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Bethany Announces Capital Campaign

Board Approves Facility Expansion



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Bethany to Build New Facilities

Board approves $4.35 million capital campaign

April 21, 2003, was a historic day in Bethany's first 49 years of service. On this day, Bethany's board of directors unanimously approved a record $4.35 million capital campaign. This is the first capital campaign since the late 1980s when Bethany added a new gymnasium, locker rooms, and music room—an effort co-chaired by Bob and Sue Miller. As of late May, $3,664,134 have been raised—84% of the target.

Board president Eldon Heatwole stated, "We are pleased with the generous sacrificial gifts that we have received. Alumni, parents, and friends have responded to our compelling need. With a lot of hard work and effort, I'm confident that we will indeed reach our campaign goal."

In the mid-1990s, many Bethany faculty, parents, and friends believed that it was vital to start a middle school. An independent study recommended, however, that Bethany should first liquidate its operational debt before proceeding to add grades 6, 7, and 8. Bethany's "real world" experience proved this study to be woefully incorrect as Bethany not only liquidated its debt, but also reached a number of record enrollment milestones since founding the middle school in 1996-97.

In spite of limitations in middle school facilities, Bethany continues to provide a high quality Christian education. Currently the middle school is housed in two modular units and on the second floor of the original "barn." The limited facilities make it difficult to provide adequately for curricular needs.

The campaign is designed to address these burgeoning needs by:

- Building a new middle school "wing" with six classrooms,
- Adding two new high school classrooms and an orchestra classroom,
- Expanding the cafeteria,
- Adding an additional gymnasium for middle school programs,
- Constructing a new, centralized entrance to make Bethany a much more welcoming place to students and guests. In addition, new administrative offices will be relocated around this entrance.

According to Principal Allan Dueck, "Bethany is truly a school that instills Christian values in students. Christ is at the center of our curriculum. We have been gratified by the record enrollments and the outpouring of financial support. We plan

Components of Building Project

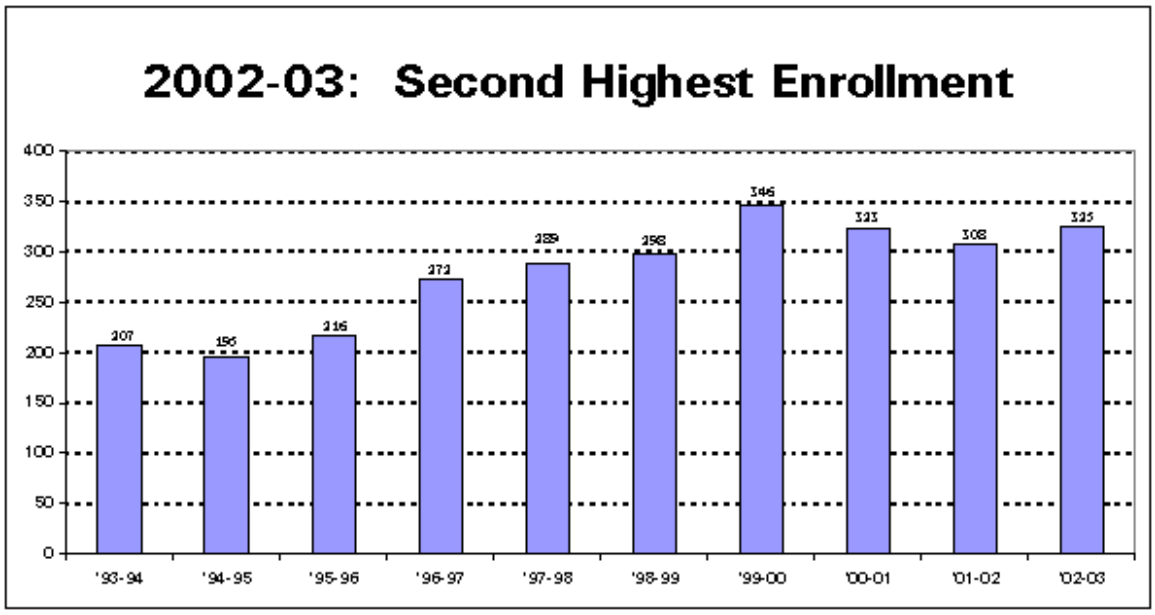
Build six new middle school classrooms	$1,650,000
Build new auxiliary gymnasium	$1,200,000
Build new orchestra room, add additional high school classrooms, renovate science classrooms, and expand the cafeteria/kitchen	$425,000
Create new reception/office area, driveway safety improvements,	$525,000
Instructional and program equipment	$200,000
Interest expense until pledges are paid in full	$350,000
Grand Total:	$ 4,350,000

