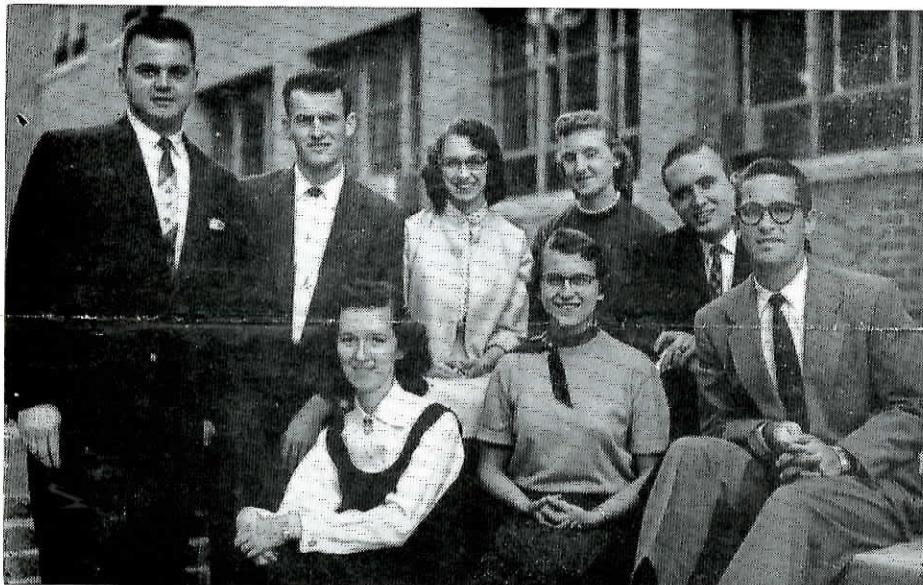


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Student Council members for 1955-56 are, left to right, Ronald Chadwick, Kenneth Campbell, Sarah Davis, Charlene Sorrell, Charlotte Wilde, Dennis Lease, Mark Davis, and Malcolm Bradshaw.

## CAMPBELL HEADS COUNCIL

In a recent student body election Kenneth Campbell of Ajax, Ontario, Canada, was chosen to head the Student Council for the current school year. Now a senior majoring in history, Kenneth was president of his class when a junior, is at present chaplain of the class, and since he entered the University two years ago has taken an active part in intramural sports. He has been a member of the Concert Choir and of the Gospel Messengers.

Chosen vice-president of the Council, Malcolm Bradshaw is a junior from Laurel, Va. He entered Bryan University last year from Moody Bible Institute and is majoring in English. Malcolm is at present chairman of the junior-senior banquet committee.

Dennis Lease of Williamston, Mich., is secretary of the Council and a representative-at-large. She is also vice-president of the Spanish Club, having served as secretary of the organization last year, and is active in the Foreign Missions Fellowship, the Christian Service Association, and

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## ALL SCHOOL PARTY HOME-COMING FEATURE

A brisk fall evening on Bryan Hill, with the trees just beginning to take on their autumn splendor and a beautiful harvest moon shimmering down through the leaves was the setting for the all-school party early in October. The social gathering was a part of the annual home coming.

Students—past and present—were divided into four groups for a treasure hunt which carried them over a good portion of the eighty-two acre campus and brought them in the end back to the main building for the second part of the evening's entertainment.

Carrying out the rustic fall atmosphere of the occasion, the guests were seated on bales of hay before a "cabin porch" placed in a surrounding of corn shocks, pumpkins, vegetables, and other harvest produce. Lloyd Dow and Lois Ringer, accompanied by David Jones on his guitar, and other "neighbors," who "just come a-visiting," led the

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## "Crisis in Christian Education"

(A copy of the address given by Rev. Robert L. Gilbert at the commencement exercises last June, this article contains much for the thinking Christians in these days of unusual emphasis on education. The last of the address will appear in the December Newsette.)

It is a happy privilege indeed to have been invited to meet with you on this momentous occasion, and I am trusting that the Lord will direct our thoughts and considerations together.

I come to you with a deep and heavy two-fold burden upon my heart:

One is in behalf of the school which we each one represent—a school which was established to present and defend the truth in accordance with the Truth as God has revealed it in His Holy Word...a liberal arts college centered upon the Person of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord...a school where human relationship in its vertical relationship with God as well as its horizontal relationship between individuals is given much consideration.

The other is a concern that we might leave with you, as graduates, some small seed thought which God might use to bring an increase until He comes.

For just a few minutes I should like to take a glimpse into the picture of Christian Education. Those who are close to the total picture in the field of Christian Education are deeply concerned over certain present trends and conditions. And I believe that every means available must be used to alert the Christian constituency in America to the existing problem in order that ways might be developed for its solution.

