Two years ago during the commencement ceremony at Harvard University, Aleksandr Izevich Solzhenitsyn addressed the graduating class with words that stunned our nation. With his perspective as an outsider to our culture, he exposed the flaws in our society as he saw them. His male complaint against American culture was that Americans have no courage. He said we are a cowardly nation, and he is right. Solzhenitsyn cited as example the continual retreat of American influence in the face of Soviet aggression. And he cited many other examples, all of which have only grown worse since his speech.

The American Spirit is Lazy

Further, Solzhenitsyn said that the reason America has no courage is because of a lack of spirituality. The difference between Europeans and Americans is the European’s spirit has been forged and honed by years of persecution and hardship. While the American spirit has grown fat and lazy by years of wanton pleasure.

Second Generation Graduates Share Impressions

DAVE MARVIN

Before coming to Bryan I was given some advice that seems very significant now that my four years of college have come to a close. That advice was, “Don’t let your studies interfere with your education.” Although I thought the advice was rather humorous at the time, I found it to be very good advice as I went through my four years of college.

During my stay at Bryan I learned as much about life through teachers, students, and extra-curricular activities as I could hope to learn. This was just complementary to what I learned from the books or academic aspects of school.

As a second generation student, it has been very rewarding to me to see that Bryan College has only changed for the better over the years; but college officials remain the same on their overall stand for the school.

I have come to a close. That advice was, “Don’t let your clothes from wear. He saw Moses strike the rock and he saw the water gush out. He saw God provide their food every day and protect their clothes from wear. He saw God defeat the enemy before the nation of Israel. And through all of this, Joshua was learning to trust God when troubles came. He learned to look to God, not to man.

CATHY JEWETT

When I graduated the first time from Bryan College in 1964 I decided I could do it again. I must admit that my first graduation did not involve quite as much as did my second, since the first was from Bryan College kindergarten. I honestly believe that the determination of a five-year-old stuck with me through those next 16 years.

Bryan was the only college I even considered, and there was no question as to what I would do. I wanted to sing. When I finally made it to Bryan, I thought I was ready for everything; but I found out differently. The first year brought new challenges, troubles, questions, and needs which did not always have the solutions or answers I wanted. I now am beginning to see some of the reasons for the things I went through.

In these last few weeks I have had the opportunity to reflect back on these times with others of my class, and I have seen the way the Lord has worked in our lives, separately and together. There are regrets that come from not getting to know some until almost too late, but also the unique promise that we will be able to spend eternity together.

The determination of a five-year-old brought me a long way—a way of challenge and of beautiful friendships which will last forever.

Therefore, when Joshua was to graduate from the school of the desert, God Himself spoke to him saying:

No man will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses I will be with you, I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and courageous, to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you: do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be trebled or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Here was Joshua, leading a band of trembling Jews to attack a band of mighty warriors. God says, “Be strong and courageous!” God did not suggest, he commanded! He also commanded Joshua to continually study God’s commandments. If we would do this in them, he would be successful. There was no doubt in what God said. Joshua would be successful.

Five Years Left for America

Men and women, we live in a society that is characterized by fear, anxiety, and cowardice. Time is running out on our nation. Francis A. Schaeffer said recently that he believes our nation will only have another five years. Five years, think about that. We believe our culture will collapse in five years, unless there is a spiritual reformation on a scale unprecedented in American history.

Men and women, it is up to us to trust God and allow Him to work through us to carry out this reformation. No one else will do it, and we may only have five years. We must be successful. This is one time when defeat will truly mean disaster.

Reformation or Judgment

God has shown us how we can be successful. We must stay in His Word, meditating on it day and night. Secondly, we must walk in His commandments. We must not stray to the right or to the left, caught up in the hassle of the society of our day. And third, we must go to our places in order to praise God and proclaim the gospel with a spirit of strength and courage; or else we will stand before our God and answer why we did not.

God has promised success. We must learn the faith that Joshua knew. We must trust God to defeat our enemies before us. This is the only way we will bring about the necessary spiritual reformation.

