

# Chemistry Newsletter No. 28

## March 7, 2001

The usual has happened again, I guess. In fact, I'm kind of glad it goes this way. Over the weekend I sent the last issue of this newsletter to the Public Relations folks to get it printed and then mailed out, and sure enough, I start hearing from you folks again.

On Monday, I got an email from Tiffany Vetter. ('00). She is doing very well, as we expect, at Emory U. Medical School in Atlanta. She is first year, and almost finished with that. Her e-mail address is below. The hotmail address seems to be the one she uses.

Then last night Bob Kanard ('58) called to say he tried to come to the surprise dinner for me a couple of weeks ago, but he could not get out of the Denver airport that day because of the weather. I sure appreciate your trying. Bob lives in Cheyenne, WY and is retired from his practice. Bob got his MD at St. Louis U. Med.

And thanks so much: For those who don't remember from the end of the last issue, on Saturday, Feb. 17, John Emo ('68), Pam Vogelsang-Hampel ('81) and Steve Ziller ('61), and a great bunch of others had a dinner for me and to announce they were starting an endowed scholarship in my name. I can't go through all these, they were great, and thanks. I am still overwhelmed.

And then today I was visiting with Mark Angles ('85). Mark is an internist here in town. He said he was planning to come, but he had to call off at the last minute because he had several very sick patients in the hospital. Mark's MD is from Kansas U. And by the by, Mark said they have a new little boy as of about a month ago. Mark's e-mail address is below.

I should also mention that these newsletters appear on the Rockhurst home page under the general heading of the Chemistry Department. The e-mail addresses at the end of the printed newsletters do not appear on the Web site.

## March 8, 2001

A few minutes ago, Dinh Nguyen ('99) left my office. She is currently working as a chemist for Bayer here in Kansas City. Her e-mail address is below. She said it has been over a year since she was on campus and she couldn't believe the looks of everything.

## March 10, 2001

Josh Evans ('00) was in this afternoon on his way back to Omaha for spring vacation from St. Louis U. Med School. He is in first year, and doing extremely well, as we expect.

## March 24, 2001

An email from Rudy Tovar ('98) reminds me that there are several items I should record. Rudy is in third year medical school at U Texas Med Center Houston. He is seriously thinking of going into Ob/Gyn when he graduates, and staying in Houston.

An e-mail came from Dr. Reva Servoss the other day. She moved to Salt Lake City when she retired from here and has been teaching part time, mostly "special" students (both bright and not-so-bright) in middle school and high school. Her e-mail address is below.

The other day Steve Nelson ('94) stopped by for a couple of minutes. Steve is a Family Practice resident at Baptist Hospital here in KC. In fact he is about finished, and so will join a group practice north of the river. Steve got his MD from Creighton Med School. He says he sees Brandi Wilson ('95) who went to Creighton with him. She is at Truman Hospital in an Ob/Gyn residency.


And yesterday, I heard my name across the campus, and it was Bobbie (Walsh) Messick ('81 Med Tech). She was here on an interview panel for transfer student scholarships. Bobbie is in microbiology at Research Hospital. And besides that she is raising three young ones.

On a sad note, for you ol' timers, there was a note in the paper the other day that Charlie Rogers has passed away at the age of 83. For you younger folks, he was a long time professor of English here.

## March 26, 2001

An e-mail came over the weekend from Richard Heck ('97). He is finishing up at U. Tennessee Med School in Memphis. "Match" day was the other day, so he says he will be doing his Family Practice Residency in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

And this afternoon Vincent Nguyen ('97) was waiting for me when I came out of Biochem class. He is with Informix



doing all kinds of computer training and so on, and traveling a lot. He is here on business, but he is living at home in Wichita, KS.

#### **April 5, 2001**

As a start, I mention Jennifer Doll ('90). She dropped in a week ago. Jen got her Ph.D. in Genetics from Washington U in St. Louis and then has taken a post-doc position at Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. She has been there researching for the past three years and expects to stay at least another two years.

I had just gotten earlier a note from the Alumni office listing some of the folks who were scheduled to come to the meeting last Sunday. Jen was listed as being out of town, and, as she said, because she was here in KC.

