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## Awards Granted at Commencement

Preceding the conferring of degrees on forty-four seniors at the twenty-second annual commencement exercises, President Rudd presented awards to the following.

The five P. A. Boyd prizes annually awarded to students who exercise the "highest degree of influence over their fellow students" for the good, went to Richard Cornelius, Jacksonville, Florida, and Sandra Cue, West Chicago, Illinois, members of the senior class. The junior class winner was Kenneth Campbell, Ajax, Ontario, Canada; the sophomore class winner, Donnis Lease, Williamston, Michigan; and the freshman winner, Barbara Ridder, Lansing, Illinois.

Faculty awards, given on vote of the faculty, went to three students: to Martha Sheffield, St. Louis, Missouri, went the prize for the senior "having the highest scholastic record for the period of attendance at Bryan." The prize to the senior who "in the opinion of the faculty has contributed most in faithfulness and loyalty to the welfare of the University" was awarded to Melba Mays, Orlando, Florida. The third prize was given to Richard Cornelius, voted to be the senior "who in the judgment of the faculty achieved the most progress during his four years at Bryan."

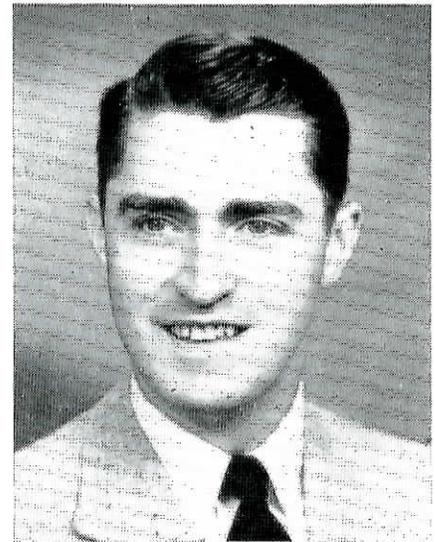
All of the prizes mentioned above were cash awards of ten dollars each.

The Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers Bible award this year was given to Robert McCarrell of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In recent years a prize of ten dollars has been given annually by an anonymous donor on the vote of the entire freshman class to the upper classman who, in the judgment of the class, has best exemplified to them in daily life those things for which the University stands. The prize was awarded to Richard Cornelius.



Miss Mary L. Hammack



Mr. Gordon Gray Talbot

## ELEMENTARY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS ANNOUNCED

President Rudd recently announced the coming of two new faculty members at the beginning of the 1955-56 session in September.

Miss Mary L. Hammack, a native of Oregon, will open the new department of elementary education, joining the faculty as Assistant Professor in that field of study. She received the B. S. degree from the Oregon College of Education. Three years later she spent the summer at the University of Nottingham, England, doing work on the graduate level. She received her M. Ed. from the University of Oregon.

Her experience has been varied, including teaching on the elementary and secondary levels, and assures her students of training from one who, herself, has had several years of practical experience on which to draw.

Gordon Gray Talbot, a graduate of Houghton College and of the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, will fill the vacancy left by Professor Zopfi, who resigned at the end of the year for service in the Greater Europe Mission in Germany.

Mr. Talbot, who will be Instructor

in Christian Education, received the A. B. degree at Houghton College, New York, the Th. B. from the Missionary Training Institute, also in New York, and will complete his resident work for the M. A. degree at Wheaton College, Illinois, this summer. He is a native of the state of New York. Mr. Talbot will be active in the Christian Service program at the University, a field of work in which he has already had considerable experience.