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to position Bethany to meet the needs of the twenty-first century."

Fundraising for **The Campaign for Bethany Christian Schools** will be conducted through December 2003. Construction is slated to start sometime this fall with completion in 2004. The construction timetable for the new building is designed to coincide with the school's 50th anniversary celebration in June 2004.

Bethany was started in 1954 by a group of parents and Mennonite church leaders interested in integrating faith and values with academics. The school is owned and operated by Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. Today Bethany continues to work in partnership with church and home to nurture youth in Christian faith, provides students with Christian adult mentors other than their parents, and plans activities to help students develop many friendships.

Called "northern Indiana's best-kept secret" by one state education official, Bethany Christian Schools excels in academic excellence. Small class sizes provide more opportunities for individualized instruction, which has stimulated academic success. Not only does Bethany consistently have the highest pass rate in Elkhart County for the ISTEP+ (state-mandated test), but the school provides special instruction so that students who need to retake the test can do so successfully. In the last seven years, the high school has earned nine state Academic Superbowl championships. The



The two modular buildings, used for three middle school classrooms, stand east of the "barn," which houses three more middle school classrooms.

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BCS 50th Anniversary

Remember to mark your calendars for June 11-13, 2004.

school also has the highest average SAT scores in the area despite having the largest percentage of its student body taking the test. In fact, over 80% of Bethany graduates go on to attend college.

Students at Bethany also receive many opportunities for becoming involved in extracurricular activities. Over 75% of the student body participates in interscholastic athletics, which have often been quite successful—Bethany teams won at least one sectional championship each year between 1997 and 2002. Well over half the student body participate in choirs, orchestras, musicals, and dramas, and still others test their fine arts gifts in the high school's annual Spring Arts Day.

The sense of community is very strong at Bethany. Students build lasting friendships in a community with shared values. During times of crisis, students and teachers know that caring people around them will pray for them and provide emotional support. Students often leave personal items unattended and lockers open with little fear of vandalism or theft. Students feel safe.

In contrast to the world's tendency to rely on violence to solve problems, Bethany emphasizes living peaceably and building bridges to people across the globe. Students with special interest in discussing and actively promoting peace can participate in *Peace Society*. In addition many students regularly volunteer their time for peer tutoring, local health organizations, and other service agencies. A schoolwide day of service at local nonprofit agencies, class and co-curricular projects, Key Club, and Interterm provide opportunities for students to experience the challenges and joys of serving others in their local community.

Students leave Bethany well prepared for college, voluntary service, or work assignments. They have learned how to study, serve, and work. They are prepared to face their future with strength.

Building projects through the years

1954 Annas and Ursula Miller donate their portion of the land, and barn, on which Bethany is built. Groundbreaking occurs on March 13 and Bethany opens for classes on September 7. The original building includes a gymnasium with offices and classrooms along the north side of the gym. The barn is renovated for classroom and dining hall use.

1957 A 60' x 60' classroom wing and 45' x 60' chapel (now Rooms 14-19) are added at east end of existing classrooms.

1964 Chapel (present-day library), classrooms, and offices are added to the west and south of the gymnasium, and a cafeteria to the east of that addition.

1978 Bethany spends $250,000 to retrofit the building with insulated walls, double-glazed windows, and a central, boiler-operated hot-water heating system.

1989 A music room and gymnasium are added to the northeast end of the building. The former gym is converted to a chapel, the chapel to a library, and the library to classrooms.