Anyway, to explain: Last Sunday afternoon we had an Alumni get-together in Chicago. Ed Kinerk had talked me into going with him to the reception and dinner. It was a most pleasant trip, if a bit hurried. We had about 20 or 25 for the dinner get-together at a restaurant not too far from O'Hare. Several Chemistry types were there. First, was Paul Chiarelli ('82). Paul is on the Chemistry faculty at Loyola U Chicago. He has been there something like 5 or 6 years if I remember correctly.

Another Chemistry type was Ken Hoffmann ('85). Ken was a chemist with a waste management outfit near Chicago for a while. But he has since gotten his Pharm. D. degree and is now working in pharmaceuticals with Walgreens.

Maybe I should have put this one first, but anyway Bob Fitzsimmons ('53) and his wife were there. I knew the name, but I had never met him before. Bob has taught some and done some industrial chemistry, gotten his Ph.D. (I don't remember where), and now has his own consulting company, Fitzsimmons and Associates, Inc. Bob's e-mail address is below.

And then there was a Physics major Jennifer (Moore) Yuen ('91) with her husband. Her e-mail is also below. Unfortunately I did not have much of a chance to converse with her. They live in Wheaton, IL.

Besides the chemistry folks, there was quite an assortment of folks at the Chicago meeting, a couple of folks from about the time of Fr. Ed Kinerk ('64) and several others from the '60s and '70s, and three from the mid '90's. It was really a very nice event. One surprise for me was the awful traffic we ran into on a nice Sunday afternoon on our way from Loyola University to the restaurant.

#### **April 7, 2001**

I got an e-mail from Bryan ('88) and Keri Schumacher announcing that they are now adoptive parents of twin girls from China. The girls were born in June 2000. I gather they have not yet gotten the girls but will soon. E-mail address is below.

#### **April 9, 2001**

And speaking of new parents, I just got an e-mail from David Thomas ('95). He and Kerrilynne have just had a new arrival, Tristan Pierce on March 12. David is doing his Anesthesia residency in Charleston SC, and enjoying it so much. He has a couple more years, and is thinking of a fellowship when the residency is over.

And an e-mail from Jason Gordon ('00) in Ames IA. Jason is considering going to Notre Dame for something in Bio-Medical Engineering next year. He has had several offers, but ND looks the best.

And a note from Kevin Gratton ('63) says he has another grandson. Kevin is still teaching chemistry at Johnson County Community College, where he has been for many a moon. It seems to me that I mentioned in the last newsletter that he has gotten several awards for his excellent teaching.

And speaking of the Grattan (or Gratton) clan, Kevin's cousin Bill ('60) is still hanging in there with his cancer at the NIH hospital. Improvement is slow, but steady, it seems. He is able to send out updates every so often, which is a good sign. Bill is being treated for a serious form of leukemia. His e-mail address is below. (see note below)

And then as I was coming back from lunch, there was Mark ('85) and Brigid Espinosa and their 4 young ones – a couple were frolicking in the fountains by the tower. I had to get to Biochem class so I didn't get much of a visit in, but they certainly seem to be thriving. They live outside the Twin Cities and were enjoying our 80 degree weather, coming from the cold northland.

And this evening I got an e-mail from Bill Johnson in Farmington, MO. Bill got his D.O. from Kirksville Osteopathic College, and has been in Family Practice in southeast Missouri ever since. They have three young ones. His new e-mail address is below.

#### **April 11, 2001**

This morning I got a short e-mail from Tim Herr ('87) in Yuma AZ. Tim and Sigrid have two children 7 and 5. Tim practices Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose, and Throat). He got his

MD from UMo-Columbia. His e-mail address is below.

Also, this morning I got an e-mail from Kim Manthei ('98) to say she has gotten accepted by the UHS (KC Osteopathic) and will be going there in the fall. Her e-mail address is also below.

And speaking of acceptances, Dr. Ross Jilk (Biology) told me yesterday that Julie Feldmeyer ('00) has also been accepted to UHS for next fall. And just in checking back, I don't think I mentioned that Molly Welch ('01) has been accepted to Kansas Medical School for this summer.

So, I guess I ought to bring all this up to date, as far as I can remember. There are two others from this spring's graduating class who have been admitted to UHS (KC Osteopathic), namely Lindy Huntington and Brett Higbie (actually from '99).

