



Chemistry Newsletter No. 27

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I just finished proofreading the last issue of this newsletter, and today Alex Bates ('00) sent a note to the chemistry faculty saying that he is getting settled in at Notre Dame. In fact he is about to get his first test. He is starting toward a Ph.D. in chemistry.

It just occurred to me that perhaps I should just assume that you will find such e-mail addresses below on the printed copy. We have been asked to omit them from the copy of this newsletter that appears on the www.rockhurst.edu site. If you want your e-mail address on the "web" we can do it, but I am told I need an explicit request for that. E-mail address below.

September 26, 2000

Today I got an e-mail from Paul Sullivan ('93). He is now settling in at U. Kansas in Lawrence in the department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. He is looking to a Ph.D. program. Paul got his DVM from K-State several years ago, but decided he would do better in a research atmosphere. His new e-mail address is below.

I think that in the last issue, I said I didn't have Laura Rowland's e-mail. I do now, and it is on the end of this.

October 6, 2000

A week ago yesterday, we had a panel discussion for the Freshmen in Science program on the value of the "core courses" (i.e., the non-science courses). We had three faculty and two alums, Adria Edwards ('00) from Biology and Larry Washington ('90) from Chemistry. Adria is a caretaker for some of the animals at the KC Zoo. Larry is one of the supervisors of the Chemistry section of the Crime Labs of the Kansas City Police Department.

The other day, Sirini Iyngar ('00) called from Denver. He is starting medical school at the U. of Colorado, and enjoying it a lot. Christine Jelinek ('00) is also at Colorado Med School. Both are from the Denver area.

Last week I attended a pre-med advisors meeting at Kansas U Med Center. There I saw Kathleen McManus who was here for a while around the late '80s. She is now a counselor at UMKC (hence pre-med). She has been in St. Louis for

several years, including a master's degree in social work from St. Louis U.

I was also told at that meeting that there are two of our alums attending KU Med School, namely Vanessa Voge ('99) and Rebecca Messerli ('99). Both in first year med school, I believe. I did not see either of them. KU had planned for the advisors to meet with former students, but arranged it at a time when all the first and second year students were in class! (Good planning!!!) Jessica Stolz is also there (2nd year), but I did not see her either.

And while I am on that subject, I got a list of the new students at Kirksville Osteopathic College, and there is Nick Mayer ('99). So that makes three more in medical school that I did not list in the last issue of this newsletter.

Today I spent a good part of the afternoon at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. We have a number of alums there. I had a nice visit with Rob Borusheski ('99) who is in first year, and very happy to be there (he had also been accepted at U Mo.-Columbia and chose this). Then Veronika (Galoyan) McDonald ('97) came up and I had a nice visit with her. She had been showing some of our current students around the school. She is in her second year of medical school.

October 8, 2000

Last evening, the University had a major Gala down at the Crown Center Hotel. Kevin Clune ('74) was one of the planners and officials of the event, which was quite an affair. Also there from Pensacola, Florida was Joe Buehler ('68). I think he must have come up here to enjoy the cool weather. The last two nights have set record cold temperatures, in the mid 20's. There were several others there, I am told, but I couldn't find them among the some 800 folks at the dinner.

November 25, 2000

It has been a long time since I have tried to put some of these thoughts down on paper (i.e., computer). So here goes for a while. Bear in mind all this is not in any particular order of occurrence.

A couple of weeks ago Matt Bednar ('89) sent me a couple of new e-mail addresses (see below). He got his O.D. from



the U. Houston College of Optometry. He practices in Kansas City north of the river.

Several weeks ago, we had a Homecoming and some of the alums that I had not seen for some time were there. The class of 1960 had a bar-B-Q at Dick Shaw's house. Notable among those, besides Dick himself, was Joe Glas and his wife. Joe has retired from DuPont and is doing some consulting, and still living in the Philadelphia area.

And then I had dinner with several of the class of '75. Notable there were Julie Johannes and Jeannine (Clune) Cindrich, and Sherry Super. She filled me in on her twin brother, Terry, and got him to send me an e-mail (see below). Terry ('74) is here in Kansas City and working as an engineer.