## Board Honors Robinson

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University on June 6, F. E. Robinson was made "honorary chairman of the board to serve for life." This action, recognizing nearly 30 years of continuous service, was taken after Mr. Robinson had submitted his resignation as chairman, in which capacity he has served since the William Jennings Bryan University was incorporated in 1930. Mr. Robinson had been president of the predecessor corporation, the

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## Brown Honored by Commoner



The staff of the 1955 Commoner, Bryan University yearbook, recently announced the dedication of the volume to Associate Professor of History Morton A. Brown. Reading the dedication before the faculty and student body in chapel period, Editor Lawrence Schatz presented the first copy to Professor Brown. The dedication reads: "Because of your deep and sincere love for God, we in turn have found a richer, fuller life in Him; because of your intellectual attainments, our minds have been stimulated towards greater knowledge; because of your conscientiousness and integrity, we have seen a need for discernment daily in our lives; because of these things, we dedicate this, our 1955 COMMONER, to you—Professor Morton A. Brown."

## NEW COURSES OFFERED

In addition to the opening of the elementary education department, which makes available to students specialized training in that field and adds to the curriculum the methods courses essential to certification, new courses have been added in other departments.

Professor Butler has been transferred from the education to the psychology and philosophy department, making available to students courses in the History of Philosophy, Christian Theism, Ethics, Contemporary Philosophy, Social Philosophy, and others.

The Bible department will offer revised or new courses in Prophetic Writings, The Gospels, Corinthians, Biblical Hermeneutics, and Homiletics.

In the English Department new courses in General Humanities, Main Currents in Modern Literature, and Creative Writing are listed in the catalogue. These and other changes in curriculum should do much to strengthen the over-all field of study available to the Bryan students and should enable those who find it necessary to transfer to other colleges to do so better qualified to meet the requirements for graduation in those colleges.

## Scholastic Honors Announced

Leading the seniors in scholastic honors and graduating "cum laude," was Martha Sheffield of St. Louis, Missouri. Majoring in history, Miss Sheffield had a general average for the last three years of 2.483. Second place in the class went to Richard Cornelius of Jacksonville, Florida, also graduating "cum laude."

Among the other students who led their classes academically for the year were Herbert Sierk, Fort Worth, Texas, with a 2.830 average, and Ramon Palmer, Backus, Minnesota, with a 2.433, both from the junior class. Sophomores heading the list were Ann Ross, Whitwell, Tennessee, with an average of 2.593, and Ruth Aggers, Neenah, Wisconsin, with an average of 2.398. The freshmen were led by Nola Jahnke, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a 2.173 average, and Stanley Michalski, Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, with a 2.144 average.

## Heydenburk Gets Degree



David H. Heydenburk, since 1952 Instructor in Music, was recently granted the degree of Master of Music by Indiana University. The degree was granted "with distinction." Mr. Heydenburk's major field of study was music theory, his minor fields being musicology and literature. The topic for his thesis was "Monteverdi's 'Il Ritorno d'Ulisse.'"

As a teacher of piano and organ, as well as of theory, Mr. Heydenburk, who returns to the University as Assistant Professor next year, has found time to make special arrangements for the Gospel Messengers and other groups and to compose for the University Concert Choir a full-length anthem, "The Savior's Merit," which he dedicated to President Rudd.

## Teachers are Students Again

The tables have turned for the summer for five members of Bryan's faculty who are finding themselves students on various campuses rather than teachers.

Up in the cool New England area, Prof. Morton Brown is continuing  
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## Bryan University Promissory Notes

Friends of the University who have funds to invest at interest will appreciate the action taken at the recent, June 6, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The administration of the University was authorized to offer for sale a maximum of \$10,000.00 in short-term notes (one year or less), the proceeds to be toward the present Special Building Project (completion of the exterior, and the interior of the library and main lobby) which is estimated to cost around \$40,000.00. About half of this amount is on hand for this Special Building Project and another \$10,000.00 has been promised.

The administration of the University was also authorized to issue long-term notes (5 and 10 years) bearing 4% interest, the maximum of all such long-term notes outstanding at any one time, not to exceed a total of \$150,000.00. These new notes will be patterned after the 5 and 10-year notes offered for sale in October of 1953, and will be available on or about October 15, 1955, and issued each October thereafter until the action is rescinded. The proceeds of these long-term notes will be used to retire shorter-term obligations.

