

Chemistry Newsletter No. 29

September 2, 2001

We can start off with the fact that this morning we baptized Mike and Lisa (Meyer) ('91) Connor's new son. He was born a month ago.

September 18, 2001

I was about to leave the office the other day when Bindu Bamrah ('92) walked in. Bindu got his MD from Medical College of Wisconsin. He has done his residency in Orthopedic Surgery and is here in town this year doing a fellowship in sports medicine, and working with the KC Chiefs football team. In fact I understand he was seen sitting on the bench at a recent Chiefs' game.

Today, Larry Washington ('90) was here most of the day with half a dozen or so KCMO police officers teaching them how to make "meth" (methamphetamine!). He did this last year and will go through it with another group tomorrow. This is so they can get a better idea of what they will be looking for and what is involved.

On a sad note, an older brother of Greg Drake ('98) was seriously injured by falling debris at the World Trade incident a week ago, and will probably not survive – he had very serious brain injury. Greg is in the Detroit area doing clinical rotations for his last year of medical school. He will get his D.O. from the University of Health Sciences here in KC next spring.

And Sunday morning Alan Linquist who has taken some chemistry and biology classes here in the last couple of years came to visit and tell of his escape. He was in New York for a training session in the World Trade building – he is now a stockbroker for Smith Barney. They had a break on Tuesday morning long enough for them to go downstairs for a few minutes outside. As he was leaving the building the first plane hit. He got out of the immediate debris area fast enough that he was not injured beyond a few minor scrapes and bruises – much more fortunate than so many others.

September 19, 2001

There was a sad note in this morning's paper. Tom Finn ('79) passed away on Monday, Sept. 17. Tom got his DO from UHS Osteopathic College (here in KC). He has been an emergency room physician in the north KC area. He leaves

his wife, Patty (Glynn) whom many of you will remember, I am sure, and five children.

September 20, 2001

I got a note from Molly (McCaffrey) Gallagher who was here taking math back in the '60s or '70s. She says her office is across the street from the Sears Tower in Chicago and they evacuated them too on that fateful day. Nothing happened there, of course. Besides that, she has a grandson who is starting kindergarten! Her e-mail is below.

September 27, 2001

Last Monday morning Tuong Nguyen ('98) and Greg Drake ('98) showed up here. Tuong was here working on his application for the "match" that has to be in next month. He is a fourth year student (pre-med scholar) at St. Louis U. Med School.

Greg was here because of his brother's death, which I mentioned above. The brother died over the weekend and the funeral was yesterday morning. The incident has been getting considerable very nice publicity in the Kansas City Star and on TV. Greg apparently spoke at the funeral and, according to this morning's paper, did an excellent job.

And then, that evening, Rick Edgington ('92) called. He now has three little girls, ages 3 down to 5 months. He and Belinda and company live outside of Cleveland. Rick is with a small chemical company that makes solutions and such for biological kinds of work, testing, and the like.

Also, Tuesday, I got a welcome e-mail from Tom Sarsfield ('63). I mentioned in the last newsletter that he had heart problems. Now, he says, 2 months after the bypass surgery, he is doing great. He is back at work and generally walking about 7 miles a day, and even getting back to swinging a golf club. Tom is with Pharmacia in the Chicago area.

Larry Washington ('90) was back again this morning on a faculty panel for the Freshmen in Science Seminar to talk about the value of the liberal arts to a scientist.

Another of the panel was Annie Lee ('95) who is now on our chemistry faculty. She got her Ph. D. from KU a year or two ago, and joined us this semester. Annie's e-mail address is below.



September 30, 2001

Last evening we had a nice dinner for Sam Enna ('64). The occasion was his entrance into the Rockhurst Science Hall of Fame. The plaques of honor are posted in the main corridor on the first floor of Richardson Science Center. This was an award we started about the time that this building was first occupied in the school year 19967. It was a small dinner with a number of Sam's family and friends, especially a number of his colleagues from the Pharmacology Department at Kansas U. Medical School. Sam is chair of that department and has been for a number of years.