I guess it is a good thing that I am looking through some e-mails from last fall that I forgot to mention earlier. Derek Henley ('96) is at St. Louis U in grad school in a kind of mix of biochemical sciences in the Medical School. The last I heard, he was studying for qualifying exams and also teaching undergraduates and tutoring other grad students.

Another one I seem to have left out of the last newsletter is Chris Bauer, ('00) who is also at St. Louis U. Med School, but as a medical student. The new e-mail addresses for Chris and Derek are both below.

And here is another one I forgot to include in the newsletter, so here he is: Doug Barton ('98). Doug has gotten himself a Masters degree in education and should be teaching full time as of this semester. He comments that teaching is a lot of work, but he feels that he has now found the vocation that he really loves. His e-mail is below.

And there's more yet! Tom Sack ('80) is Director of Chemical Sciences at Midwest Research (since February 1999). This is one of the 6 major technical divisions at MRI. Tom and Patty have two boys, one a freshman in college the other a 5th grader. His e-mail is below.

And yet one more, Tom Herink ('88). Tom is farming around Fremont, Nebraska. They have three boys, and probably a fourth by now! Out there in the country, he would like to hear from others of his vintage. His e-mail address is below.

#### **April 16, 2001**

I got a brief e-mail from Augusto de la Piedra (ES '71) with a picture he took when he was here last fall. There is also the variation of his e-mail address in Lima, Peru. The most recent is the second name for him below.

#### **April 25, 2001**

This semester is beginning to wind down, and things are piling up, so I had better catch up. Several e-mails have come in the last couple of days.

The first was from Joe Glas ('60). Joe has now retired from DuPont (as mentioned earlier) and now he and Donna have moved away from the Philly area entirely and gone to the South Carolina coast where he says all kinds of wild life abound, in his yard and related areas. He keeps his finger in chemical types by helping a start-up company get going – consulting, I guess you could call it.

And Richard Heck ('97) is getting ready to move to Fort Smith, AR where he begins his residency this summer. He graduates from the U of Tennessee Medical School (Memphis) this spring.

Another voice out of the past came via e-mail from St. Louis. Brian McMaster ('95) is in Law School at St. Louis U. He expects to get his JD/MBA there in another year. He also says he has taken a wife who is also a law student. He suggests that he is doing a complete turn-around from science, but it seems to me that any number of our science graduates are finding their ways into Law school – at least one of this year's graduates plans that route. Brian's current e-mail address is below.

And a short e-mail from Bob Yoksh ('69) tells me his new e-mail address, which is given below.

#### **April 26, 2001**


Last evening, Rob Borusheski ('99) came out to talk to some of our pre-med students about the Osteopathic program at UHS. Rob is finishing his first year there. His e-mail address is below.

#### **May 1, 2001**

An e-mail from Dan Casey ('91) says he has been named director of the residency program (family practice) in Fort Worth. He also says there will be a family addition this summer. Also Sara Beth finishes her residency in psychiatry in June. Dan is also considering a fellowship in sports medicine. Anything else, we'll let you know later! His e-mail address is below.

#### **May 4, 2001**

I got a nice e-mail from Scott Schepker ('99) at St. Louis Medical School this morning. He is about to finish second year and then start clinical clerkships this summer. Scott's e-mail address is below.



And I just got a notice today that a couple of our graduates started dental school last fall. Christopher Barreca is at UMKC Dental School. And Erin Tate ('00) is at Temple University Dental School.

#### **May 10, 2001**

A couple of days ago, I got an invitation from Norm Bamber ('94) to his graduation from St. Louis U. Med School. So he is now M.D. and Ph.D. And so now, it is off to Loyola in Chicago for residency in neurosurgery.

And this evening Chuck Henson ('99) left me a note that says he will be going to the University of Health Sciences this next year. That makes at least 6 in that class.

#### **May 15, 2001**

In the last couple of days I have gotten an e-mail or two. First was one from Lori (Engelhart) Koepsel (85?). She is teaching Clinical Laboratory Science (used to be called Med Tech) at St. Luke's Hospital here in KC. She mentioned that she was here to help out with the Freshmen in Science Program last fall, but I missed her. Her e-mail address is below.