Bryan University Promissory Notes are secured by the entire assets of the University, having a book value of more than \$800,000.00, except for assets pledged specifically to secure obligations to annuitants. Actuarially computed, these obligations to annuitants amount to less than \$30,000.00, and the total assets are actually worth more than a million dollars.

University assets have increased by more than one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars and liabilities have decreased by more than fifty thousand dollars in the past three years. After the conclusion of the current Special Building Project, and the sale of \$10,000.00 in short-term notes, there will still be more than four dollars in assets for every dollar in liabilities.

Five and ten-year series William Jennings Bryan University promissory notes, issued on October 15, 1953, and having that much less time to maturity, are still available. Individuals having funds to invest either on short or a long-term basis should write the University for further particulars.

## "COMMON CENTS"

(A message from the student council)

When, just prior to the closing of the University, the student council came up with the "Common Cents" campaign — "A Million Pennies for Bryan University" —, they little realized how far-reaching either the pennies or the effort might be. Starting the campaign, and the pennies, to rolling with their initial gift of 2,000, the council soon found that the entire student body, staff, and faculty were behind them. Pennies ceased to wear holes in pockets. Change made at the concession stand always seemed to include pennies, and the "wishing well," where you could make at least part of your wish for a million come true, was constantly within reach — and who wanted a pocket full of pennies anyway?

The scarlet and black treasure chest, a small trunk of unknown ancestry and vintage, but reminiscent of days gone by, welcomed with friendly "clink" the pennies the wishing well missed, and the pennies still rolled along.

And even downtown the campaign caught, and friends were handing

students or teachers a dollar bill, or maybe even a ten, with, "Here, change this into pennies!" And the city council, not to be outdone, voted to contribute personally the equivalent of a week's receipts from the city parking meters — and between seven and eight thousand more pennies rolled up Bryan Hill and into the treasure chest.

And, of course, the mathematicians got busy, and here's what they came up with:

1,000,000 pennies will weigh in the neighborhood of 6,600 pounds.

1,000,000 pennies, if placed side by side would stretch out into a line eleven and eight-tenths miles long, and if they came filing by slowly enough for you to read the minting date on each one, you'd be reading for approximately 270 hours, and you'd be so tired of pennies you'd send them all into the campaign.

1,000,000 pennies stacked one on top of the other would tower 5,555 feet into the air, be lost in the clouds, and be of no use whatever to the "common cents" campaign.

Well all of that may not be "common cents", but how about this?

If 100 of the churches represented by a student on Bryan Hill last year would each start rolling towards Bryan Hill one thousand pennies, the total would stretch over a mile, make a stack higher than the administration building is long, and pay nearly half the cost of the equipment needed for the new library. How's that for "common cents"?

If every Sunday School class that last year contributed a student to the Bryan fellowship would save pennies for the rest of the summer and turn them over to a returning Bryan student to bring back, the student would probably be very happy to reach the Hill and get the burden off his tired shoulders. And that would just be "common cents," too.

And we could go on forever — but that would not be common sense, so we leave it to you. It takes "common cents" to build a college, and common sense says it should be done. If you want YOUR "common cents" to count, turn them over to a Bryan student, or just send them in to the treasure chest on Bryan Hill.

## Campus Improvements

(Along with the multitude of small tasks that are being done this summer dead and dying trees are being removed that others might have a better opportunity for survival and that the general appearance of the campus might be improved.)

The area north of the Octagon is being cleaned up and given a general overhauling.

Work on extending the curb around the south end of the main building is in progress and, when completed should make possible the planting of grass around the south entrance.

Roads on the campus were recently scraped and widened on the main part of the campus up to the circle at the Octagon, preparatory to black topping. Additional straightening and scraping have been done on the roads on faculty circle.

A new roof has been laid on Mrs. Hill's cottage, and other repairs are yet to be made on various campus homes, including those in trailer-ville.



