

February 11, 2003

Somehow, it seems that whenever I send the newsletter off to be printed, something happens almost immediately. Fortunately, it has not before been the bad news that I start off with this time.

This afternoon, one of the students in my Biochem class died. Rose Rielley was in class yesterday. She has not been well, but we did not think it would end up this way. It was apparently some sort of a pulmonary hemorrhage. She died on the operating table this afternoon. Rose was the first recipient of the Wheeler Scholarship award two years ago. She was a junior.

I must admit, not all is sad news. Two of our sophomores, Jackie Riedel and Tim Lawler have been accepted into the Scholars Program at UHS, which means that after their third year here, they can transfer to UHS and their first year of medical school will also count as their fourth year at Rockhurst, so they will then graduate from Rockhurst.

February 12, 2003

This morning I got a brief email note from Chris Bauer ('00). He is doing his third year med school rotations at St. Louis U (just finishing OB/GYN), and thinking about doing internal medicine, and maybe cardiology. His email address is below.

February 14, 2003

I got a call from Sokha Tang ('99) a while ago. He has moved to Philadelphia where his fiancée is going to school. They will be married there in May. He finished up at K. State last December.

February 15, 2003

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Rose's funeral was this morning. The church (Cure of Ars, in Leawood) was full. There were 6 concelebrants besides the Archbishop of KCK.

March 1, 2003

The other day, Tom Millard ('80) stopped into the office. Tom is finishing up his fourth year at Kansas U Med School. He did get his MS degree from UM-C after he graduated from here, and then worked for Dow Chemical in Freeport, TX until he decided to go to medical school. One of these days soon, he will find out how he has done for his residency, Family Practice, probably.

A couple of weeks ago, I got a nice note from Colin Murphy (who was known as Dworak when he was here in school). Colin has since gotten his law degree and is working in trial practice in North Iowa, specifically with offices in Clear Lake, IA. He and Sandi welcomed Roman Keane into the world last November. His current email address is below.

March 3, 2003

Last evening, Mike Tull ('00) stuck his head in my office. He was over here studying with a friend. Mike is a second year medical student at the University of Health Sciences. His email address is below.

March 5, 2003

A couple of days ago, I got an email from Frank Schoenen ('80). He included an article that he and a couple of others put together for Nature Reviews Drug Discovery on Combinatorial Compound Libraries. This, he says, is what he has been doing the last 10 years or so. Frank got his Ph.D. from South Carolina and after post docs he has been with Glaxo and its "offspring". His email is below.

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March 8, 2003

Last evening Bob Kanard ('59) and his wife Mary Katherine came by to say hello. Bob has retired from regular practice in Cheyenne, WY. He got his MD from St. Louis U. They are on their way to Louisville, KY to visit the younger Bob (x'96) and Lisa and their newborn son. Young Bob is doing his residency there after getting his MD also from St. Louis U.

March 13, 2003

A few days ago I got an email from Matt Braunel ('95). Matt and Christin (Vergin) ('95) had their first, a son, Max, last September. Matt studied radiopharmaceutical chemistry at UM-C, worked and taught part time for a while and then went to St. Louis U. law school and graduated in 2001. He is now working in patent/trademark and copyright litigation. His email address is below.

Jack Galbraith ('02) stopped in this week. He is on spring break from Missouri Medical School (Columbia). This is his first year of medical school.

March 14, 2003

Last evening I was visiting with Tom Malone and we stopped in at Winstead's. Tom is taking classes at UMKC and working several jobs. As we were about to leave a couple came up to say hello. It was Dr. Lily Tunks and her husband Don. You probably remember Lily, -- she taught French here are many years. They were baby-sitting a young granddaughter. Lilly retired some years ago, and her husband retired from his dental practice not too long ago.

This morning I got an email from Jason Mickels ('96). He is here in town but keeping busy with his residency in orthopedics at KU Med Center. He was apologizing for being so close, and yet not able to get over here to see all

the new construction. He got his MD from U. Nebraska Med Center in Omaha. His email address is below.