And very briefly I spoke with George Putney ('80). George is listed as Vice President and General Manager of XO Communications, Inc in St. Louis. His e-mail address is below.

As I say, in no particular order. I have heard from Sokha Tang. He is back in Manhattan, KS doing his Chemical Engineering at Kansas State, and enjoying it – but he says he has to WORK! Last spring he did an internship with Dow Chemical in Lake Jackson (Freeport), TX.

And Jason Mickels ('96) is here in Kansas City doing his residency at Kansas U. Med Center. Jason graduated with his MD last summer from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He is doing Orthopaedic Surgery.

Earlier this week I walked out of my office and there was Garry Gagnon ('00). He is in first year med school at St. Louis U. He tells me he is back to lifting weights again with Josh Evans, also same class. And I should also say, very glad that the anatomy course is over. In fact about a week before that I saw Scott Troy also first year at St. Louis U Med School who had some of the same feelings about the anatomy course. Garry and Scott share an apartment in Kirkwood, just down the street from where I went to grade school!

And this afternoon I had a very nice visit with Terry Maher ('98) during the half time of the basketball game. Terry is in third year med at St. Louis U. He says he is really enjoying his clinical rotations, currently in the midst of his surgery rotation. He and Tuong (Thomas) Nguyen ('98) and Josh Evans ('00) are living together.

On a couple of Thursdays this month, we bring in various professionals to talk to our science freshmen. This year Laura Salem ('94) came and talked about biology and graduate school. She got her Ph.D. last spring from the U. of Iowa, and is currently doing a post-doc at UMKC.

Also, Chuck Moylan ('79) came and talked about being a pediatrician. Chuck got his MD from U. Mo-Columbia. He has offices on the Plaza and in Lee's Summit.

Chris Rooney ('87) came and talked about being a dentist. Chris got his DDS from UMKC and is practicing here in town. He specializes in surgery, that is, tooth implants and the like.

And one day not long ago, Tim Stoppelman ('00) stopped in. Tim is working on a master's degree at Emporia State in environmental biology.

And speaking of people I saw at a basketball game, I saw Brian Diskin ('93) there. He is teaching biology at Marquette High School in Alton, IL.

And yesterday I got an e-mail from Srinu Iyengar ('00). He is at the University of Colorado Medical School, and it seems he, too, is glad to be past the anatomy class, though he still has neuroanatomy and microanatomy and physiology, which, I guess, is fairly common. He is also working in a clinic (internal medicine) which he enjoys. He is trying to encourage some of his classmates to come out and climb mountains (or slide down them) with him.

A couple of Sundays ago, I came out of the gym and there was Leroy Chimilio ('94). We had a nice visit. Leroy got his Ph.D. from Kansas U in Chemistry last summer. He is currently still at KU doing a post-doc.

November 26, 2000

And a couple of days ago, I got a note from Jerry Muehlberger in Biloxi, MS to announce that he is now a grandfather as of last May. The young one is the daughter of Heather (Muehlberger) Massie (PT '92). As far as I know Heather is still in southern California. Jerry is with Humana in a supervisory position down South. He also sent an alternative e-mail address (see below).

A note the other day from Doc Joe Rydzek gave me his new e-mail address. See below.

And a brief note from Tim Quinlan ('81) sent me the two versions of his e-mail address. He has recently moved out to Johnson County from Brookside.

A few weeks ago, I got a note from Patrick Mark Adams ('88) announcing that he has moved back to Omaha and has joined a nephrology practice there.

And earlier this month, an e-mail from Melissa Burns tells me she is about to get married to a fellow student at Kirksville, in fact it was scheduled to happen last week. Melissa is in second year at Kirksville College of Osteopathic

Medicine. The new husband is Loren Chassels. He proposed to her at the base of Mt. McKinley in Alaska last spring. Her e-mail is below.

This evening I got an e-mail from Irv Jacobs who taught here 20 years ago or so. He was at Washington U for a while until the professor he was working with left to start his own company and Irv went along. He is doing a kind of applications research doing what he calls “bioavailability enhancement” which is like microencapsulation, controlled release, etc., for food, pharmaceuticals, etc. Similarly, he has been traveling the world giving talks, seminars and the like.