1996 The "barn" is remodeled to accomodate three classrooms in the newly-established middle school.

1998 A single-classroom modular building is added for expanding middle school.

1999 A second modular building housing two additional middle school classrooms is added. New restroom facilities are added in the east side of the "barn."

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Capital Campaign Kickoff

May 27, 2003



Clockwise from top:

Campaign Building Committee member Joel Miller ('90), his wife Angela (at left), and parents Sue and Bob Miller (at right) at the reception following the Kickoff. Sue and Bob were the capital campaign co-chairs for the last major building project in 1989.

Principal Allan Dueck speaks during the Kickoff celebration, highlighting the 104% increase in middle school enrollment since 1996.

Capital Campaign co-chairs Bob ('73) and Barbara Steury (at right) chat with Carolyn (Myers '59) Chupp.

Advisory Council members Ora Troyer (board '85-91) and Bertha Bontrager Rhodes (at right) chat with Mary Troyer and Duane Stutzman ('61, board 1997-2003).



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Steurys solicit support, share vision of Bethany

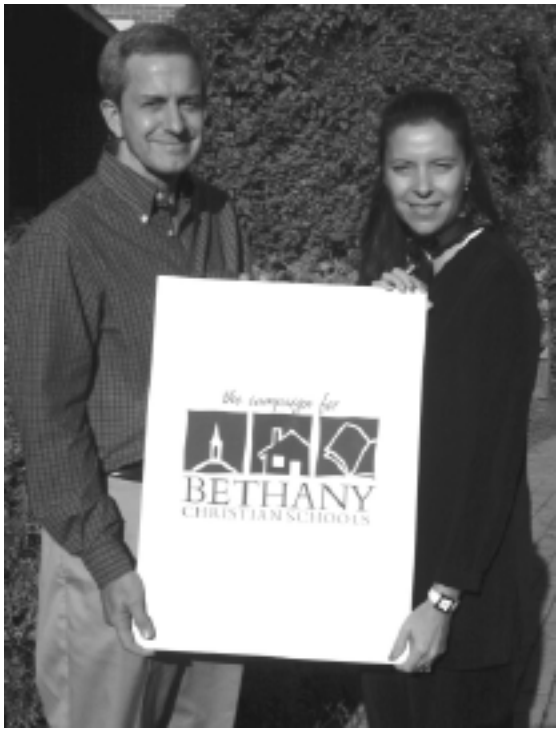
"Hearing the great stories of how Bethany has impacted people throughout their lives has provided encouragement for us as we help raise funds to support Bethany," say Bob and Barbara Steury, co-chairs of Bethany's Capital Campaign.

However, the Steurys also know first-hand the important role Bethany plays in preparing young people for a life of Christian commitment and service. Bob, who graduated from Bethany in 1973 and has served on Bethany's board since 1995, points to many unique opportunities that Bethany provides, such as Bible classes, chapels, prayer, and service projects.

The Steurys also have four daughters who have graduated from Bethany: Brooke ('97), Bess ('99), Becci ('01), and Brenna ('03). Barbara says, "Our family has seen the importance of Christian values in a school setting and the impact Bethany has had on each of our lives."

The Steurys' support for Bethany extends beyond the impact on their own family. They say, "Bethany is an ongoing mission of the church. Students are able to grow and learn more in their Christian walk and life. We support Bethany for its role in raising future leaders for society in general and for the church in particular."

In their role as co-chairs of the Campaign Cabinet, the Steurys contribute a significant amount of time as they assist development director Susan Gingerich in raising funds for a new building project. They have hosted potential donors, shared their experiences and vision of Bethany, and challenged constituents to join them in financially supporting this specific venture of Christian education at Bethany.



When Bethany asked the Steurys to co-chair the Campaign Cabinet, they carefully considered the proposal before agreeing. They say, "It is not something we would normally agree to do. However, we believe in Bethany, its mission of Christian education, and considering what Bethany has meant to our family, volunteering is a way of helping further the mission of learning for others."