March 15, 2003

This morning, I was just coming out of Richardson Hall when I met a group of alums. Specifically, there was Christine (Sweeney) Lewis ('97). She and her husband and a couple of other alums were just visiting KC and wondering where everyone was. Well, today is the beginning of our spring vacation. It is a bit later than it has been in recent years.

March 19, 2003

I just got a call from Mindy Barnett. ('02) She opened her mail from KU and they are inviting her to join the Med School class that starts next summer. Needless to say, she is excited!

Eric Kohler ('01) has been in town on spring break the last few days and he came around this afternoon and we had a nice visit. Eric is a first year student in the MD/PhD program at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He has not decided as yet what branch of biomedical science he will do for the Ph.D. part of his program. His email address is below.

Eric was staying with Adam Alt. ('01). Adam shares apartment space with a half dozen or so other guys. Adam is still working at research at the K.U. Medical School.

Before I forget, check your email address below (in the printed version, it's not on the net) and see if you want me to update your address. Let me know at james.wheeler@rockhurst.edu.

April 1, 2003

I really should have done this last week, but here I am playing "catch-up" again. A week

ago, I was asked to go to Phoenix, AZ for an alumni reception. This was Sunday evening and was a most pleasant affair. Our hosts were Dan and Melinda (Barwick) Hinkson (both '78) at their home in Scottsdale. We had marvelous weather and a grand time to go with the fine weather. Dan is a contractor, and Melinda has been occupied raising three boys (now high school age and down).

Fr. Ed Kinerk ('64) was in Phoenix, and of course also Jim Millard ('64). Ed Kinerk went down from Phoenix to Tucson and among others, he visited with another retired scientist, Wilfred Declercq ('56) Wilfred was with the State Department in Washington for many years, but has now retired to the warmth and quiet (I guess) of southern Arizona. His email address is below.

The only other person of scientific variety was Monica Kenny ('92 MPT) who has recently moved to the warm south land from Minnesota. Her husband, Larry, is from Minnesota, where she was working at Mayo Clinic.

The other day Ed Gotway ('63) showed up. He was attending a conference at UMKC, and came over to say hello. He has been doing some computer software stuff, but is now involved in managing patent and intellectual property materials. He lives in St. Louis. His email address is below.

Josh Evans ('00) sent a nice long email the other day. He is doing his clinical rotations (3rd year) at St. Louis University Medical School, and seems to be thriving on it. And of course he is doing VERY well, and trying to find out just which branch of medicine he will do. Almost regardless, he thinks he wants to include teaching in the mix. His email address is below.

About a week ago I got a nice email from Manu Chaudhry (x'01). Manu left here after third year and returned to California. His father is in very poor health. He attended the U. Cali-

fornia for a year or two, and is now doing graduate work in Biomedical Engineering. His email address is below.

So far we have had several acceptances to med school. My-Linh Trinh ('03) and David Jones ('03) (MD/PhD) have been accepted at Creighton Med School, and Paul Diehl ('03) has been accepted at Kansas State Veterinary School. And I think I mentioned in the last newsletter that Leann Thuy Nguyen ('01). Has been accepted at UMKC Dental School. And, as I mentioned earlier, Mindy Barnett ('02) has been accepted by KU Med School.

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April 4, 2003

A couple of days ago, I got a nice note from Dr. Joe Rydzek whom I am sure many of you remember well. He taught history here for a good many years. Joe is retired and lives in Johnson County.

And today I got an email from Steve Ziller ('61). He mentions that the printers of the newsletter decided to leave off the Z's from the email list. It's here on my computer, so I'll have to take them to task over that (and in fact, they were rather slow in getting out the last issue – it took nearly a month!). Steve is retired several times and living in Cincinnati, OH. His four children are all grown, and in fact he and Mary have several grand children by now. Steve mentions how he has gotten onto the Rockhurst University web page and done some of the virtual touring around the campus. If you haven't tried it, do so, you may be surprised, if you haven't been here recently.

And today I got another email, this from Frank Galiano ('56). Frank is now retired (as of '99) from Chevron Chemical Co. – formerly Gulf, and formerly Spencer Chemical. His first request was to be sure and put his email address in the newsletter. Then also he is living in Beaumont, TX after transferring from KC in '73.
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And one of our librarians, Martha Grimes, told me this afternoon that she had gone to the Rockhill Orthopedics Center and was treated by Dr. Joe Galate ('89).