I was just looking over the e-mail list and I noticed I have gotten a second address for Tiffany Vetter ('00) in Atlanta, more recently than the first, so both are there (and that's an underline between “vet_t”. She is at Emory Medical School.

A week or two ago, I got an e-mail from Catherine Lee ('96). Catherine got her DVM last summer from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. She is working in a vet clinic in Austin, TX. Her e-mail is below.

Jason Gordon ('00) was here the other day (home for Thanksgiving). Jason is doing his Chemical Engineering at Iowa State in Ames. He is now thinking of graduate school somewhere, in Chem E. His e-mail is below.

A few weeks ago I got a short note from Bob Foster ('72). Bob is with Coors in Golden, CO dealing with the chemistry of the brewing business. Bob's e-mail address is below. I must admit I don't remember where he got his Ph.D.

December 6, 2000

A couple of days ago, I got an e-mail from Richard Heck ('97) asking for a couple of e-mail addresses. I think I have updated these below, so they are as current as I know now! Anyway Richard is in his last year of medical school at the U. of Tennessee in Memphis. He is interviewing for a residency in family medicine.

An e-mail from John Kuhnlein ('76) brings me up to date with him. He got his D.O. from KC Osteopathic (now UHS) he has been with IBP (the meat packing company) for some time as their medical director, specializing in occupational and environmental medicine, especially preventive medicine. He has moved around some, but is now living in Omaha. He is also a medical director of Union Pacific Railroad. He and Debbie have two children, 13 and 9. The e-mail address below is new.

One day last week, Kevin Gratton ('63) stopped in for a look around. Kevin got his Ph.D. from Kansas in inorganic

chemistry and has been teaching at Johnson County Community College almost ever since. He and Mary Kay have four (I think!) boys, all grown.

The other evening I saw T.J. Preuss ('99) here in Richardson. He was studying diligently. T.J. is in law school at UMKC.

The other day I was asked about Jim Mulik ('98) and so I did a little inquiry. Bob Hegarty came up with the answer. Jim has finished two years in the Peace Corps, and is starting a third. He is teaching teachers in Kiribati, which is an island nation in the mid-Pacific.

December 18, 2000

I thought I ought to put some of these things down while I am not too terribly pressed for time – that is, all the papers are graded and the grades turned in.

I got a real nice note from Reva Servoss in Salt Lake City. First she says that I should say that she really has not given up the classroom, just shifted gears. It's a “Turnabout School.” That is her students are “difficult” students, runaways, past addicts, abused, etc., all 12-18 years old. She teaches Algebra I and II and an advanced Chemistry course. She says she has slowed down, but this doesn't sound like it to me. Besides that, she had a marvelous trip to Liege, Belgium (home town) where she had not been since 1954.


A nice letter from Tim Schmitt ('95) from sunny Jacksonville, FL. He is in his second year of surgery residency at the Mayo Clinic there. One of his most exciting rotations was with the transplant team, when he even rode the helicopters and jets to harvest organs, and then participated in the transplant when he got back. Tim got his MD from Creighton. Tim and Jean have a 2-year old son who sounds just like Tim must have been at that age.

And a short note from Tom Millard ('80). He and Carolyn live in Prairie Village, KS while he is in second year med school at Kansas U.

Dan ('70) and Jeanne Strobe are still in Bartlesville, OK, where he is with Phillips, but with a new position that involves some EPA regulations and sulfur in gasoline.

Dave ('60) and Rita Beggs are still in Garden City, KS. Dave got his MD from KU (if my memory serves me right). He says Myron Zeller ('60) has retired, but Dave loves what he is doing too much to retire. I can buy that! Myron also has been practicing medicine in Garden City for many a moon.

A note came from Jim and Sue (Lloyd) Long (both '74). Jim does medical type instrument installation, etc. For this he



travels the world. They have children from “out and married” to college age and high school age, including one who just graduated from the Air Force Academy. They are living in southern California (Lake Forest).