They conclude, "Bethany is a great place to grow future leaders of the church and society, and we encourage anyone to seriously think about sending their son or daughter to Bethany. God has given an opportunity for all of us, and we can share in His blessings by making a sacrificial gift to Bethany Christian Schools."

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Campaign Cabinet to raise funds for Bethany

Bob and Barbara Steury, capital campaign co-chairs, have recruited a 16-member Campaign Cabinet to raise funds for the buliding project.

The Campaign Cabinet has been meeting regularly for the past few months and members have personally hosted small gatherings to orient prospective donors to the campaign. They have also been personally contacting prospective donors to solicit their financial support to the campaign. The results are paying rich dividends to Bethany: over 90% of those contacted to date have responded by making sacrificial gifts to the campaign. As of May 27 over $3.66 million has been raised toward the $4.35 million goal.

Bob and Barbara Steury remark, "Bethany has been a building block in a growing life process. We feel a strong attachment to Bethany to see that it meets with success. All of our four children attended Bethany."

The following people are serving on the Campaign Cabinet: Bob and Barbara Steury, co-chairs; Dan Bodiker; Susan Gingerich; Kathy Hollenberg; Deb Kauffman; Robert Kauffman; Bob Miller; Betty Jo Ramser; Fred Ramser; Ruth Ann Wittrig; Rhonda Yoder; Roger Yoder; Eldon Heatwole, ex officio; Allan Dueck, ex officio; and Michael Laudick, ex officio.

Eldon Heatwole, cabinet member and board chair, volunteered for this effort because he feels "it is important for Bethany to have adequate facilities to provide the educational experience for those students who desire a Christian education."

Campaign Cabinet member Ruth Ann Wittrig adds, "I have seen students' lives changed in the short time I have been here. Bethany has been a great influence for my granddaughter." After 27 years in Goshen Community Schools, Ruth Ann has taught sixth grade for three years at Bethany.

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Above: Campaign Cabinet member Kathy Hollenberg (right) talks with Advisory Council member Lovina Rutt (board '87-96) during the Capital Campaign Kickoff on May 27.

At left: Lester Culp (F'54-87) chats with Don Miller (F'80-94) and Sylvia (Steiner '56) Miller at the Capital Campaign Kickoff.

Campus News

Commencement 2003

John D. Roth, professor of history at Goshen College and father of senior Sarah Roth, challenged the class of 2003 to "live from the center [Christ]." Since we live in a culture without a center, he suggested graduates keep oriented in their Christian faith through the practice of three disciplines: prayer (focusing inward), compassion (focusing outward), and forgiveness.

The day included tears and cheers as two of the 54 members of the class were unable to walk across the stage. After a two-year struggle with brain cancer, senior Joyce Graber died two days before graduation. A note from the family read during the ceremony concluded, "She's celebrating the commencement of life in God's presence."

However, cheers of ovation erupted for Heidi Claassen as her brother walked across the stage in her stead. Heidi, who is hospitalized for leukemia treatment, listened to the ceremony via an audiolink.

Senior speakers Jenna Liechty and R. D. Kuitse (above), the latter wearing a tool belt with three tools under his gown, spoke about being equipped as they leave Bethany: a hammer representing hard work; a tape measure, growth; a level, balancing different veiws; the tool belt, Christian faith; and blueprints, God's design for the world.



Jenna said, "We have been given many tools throughout our years at Bethany ... and I believe we are ready to build with what God has given us." R. D. concluded, "May we use all these tools, those given to us at Bethany and those that we are yet to acquire, to the glory of God."

The class gift included money to be used toward creating additional greenspace in conjunction with the new middle school building project.

The class symbols were represented by a candle (inward convictions) and a mug (sharing convictions with others). As a parting gift, each graduate received a mug made by class sponsor and art teacher Eric Good Kaufmann.

Miller Void

Breaking tradition, this class of 2003 became the first class in 49 years without a graduate having the surname of Miller.

Over the years 245 Millers have graduated from Bethany with highs of 13 in 1960 and 1968.

The streak came close to ending in 1973 and 1978 with only one Miller graduate.

Currently grades 6-11 all have at least one Miller.



