set off for the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The banqueters were given the option of relaxing and taking pictures or participating in a scavenger hunt. The third and final stop was a sports complex. At the complex, attendees were given the choice of line dancing, ice skating, or laser tagging, and breakfast was served buffet-style in the lobby. On the way back to Dayton, the buses were caught in standstill traffic for nearly two hours, finally reaching Bryan at 7 AM with tired bodies but with memories which would last a lifetime.

be Deanne Hicks

Stacy LeJewne
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The experience of spending five days on a luxury cruise ship, for me, was honestly overrated; what was not overrated was resting from the rigors of academia at a beach—the sand of which looked and felt like confectioner's sugar and was bordered by neon-colored water and foliage—with people that will be my lifelong friends. We got our graduation celebrations well underway, as we dominated the ship’s karaoke nights, not-quite-dominated its dance floors, and unintentionally burnt our skin to a crisp as we reclined in the Bahamas sun. Welcome to the real world... not exactly.

Sam Newman, Carlos Pedro da Silva, Rebecca Perelmann, Charles Plush, Robin Renfroe, Bethel Ragland, Michael Rollins, Kat Romeo, Amarr Shorts, Ryon Simon, Amanda Smith, Will Stokes, Kyle Terry, David Thomas, Leighton Trent, Ryan Tyser, Zachary Williams, Heather Windom, Christopher Young

Sarah (Lizzy) Stafford
Josh Storie
Rachel Stuckey
Hillary Tullberg
Chris Tuttle
Sarah Urie
Stephanie Wade
Jana Watson

Rachel Welch
Emily White
Sam White
Ben Whitley
Evan Wiley
John Williams
Taylor Woods
Kim Woody
Commencement Speaker Michael Reneau, chosen by the faculty and senior class, exhorts his classmates to remember the beauty of the Gospel as they graduate from Bryan College (photo by Evan Johnson).

Vespers and Graduation
The power and beauty of the Gospel, Christians, is that it changes everything. It molds our understandings, it informs our affections, and it motivates our actions. It changes how we do life in a marred world. The Gospel is not so small that it is only applicable to select vocations, activities, or time frames. The Gospel changes how millionaires invest their money, and how the poor spend theirs. It changes how the artists create art, and it changes how the waitress serves customers. The Gospel affects how we work, who we vote for, who we befriend, what we enjoy, and how it affects who we are, Christians, all because we are citizens of Heaven, trying to bring the city of God down to a pained earth.

The power and beauty of the Gospel is that through it Christ invites us not just to be passive recipients of its riches, but that He calls us to be active saints, reclaiming what has always been His. The power of the Gospel is that Christ unites each element of our being - mind, heart, and body - to prepare for Himself and us a new creation in which we all will see, without blemish, the power and beauty of the Gospel.

This is what the class of 2009 has learned at Bryan College throughout our education, and this is the power and the beauty of the Gospel: that God readily stands and has claimed every square inch of creation as His. And in a world where death and pain often blinds us to God's goodness, that changes everything.

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Ashley, Kirsten, Jessica, & Cassie Marie:
I love you girls and am so grateful for our crazy/amazing adventures together! We really went out with a bang, huh?
Love, Courtney

Eric- Congratulations on this milestone in your life!

"Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might" - Eph 6:10
Congratulations Luke!
With love and prayers,
Mom and Dad

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord.
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

Anne Elizabeth Carllie

One chapter closes,
another begins.
Holding them together
in a circle of friends.
My dear son, Brett,

I have bloomed like a rose, congratulations to the future Mary Clauson PhD.

With love, from your family.

Congratulations, Nicole! We are so proud of you for all you’ve accomplished and for the beautiful person you’ve become. We love you!

Mom and Dad

Jeremiah 29:11

Brett

Nicole

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6

Hailey Gleason

Mom and Dad

Vorl am.
Dearest Lindsay,

It seems like I went to bed last night and you were a little girl playing with Indians and dolls, and woke up to our beautiful daughter graduating college. We could not be any more proud of you, and love you more than we could express. You have shown much wisdom and discount beyond your years, and have taught me many things. We hope reality will always live up to your dreams and God guide your life.

Love Mom, Dad, Joe, & Reagan
“Make good choices” Annabell

For the Lord gives you wisdom and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Prov. 2:6

“No worries” Lewis

Congratulations!
We are proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Charles A. Plush II
Rosalind Ellis

Rosalind Goforth Ellis, our precious daughter, we are pleased with your accomplishments and hard work at Bryan College. Let the Lord Jesus have His way in your life and He will surely fill your life with His goodness. In the words of Elisabeth Elliot, we encourage you to “love what God commands and desire what He promises.”

With deepest love and affection,

Mom and Dad
Congratulations Joseph!

One day after Christmas, God “called” the gift of a son to our home. We are forever thankful God chose to have you be a part of our family. It has been our joy to grow and learn with you. We know you have the added joy of celebrating your graduation. Your accomplishments as a student are impressive. You have been a faithful son and brother with a steady and thoughtful demeanor. Now you have matured into a well-rounded man.

We know that you have been stretching your responsibilities in class and on campus and admire the way in which you have followed through on your commitments. It is also satisfying watching others learn to appreciate your quiet wit and humor in addition to your godly character.

We are grateful for God’s hand in your life and are assured that with God’s blessing upon your development and your hard work, you will go far in the lives of many, and in whatever work you put your hand to.

With Love and Faith, from your family, Pop, Mom, Isaac, Ada, Ethan, Anna, and John.

Joe's Dad
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To My Team from both semesters,

This book is one of the best Bryan has ever produced, and it took each of you to make it that way. You did an amazing job!

Kirsten, Demme, Wendy, Rosalind and Courtney, I don’t know how you guys put up with me and my scatterbrainness for as long as you did. You were the engine behind this book, and I thank you so much for that. All your long hours and all the difficulties we worked through really made this book come together.

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Nick, thanks for joining the team this year as our first business manager. You saved the rest of us creative but un-business-minded people from the dread of trying to sell ads. You did a great job, and we all appreciate it.

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This book stands as a testament to the skill and dedication of my talented staff, for they made this book happen.

Joy Berner
Closing

(Photoby Evan Johnson)
Every student has had a group of people, both faculty and students, who made their Bryan experience what it is. One of the things that makes Bryan faculty unique is their desire to pour themselves into the lives of their students; they seek to encourage, strengthen, and support their students in the classroom, both outside and in. The students spend countless hours with their friends, filling each other up with laughter, compassion, and thoughtful discussions. In his Prince of Peace speech, William Jennings Bryan said, "There is no human influence so potent for good as that which goes out from an upright life." As we leave Bryan, who we are will continue to spill over into our relationships and our lives will influence the lives of others. It is our turn to reach out with intentionality.
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