Rich Sullivan ('87) writes from near Pittsburgh, PA that he and Renee are trying to keep up with their 3-year old boy. Rich is an ER physician (Director of Emergency Medical Services) at Jefferson Hospital. He got his MD some 10 years ago from Southern Illinois U. Med School.

Steve Martin ('88) and Laura live in Linn Creek, MO, down by the Lake of the Ozarks. He keeps very busy with a full time job as ER physician at the local hospital and trying to keep up with their 1-year old boy and 5-year old daughter.

Norm Bamber ('94) is finishing up medical school this spring (St. Louis U) and looking for a “Match” in neurosurgery. Norm has also done his Ph.D. in this. Norm and Jill have an almost 1-year old daughter. They live in Webster Groves (St. Louis), MO. His e-mail address is below.

Sam and Mary (Graveman) Losapio (both '74) are still in Columbia MO. Sam is vice-president of Columbia Insurance Group. Mary is a nurse at Rusk Rehabilitation Hospital, working only part-time (30-40 hours a week). Their oldest, Jennie ('99) spent a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Richmond VA, teaching at a private elementary school for “last chance” students. She has come back to St. Louis working toward a Ph.D. in neuropsychology at St. Louis University. There are two other daughters, one in college and one in high school.

December 20, 2000

A note from Dick Steichen the other day tells me that after 27 years with Goodyear, he is considering retiring. He is looking around at other possibilities, maybe even in academe. For the present, he and Rosemary are still in Akron (Fairlawn) OH.

A letter came from Steve ('61) and Mary Ziller in Cincinnati (Loveland) OH. Steve is still consulting for the Institute of Food Technologists, and otherwise traveling just about everywhere. Steve's parents live down the street from them, and his brother, George (a year or two behind Steve here at Rockhurst), still lives in Australia when he is not traveling the world.

I got a nice letter from Tom ('84) and Lora (Bias) ('85) Folz. They both got their MDs from the U. of Oklahoma. Tom is in rehab medicine and Lora is a pediatrician. They are in

Jefferson City, MO. Besides their medical practices, they are raising two boys and a girl.

Mark and Brigid Espinosa ('85) have been transferred to Woodbury MN with their four youngsters.

Jim Casey ('62) is still with Chem. Abstracts in Columbus OH and going to various international meetings, Paris and Dublin this year.

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold are still in Springfield, MO. They have but one son left at home, just finished high school. Others are out of college, etc.

December 21, 2000

A note from Matt ('75) and Joanne Gratton says that Matt is still in the ER at Truman Medical Center. He is also EMS Medical Director for Kansas City, MO. They have three children, 8th grade, high school and college.

January 8, 2001

With school starting in another day (Wed. 10th), I should again play “catch up”. Last week I had a couple of visits all in one day. Tim Stoppelman ('00) stopped in to say hi. Tim is at Pittsburg (KS) State doing a master's program in biology, basically, he says, environmental biology. He is planning to do his research on cowbirds in southwestern Missouri.


And shortly after that, John Kedora ('98) came in. John is doing rotations as a third year medical student at St. Louis U. John was one of our pre-medical scholars. He is considering surgery when he finishes.

Then a couple of days ago, I got a call from Tuong Nguyen ('98) also doing rotations at St. Louis U. med. He was passing through KC on his way back to St. L from Christmas break. He, too, was a pre-med scholar. Tuong is considering family practice.

And then I've gotten a good many more notes. Most recently from Jerry ('64) and Cathy Muehlberger. In addition to what I said above, they have now moved into a house from the RV they have been living in for the last year or two. They live in Biloxi, MS.

A letter from Pat ('84) and Pam McCarville says all goes very well in Valley, NE where Pat is in family practice medicine. Pat got his MD from Nebraska Medical School in Omaha. Pat is president-elect of the NE Academy of Family Physicians. Pat and Pam have a boy and two girls, ages 7 to 2.

A short note came from Sara Wisch ('00). She is a first year student at St. Louis U. Med School. She was one of our pre-med scholars, too.