October 4, 2001

I was perusing the UMKC "news magazine" earlier this afternoon, and I came across a short note on Larry Rues ('68) because he has been elected chairman of the board for the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians. Besides that, he is director of the Family Practice Residency program at Baptist Hospital and several other jobs. Important here is that he is the medical director of the Student Health service here at Rockhurst, normally "manned" by a nurse practitioner and supervised by Larry. He was one of the very early graduates of the UMKC Medical School in the '70s. His wife, Jane, has recently resigned as head of our Occupational Therapy Department, and has now returned to the "trenches", i.e., she is "just" a professor.

October 11, 2001

This afternoon Rodney Yarnal ('94) stopped in for a nice visit. This fall, Rodney started at U. Mo. Columbia Medical School. He is really enthusiastic about it and is very happy. This week they are having a week's fall break. I didn't know they had such things in med school. His e-mail address is below.

October 19, 2001

A week ago I attended a day for advisors and prospective students at the University of Health Sciences. I had a chance to visit with several of our alums who are in first year med school there. Lindy Huntington ('01), Brett Higbie ('99), Kim Manthei ('98), and Kate Dove ('00). They were all very pleased and enthusiastic about the school and teachers. There are several others there but I did not see them.

A couple of days ago, I met Mark Meinders ('01) on my way back from lunch. He will be joining the Navy this next week hoping to become a pilot.

This afternoon, Olivia Mooren ('01) dropped by here on her day off. She is a graduate student in analytical chemistry

at Kansas U. Lawrence. She says things are going very well and she expects to start some research soon, dealing with membrane transport of some kind.

And Bryan Menges ('99) stopped in a couple of days ago. Bryan is working for Cerner Corp. which specializes in software for medical applications, I believe. Anyway, Bryan is doing a project for them at Baptist Hospital.

October 20, 2001

This morning, I got a nice e-mail from Cindy Ruttan ('85). Cindy got her D.O. from UHS here in Kansas City, and is a practicing psychiatrist with St. Lukes/Crittenton where she has been for some 6 years. She also works at an inner city clinic.

This afternoon, I was quite surprised to see Mike Riley ('96). Mike got his MD from Georgetown and is currently a resident at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He plans to specialize in cardiology.

October 22, 2001

This afternoon Dan Simpson ('01) showed up here to say hello. He is in St. Louis U. Law School, and seems very happy with it. He is living with Mike Kuperman ('01) who is in first year medicine at St. Louis U.


And Philip Colombo ('91) was just in the office and said he was in Washington DC this past weekend to visit with his wife, Jeni (Bryant) ('98) who is doing a pediatrics rotation at Walter Reed Hospital. And they had dinner with Terri Parsons who came in from her position at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Philip is on our faculty here, and Jenny is in her last year at St. Louis U. Med School. Terri got her Ph. D. from U. Mo.—Columbia and is now a researcher/faculty at Johns Hopkins.

And a few days ago I got a short e-mail from John Hannigan ('62). John is director of biostatistics for Gilead Sciences in northern California. His e-mail address is below.

October 23, 2001

The other day I got an e-mail from Sarah Sheffield ('98). Since she graduated, she has volunteered at several medical type places around this country and then decided to go back to New Zealand and go to medical school. After a tour of south-east Asia, she felt she should be back in the USA, so she came back and has been living in the San Francisco area. Now she will try for an American medical school. Her e-mail is below.

This evening I got a nice e-mail from Alex Bates ('00) at Notre Dame. He said he has just finished his first oral exam in the form of a seminar he gave on Organic Nanotubes as



antibacterial agents. He has started his research. It sounds like synthetic organic.

And the regular mail brought a notice from Tim ('95) and Jean Schmitt announcing the arrival of Nicholas Joseph a month ago. Tim is doing a residency at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. FL. They have another boy almost 3.