2002-03 Awards

(clockwise from top left)

Cup of Kindness: Eric Diener

Marlin Miller Memorial Scholarship:
(for a student entering service/ministry study)
Aaron Gnagey

Art Purchase and Outstanding Senior Musician
Sarah Roth

Teacher of the Year: Sue Ehst

Outstanding Senior Athlete:
Brenna Steury
daughter of Bob ('73) and Barb Steury

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Academic Superbowl

Academic Superbowl teams from Bethany continued the school's success at state, earning a state championship for the seventh consecutive year.

Earning first place this year was the interdisciplinary team. Also qualifying for state competition was the defending champion science team, which finished second this year.

Since beginning participation in 1987, Bethany has qualified at least one team for the state competition each year with the exception of 1996.



Academic Superbowl 2003 Interdisciplinary State Champions: Jon Nafziger (son of John and Lois Nafziger), Jon Meyer (son of Brenda (Hostetler '75) and Rich Meyer), Gabe Baker (son of Doug and Cindy Baker), and coach Beth Berry.

Joyce Graber dies



After a two-year battle with brain cancer, senior Joyce Graber died on May 30, two days before her class's graduation. Joyce, whose story was featured in the Summer 2002 *Bulletin*, learned last fall that the tumor had grown again and did not respond to further treatment. Joyce is the daughter of Millard and Sheila (Koch '78) Graber. She has three brothers: Paul ('06), David, and Stephen.

Board affirms principal

On April 21 Bethany's board unanimously affirmed principal Allan Dueck's leadership following his full triennial review. The review included input from all members of the board, administration, faculty, staff, and Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference executive committee. It also included input from area pastors and randomly-selected students and parents.

Based on input from the review process, the Principal Evaluation Committee reported: "Allan continues to do a very good job as principal at Bethany. Overall his strengths could be summarized as: vision, organization, financial management, attention to detail, commitment/dedication, administrative skills, hard work, pulling together information, planning, commitment to the arts, maintaining academic standards, intelligence, writing skills, and ability to 'stay the course.'"

While Bethany's board evaluates the principal annually, it carries out this more thorough review every three years. According to board chair Eldon Heatwole, the purpose of the in-depth review is "to help the principal grow in his ability to effectively lead the school to accomplish its mission. The review also provides opportunity for the board to think reflectively with the principal about new goals and initiatives to further the school's mission."

Calendar

August

1 First day of sports practices
14 First day of classes
18 BCS Kickoff

September

8 PTO Open House

October

2-4 MSEC Teacher Convention
10 Fish Fry
23-24 Parent-Teacher Conferences
30 Pledge-and-Serve Day

Mayoral Awards

Bethany sixth graders Jeremy Thomas, Mary Roth, and Caleb Schrock-Shenk won the top three awards in the city of Goshen's annual contest, "If I Were Mayor I Would." The students were formally recognized at the June 3 City Council meeting.

The contest is open to all sixth graders in Goshen. Last year Bethany sixth-grader Alyssa Jarvis won the top award.

Alumni News

Alumni:

Send your news for inclusion in the *BCS Bulletin* to info@bethanycs.net.

Have you checked out Bethany's website for current news, to register on the Alumni Locator, or to send us your news? See www.bethanycs.net.

Births

Todd Friesen ('81) and wife Dennette Alwine, Lombard, Ill., a daughter, Jasmine Junfeng, on May 9, 2002, received for adoption on February 16, 2003.

Robert Kurtz ('84) and **Heidi Kauffman ('86)**, West Lafayette, Ind., a daughter, Sarah Amelia Kauffman Kurtz, on December 9.

Marla (Lantz '87) Cole and husband Bill, Goshen, a daughter, Alison Elizabeth, on April 7.

Todd Christophel ('89) and wife Janet, Ephrata, Pa., a son, Josiah Mark, on August 16, 2002.

Dan Thut ('90) and wife Karla, Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter, Emilia, on November 14.

Rosie (Stoltzfus '91) Landis and husband Ken, Harrisonburg, Va., a son, Micaiah Jonathan, on April 18.