The other day I got an email from Piper Calasanti ('00). She is currently finishing second year medical school at Georgetown, but is seriously thinking of transferring for third and fourth years. Piper has not been well, but things are beginning to look up. Keep her in your prayers.

Tim Stoppelman ('00) is about to finish his Masters at Pittsburg State, and is thinking of going to work! He has actually gotten involved in the playhouse at Johnson County Community College – on the stage!

And the other day I got an email from Jarrett ('93) and Cathleen (Thomas) ('92) Kolt-hoff. Jarrett is working for a consulting firm that specializes in Vulnerability Assessments (who can penetrate their networks, internet, etc.). They are expecting their fourth later this spring. The other three are from age 8 to 2. Their email addresses are below.

April 8, 2003

Last Saturday evening (5th) I attended the installation of Fred DeFeo ('68) as the new president of the Missouri State Medical Association at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. It was quite an affair, with a big reception afterwards. Also there were of course were Ed Mulik ('69) and his wife and two children. Also at the reception was a famous local magician, (Gene Turner '76) who makes the rounds at such kinds of parties, exchanging peoples wrist watches magically, and the like.

And then on Sunday I went to St. Louis for registration of incoming students. Among others I saw, there was Terry Wade ('74) with his son Joe who is thinking of Rockhurst. An-

other was Terry Pimmel ('87) and his daughter. Unfortunately, neither of the younger ones is thinking of science. Terry Wade is in private practice, and he says he sees a number of others, Bob Haake ('70), Mike Guignon ('78), Eldon Trame ('75), Fred Wallisch ('90) all in the Belleville, IL area. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

April 16, 2003

This afternoon I got an email from Tom Sarsfield ('63) in Chicago. Tom is thinking of retiring. He has been with Monsanto Sales etc., for 20 years then a small polymer company in Baton Rouge, and then back to Monsanto-Searle and when that was bought to Pharmacia and Pfizer. His daughter is in Baton Rouge and his son is in Dallas. He says he is planning to come back this fall for his 40th reunion! Gee, it doesn't seem that far back!

April 17, 2003

This morning I got a brief email from Kevin Gratton ('63). Kevin is teaching (Chemistry, of course) at Johnson County Community College as he has for 28 years, but not ready to retire just yet, even though his wife Mary K did just retire from teaching after 30 years! Their three boys are all grown and around the country. Along with them, there are now some seven grandchildren.

April 21, 2003

Every so often I get things a bit backwards, and people make corrections, so here is Frank Huppe's ('56) correction. He is attending classes at the Academy of Lifelong Learning at the U. of Delaware – classes for those who are “chronologically advanced” (his term!). He was with DuPont for quite a few years, and is now retired from there.

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I also got an email from Mike Bechtold ('71). Mike is working for the State of Florida EPA Dept. in West Palm Beach. All three daughters are in college. He is also considering learning Portuguese since he is seriously considering moving to Brazil. His email address is below.

On a less happy note, I got a note from Dave Thoennes ('64). His wife, Paula, had some kind of serious attack on Palm Sunday, and was in ICU for most of Holy Week, though she got out on Easter. She is still hospitalized, and needs more testing to find out just what the problem is. They live in Hamilton Square, NJ. I think he still works for American Cyanamid in Agricultural Research. His email address is below.

April 26, 2003

An email came from Kristin Woo ('02). She is a grad student at Kansas U. in the Chemistry Dept. She got nervous teaching two General Chem labs first semester, but quickly got over that and things turned out well. She is also starting a research project in drug bioavailability using microdialysis and building her own LC apparatus. Her email address is below.

A brief note from John Sieckhaus ('61) gave me the revised version of his email address (see below). He lives in Milford, CT.