Men and women, God has commanded us to go forth. Let us go forth in a spirit of courage and strength.
CLASS OF 1980

BACHELOR OF ARTS

2nd row (from back): Sawyer, Kurtz, Puryear, Urie, Simpson, Reese, N. Ruark, R. Ruark, Williams, Rytle, Wills, Wills.
3rd row: Oliva, Paddget, Pope, Prentice, Jenkins, Henry, Harrington, Jensen, Hall, Nee.
4th row: Kelly, Kohl, Liegth, Marson, Marvin, Merrick, Miller, Jones, Jewett
6th row: Carver, Chamberlin, Cox, Crowder, Duckett, Frye.
Front row: Anderson, Baganovitch, Babler, Bittner, P. Brown, Branson

1. LAURIE ANDERSON
   Dallas, TX
   Elementary Education

2. DEAN ATKINSON
   Ann Arbor, MI
   Business Administration/
   Accounting

3. MIKE BAGDANSKY
   Jacksonville, FL
   Psychology/Greek

4. WAYNE BAKER
   Columbus, OH
   Greek

5. HELEN BARBER
   La Grande, OR
   Music Education

6. KATHLEEN BECKER
   Mountain View, CA
   Music Education

7. PAUL BETTER
   Guttenberg, IA
   Psychology/Greek

8. DAN BIERBNER
   St. Louis, MO
   Music Education

9. MATTIEH BIERBNER
   Jackson, MS
   Business Administration/
   Accounting

10. TOM BRANDON
    Marion, KY
    Greek

11. LYNNE BROWN
    Tampa, FL
    Elementary Education

ALUMNI GLEANINGS

JEAN (NEFF) GADE ‘44 was honored at a reception in the Culpepper Baptist Church in Virginia for her 34 years of service in Children’s Bible Mission since September 15, 1949.

ROBERT W. HARPER ‘45 is anticipating speaking engagements at the Fourth of July Family Conference at Greenfield Bible Conference in Pennsylvania, at a Canadian Thanksgiving conference in London, Ontario, and at a U. S. Thanksgiving conference in Columbus, S. C.

KENNETH ‘47 and Evelyn MARKEN are living in Mentor, Indiana, where Kenneth has been pastor of the First Baptist Church since June 1979. They had spent many years in Richmond, Va., in Christian school ministry. They are glad that out of five children, one daughter, CHRISTINE, graduated with Bryan’s class of 1979.

BRUCE ‘47 and WILMA (WALKER) ‘49 ROSELINAI have been back in Sibu, Central African Republic, since March 1979 and planned to return to the States so EUGENE ‘44 and ERINISTE (HEALAN) ‘44 ROSELINAI could go out. However, the homecoming of Mother Rosena on December 24, 1979, released both couples for continued service in Sibu. Field reports include a conference with all 42 of the Sibut pastors, a Bongo conference with 315 present, at the Sibut church at Bonsall.

TERRY ‘47 and Barbara (Brousos) CLUSSE reside in Terre Haute, Ind., where Bob has completed 17 years as professor of history at Indiana State University and 16 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clay City. Recent publications include a book, The Church in the Age of Orthodoxy and the Enlightenment, Concordia Press, 1982, and a textbook, Streams of Civilization, The Modern World to the Nuclear Age, Most Media, which is for teaching world or western civilization to high school students.

BUD ‘50 and LENORA (SHEAFF) ‘50 FRIETT continue to serve the Lord in Trinidad, West Indies, and are looking forward to the marriage of their second son, Mark, in Kansas City, Mo., at the end of June.

DAME ‘56 and MARTHA (SHEAFF) ‘56 PAYNE first want to visit Brazil in 1980—just two people. They reared three children in Brazil and now after furlough will be returning to Brazil in June—just two lonesome parents!

LOIS (FRIESSY) ‘56 could identify May 1 as the date of becoming owner of “our own home for the first time ever” in Chicago, Ill., and of becoming secretary in Wharton, Ill., to Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Africa Field Man, with whom she was associated for 18 years in Ivory Coast.

THANKS

To those who returned the recent Alumni Survey form we wish to express sincere appreciation. Some notes are included in this alumni newsletter and others will be gathered for use in subsequent issues.

P.S. PLEASE

If you have not sent in the Alumni Survey sheets, we would like to have them even a little late to help us know when to do to improve Bryan’s ministry or to know what we are doing satisfactorily. It is especially important to us to know your present occupation and how your training at Bryan prepared you for it.

LESLEE ‘51 and DELLA (HUCK) ‘50 NAPER reside in Upperville, Va., where both are teachers in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Leslie is also pastor of Upperville Baptist Church and Della is music director. They plan to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on July 13.

BESSIE (DEGENMAR) ‘53 and WESLEY SIMONSON reside in Bemidji, Minn., where Wesley is presently a shut-in and bursar. They continue to pray for Bessie’s healing.

ROBERT ‘54 and Bonnidell (Barrows) CLOUSE reside in Terre Haute, Ind., where Bob has completed 17 years as professor of history at Indiana State University and 16 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clay City. Recent publications include a book, The Church in the Age of Orthodoxy and the Enlightenment, Concordia Press, 1982, and a textbook, Streams of Civilization, The Modern World to the Nuclear Age, Most Media, which is for teaching world or western civilization to high school students.