Dan Stoltzfus ('92) and wife Angela, Middlebury, Ind., a daughter, Samantha Link, on April 12.

Aaron ('92) Sawatsky-Kingsley and wife Natasha, Goshen, a son, Emmanuel, born and died May 26.

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of '58: September 27, 3:30 p.m. tour of Bethany and 5 p.m. dinner at Pleasant View Mennonite Church. Contact Larry Welty at 574 875-7606 or larry.welty@mma-online.org.

Class of '63: August 9, 4-9 p.m. at Greencroft Senior Center. Dinner at 5:30. Contact Sally Troyer Miller at 574 825-5743 or esammiller@aol.com.

Class of '68: July 19, 3 p.m. at Lambright Cabin, Shore Mennonite Church. Hog roast at 5 p.m. Contact Gloria Miller Holub at 574 533-1252 or gloria.holub@verizon.net.

Class of '73: June 28, morning tour of Bethany and noon BBQ at Joyce (Yoder) and Richard Bontrager's home. Contact Marcia (Mumaw) Jantz at 417 469-2421 or stoneyholler@juno.com.

Class of '78: August 2, 1:00-4:30 p.m. at Barb Beachy Yoder's home, Goshen; 6:30 p.m. dinner; August 3, worship service. Contact Barb Beachy Yoder at 574 534-2262 or barbby@goshen.edu.

Class of '83: August 9 dinner at Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen; and August 10, 2 p.m. at Bethany gym. Contact Angie Miller Shetler at 574 533-3378 or angie_shetler@yahoo.com.

Class of '85: June 12, 2004, in conjunction with 50th anniversary. Contact Doug Kaufman at 574 533-7625 or dougk@maplenet.net or Jen Drescher at 574 534-7182 or tjsd@juno.com.

Class of '88: June 12, 2004, in conjunction with 50th anniversary. Contact Veronica Berkey at 574 537-1985 or veronica@bnin.net.

Carla (Nunemaker '93) Richer and husband Chad, Middlebury, Ind., a son, Logan Aaron, on March 2.

Melody (Gerber '96) Wilson and husband Rob, Gretna, Neb., a son, Colin Robert, on September 17.

Brent Reinhardt (F'97-) and wife Marla, Wakarusa, Ind., a daughter, Mia Kay, on May 8.

Marriages

Tania Morales ('96) and Jose Cedeno, Elkhart, on March 22.

Stephanie Miller ('99) and Jeremy Entz, Goshen, on April 12.

Heidi Stoltzfus ('99) and Michael McHugh, Goshen, on May 10.

Jeff Weaver ('99) and Anne Troyer, Goshen, on May 31.

Notes

Bonita (Kreider '73) Nussbaum has lived for 25 years in Eugene, Ore., where she teaches high school social studies. Her husband Dean is an assistant principal. Son Ben will be a sophomore at the University of Oregon and son Zak a high school junior.

Sheri Walters ('84) will begin a four-year service term with World Partners USA in July, working with Muslims in France.

Jill Landis ('94), Harrisonburg, Va., wrote the devotional material for the March 24-30 issue of *Rejoice*. Jill works for Virginia Mennonite Conference.

Angela Garber ('98), Fresno, Calif., has committed to a two-year term with Mennonite Voluntary Service, working as an education director at the West Fresno Boys and Girls Club through the Americorp volunteer program.

Nathan ('99), Joanna ('01), and **Rebekah ('04) Shenk** ran in a 13.1 mile mini-marathon in Indianapolis on May 5. Along with their sister Deborah, the siblings combined to run 42.4 miles to raise money for Friends of the Tabasaran, the sponsoring organization for their parents, **Phil ('72)** and Alice, who live and work in Dagestan, Russia.

Bess Miller ('00), a sophomore at Into His Harvest—a Bible school in Regina, Sask.—participated in a school mission team to England and Ireland during April.

Rochelle Zehr ('00), participated in a two-week service trip to Haiti in May through Bethel (Ind.) College.

Crystal Wentorf ('01) is completing a Service Adventure term in Philippi, W.V.