And last Tuesday evening, I was in Washington, DC for a nice Alumni reception. Cliff Alexander ('66) graciously hosted the affair at his Law office just off DuPont Circle. There were a number of folks there, between 15 and 20. From among the sciences there were Paula Jonak ('82 and '84 BSN), Larry Padberg, ('67) and Bob Dell'Orco ('63) and his wife, Judy, and daughter, Elizabeth Kurpiel ('90). The oldest one there was Mike Ingrisano ('48) and the youngest was Chris Mulligan ('02) who is at Georgetown Law School. A couple of others whom I have known were Jack Landers ('61) and Ed McKee

('67). So we had quite a spread, and had a good time, and more Bar-B-Q than we all could eat.

Paula is a nurse in the Army in Washington. Bob Dell'Orco is with the Red Cross also in Washington at their research facility. He has been with the Red Cross for some 5 years negotiating licenses and other agreements. Their other two children are in Houston and San Francisco.

Jack Landers has recently retired, and his new email address is below. Ed McKee is with George Washington U, as the public relations person in the Athletic Department. I have email addresses for some of these folks below.

The other day I got a short greeting from Meghan Moran ('02). Meghan is working with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Richmond, VA. She is doing child advocacy work. Her email address is below.

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April 27, 2003

Last evening, I went to a reception for Josh Elliott ('98) and his new wife Cindy. The theme was Hawaiian since they had gotten married in Hawaii a little more than a month ago. Josh and Cindy both graduated from St. Louis U. Medical School last year. He is doing his residency in psychiatry at USC Department of Psychiatry and Los Angeles County Hospital. Cindy is a resident in Ob/Gyn.

John Kedora ('98) came up from Dallas, TX where he is doing his residency in surgery at Baylor Hospital. He also graduated from St. Louis U. Medical School last year.

And while I am at it, there are a couple of old timers who are retiring. Weslynn Martin and Bill Ryan, both from the Communications Department. Both have been here some 30 years or so. And then there is another not quite so "old timer", Donna Calvert is retiring from the Physical Therapy Department, and will be in the

Dean's Office of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. She was one of the very first of our PT faculty, back in the early '80s.

April 28, 2003

This afternoon I came back to the office after lab and Faith Mompoti (from Botswana) who graduated last December ('02) was waiting for me. She has been accepted to the University of Birmingham, England for Medical School. This is another first for Rockhurst University, as far as I know.

I got a nice note from Frank Garcia-Ferrer ('88). Frank is in Sacramento, CA as Asst. Professor of Ophthalmology at U. Cal Davis and at the V.A. Sacramento medical Center. He is specializing in lasik and refractive surgery. And he loves it. He also teaches residents at the V. A. His email address is below.

May 8, 2003

Here we are at the end of school, or at least the first day of finals. I got a short note from Bill Oulvey, SJ ('74) in Belize. He is the Jesuit superior of our mission there. He also sent a revised email address which is below.

And I got an email from Dan and Sara Beth Casey announcing the arrival of their second son, Matthew Brian, a couple of weeks ago. They are both physicians from UM-C Med school. They are in Dallas, that is, Arlington, TX. Dan's email address is below.

May 9, 2003

I got an email from Paul Keenan ('67) this afternoon. Paul taught here back in the '70s (I think). He is a priest in the New York Archdiocese and is director of Radio Ministry in the Communications Office. He has a weekly radio program and writes a good deal, including several books. His new email address is below.
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May 15, 2003

Today I got a list (from the Osteopathic Association) of folks from here who are in second year at the University of Health Sciences (Osteopathic Medicine) here in KC. I think I have put them all in this newsletter at one time or another, but just to bring everyone up to date, here is the list.

- Kate Dove ('00)
- Julie Feldmeier ('00)
- Chuck Henson ('99)
- Brett Higbie ('99)
- Lindy Huntington ('01)
- Kim Manthei ('98)
- Mike Tull ('00)

Which reminds me, last evening as I was leaving Richardson Hall, I met Mike Tull ('00). He was taking a break from studying, he said. Since he is finishing second year he is finishing up his last classes and preparing for the National Boards in early June. He said that in June he will be going to Detroit for his clinical rotations.

May 17, 2003

A note from Marieann Koehler this morning, tells me that husband Vince ('60) has had some cancer surgery (colon resection), but is home and is recovering with some radiation and chemotherapy. His email address is below (and note, there a 3 f's in the middle, and that's correct!)