And another was Chris Bauer ('00) at St. Louis U. Medical School where he is finishing his first year.

And today I got a note from another St. Louis U. Med school first year, Stephanie Benson. She says she is enjoying all she is learning. She also wanted an address, which I was able to send her. Her e-mail address is below.

I thought it would also be good to gather all of this year's med school people together, though I think I have mentioned most of them earlier. So, here is the list of folks starting med school this summer, in no particular order. I hope I haven't forgotten any.

Mike Kupperman ('01) – St. L.  
Sheena Gleeson ('01) – St. L  
Kim Manthei ('98) – UHS  
Brett Highbie ('99) – UHS  
Lindy Huntington ('01) UHS  
Julie Feldmeyer ('00) – UHS  
Mike Tull ('00) – UHS  
Chuck Henson ('99) – UHS  
Kate Dove ('00) – UHS  
Molly Welch ('01) – KU  
David Harris (BSN '00) – DMU/COMS

And while I am on the subject, I got a note from the

AACOM (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine) listing the names of students who started Osteopathic School last fall. Several of these I knew about and have previously mentioned, but one or two I did not know about.

Rob Borusheski ('99) – UHS  
Joe DiGirolamo ('00) – UHS  
Julie (Postel) Weiner ('00) – UHS  
Keith Kotansky ('97) – CCOM  
Nick Mayer ('99) – KCOM  
Micah Pescetto ('98) – DMU/COMS

Abbreviations: UHS was formerly known as Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine.

CCOM = Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (Midwestern University, Downer's Grove, IL)

KCOM = Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (Kirksville, MO)

DMU/COMS = Des Moines University – College of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery

I guess there is one other thing I should say and that concerns my status. I will continue teaching as before, but Ed Kinerk (the president) has talked me into spending some time on alumni events this coming year. This means that I may be wandering around the country from time to time, maybe something like the trip to Chicago that I mentioned earlier. If I get to your neck of the woods I'd love to see you!


#### **May 21, 2001**

Today's mail brought an official looking envelope. It turned out to be a copy of the press release announcing naming of Jack A. Salvato ('67) as associate vice president of marketing for business development for National Century Financial Enterprises. Jack has previously held similar positions with Bristol-Meyers and Abbott Laboratories. Headquarters are in Dublin, OH. A picture of his handsome face came along with the announcement.

#### **May 24, 2001**

This afternoon, I got a short e-mail from Randy Barron ('74). Randy lives in Las Vegas, New Mexico. His new e-mail address is below.

And then I talked to Sarah Hund ('01). She has been accepted to the Biochemistry Department at Loyola U. Med



School for a Ph. D. program. She starts at the end of July this summer.

#### **May 25, 2001**

I got an e-mail last evening from Bill Grattan's wife, Marci telling me that Bill ('60) passed away yesterday evening (24th). He has been suffering from a particularly acute form of leukemia for some time.

#### **May 29, 2001**

This afternoon Jean and Tim Schmitt ('95) showed up in the office. Tim says the second year of surgery residency is tougher than the first. He still has three more years of general surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. They have a 2-year old boy, and expect another soon.

#### **May 31, 2001**

Last evening I met with Kevin ('63) and Matt ('75) Gratton and their families and several other relatives of Bill Grattan ('60) for a memorial Mass for Bill. His funeral is this morning in the Arlington, VA area. Bill was their first cousin.

Kevin is still teaching at Johnson County Community College, as he has been for 30 or so years. Kevin and Mary Kay have 4 boys (or is it 3?), all grown. Matt is a physician running the Emergency Room at Truman Hospital here in KC. Matt and Joanne have a daughter and two boys.

#### **June 2, 2001**

This afternoon Srinu Iyengar ('00) called. He has just finished first year at U. Colorado Medical School, in Denver. He is doing some research with an orthopedics team for the summer.

#### **June 5, 2001**

Earlier this afternoon, I attended a luncheon put on for some University benefactors. The Master of Ceremonies was Mike Kleinman ('63). Mike was an English major, but he was telling me about having seen Mike Donnelly ('63) whom I have not seen nor heard from recently. He said Mike Donnelly is getting ready to retire from DuPont where he has been president of one of the DuPont subsidiaries for some time. At this same luncheon the "featured speaker" was Mac Geschwind who is now retired from his job as president of Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages. Mac and Elaine live in Reno, NV. Mike Donnelly lives in West Chester, PA. Mike Kleinman is here in Kansas City.