The school year that is just closing has seen a record enrollment in the colleges and universities of our nation. The enrollment has increased 18% since 1951...in only four years, nearly a one-fifth increase. Now we might take heart and say, that in-

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## FROM MY HEART TO YOU

Thanksgiving is traditionally a day set apart for the offering of thanks to our Heavenly Father for the many material blessings in this land of rich natural resources. The corn in the shock, the pumpkin, and the turkey have become the symbols of these blessings. We use the picture of the pilgrims on their way to the house of worship as our symbolic acknowledgment that every material gift is God-given.

Rich natural resources and abundant harvests are evidences of God's concern for us. Undoubtedly, the Lord rejoices with us when there is a bountiful harvest, and particularly so when we express our appreciation for His abundant provision.

The discovery of the secret of the atom, making it possible to unlock tremendous new resources of energy, brings a new understanding of the immensity of God's material provision for us, and this knowledge should give us who have had some understanding of our spiritual resources in Christ a new appreciation of His unsearchable riches.

As I meditate with thanksgiving on God's blessings, I am deeply stirred by a sense of obligation to God. What can I do, to repay in some measure the debt of love I owe? How can I give thanks?

"Thanksgiving," in its simplest form, is the giving of thanks; but for a truly grateful heart it is, in the fullest and final sense, the expenditure of ourselves and all that we have in accordance with His perfect will for us.

JUDSON A. RUDD  
President Emeritus

### DO YOU KNOW

of a high school senior or junior who should go to a Christ-centered college next year?

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Bryan University  
Dayton, Tennessee



Bryan University Faculty, Staff

### "Crisis in Christian Education"

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deed America is a land of unlimited opportunity. In fact, there is no country in all the world that can match such a record among its young people.

But to us, as Christians, a very serious problem is laid before us, when we consider that in the four years, while the total in colleges and universities has increased 18%, the increase in enrollment in the Christian schools of our land has been only 1%!

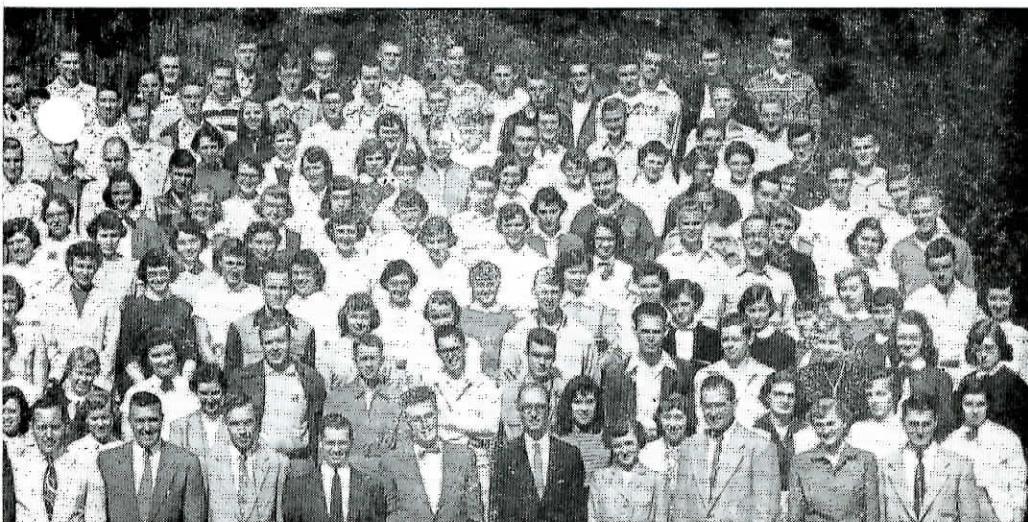
Now to any man engaged in business, if he were to analyze his own business and financial condition, he would become indeed alarmed if there were such a large difference between a total increase in national business index, and the increase in his own personal business.

It is time that we, as Christians, give very careful consideration to such a situation in the realm of Christian Education. Not only will it very definitely affect the Christian testimony and witness in our churches and schools, but it will enter into every other phase of our national activity. Indeed, the influences of the Christian College go far beyond preparation for leadership in our churches. The influence of the graduates of our Christian colleges is like a leaven in our entire national scene. This year nearly 2½ million young people were in the college classrooms. By 1970 some estimate that 4¼ million young people will be trying to get into the halls of higher learning.