June 8, 2003

I am not really sure how I let myself get so far behind, but ... so here goes.

I guess I should get back to the graduation ceremonies. Graduation was on Sunday May 18. This year we had the whole ceremony on campus, actually in the quadrangle. It really went very well, the graduate programs were celebrated

in the morning, and the undergraduate degrees were handed out in the afternoon. This meant that the ceremonies each lasted only a little more than an hour. The weather was perfect and everybody seemed quite happy with the arrangements. This last week the administration announced that we will repeat this performance next year. We certainly cannot improve on the weather for an outside affair. You can see a bunch of pictures of graduation on the Rockhurst web site under news and events.

A couple of folks were here to watch the graduation. Eric Kohler ('01) was here from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He is pursuing an MD/PhD program there.

Olivia Moren was also here from Lawrence KS, and the Chemistry Department at KU. And Eddy ('97) and Sara ('98) Hart were here for Eddy's sister's graduation.

Speaking of graduations, there have been several graduations from med school. Tom Millard ('80) and Jessica Stolz ('99) graduated from KU med and Scott Schepker ('99), Elizabeth Huelskoeter (Waff) ('99), Christin Foltz ('99), John Knorp ('99), and Jennifer Watts ('99) all graduated from St. Louis U. Med School. (Kim Bezdek?? ('99) and Joe Rodemann ('99) at Loyola).

A few days after graduation, I got a long email from Sarah Hund in Chicago. She is about finished with her coursework for her PhD at Loyola University Stritch Medical School. She will now get down to serious work on her research project. He email address is below.

A few days ago I got an email from Rick Edgington ('92) in Cleveland. Rick is with a small company that makes solutions for biological research and production. He and Belinda have three young daughters.

A note came from Laura (Rowland) Moore ('93) announcing the arrival of their first, a son Mackenzie Jordyn, in March. Both Laura and Sean are in the Air Force, and stationed at Scott AFB near Bellville, IL. Laura got her MD from Creighton.

A couple of weeks ago, I got an email from Mike Phillips ('99). He is in the army and has now returned from Kosovo and Germany, and is presently at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and living in nearby Waynesville. He expects to go to Fort Riley, KS after the first of the new year. His email address is below.

I got a long email from Paul Sullivan who was here in '92 and '93 picking up courses so he could go to Veterinary School. He got his DVM from Kansas State. He worked in California for a year or two, did graduate work in Pharmacology at Kansas U in Lawrence for a year, and then took a position in New Zealand. He is back in the states for the summer, and then back to NZ in September. He is with a dairy vet practice. He has two email addresses which are below.

June 15, 2003

A week or so ago, Jon Morgan ('78) passed away. He got his MD from UM-C and has been practicing in Lee's Summit.

Another death that I should mention is that of Bob Bailey who taught art here for some 25 or so years, from the mid '70s into the '90s. He has been in poor health for some time. His brother is Fr. Rich Bailey, S. J. whom many of you will remember from St. Louis U. High, or DeSmet High in St. Louis.

And another thing I have been told I should put in here is that the Chemistry faculty and the Jesuit Community put on a nice dinner for me, for my 80th birthday which will happen later this summer.

June 22, 2003

As of yesterday, Kim Manthei ('98) became Mrs. Chad Carter. Kim has just finished her second year at UHS and will begin rotations at several hospitals in Denver. Her husband is begins his last year at UHS and is also doing his rotations in Denver.

I saw Lindy Huntington ('01) there. She has also just finished her second year at UHS and will begin her rotations at the Osteopathic Hospital in Kirkwood, MO.

June 23, 2003

This afternoon Mike Beard ('76) called wanting to discuss the purchase of a new GC for his lab at Kansas City Power and Light. Like so many of the rest of you all, he said he has not been over here for a good many years, in fact has not seen Richardson Hall. Come on by folks, you might be surprised.

June 26, 2003

Tuesday evening, Mike Riley ('96) surprised me by showing up. He is in town to take his National Boards part 3 (more properly step 3, I guess). Anyway, he is finishing up his internal medicine residency at Barnes-Washington U this week and getting ready to move to Cleveland Clinic for his fellowship in Cardiology. (Barnes did not require the Boards exam.) His email address is below.