LUISE (KYYER) ‘55 and JAMES SULLIVAN who live in Fallbrook, Calif., are pictured with their four children. Dewey, Thaddeus, Cindy, and Carlie is a senior at Biola, Cindy a sophomore. Charles is studying electronic engineering at Cal Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo, where DEAN PIKER ‘52 and his family live.

The Sullivan Family

MARGARET JONES
Tucker, GA
Christian Education

DAPHNE KELLY
Charleston, SC
Christian Education

STEVE KOHL
Dayton, TN
Christian Education

GEORGE KURTZ
Worcester, MA
Bible

CARL LAGELEN
Palisades, FL
Business Administration/
Accounting

BRUCE LAX
Parsky, CA
Christian Education

LINDA LIEBCHER
Dayton, TN
Christian Education

KATHY LITTLE
Cleveland, TN
Elementary Education

JEFF LOVELAND
Lake Park, FL
Music Education

ROBERT JENSEN
Dayton, TN
Music Education

REBECCA JENKINS
Manas, CA
Music Education

ROGER JENSEN
Dayton, TN
History

CATHY JUDD
Newbern, NC
Music (Applied)

45. PAUL HARRINGTON
   Raleigh, NC
   Elementary Education

46. DAVE HERR
   Fort Worth, TX
   Psychology

47. DEBRA EVANS
   Pampa, TX
   Business Administration

48. BILL HUSTON
   Dayton, TN
   Business Administration

49. ARTHA JAGER
   Columbus, OH
   Elementary Education

50. KARER JERKINS
   Owens, IL
   English

51. REBECCA JOHNSON
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ANNU EALINGS (Continued)

Classmates of the LINc family met at Kings Island Amusement Park in Cincinnati, Ohio, with their families as a farewell to the Linds before they returned to Brazil. Picture above from left are: WALTER '84 and DOUG '84 (DARGREAVES) '85 ALLEN with Kim and Dana. DAVID '85 and ANN (KELLY) '85 LIND with Heather and George '94 and KAREN (WENDT) '86 WEBER with Tracy and Eric '86 and BETH '86 COX with Janelle and Jeremy.

FRANK '61 and MARTHA (BIXES) '62 HUSTON reside in Clayswell, Fla., where Martha is a full-time mother at present to two foster girls, ages one and three, in addition to her own daughter, Rachel Cher, who is 14. Frank has a vinyl repair business in which Martha also helps.

PAT (DARULLA) '64 and Foy McPHERSON are pleased that their son Keith Allen, 7, was able to enter first grade in spite of a handicap. Pat is taking courses at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga., and hopes to return to the classroom as a teacher soon.

THOMAS SHAFFER '65 is enrolled in a master's program at Trinity Seminary while he pastors the Bethel Baptist Church near his home in Tyronvile, Ill.

ROBERT '65 and ROBIN (SEIVER) '65 CRANE have been living in Richmond, Va., during their furlough from mission work in Alaska. Bob has been invited to be the pastor of Faith Chapel in Tok, Alaska, beginning this summer. On April 1 the Cranes terminated their affiliation with Slavic Gospel Association and have been commended by SGA to the Central Alaska Mission, which is an arm of Far Eastern Gospel Crusade.

STEVE '73 and SARAH (MCCONNALL) '85 EDWARDS live in Zanesville, Ohio. John recently spent five months in the hospital for three brain surgeries, of which one was for removal of three tumors. They praise the Lord for His all-sufficient grace during this time.

ANN (FRAZIER) '59 and Charles RILEY are planning to move in June from Whititter, Calif., to the San Jose area where Charles' job will relocate with the mother company, Tempress, a unit of General Signal. DENNIS x'86 and KAREN (ORTHNER) x'86 STRATTON have channeled their musical abilities and gifts into a family ministry called "The Stratton Family Presents a Sacrifice of Praise" with the aid of Allen, 10, and Shawn, 9. Young Nathan, 2, and Amanda, 1, are listening members as their vocal renditions are not always edifying! Dennis resigned his CPA practice in 1975 and completed graduate studies for the master's degree in Bible at Columbia Graduate School of the Bible and is presently seeking a pastorate.

JOHN x'68 and ANN (TRIPPLET) '68 REYNOLDS are seeking the Lord's direction in their lives as John continues his education with a new master's program at Ohio State University. Madge is busy caring for their four children.

CLARENCE (BILL) '66 COX with Janelle and Jeremy.

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