#### **June 6, 2001**

This morning I got an e-mail from Adam Booser ('96) in Baltimore (Johns Hopkins) where he has done his first year of residency. But now he will be going to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital for Special Surgery and New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell U.) in New York City to continue his residency in anesthesiology. He also tells me Courtney Hardy ('96) is moving from Indianapolis back to Loyola Chicago where he got his MD, also for anesthesiology. Adam got his MD at the U Kansas. Adam's e-mail address is below.

And just the other day, I got word that Rodney Yarnal ('94) has been accepted at UMo-Columbia and will be going there this fall. He has been doing social work at a home for children in St. Louis, this past year. He has done similar work in several other places before that, principally in California.

#### **June 15, 2001**

I had better get to this before it all leaves my memory. Just a few minutes ago, I was standing in front of Richardson Hall, and George Ellis ('69) came up. He is with MoDoT in the engineering department. He was in the Marines for quite a while and has moved back to KC in the last five years or so.

Last evening I saw Tony Moeller ('85) and his wife and little 6-month old son. Tony is an accountant with offices in Johnson County. Among other things, Tony has been doing the long distance bike runs (the MS 150, I think).

And one afternoon last week, Stephanie Benson ('00) wandered in. Stephanie is enjoying her last summer off, since she has just finished her first year at St. Louis U Med School, which she says she really enjoyed.

And a couple of days ago, I was walking to lunch through the parking lot and Tom Millard ('80) drove up. He said he had just taken his National Boards the day before. This means he has finished his second year at Kansas U Med School. Previously, he got a master's degree from Missouri U. Columbia in Chemistry and worked for Dow Chemical in Lake Jackson, TX.

Last weekend I saw Jim Edgington ('94) here on campus. He was helping administer ACT tests. He tells me Leigh Raymond ('94?) has received her Ph. D. in Physiology from KU.

#### **June 20, 2001**

As I was walking back from lunch this afternoon, I ran into P.K. Hagan, Steve Hagan's ('76) wife and two girls visiting Rockhurst. Steve was getting ready to intubate a patient in Wichita when they left. He is a pulmonologist in Wichita.



And I got a short note from Bryan Bownik ('69). Bryan is an internist with his practice in North Kansas City.

#### **June 22, 2001**

Yesterday I was going to lunch when up came Eddy Hart ('97) and his wife Sara (Hoagland) ('98). What were they doing here? They have been in the Washington, DC area going to graduate school. Eddy has finished and Sara is finishing up her thesis. They just arrived, and are looking for someplace to live and get a job here in Kansas City.

And this morning, I got an e-mail from Steve Ziller ('61). He says (his wife) Mary Inez is just about completely over her surgery of several months ago. He also mentioned that this newsletter shows up in the "strangest" places. Like, if you check out this "url" that his son found, here we are: <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&safe=off&q=steve+ziller&btnG=Google+Search>

Look at the second page of the Google summary. Steve and Mary live in suburban Cincinnati since he has retired – several times! Yes, the last several editions of this "rag" are on the Rockhurst Web Site.

And when I got back to the office after lunch, there was Pam Vogelsang-Hampel ('81) with her sister and three youngsters. Pam is a physician here in town. She had come to pick up her young ones who had been at a science camp for pre-schoolers that has been going on here all week.

#### **June 25, 2001**

I was just about to start this, when Mike Riley ('96) called. He has just finished his internship year at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and proceeds with his residency in internal medicine for the next couple of years. And then to several years of cardiology. He graduated from Georgetown Med School last year.

What I was about to say was that I got an e-mail from Chris Javillonar ('97) earlier today. Chris was doing some research at UMKC, but decided that wasn't his cup of tea. He has just finished his first year at Washington U. Law School in St. L. and just loves it. He has been working as a summer intern in the legal department of Monsanto, so he even uses some of his chemistry and biochemistry. His e-mail address is below.