And an email this afternoon from Ed McKee ('67) tells me he has recently seen Dave Fitzpatrick ('66). Dave, he tells me, is now at Howard University in Washington. He was in sales with IBM for some 34 years.

July 1, 2003

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Already it's July! Anyway, last week-end the Alumni folks had what they called Alumni College Week End. There were about 30 folks here, including Tom ('84) and Lora (Bias)('85) Folz from Jefferson City, MO. They both went to Oklahoma University Med School. Lora is a pediatrician and Tom does Physical Medicine. They have four young ones who got left behind in Jeff.

I should add that everybody who was at the week end were enthusiastic about it (Friday afternoon to Sunday morning).. There should have been more folks here, it was great!

This morning I got an email from Jill and Norm Bamber ('94). Norm got his MD/PhD from St. Louis U Med School, and is doing his residency at Loyola-Stritch Med School in Chicago. His started his third year in neurosurgery this morning. Jill says he has been incredibly busy (up to 120 hours per week), but now, as of today, what will it be with the new rules for residents (80 hours) is a good question. He will probably have a few more minutes to spend at home with their daughter (3-year old, I think). His new email address is below.

July 9, 2003

Yesterday I met Mike Brostoski ('02) in the hall. He is here taking a course in the MBA program that is associated with the UHS program for the DO. Mike has finished his first year at UHS.

This morning I got an email from Dan Mitchell ('90) giving their new email addresses (below), both Dan and Cindy (Kennedy) ('91). They live in Stillwell, KS with their 3 young ones.

August 1, 2003

Again, catching up! A couple of weeks ago Terry O'Neill ('99) and Kelly Hantak (BSN

'99) were married in St. Louis. Unfortunately, I was not able to be there.

The other day, I got a note from Buck Haney ('92). He has finished his Ph.D. work and will defend his dissertation in early September.

A short note from Amy Bode ('74) tells me she now has finished a residency in preventive medicine. She and husband Tony Marfin (also MD) are living in Fort Collins, CO. Her new email address is below.

And I was talking to Mike ('97) and Tim ('95) Schmitt's mother the other day. She tells me that Mike is working for a small pharmaceutical company, Tularik, in San Francisco. Tim is still doing a fellowship with Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

And, one more thing: Lisa (Meyer) Connor ('91) and Mike have a third son, born in June. That makes three, ages 4 and down.

August 2, 2003

A note from Amy Palazzolo ('99) tells me she is looking at one more year at Washington State, Pullman, and she will have her Ph.D. in bioinorganic, and then possibly a post-doc at Iowa. Her email address is below.

August 11, 2003

I just learned that Rich Wikera ('77) was taken to the hospital yesterday with several blocked coronary arteries. Rich has been teaching Biology and coaching at Rockhurst High for quite a number of years. His wife is Denise (Millard) ('77). Their oldest, young Rich ('02), graduated from Rockhurst University a year ago.

And another wedding to report: Brett Higbie ('99) married Steve Schultz ('00, business) last Saturday at St. Peters here in KC. Brett

starts her third year at UHS (KC Osteopathic) this summer.

I should add, too, that Tom Millard ('80) got his MD from Kansas U. and is doing his residency at KU in Internal Medicine (????).

I really should have put this in sooner, but, Dave Thoennes ('64) has emailed me several times, and with good news. Paula is recovering, and home, but is still not completely out of the woods.

And while I am catching up on a notice or two: I know some of the addresses this newsletter goes to are parents' or otherwise old addresses, if you get this mis-addressed, I would appreciate it if you could send me a current or new address. Thank you.

August 22, 2003

And in fact my address list got messed up the other day, so there may be some of the more recent address changes that don't show up in this mailing. Please correct me where things have gone wrong.

I heard that Rich Wikiera ('77) is out of the hospital and is home and doing well after a 5-by-pass surgery. This according to a visit a couple of days ago from young Rich. Incidentally, the surgery was done by Greg Muehlebach (x'84).