A short note from John (and Cathy Brems ('77) tells me his oldest is starting college (Loyola U.) next fall! John is on the faculty at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago.

And a short note came from Cathy (Thomas) ('92) and Jarrett Kolthoff in St. Louis. Cathy is doing graduate work in biochemistry (I think) at Washington U. She and Jarrett have a little boy and girl.

January 9, 2001

This morning, Mark Fegers ('96) dropped in for a nice visit. He has recently moved back to KC from the Boston area where he was about 3 years. He is a sales representative for Innovative Laboratory Systems, here in Mission, KS. His e-mail address is below. He reminded me that Luis Perez ('96) is about to graduate from KU Med School.

January 10, 2001

Yes, school started today, but I should finish up a bit more of unfinished business. First, I have heard from Brett Higbie ('99). She has been working at Aventis Pharmaceuticals (a piece of the "re-incarnation" of Marion-Merrill-Dow – a re-incarnation of Marion Laboratories). She got a nice Christmas present – a couple of acceptances to medical school. Now she has to make up her mind which one she will take.

And speaking of medical school acceptances, Mike Tull ('00) stopped in this afternoon for a few minutes. He has one acceptance in hand, UHS here in KC, and is waiting on one more. In fact he also turned down a couple others. Mike is mostly at home in Phoenix, AZ, and working in a hospital emergency room until he starts med school next summer.

A note from Larry Padberg ('67) and Rose Mary announce that they are now grandparents. They live in the DC area. Larry is an official (vice president or something like that) at Marymount University and Rosemary doing nursing research at the NIH.

A short note came from Bryan ('88) and Keri Schumacher. Bryan got his MD from St. Louis U. and has been in the Navy. Right now they are still in southern California and hoping to adopt a baby this spring from China.

And a note from Buck ('92) and Lisa Haney. They both are chemists at Quintiles Pharmaceuticals. This is the other piece of the re-incarnated version of Marion-Merrill-Dow. Other than the fact that they have moved into their new home in Lee's Summit. One more "important event" is that they have a new arrival, a daughter born Dec. 28.

A nice note came from Lisa ('91) (Meyer) and Mike

Connor. Lisa and Mike are living in Johnson County. Lisa works at Quintiles, with regulatory affairs and the like. Mike is an MD doing a fellowship at KU Med. Their 1-year old just enjoys himself.

And a note from Michael ('96) and Juliet (Montgomery) ('97) Gay from Houston (actually League City, TX). Michael is with Dowell, a branch of Slumburger. And Juliet is part time at her PT occupation, and part time taking care of a 1-year old.

January 19, 2001

A couple of days ago Anthony Paris ('97) called. He got his JD (law) from Washburn (Topeka). He passed the Bar on his first time around, and now is with one of the large law firms here in town. He and Sabrina have a 2-year old son.

January 30, 2001

Over the weekend Sara Wisch ('00) dropped in for a few minutes. She was taking a few minutes off from studying at St. Louis U. Med School (first year).

And this morning I got a note from Richard Heck ('97) noting a slight change in his e-mail address (new one below). He is at U. Tennessee Med School in Memphis, and as most 4th year med students, I guess, he is waiting for the match in another month or two to see what he will get for residency (family practice).

February 1, 2001

A couple of days ago, I got an e-mail from Joe Buehler ('68) in Tampa. He has a new e-mail address – see below.


And a note yesterday from Bob Moser ('97) announces the arrival of a son a few weeks ago. Bob is in the Pharm. D. program at the U. Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

February 2, 2001

I got a call from Jason Menges ('98) telling me that he has been accepted into the Physician Assistant Program at Wichita State University. He starts this summer, and can hardly wait! He has been teaching school in Wichita.

February 3, 2001

Today we had the 17th annual Science Knowledge Bowl for high school students. There were probably some 600-700 high schoolers, plus their coaches etc. (5 students per team plus alternates, about 110 teams). And then some of the alums came back to help judge the matches. Jennie (Bryant)



Colombo ('98) and Mark Costaldi ('98), were both taking off from St. Louis U. Med. Jennie is doing rotations (3rd year) and Mark is taking off doing special studies in pathology this year, and then go back to regular med school next year. Robbie Fennewald ('98) was also here from St. Louis. And then a couple of the locals were here. Mark Fegers ('96) and Jim Millard ('89) were here, too. Both are working here in KC. Charley Goslin was also here. Charlie is teaching Math and Computer Science part time here at Rockhurst.