November 3, 2001

As usual, I am playing "catch up". A week or so ago, Jason Gordon ('00) stopped in for a nice visit. He has started at Notre Dame working for a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and will probably be doing research in the area of biomedical engineering, maybe blood substitutes.

A week ago this evening, the University had it's big social "whing ding," the Rockhurst Gala. There were all kinds of folks there, such as a nice visit with Tom Sack ('80) and his wife. Tom got his Ph.D. from Nebraska U and has been with Midwest Research since then. He is currently head of the Chemistry Section at MRI. Also there was Tom's boss, Jim Spigarelli who is the MRI president, and a new member of the Rockhurst Board of Directors.

And another one who was there was Jennine (Clune) Cindrich ('75) with her husband and her parents. Kevin Clune should have been there but he was out of town.

Also among those present was Kerm Fendler ('68). If I recall correctly he got his Ph.D. from UMKC Pharmacy school. He has been with several drug firms, and is now running his own service firm here in Kansas City.

Now to catch up on several e-mails that have come in the last week or so. A long letter came from Michael Rome ('82). Mike got his MD from KU and then did residencies in at Ohio State, including a fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology, so he has had some 13 years of more education after he left Rockhurst. He and his wife (also an MD) have two children 12 and 9 years old. They live in Gig Harbor, outside Tacoma, WA. One of his comments that I like to quote to our students runs like this: "If you see any premed students struggling with Organic Chemistry, please let them know every bit of work is worth it in the end!" Thanks Mike. His e-mail address is below.

And yesterday I got another long letter (e-mail) from John Haynes ('84). John and his wife Jackie, have a 20 month old son. John works for Merck in Philadelphia, working on live virus vaccines, along with a dose of management along with the lab work. They live in Lansdale, PA. His new e-mail address is below.

And another new e-mail address came from Bob Yoksh ('69), which is below. Bob is a vice president of Cramer

Products, athletic supplies, especially medical types in Gardner, KS. He has been with them since he graduated from Rockhurst.

November 5, 2001

Today I got a nice note from Angela (Heaton) Connell ('98 BL and PT '00). She got married some six weeks ago to an internal medicine resident at UMColumbia. Angie is working as a Physical Therapist in Columbia, MO, coordinating student education and doing spine rehab. Her new e-mail address is below.

November 8, 2001

A day or so ago I got a call from Sirini Iyengar ('00). He is doing well (as expected!) at the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver. He is in second year.

November 12, 2001

A couple of days ago I got a nice e-mail from Andy Vu ('93). Andy got his MD from Universitas IberoAmericana, in Santo Domingo, if my memory and records are nearly correct. Anyway, he is currently doing his family practice residency at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital (Baylor) in Houston Texas. He tells me Kai Thomas is working in Atlanta as a Physician Assistant in Anesthesiology. Andy's e-mail address is below.

November 16, 2001

Last Wednesday the local American Chemical Society meeting was held here. Buck Haney ('92) showed up for it. Buck is working at Quintiles here in KC, and so is his wife. They have one little one.


Yesterday, Bindu Bamrah ('92) came to talk to our freshmen about being a physician, and what medical school is like.

Mary Kay (Koehler) Mitchell ('87) spoke to another group of the freshmen about dentistry. Mary Kay got her DDS from UMKC Dental School. She and John Mitchell have a couple of young sons.

We have a once a week program for the Freshmen in Science students touching a variety of topics that they should get acquainted with such as ethics, how to study science, and the part these two contributed to, bringing in professionals in various aspects of science and related areas to give the students a broader view of what the possibilities are. Incidentally, for chemistry we had a couple of chemists from Quintiles, but not Rockhurst alums.

November 17, 2001

This afternoon I got a phone call from Sokha Tang ('99). He is



quite excited about the fact that he expects his parents to arrive in the states from Vietnam by the end of November. He has not seen them in more than 15 years. Sokha is finishing up his Chemical Engineering at Kansas State in Manhattan, KS.

