It was at this place literally, not this lovely chapel, but at this hilltop, that I made my first steps toward Christian higher education in which I have spent, as Dr. Cornelius said, more years than he would like to admit! For his contributions as a Christian musician and leader, we salute James Reese, Bryan Alumnus of the Year, 1981.

Dr. Beatrice Batson '44
Chairman of English Department Wharton College

(Excerpts from the address by Dr. Batson at the October Alumni Homecoming chapel.)

It was at this place literally, not this lovely chapel, but at this hilltop, that I made my first steps toward Christian higher education in which I have spent, as Dr. Cornelius said, more years than he would like to admit! It is a joy to be back.

Recently I read a book that made a profound impression on me. Not only did it evoke the title of my subject this morning, which is "Words," this book gave me considerable amount of doing. But that, it seems to me, would rather you wouldn't hate us, of course. We want comrades.

I have suggested many times from various platforms, that it is much easier to disagree with what we think is erroneous in a thought or a custom or an action and reply with the vocabulary of a fragmentary study which leads us into idolatry, which is the worship of ourselves. It could be that we are now trying to exploit the minds and the imaginations of others? Could it be our pretensions, students, to know what we really don't know and neglect to seek out and confront what we can't and should know? Could it be our unwillingness to love God with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength so that the archery is loosed.

I want to say to you students from those of us who are older, "We travel with you." Your teachers, I am quite sure, do not want fan clubs or disciples, though we would rather you wouldn't hate us, of course. We want comrades. We want young minds who, out of love for truth, will pitch in to pursue the rigors and the joys and the glory of all that is essential in an honest, thorough job of Christian higher education.

There are also words from our Lord, which He gave through the provocative words of a parable. Like all parables, as you know, the message of the story is the story and all we can do is to just to enter in with our eyes wide open and find ourselves there. Whether our Lord talked of those familiar and commonplace things like winoskins or lost sheep, or seeds planted in the ground, or hungry and thirsty strangers, or maidens and bridesmaids, or dusty coins, or wayward sons, or day lamas, they are addressed to students of all ages.

Let the speaker, "use words that address the students to the fulness of who they are and the emptiness where grace and peace bathe but are not. Let words show them that men are wretched and vulnerable and heavy-laden as our Lord said."

I don't know at what point we are most vulnerable. Could it be prideful restraints which keep us from reverence? Could it be unimportant and trivial details which crowd out our supreme concerns? Could it be preoccupation with petty matters that grew away our energy and cloud our focus on the large issues of our day? Could it be self-centered self-sufficiency and fragmentary study which leads us into idolatry, which is the worship of ourselves. It could be that we are now trying to exploit the minds and the imaginations of others? Could it be our pretensions, students, to know what we really don't know and neglect to seek out and confront what we can't and should know? Could it be our unwillingness to love God with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength so that the archery is loosed.

I hope. Launch out with enthusiasm and optimism. Catch a new vision of the need for well-trained and deeply committed Christians who can and who should shed light in humility and devotion to God's truth on the work in which we are engaged, on the wider and deeper meaning of the subjects we teach and study, on the lives we live not only in our immediate relation, but in relation to this fragmented, broken world where "anarchy is loosed."
ALUMNI HOMECOMING 1981

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Bob and SAM D. HODGES '36
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Martha Jo Gallagher Bush

LOIS WEYHE '48
BEATRICE BATSON '44
RUTH KUHN SIMMONS '47
ANN WILDER MORGAN '48
RUTH ELLA JOHNSON WILLIAMS '48

50s

JOAN HINKLE ALEXANDER '57
GINNY SEGUINE '54
SHIRLEY ADELEAH FEHL '56

60s

ALBERT LEVENGOOD '52
JOANNE RANKIN '56
EVELYN WHITLOW '54
JOY LESLIE BOSTROM '56
JOYCE COOPER LEVENGOOD '52

70s

SANDRA SONRELL '63 & CHARLES WESTGATE '62
JUDY '76 & JOY STEELE '76

80s

RUTH ROSS & LAURA CATHER '68
LARRY FEHL '67, DALE FEHL '68
GAIUS MUSA & BRUCE MORGAN '82
JAN '83, JOYCE WILLIAMS
MAXEY '80 & Family

NEW HONORARY ALUMNI

Dr. and Mrs. Karl Keefer

25th Anniversary
Class of 1956

Arts and Crafts Fair

Breakfast at Cedar Point
Honoring the Class of 1982
JOHN x'37 and Clara deROSSET attended for the first time in nine years the tri-annual conference of the American Christian Academy with Jenny in her third year as fifth grade teacher. There are 277 students this year as compared to 222 one year ago and now has 40 students. Eugene and his wife have served for the fifth year of this special school which served her needs and that of others in the community for a number of years. She has been incapacitated with sciatica and is especially grateful for her patient husband who cares for her as well as for the church, the radio program, and their daughter.

Words (Continued from page 1) or talents, He did it frequently through parables. We cannot help but be awed by the power and the wisdom of the parable of the talents. It's rich in parabolic significance but in it we are reminded of the confidence we have in our Lord to equip us for service with gifts which God has entrusted us. Though we may be called to use our spiritual gifts in capacities, the spirit of faithfulness and dependability in the performance of our trust is equally required of every one of us. Such quality of character enriches our endowments and qualifies us for larger tasks and larger trust, but, on the other hand, unregulated, self-indulgent, and even laziness result in loss and deterioration of our original endowments. The unused capacity becomes a spiritual stillbirth—loses the last capacity. The sluggard loses even that which he has.