Part of the student council count pennies: left to right are Bud Schatz, Dave Lunney, Mary Hall, Adrienne Kerr, Nola Jahnke, Verena Bender, and Willis Brownlee.

## Government Housing Purchased

Recently through the government surplus agency the University was able to acquire three prefabricated houses, from Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. One of these, a three-bedroom house, contains approximately 850 square feet of floor space and is complete with casement windows, hardwood floors, plumbing, and kitchen cabinets.

The other two are two-bedroom houses, somewhat smaller, but equally well equipped, excepting that the floors are of pine. All of them are in good condition and not over three or four years old, a part of which time they were not occupied. They are well constructed and completely insulated.

The University was able to purchase these houses at a nominal price, but will have to pay for dismantling, moving, and reassembling. The total cost of each house, erected on Bryan Hill, should not exceed one thousand dollars. It is expected that they will be placed on the rear slope of the Hill overlooking the lake and the hills of the Tennessee Valley. Present plans are to use them solely for faculty housing.

## Park and Cue Win Sportsmanship Awards

Awards were voted by the Athletic Committee this year to Howard (Mickey) Park and Sandra (Sandy) Cue for being the best sports in the field of athletics. Based on good, clean, hard playing, a willingness to take the breaks as they come and make the most of them, and a testimony of good sportsmanship and cooperation on the field of action, these are two of the most highly respected awards of the year.

Both Sandy, who hails from West Chicago, Illinois, and Mickey, from Mobile, Alabama, were members of the class of 1955. They have had a very active part in athletics on Bryan Hill since entering the University four years ago.

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his research work toward a Ph.D. in history at Harvard University. And across the river from Cambridge, at Boston University, Prof. Roy Butler is studying philosophy. Prof. Butler also plans on taking work in philosophy on the Harvard campus

Over in the Middle West, not too far from home, at the University of Wisconsin, Miss Mary Alice Greider instructor in Spanish, is spending her second summer in work toward her master's degree.

Close at home in Tennessee, at George Peabody College in Nashville, Miss Beatrice Batson, Assoc. Prof. of English, is completing her research work toward a Ph.D. While at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Miss Lou Rouch, Assoc. Prof. of Biological Sciences, is continuing research work in her field. Following that she will go to the biological station of the University of Michigan at Douglas Lake to do independent research work. Miss Rouch also is working on her Ph. D.

Keeping Bryan represented in the West, Miss Wilma Benker is continuing her study on her M. A. at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

## BOARD HONORS ROBINSON

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Bryan Memorial University Association. Dr. H. D. Long, well known Chattanooga pediatrician, was elected to succeed Mr. Robinson as the chairman of the board.

In addition to performing his new duties as chairman of the board, Dr. Long is actively engaged in the work of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, and is a trustee of the Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.. He also has numerous professional interests. He has been a member of the board since July, 1946.

Prospective students — write in for a new catalogue.

## Seniors Capture Intramural Sports

Both senior women and senior men found the going not too difficult in intramural athletic activities this year, the senior women winning in basketball and the field-day events, having a tie with the sophomores in volleyball, and losing to the second-place sophomores in speedball and the juniors in softball. They ended with a grand total of 90 points to 135 for the sophomore second placers.

For the men, victories were won in football and volleyball, with a tie with the freshmen in basketball and a loss in softball and field-day events. They closed the season with a score of 200 to the 130 for the nearest competitors, the juniors.

## '55 Catalogue Features Tower

The cover design of the 1955-56 catalogue, recently received from the print shop, features a reproduction of the tower of the Administration Building. Printed partially in black relief on a silver stripe and in silver on the naturally black cover, the design shows off to good advantage the latest evidence of the near completion of the main building.

Prospective students, pastors who are interested in seeing their young people attend a Christ-centered liberal arts college, parents who recognize the advantages of such an education, and other friends who have use of such information as is to be found in a college catalogue are invited to write for a copy.

## May Gift Income

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