Buck Haney ('92) sent an e-mail yesterday saying that he has passed his first "cume" toward his doctorate in Pharmaceutical Science at UMKC and UM-C. He has also been made chairman of the KC section of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists for this year. His e-mail address is below.

#### **July 4, 2001**

Last week, I had a real nice visit with John Kedora ('98). He is about to start his last year at St. Louis U. Med School. The next major decision, of course, is what will he do for his residency. Needless to say, he is way up at the top of his class.

And when I left the office a little earlier than usual, I missed George and Janet (Orscheln) Fague ('65). George left a note saying they were passing through after visiting Janet's folks at a family reunion (of 370!) in Moberly.

Last week I spent a few days at RPI at a Chataqua Conference on Freshman Chemistry (Albany, that is Troy, NY) for a few days. While I was gone several e-mails came in.

Tuong Nguyen ('98) had come through on his way to visit family in Houston, TX. He also has one more year at St. Louis U. Med School. He is thinking seriously of going into Family Practice.

And Sunday morning, I got an e-mail from Tom Sarsfield ('63). Tom has been slowed down this spring with heart problems, and is scheduled for quadruple bypass surgery this week. I hope I'll have more on this before I send off this newsletter. His new e-mail address is below.

A short note from Tom Veerkamp ('68) gave me his regular e-mail address below. Tom and family live in Memphis.


A card with a short note from Jim and Sue (Lloyd) Long (both '74) tells me that they have moved back to Cary, NC where they were for many years. Jim has been doing a good deal of traveling in the East and Europe, so living there makes more sense than California where they have been for a good while.

And an e-mail from Rodney Yarnal (as I mentioned above) has moved to Columbia, MO to start at UM-C Med School this summer. He is living at St. Francis House, a shelter for homeless men in the Catholic Worker tradition. His new e-mail address is below. He says he welcomes visits there or by any means.

#### **July 10, 2001**

Yesterday, I got an e-mail from David Harris (BSN '00). He said he has been accepted into the Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center for next fall – actually August, I guess.

Yesterday, also, I saw John ('68) and Bob ('72) Emo at their mother's funeral. John is practicing in Elko, NV and says he really likes it there. John and Karrie have four children all out of college except the youngest.



Bob and Debbie live in Sedalia, MO with their five children the oldest two or three (I forget) are in college. Bob is in charge of personnel at Bothwell Hospital.

#### **July 11, 2001**

This afternoon, Josh Elliott ('98) stopped in for a real nice visit. Josh is taking a break from doing his third year clinical rotations at St. Louis U. Med School. He seems to be surviving well, and is thinking of going into psychiatry.

#### **July 13, 2001**

I guess this is Friday the 13th, but so be it. Yesterday, I got a note from Pat Perkins ('90) and Tina announcing a daughter, the latest addition to the family. They have four others from 9 down. Pat is in the Army in San Antonio, TX doing internal medicine.

#### **August 6, 2001**

I've been vacationing and have just gotten back so I will be catching up on some e-mails and what not.

As I noted earlier, Jim and Sue Long have moved, and they now have a new e-mail, see below.

And now there are several items of good news and bad news. First the bad news. I got an e-mail from Kevin Whelan ('67) that told me that Phil Wittek ('67) had a massive heart attack last Wednesday (Aug. 1), and died. Phil has been Environmental Director of Johnson County for the past 15 or so years. He leaves at least one daughter, that I know of. Kevin is business analyst for Information Technology Services for Johnson County, KS. His e-mail address is below.

And now the good news: Tim Stoppelman ('00) is doing graduate work in Biology at Pittsburgh State, KS. He is also doing some teaching and loves it. His e-mail is below.

#### **August 8, 2001**

It seems I only get so far at a time, so, continuing:

I got a nice note from Amy Bode ('74). Amy got her MD from KU. She has been practicing here in KC, but the Kaiser group seems to have fallen through here, and so she went to work for the CDC in FT. Collins, CO, and for the last 6 months she is at the University of Colorado working on a Master's Degree in Public Health. Her e-mail address is below.

A nice e-mail came from Paul Zinn ('01). He starts graduate work for his Ph.D. at Kansas U. this month in Lawrence. He is very much looking forward to teaching as a TA. He has his own apartment in Mission, KS. His e-mail address is

below. He says he would like to get e-mail from his classmates. I would like to get them, too, and I can then add them to the list below.