And just a few minutes after I hung up with Sokha, Eddy Hart ('97) walked in. Eddy's good news was that he has been accepted to Kansas U. Med School for next fall. In fact, he was accepted as an early decision applicant. This year Eddy is working on Genomics at the Stowers Institute, down the street (located on the old Menorah Hospital property). In addition, he and Sara (Hoagland) (BSN '98) will be moving into their new home in Johnson County very soon. They have been living with Sara's folks in St. Joseph for some months. Sara is working on finishing her doctorate and teaching Nursing in the CMSU (Central Missouri State, Warrensburg) nursing program at North Kansas City Hospital.

November 26, 2001

The other day I saw Fred ('68) and Carol DeFeo. Fred is an Internist on the faculty of UMKC Medical School. He is in good shape and doing well.

Ed Mulik ('69) and his wife Jackie Ring and their two children were there, too. Ed is doing computer consulting.

And today I got an e-mail from Grattan Murphy (Math '60??). He is on the faculty of the University of Maine, Orono, where he has been since 1965. He mentions that there are several other Rockhurst alums, etc. in that same vicinity. He mentions Gary Schilmoeller ('67), also U. Maine faculty, Al Banfield ('66) is in Bangor, and Fr. Norman Richard (also '67) is a pastor in Old Town, just down the road. And Fr. George Tracy (who taught here back away) is retired and living in Orono.

Grattan also mentions that he has gotten this newsletter from time to time. Actually, I have just hoped to get it out a couple of times a year, around the start of the two semesters, but I must admit, somewhat irregularly.

November 29, 2001

Yesterday, I got a short note from Mike ('82) and Julia (Gray) ('84) Kressig. Mike has been in the fitness business (including owning a gym) for some 10 or more years, but has now returned to his CPA occupation with Sabino & Co. in St. Louis. They live in Des Peres (Chesterfield), MO. Their e-mail addresses are below.

December 1, 2001

I mentioned above that Sarah Sheffield ('98) is back in this country hoping to get into medical school. Well, I got an e-

mail from her today telling me that she has been accepted at Touro Osteopathic Medical School in Vallejo, CA. She has been living in Berkeley. This is the one she really wanted.

December 9, 2001

A couple of days ago, I got a card with a nice letter from Peter (TinTack) Cheung ('74). He and Shiufei (Kuo) ('74) have moved to Kingwood, TX, near Houston. He has joined Chevron Phillips Chemical Co, a chemical joint venture of Chevron and Phillips Petroleum. He has been with Phillips for quite a number of years in Bartlesville, OK. He is technically in the technical side of the business, but mainly he is managing a research group, which means he is finding new challenges that he didn't have before. Even so, he is still researching catalysts for polymerization. They have two grown children. Peter got his Ph.D. from Princeton in P. Chem if I recall correctly.

And today I got an e-mail from Peter Skidmore ('90). Pete is back in Augusta, GA (Fort Gordon) at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, as Assistant Chief of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine. He did his internship and residency there in the mid '90s. "Clinical stuff, mostly, plus teaching interns, residents and medical students." His updated e-mail address is below.

And a nice long letter from Steve Ziller ('61) and Mary tells about their world travels. Also they are now grandparents for the eighth time. Steve got his Ph.D. from St. Louis U in Biochemistry and was with Procter and Gamble until he retired (the first time). He has had a couple of things since then, currently consulting. They have four grown children, spread around the country. They live in suburban Cincinnati.

I guess I should also say that the most recent newsletter (last September) is now on the Rockhurst web site.

And this evening, I got an e-mail from Norm ('94) and Jill Bamber in Chicago. They have several new e-mail addresses as given below. Norm is doing his residency at Loyola Medical Center.

December 10, 2001

And this morning I got an e-mail from Molly (McCaffrey) Gallagher ('74) with her two new addresses. See below.