Now it seems to me that our Lord is asking us to use to the full potential the gifts which we have. This emphasis in our day is so much on success, so much on achievement, so much on what we can do that I think we forget what our Lord said.

Words from Pushkin's book stabbed us with the realization of our vulnerabilities; words from an Old Testament teacher challenged us with new hope. Words from our Lord Einsteined our minds and our spirits to reflect on our responsibility before Him. I have, I know, to more prayer, more meditation, more surface of which words, but then I have no more than touched the surface of the mystery of persons like you.

But for all of us, our leaders, the speakers, all—I should like to close in the prayer with words from an ancient poet, who was extremely well trained but who knew that it was the voice of the Holy Spirit when the church was known Him, May we have our prayer now of dismissal in these four lines of John Donne. Let us pray.

"To me my heart, dearest companion for you. As yet but knock, breath, shine, and seek to mend; That I may rise and stand, o'ermow me, and bend as far as flame to break, blow, burn, and make me anew."
BIRTHS

To HELEN SCHUESSLER '71 and Henry LEOHARD a son, Kenneth Thomas, on September 24 in Easton, Maryland.

To JEREMY ALLEN FRANK '76 and Barbara EASTMAN their fourth child, Amy Nicole, on August 3 in Amarillo, Texas, where John is pastor of the Bible Church. Their older children are Jessica, who is 10; David, 8; Michael, 6; Andrew, 4; and Nathan, 2.

To DANNIE 'x70 and PATTY (STIMATZ) 'x69 SMITH by adoption a son, Jeffrey Alan, born May 27. Patty is a registered nurse who works in Utilization Planning.

To PETE 'x76 and Karen (NEUBURG) 'x77 GAGE their first child, Timothy Ray, on September 19 at Grace Baptist Church in East Flat Rock, North Carolina.

To GARY 'x74 and Norma FATH their second daughter, Kelly Ann, on July 21, in Wooster, Ohio.

To JIM 'x77 and KATHY (BALLARD) 'x74 CROPP their fourth daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on July 2, in Woodbridge, Virginia. They join his sister, Elizabeth, who is nearly four.

To TERRY 'x75 and SARAH (TAYLOR) 'x75 PETERSON their second child, Katrissa Marie, on October 23 in Medaryville, Indiana, to join a two-year-old brother, Eathan.

To JIM 'x76 and JACKIE (POWELL) 'x76 THORNTON a daughter, Brittany Carol, on July 27 in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Their older daughter, Jana, is now four.

To GARY 'x76 and Norma FATH their second daughter, Kelly Ann, on July 21, in Wooster, Ohio. Their older daughter, Kathy, is two.

To SCOTT 'x75 and Shirley BURCHMITH their third child, Autumn Joy, on November 12 in Atlanta, Georgia, to join a two-year-old sister, Elizabeth.

To DAVID 'x76 and JOYCE (DRESOW) 'x77 FETTIE their son, Aaron David, on October 9 in West Chicago, Illinois.

To GEORGE 'x76 and JOY (WITZKOW) 'x77 MCMAHON their second child, Ryan Joel, on August 18 in Dunman, Oklahoma. Their older son, Kyle, is two.

ALUMNI GLEANINGS (Cont'd from page 3)

70's

DANNIE 'x70 and PATTY (STIMATZ) 'x69 SMITH are residents of Jacksonville, Florida, where Danial pionners the Agape Baptist Church and continues as its pastor. He also organized a concert ministry featuring contemporary Jesus music with four concerts a year. Danial is CEO of a multimedia ministry called LifeLine in Review at St. Luke's Hospital. They are especially happy that their 35-year wait on the adoption list has been rewarded.

RICHARD '71 and CAROLYN (STROUP) '71 NEWKIRK live in Winnebago, Wisconsin, where Richard is working in Christian Broadcasting. Miriam is a counselor for a Christian firm which assists members of local churches in the area of charitable giving and estate planning.

MIRIAM GEBB 'x71 completed her two-year term as a nurse in Ecuador. Her term has been extended for six months due to the civil unrest in the country. She is now working in Colombia for Development in the Bolivar Province teaching Quichua Health Promoters personal hygiene—ways to purify drinking water, control the building of latrines, and other basic health information to prevent diseases. She hopes to return home in March of 1982.

LeeANN DAVIN (GARMEZY) '73 NICHIOLS are living in Wake Forest, North Carolina where Leon is enrolled in Southeastern Seminary, planning for a M. Div. in languages and Christian education at graduation in May 1982. He anticipates entering full-time Christian service as minister of education and possibly the mission field. Dawn taught elementary school for seven years, coached girls' sports for five, earned her master's degree in 1974 at the University of Florida, and has been active in church as well as a homemaker for her husband and now a son born in September.

DR. MURIEL (MARSHALL) BAH 'x74 received the Master of Arts degree in Public Health at Tulane University from Tulane University in New Orleans on May 18, 1982. She and her husband, Dr. Michael Bah, are under appointment with TEAM to establish a hospital in the Bird's Head area of Biafra. They with their son, Andrew, nearly two, plan for language study in Bangsul, Indonesia. Because visas have been delayed, Muriel is studying toward an additional distinction in Tulane and Min is teaching English.

TERRY (LOVEGREY) BELKO 'x74 was appointed in June as stewardship representative for the Midwest by The Evangelical Alliance Mission. He previously worked as a counselor for a Christian firm which assists members of local churches in the area of charitable giving and estate planning.