This morning Mike Leins ('02) dropped in. He will be starting at Midwestern U. Osteopathic in Phoenix next week. Yes, it is Midwestern because it is a branch of the school outside of Chicago. Mike has just come back from Greece where he spent a month visiting relatives. His new email address is below.

August 26, 2003

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I have gotten Dave Fitzpatrick's e mail address, which is below.

And I guess I should mention that I saw Mr. M. Robert Knickerbocker yesterday, and he was asking about several people on this list, and could he be put on the mailing list for this newsletter, and so, now he will be reading this, too! I hope I will get his email address to add below before this goes to press!

And I got a short note from Mindy Barnett ('02). She is getting ready for her first medical school exam in a few days. She is starting at Kansas U Med School.. Her email address is below.

School starts tomorrow, so I want to get this ready to go to the printers right away quick.

August 29, 2003

As usual, I don't quite get this done as soon as I would like. So, you never know who will drop in. This morning Michael O'Rourke's parents came in for a nice visit from Albuquerque. Mike was here in 82 and 83 and then transferred to U. Detroit to finish his engineering degree, and then MS at Michigan. He is working for Chrysler in Detroit. His email address is below.

September 11, 2003

Bob Moser ('97) sent me an email the other day from Iraq (Nasiriyah). He has been overseas for 6 months or so. He says he had only 3 one-month rotations to finish his Pharm.D at the University of Nebraska when his education was so rudely interrupted. So maybe he will graduate in May if he gets back in time, but ---? Kristi (Springmeyer ('99)) and their son are still at home in Bellevue, NE. His current email address is below.

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And earlier this week, I was about to start class and in walked Terry Burns ('76). He was in town on business – he sells bio-medical types of instruments for Hewlett-Packard. He also tells me his daughter Melissa ('98) Chassels. She graduated with her DO this past spring. She is in St. Louis doing her residency in internal medicine at St. Louis U.

And then yesterday, Gary Gagnon ('00) dropped in. He is in his fourth year at St. Louis U. Med School. Actually he was getting a bit of a vacation and will be going to Dallas for a clinical rotation in emergency room medicine. His is what he hopes to specialize in. Otherwise, Gary is still sharing an apartment with Scott Troy ('00) in Kirkwood, MO. He is still, technically, in St. Louis U Med School, but is now doing a second year in Ameri-cor Service in St. Louis.

After a drop in freshman enrollment last year, we are beginning to increase. It is up to almost 250 freshmen this semester. They also say that the ACT scores are the highest average that we have seen in more than 10 years, and the number of male students is above the national average (the national average is almost 60% female, and we are about 53% female).

And I got a note the other day that Scott Schepker ('99) is about to get married next month. Unfortunately, I will not be able to get there.

The Rockhurst University home page is up and running on the web as <http://www.rockhurst.edu>

Check out a "virtual tour" of the campus at:

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http://www.rockhurst.edu/3.0/about_rockhurst/virtualTour/index.html, and be sure to click on "More Campus IPIX."

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I decided to look at this and I am impressed. It comes complete with a moving pic-

ture tour of different aspects of the campus. Hint: Read the directions before you try to move about the 4 “fish-eye” pictures that come up. You can also get at this “tour” by following links from the main home page.

There is also a nice section on the Chemistry Dept. Follow “Academic Programs”, “Arts and Sciences”, “Bachelor of Science” “Chemistry Department”, and “Faculty”. Then go to my page, and there are several of the latest newsletters.

Thus far, the e-mail addresses (below) are not included on the web. Several folks have asked that their e-mail not be listed on the web, others have asked that their’s be listed. So for the time being, this list only occurs on this printed version. Let me know what you think.

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One more point is that there are several other folks less connected with the Chemistry Department and the Science Division who have

asked to be included in this mailing list. So you may see a few of them mentioned from time to time. They are all good friends and Rockhurst alums.

I encourage you to let me know what goes on with you, and I’ll pass the word along. And if you know of anyone who does not get this newsletter and would like to, let me know. Either send it by regular mail, or by email. My email address is below and on the web site if you are reading this on the Rockhurst web site. So,

God Bless you all.

James D. Wheeler, S. J.