WHERE WILL THEY GO? As we study the increased legislative ap-

propriations for our universities and state schools, we can see where there will be an unlimited opportunity for most of them. In fact, during this past week, the announcement was made that the University of Chicago is laying very definite plans to raise a total of thirty-two million dollars over the next ten years. And of this, a major portion will go directly to improve the teaching situation there, and to increase salaries. In the editorial of one of our Chicago papers, in writing of this plan, the statement was made, "the university is the sum of its faculty." And indeed, the statement is true. The influence of any school will be in direct proportion to the training and preparation of its faculty. And I believe that herein is one of the serious problems facing the Christian college.

You may ask the question, "Why is this matter so critical to our nation?" Let me cite just one personal example: In our public schools, in at least a major portion of the country, we are reaping the whirlwind resulting from sowing to the wind for several decades. In our section of the country, schools have been coming in for a great deal of criticism of late, because of the secularism and anti-Christian influence in the classroom. I have found that while I was Superintendent of Schools in a fair-sized community of the State of Indiana, that it was next to impossible to recruit teachers who had a Scriptural view and understanding of God's marvelous plan of redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our salary schedule was somewhat above the average for communities our size, and though there was a shortage of



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teachers, we had many opportunities to secure excellent teachers. But they had all been trained in the state universities and state teachers colleges, or in "church-related" colleges.

Some years ago, the Christian public went out of the business of training teachers. They turned the job over to the state-supported schools who seemingly had unlimited financial resources. If there were teachers available trained in the so-called "church-related" schools, they had been nurtured on the social gospel with the Pollyanna approach to the problems of mankind, and, as a result, they were trying to save mankind through education. Now, what has happened in the field of education has been duplicated in all other fields of human endeavor, including the ministry. Thus, I say, that when in four years, the enrollment in our colleges and universities increases 18%, there is a very serious problem facing us as Christians, when our enrollment in our Christian schools shows only a 1% increase. I trust that it is not an oversimplification of the problem to say that the reason for such a situation might be found in two areas.

One has to do with educational standards for our Christian schools, and the other has to do with financial support. According to a recent article in **Christian Life** magazine, some Christian young people on secular campuses are quite frank to say that they are there because the educational standard is higher, their opportunities are more than they would be in a Christian school. It is with real regret that we read many of the advertisements of Christian colleges.

There is so much inference. There seems to be an over-stressing of certain intangibles, and a real neglect to point out that schools are really doing the job that they are supposed to be doing. It seems that there is a false impression in many minds that if a college can be called a Christian college, in some magical way it can meet the needs of its students and prepare them to make a real contribution in our present-day society.

Some seem to feel that if scholarship is stressed, there is a proportionate neglect of the power of God through the Holy Spirit. Now it would seem to me, that in studying the lives of those whom God has mightily used in years past, the Holy Spirit has a peculiar affinity for a keen and discerning mind. I do not believe that it is grieving to the Holy Spirit of God for a school to stress, without apology, the importance of developing and caring for our minds. I believe, that without apology of any kind, our Christian schools should make every attempt to secure the very best faculty members available, and to provide for them an educational climate and atmosphere that will enable them to work in the most efficient manner possible with the students entrusted to their care.

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## LETTER OF THE MONTH

With this issue a new feature begins in the columns of **Newsette**—“Letter of the Month.” Almost every month brings letters from various alumni, some in this country, some

abroad, some teaching, some preaching, some engaged in other professions. As such letters are available, we believe our readers would be interested, as we are, in hearing from some of those who have left the University and are now serving in the profession of their choice.

The first letter comes from Rev. Edward De Rosset, a graduate of 1939, who with his wife, Joyce, a graduate of 1940, and their four children, is now a missionary at Otuzco, Peru. The De Rossets have been on the field for ten or twelve years. Ed writes:

“I am writing from Otuzco, a little Andean village located some 10,000 feet above sea level...about 50 miles from Trujillo. The trip up by mountain ‘bus’ takes four or five hours and is over some of the most dangerous roads in Peru.... At times there are sheer drops of two or three thousand feet.

“I suppose three or four thousand people live in Otuzco. I found some thirty or forty believers...none of whom have been very well taught in the Scriptures. On my first visit six young boys accepted Christ.... Our main problem now is to find a house that will be suitable for meetings.

“How time flies! I am thankful over and over again for what Bryan meant to me while I was there, but now that I am out I have come to appreciate it even more. It hardly seems possible that twenty years ago this November, after listening to a series of tent meetings in Dayton, my roommate and I knelt down by our bed in the Octagon Dormitory, and I accepted Christ as my Saviour!

“May God bless all of you there... and call many of you into full-time service.... We could use many, many more missionaries in Peru. There are many villages asking us to come, and yet we cannot go.”



The De Rossets are, left to right, Rosalie, Mrs. De Rosset, Karen, Frederick, Mr. De Rosset, and Eddie.

## CAMPBELL HEADS COUNCIL

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intramural sports. A member of the sophomore class and majoring in Christian Education, Dennis entered Bryan from Grand Rapids Bible Institute.