December 11, 2001

I got a short note e-mail from Cindy Ruttan ('85). She says she is still trying to find out what she wants to be when she "grows up". I think many of us are in that boat. Anyway, she is beginning a fellowship in sleep disorders at St. Luke's here in KC.

December 14, 2001

As of now, final exams are over and quiet has descended, so, I will check in with a couple of updates.

Fred ('90) and Angela (Carrier '91) Wallisch have moved but are still in O'Fallon, IL. They also have a new e-mail address below. Fred got his MD from KU and is practicing in that area (Belleville, I think).

Kevin ('63) and Mary K Gratton live in Olathe. Kevin is teaching Chemistry at Johnson County Community College where he has been almost since he got his Ph. D. from KU. He and Mary K (KCMO Schools) are both threatening to retire. Kevin has been threatening that for some time!

A note from Anne (Miller) VanGarsse ('95) tells me that she will finish her residency in pediatrics at Cardinal Glennon Hospital next summer. At that point she and Jason will move to Lawrence, KS where she has agreed to join a group practice. Anne was a premed scholar at St. Louis U.

And a note from Chris Kasproovich ('93). She seems to have fallen in love with the weather and the scenery of northern Alabama. Chris took a promotion with her company, Vopak USA, and is now operations supervisor for the Huntsville, AL branch. I suspect the e-mail below is no longer valid, but she didn't give me a new one.

As of this fall, Tom ('84) and Lora (Bias '85) Folz have another family member, so it is now three boys and a girl. Both got their MDs from Oklahoma and are practicing in Jefferson City, MO.

And speaking of folks who have moved, Dick ('66) and Rosemary Steichen have moved to Albuquerque, NM from Akron, OH. Dick retired from Goodyear where he was Technical VicePresident, and has taken a job with Sandia National Labs in the New Mexico mountains. Dick got his Ph.D. from KU and taught analytical chemistry here for a few years before joining Goodyear.

December 18, 2001

A nice letter came from Sue (Lloyd '74) and Jim Long ('74). They are back in Cary, NC after a stay in California. Jim is still traveling with Johnson and Johnson. Most of their kids are in college or finished, but all around from West Coast to East.

And a letter came from Mary (Graveman '74) and Sam Losapio ('74). Sam is vice president of marketing at Columbia Insurance Group and Mary is working part time at Rusk Hospital in Columbia (MO). Their oldest, Jennie ('99) is working on her Ph.D. at St. Louis University in Biology (Pharmacology/Physiology). The other two girls are in college and high school.

Dan ('70) and Jeanne Strobe are in Bartlesville, OK.

Dan has been with Phillips there since he got his Ph.D. from Northwestern. They have two boys and a girl who are out of college or will be this spring.

December 20, 2001

Jim Casey ('62) is with Chemical Abstracts as he has been since he got his Ph.D. from Rolla, MO. He has been quite active in Chem Abstracts' dealings with the IUPAC, going around the world to their various committee meetings. Jim was here last February for the dinner they gave for me and starting the scholarship in my name. It was great to see him. Their children are grown, so they have several grandchildren around the country.

Don Unwin ('80) is an ophthalmologist and teaching at St. Louis University Med School. He got his MD from St. Louis a few years back. And got married a few less years ago.

Lauri (Rowland) Moore ('93) writes from Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, IL – actually she and Sean live in O'Fallon, IL. Last January she passed the American Board of Pediatrics Certification Exam, and just recently became a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Now she is considering a fellowship in Asthma, Allergy and Immunology. It seems she is becoming the perpetual scholar. She was a premed scholar and got her MD from Creighton. She is in the Air Force.

Next to her letter I got one from Jean and Tim ('95) Schmitt, another premed scholar who got his MD from Creighton. Tim is doing his residency at the Mayo clinic in Jacksonville, FL. Tim is doing it in surgery and is seriously considering transplant surgery. They have two little boys, 3 years and 3 months.