And speaking of Jim Millard, I must mention his great uncle, Fr. Joe Gough whom many of the old timers remember, passed away yesterday morning. He has been at our nursing home at St. Louis University (the Pavilion) for about a year and a half. I think he was close to 90.

And Ron Geldhof ('69) was here from Rockhurst High where he has been teaching Chemistry for years and years. He had a number of his students here for the events of the day. I don't think they won the big prizes, but several folks told me they were doing quite well.

And a short e-mail came from Norm Bamber ('94) telling me he will be doing his residency at Loyola U. in Chicago starting this summer, in neurosurgery. This was also accompanied by a picture of young Sami and "off to Chicago." Norm gets his MD from St. Louis U Med School this spring.

February 13, 2001

This evening I got a couple of phone calls, the first from Greg Drake ('98). Greg is doing his third year rotations for med school (UHS here in KC) in Detroit, and living in Royal Oak, MI.

The other call was from Jason Gordon ('00). Jason is finishing up his undergraduate engineering program at Iowa State in Ames. He is currently applying to graduate school, and so far has been accepted at Notre Dame and Tulane. Johns Hopkins lost his application and recommendations, so he wants that sent again.

February 20, 2001

On a sad note, I saw a notice in Sunday's paper that Paul Wheeler ('63) died Jan. 30 in California. He apparently had a heart condition. He was an associate director of Lawrence Livermore Labs. He was a physics major here, and got his Ph.D. from Princeton.

And now there is something else that I am told I must include. Last Saturday evening a dozen or so of the chemistry alums showed up here for a dinner. It was a dinner for me, and

to tell me that they are in the process of collecting money for an endowed scholarship in my name. They have collected a good deal, but there is still more to go. I must admit they kept it all very quiet and I still haven't recovered from the shock.

In particular I think I should say a special thanks to John Emo ('68) and Pam Vogelsang-Hampel ('81) and Steve Ziller ('61). These seem to have been the folks who engineered this thing, though I understand Jon Emo was the originator of the idea.

But these three certainly were not the only ones who showed up. John Emo is now living and practicing medicine in Elko, NV. John's son, Bryce, came down from Chicago. Bryce is my God-son.

Pam practices medicine here in Kansas City (and raises 3 young ones). Her husband, Jeff, is also a physician. Steve and Mary live in Loveland, OH, near Cincinnati. He has retired a couple of times, and is now doing consulting.

In no particular order, except that they were folks that I hadn't seen for a while, in some cases for quite a while: Jim Casey ('62) was here. Jim is one of the big shots with Chem Abstracts in Columbus, OH. John Oxler ('68) was here. He is a physician here in Kansas City. And Fred DeFeo (also '68) and his wife Carol were here. Fred is also practicing medicine here in KC, and has a faculty position at UMKC Med School. Tom ('58) and Virginia Coppinger were here. Tom is a physician here in town. He is officially retired from practice, but is still quite active. Vince Koehler ('60) was here. Cira Garcia-Ferrer ('81) came with her husband Joe Danda. Both Cira and Joe are physicians here in town. And of course, one other of my former students, Fr. Ed Kinerk ('64) (our Rockhurst president) was here, too.

The whole chemistry faculty came to the dinner. Currently, these are James Chapman, Dale Harak, Don Gibbs and Carol Noelken, who brought her husband Milt, and Philip Colombo ('91) who brought his wife Jennie (Bryant) Colombo ('98) who came in from St. Louis U. Med school. Sister Mary O'Rourke, SCL came, too. She has been with us part time for the last several years. (She retired from St. Mary College, Leavenworth, a few years ago.)

Dick Wilson and Mary Haskins from biology were here, too, as well as our Dean (A&S) Bill Haefle, whom some of you may remember from the psychology dept.