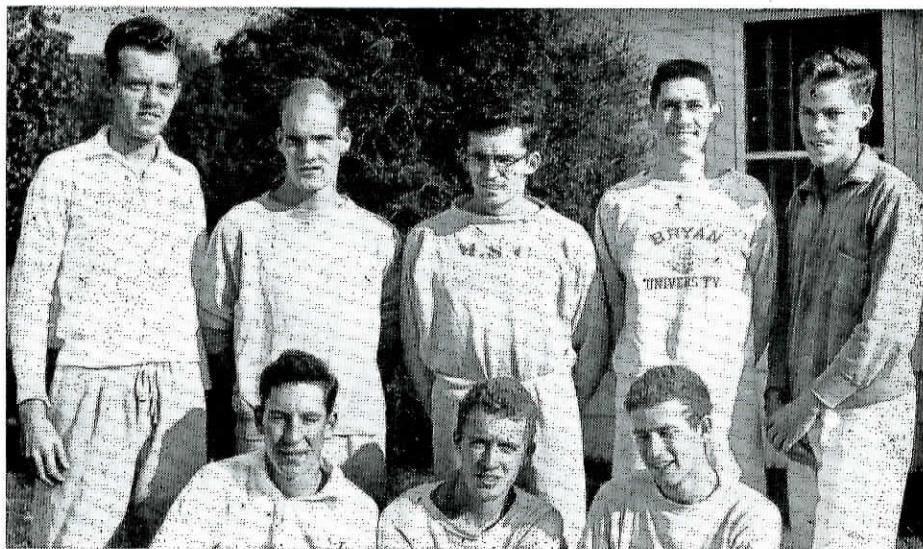
Mark Davis, who entered Bryan from Prairie Bible Institute, is treasurer of the Council and one of the senior representatives. In addition to this responsibility he is president of the Forensic Society and vice-president of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, and has served as a member of the Concert Choir and the Gospel Messengers. Mark, whose home is in Red Jacket, W. Va., is a senior English major.

Sarah Davis, senior representative from Greenville, S. C., has been a member of the Christian Service Association and the Foreign Missions Fellowship. She is majoring in English.

Charlotte Wilde, from Oshkosh, Wis., is a junior representative on the Council. Charlotte is a member of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, Christian Service Association, and the Concert Choir, and is active in intramural sports. Transferring to Bryan after her first year at Wisconsin State College, she is interested in teaching and is majoring in education.

Ronald Chadwick, a sophomore from Buffalo, N. Y., is majoring in history. His activities have included membership in the freshman male quartet, child evangelism work, intramural sports, and the presidency of the Child Evangelism Fellowship this year. He represents his class on the Council.

Charlene Sorrell, a sophomore representative from Erlanger, Ky., is a Bible major who has been active in the Concert Choir, in child evangelism work, and in the Christian Service Association work in the county schools. She has also represented her class in the intramural sports program.



Cross country runners pictured above just before winning a close decision over The University of the South are as follows: lower row, Dave Holland, Lloyd Matthes, Quentin Matthes; top row, Lyn Catron, Dave Watson, Harry Goehring, captain; Dick Ruble, and Russell McLeod.

## Cross Country Team Tops Sewanee

In a cross country run held on Bryan University's rugged 3.6 mile course October 19 Bryan's distance men broke a thirteen-run winning streak of the University of the South (Sewanee) by a score of 26-31, low score winning. Harry Goehring, Bryan junior from Callery, Pa., led the field, completing the course in 20 minutes and 29 seconds.

Earlier in the month Bryan lost to Georgia Tech by the same score of 26-31, running on the Atlanta course. Goehring again came in first, a full minute ahead of the first Tech runner.

The meet held on Bryan Hill October 29 with Berea College, from Kentucky, found the Bryan squad trailing Berea with a score of 25-34. Berea's Perry, running a beautiful race throughout the course, led the field, hitting the tape 13 seconds before Bryan's leader, Goehring. Winning time for the meet was 20 minutes.

## All-school Party: Home Coming

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guests in singing such old favorites as "Shine on, Harvest Moon," and "Down by the Old Mill Stream." The "neighbors" included Lyrle Cue, Judy King, Charles Smith, and Jim Reese, with Ardis Johnson assisting at the piano. A touch of reality was added to the scene, when in the middle of the group singing, the porch swing unexpectedly pulled loose and came crashing to the floor. There were no casualties.

Following the singing of a number of choruses, Herbert Friedrich of the class of '54, now attending Dallas Theological Seminary, brought a devotional message, after which the guests moved to the dining hall for refreshments.

## SEPTEMBER GIFT INCOME

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