I should also mention that Joe Vilain ('00) is also in Chemistry at KU. And another at Lawrence is Sarah Weilert ('01) who is going after some form of Engineering. And Paul Sullivan ('93) is there in pharmacology-toxicology.

Sarah Hund ('01) sent a nice e-mail from Chicago. She has started classes toward a Ph. D. in Biochemistry at Loyola U. Med School in Chicago. She moved into her apartment just a couple of days before classes started. Of course that left just enough time for a water pipe to break and flood her apartment. Her e-mail address is below.

A couple of additional notes, good and bad:

First, some new arrivals to chemistry people. Dr. Chapman of our department had a son born in July. Also in July, Dan Casey ('91) and Matt Bednar ('89) became fathers of sons. And Lisa (Meyer) Connor ('91) just missed July with a second son born August 1.

One sad note: Dr. Frank Smist of the Global Studies (Political Science) Dept. was hit by a car crossing Troost several days ago. He is currently in Research Hospital Intensive care with serious head injuries. More later.

And now another piece of good news: Annie Lee ('95) has just moved in here as the newest member of our department. She got her Ph.D. from KU a year ago, and will be teaching here now. She has been working at Quintiles in the mean time. She is coming on a grant from the Claire Booth Luce Foundation.

#### **August 11, 2001**

An e-mail from Dave Thoennes ('64), this morning tells me that he is still with Cyanamid or at least some version of the combined and rearranged form of the company which is really a piece of BASF. His piece is known as Fort Dodge Animal Health, headquartered in Kansas City! Besides this, he has been doing RCIA work in his local parish. He and Paula live in Hamilton Square, NJ where they have been a goodly number of years. Their children are all grown, "all healthy and employed, some earning more than the old man." His current home e-mail address is below.

#### **August 14, 2001**

And in today's mail I got the announcement from Bryan and Keri Schumacher that their twin girls joined their family at the end of May.

Jason Gordon ('00) walked in this afternoon. He has finished up his engineering requirements at Iowa State and is headed for Notre Dame and a Ph. D. program in something like Bio-Medical Engineering. The spaces in his e-mail address are really   , underlines.

#### **August 18, 2001**

The new freshmen are coming in today and so the place is a bit of a mess. Before I finish this off, there is one more thing to record. Tom Alderman ('53) died this past week. He had apparently been sick for some time. Tom was a surgeon and had gotten his MD at the University of Tennessee Medical School.

#### **August 20, 2001**

And so with school about to start, I quit this and try to get it off to you all. Rich ('85) and Susan Shaw's new son got baptized this afternoon. Rich is one of the "big wheels" with AT&T here in Kansas City.

#### **September 1, 2001**

As I quit to get this ready to go out, I'll just add a brief note on Dr. Frank Smist. He has been improving steadily, and has now been moved to a nursing home. He still has a long way to go before he gets back to "normal."

And another "final" note: At the end of September Sam Enna ('65) will be honored by being inducted into the Rockhurst Science Hall of Fame. More later.

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The Rockhurst University home page is up and running on the web as <http://www.rockhurst.edu> and there is a sequence on the Chemistry Dept. Just follow "Academic Programs," "Arts and Sciences," "Bachelor of Science," "Chemistry Department," and "Faculty." Then go to my page, and there is the latest newsletter as well as several of the more recent versions of this newsletter, and this one will probably be there in the near future. Also, the web page has a "virtual tour" of the campus at:

[http://www.rockhurst.edu/3.0/about\\_rockhurst/virtualTour/index.html](http://www.rockhurst.edu/3.0/about_rockhurst/virtualTour/index.html)

I decided to look at this and I'm impressed. It comes complete with a moving picture 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.

To repeat what I said at the beginning: 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 theirs be listed. So for the time being, this list only occurs on this printed version. Let me know what you think.

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.

As probably most of you know by now, Jim Millard has been promoted to something else in the Advancement Office (2nd floor Massman Hall), and Stacie Cronberg has become the Alumni Director. Her e-mail is below.

I invite 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 and would like to, let me know. So, God Bless you all.



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