"Riding herd" on the whole event was Mary Beth Rieke of our Advancement Office (2nd floor Massman) here on campus, as I understand it. I suspect many of you know her name and have worked with her. She is one fantastic person,

and so many thanks for the many things she has done for me and the University. She even got my family in on the deal, and they all kept the surprise from me. They all kept it perfectly quiet, even though I was with them the previous weekend in Memphis. We were all there, Feb. 10, for my sister's funeral (she had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for many years).

And there were several others from the Rockhurst administration, Fr. Tom Denzer, S.J., Robin Harris, and Jim and Peg Millard, Cathy Dubois (Fr. Kinerk's secretary or what ever) and Pam Miller and Mike Cummings.

I have got to say that all these folks did a fantastic job. And I am most grateful to everyone concerned. I am still overwhelmed.

Several days ago I got a message from Piper Calesanti ('00). She is at Georgetown Medical School and is doing a great job. And I also got an e-mail from her classmate, Josh Evans ('00) who is one of our pre-med scholars now at St. Louis U. Med School and is also doing outstanding work in Med School. We are so proud of you all!

February 25, 2001

Yesterday afternoon, Jennifer Watts ('98) stopped in with her mother and "little" brother, Mike, currently a student here at Rockhurst. She says she has started to study for the Boards since she is currently in second year at St. Louis U Med School.

This evening, I got the nicest e-mail from George Fague ('65) about the scholarship affair. George and his wife Janet (Orscheln) have 5 boys, all grown and now out of college. They have been living in southern California for a number of years. George has his own business, in Anaheim, I believe.

February 27, 2001

Yesterday's mail brought a letter from the head of the Notre Dame Chemistry Dept. which had this comment: "I am please to inform you that Michael Schmitt recently passed his Doctoral Candidacy Examination in very convincing fashion." I don't think I have ever gotten such a letter before. Mike ('97) is working in organic chemistry, if I recall rightly. Mike's new e-mail is below (that's an _ before the ND in the address).

I think I should mention here concerning Bill Grattan ('60) in Washington, DC. I think last issue I mentioned that he is suffering from leukemia. He is in an experimental program at the NIH, and seems to be holding his own. He had some bone marrow transplant and this presents problems, but he is

still going.

March 1, 2001

A few minutes ago, as I was coming across the campus I passed Derek Williams ('83). Derek is in the Navy in sunny Hawaii, at least for a few more months, he says, then back to the mainland. Of course we have a few inches of snow on the ground for him to enjoy! He says he starts on teeth at 6:45 am and goes until all hours every day. But he looks like he thrives on it.

And in today's mail, I got a nice letter from Darrell Zeller ('64). About a year or so ago, he and Mary Fran moved from KC to way up north, Thief River Falls, MN. He practices Ob/Gyn. His new e-mail address is below.

March 3, 2001

I was getting ready to leave my office this afternoon to get some dinner, when several old friends blocked the door. It was the Menges brothers, Jason ('98) first, and Bryan ('99) right behind him. And then in came Terry O'Neil ('99), and then Jay Radisauky ('98) and Rob Borusheski ('99), and Chris Gaubatz ('98). They were here to get an alumni chapter of Pike (PKA) started, as I understand it.

Now, who's where? Jason Menges I mentioned above as going to Wichita State in the Physician Assistant Program, starting this summer. His brother Bryan is working here in KC, but mostly studying for the MCAT this spring.

Terry O'Neil is working as a chemist at Midwest Research down the street. Jay Radisauky is still in St. Louis working as a chemist (mostly instrumentation, he says) and working on a master's degree in chemical engineering Administration at Washington U.

Rob Borusheski is a first year med student at the University of Health Sciences here in KC (the Osteopathic College). Chris Gaubatz will get his master's degree in physical therapy here at Rockhurst this spring. I think that accounts for all of them, and I must say I was happy to see them all. And they all look great!

A few minutes ago, I got a new e-mail address for Tom Ward ('92). It is below. Tom and Sandy and family are here in KC. I see him from time to time since he is working on an MBA here at Rockhurst. He got his law degree from UMKC several years ago.