New Logo

Alumna creates new design



Beginning July 1, 2003, Bethany Christian Schools will begin using a new identity logo, designed by alumna Dee Birkey ('65). Since Bethany is entering its 50th year, Dee also designed a variation to be used during the 50th anniversary year.

During the past 50 years, Bethany has used at least two different logos (see sidebar) and various slogans such as *Growing in Christ*, *A Good Place to Grow*, *Towards Global Awareness*, and *Discover the Difference*. With the addition of the middle school in 1996, the longstanding logo that included the words *Bethany Christian High School* was inaccurate, so the school formally adopted the Church-Home-School logo that had been informally used for several years.

For several years Bethany's Public Relations Cluster has considered replacing that logo with a simpler, more modern look that is easier to replicate and includes the name of the school. Doing this in conjunction with the 50th anniversary seemed the appropriate time.

The committee commissioned Dee Birkey to design the new logos. At her request a focus group, consisting of the Public Relations Cluster and representatives of the faculty, board, and student body, provided input and direction into the process. From this group several strong themes emerged as descriptive about Bethany Christian Schools: faith-nurturing, growth-producing, community, friendships, trust, and educational excellence.

Dee says, "Throughout the design process, I sought critique from many persons—both those familiar and unfamiliar with the institution and from varied age groups. It was important that the new graphic symbol communicate the distinctives identified by the focus group."

This process, which began in May 2002, led to the August 2002 presentation of four possible logos. On September 16, 2002, the board approved the new identity logo upon the recommendation of the Public Relations Cluster.

Campus News



1960s to early 1990s



early 1990s to 2003

Designer's Notes

The final mark is a very concrete representation of the institution and speaks of the strength of the school's 50-year history. Incorporated from earlier marks are the encompassing circle and the text "Fullness Beyond Knowledge." The mark suggests a connection between church and school. Even in 'Bethany blue ink,' the leaves add vitality and visually suggest the over-arching Bethany experience.

It is my hope that this new mark conveys—to its many publics—the foundational nature of an educational experience at Bethany Christian, my alma mater.

—Dee Birkey, class of 1966





50th Anniversary

From the Principal

Allan Dueck



At the campaign *Kickoff* program on May 27, in a ceremony punctuated by the lively *Bruin Jazz,* Bethany Christian Schools celebrated a remarkable milestone: that friends of the school had committed more than 84% of $4.35 million needed to fund proposed new middle school and related facilities. The event had the feel of a truly festive celebration!

The many people who filled the chapel wore broad smiles because most had participated directly in this achievement. Attending were members of the board, Advisory Council, Campaign Building Committee, Capital Campaign Cabinet, and Building Committee as well as Bethany teachers and staff members, parents, and friends. These guests have enthusiastically supported the campaign financially and through prayer.

The campaign's strong start is clearly due to the fact that people believe in the mission of Bethany Christian Schools and have been shaped by the school's ministry since 1954. In recent months as development director Susan Gingerich and I, along with campaign co-chairs Bob and Barb Steury and many volunteers, have shared Bethany's needs with our constituents and invited them to support the campaign, they have responded generously. Their sacrificial gifts demonstrate a desire to enable Bethany to continue providing quality Christian education for new generations of young people.

During the meal and animated fellowship in the Friendship Garden after the program, people relished the moment—enjoying the knowledge of the campaign's strong start. As I chatted with people, they expressed their excitement and thankfulness at the progress of the campaign. A grandparent mentioned how their grandchildren are thriving at Bethany. A parent of two elementary students commented that, after he and his wife decided on their pledge, it suddenly dawned on them that their own children would benefit from the improved facilities upon entering sixth grade in a few years.

Indeed, all of us at Bethany are profoundly grateful for the generous, sacrificial support people have already provided. Along the way I've often been deeply humbled by stories of how, through the years, Bethany equipped individuals for Christian discipleship. Because of many people's deep personal motivation to help, we look forward with confidence and optimism to the upcoming public phase of the campaign as, during the next six months or so, we seek additional dollars to complete funding for the facilities Bethany so badly needs to continue its ministry into the 21st century.

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