A brief card and picture came from Keri and Bryan ('88) Schumacher in Oceanside, CA. Bryan got his MD from St. Louis U Med, and is in the Navy in San Diego. They have adopted twin girls (now 18 months old) from China, as of last May or June. It seems they will stay in California at least until 2004.

Jerry ('64) and Cathy Muehlburger are living in Biloxi, MS where they have been for a year or so. Jerry is with Humana (TrCare) dealing with actives and retirees of the armed forces. Jerry retired from the Air Force several years ago. Their daughter, Heather (PT '92) is in California, but getting ready to move to New Mexico. She practices PT part time, and otherwise is raising a little girl, and expecting another. One son is an MD in the Air Force like his father, and the other is teaching high school in Washington, DC.

Richard ('97) and Belinda Heck are in Fort Smith AR, where Richard is doing his residency in family practice. He got his MD from the U. of Tennessee last spring. They have a



small daughter and are expecting an addition soon.

John ('76) and Debbie Kuhnlein live in Omaha where John is working for the big packing company, IBP, recently bought by Tyson. His title has something to do with Occupational Medicine, if I recall rightly. John got his DO from what is now called University of Health Sciences, Kansas City. They have a girl and a boy in the upper grades.

December 21, 2001

Bob ('59) Kanard mentions that he is managing to keep occupied in spite of the fact that he has retired from practice. He got his MD from St. Louis U. He and Mary Kathryn live in Cheyenne WY. He says young Bob ('96) is very happy with his surgery residency (second year) in Louisville, KY. He also got his MD from St. Louis U.

Jennifer Doll ('90) is doing a post doc at Northwestern U Med school, but she says it is about time to start thinking about moving on. She got her Ph. D. from Washington U (St. L) in genetics.

December 28, 2001

I got a nice letter from Lucia and Chris ('87) Rooney. Chris is a dental surgeon, in fact he just recently became an Associate Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He got his DDS from UMKC. They have a daughter in second grade. Chris' e-mail address is below.

A nice letter came from Steve Parke ('76). Among other things, he traveled to Southern Brazil this year to visit some "German Bohemian relatives" who went there when his direct ancestors came to Ellis, KS in 1887 from their origins in what is now Romania. Steve lives in Pueblo West, CO. His e-mail address is below.

A nice letter came from Janet (Orscheln) and George Fague ('65). They live in Tustin, CA. They have 5 grown sons and quite a number of grandchildren. Two of the sons are in graduate school – one in English and one studying Music (Jazz).

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold are still living in Springfield, MO. Ken is with Sweetheart Cup. Paula is tolerating the nursing shortage. Two of their three children are now married.

Tom Hutton ('69) writes from Jefferson City, MO where he has been for a number of years. He and Anne have two girls in college. Tom has been with the Missouri Department of Conservation since he got his master's degree from Emporia State. He says he is playing around with geese, otters, mountain lions, feral hogs, prairie restoration etc., in short, wildlife management.

Mark Espinosa ('85) and Brigid and their four children

are in Woodbury, MN. Mark is managing an insurance office for State Farm.

Tom Barket ('65) lives in Huron, SD where he and Kathy have been for a number of years. They have three girls, two in college and one teaching exercise classes. Kathy is a nurse and Tom is teaching high school chemistry and also teaching evenings at Huron University. He has also been a leader in the state high school chemistry teachers association for a number of years. Tom got his Ph.D. from Duke.

December 30, 2001

This afternoon came a most pleasant surprise. In walked Mike Kelly ('93) carrying his 15-month-old daughter. And right behind him was his wife, Jean (Kroger??). They were on their way from Omaha (Jean's folks) to St. Louis to see Mike's folks, including Jack Kelly ('59). Mike received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Tulane a year and a half ago. They now live in Fremont CA where Mike is working for Lam Research Corp. – they make the machinery that does the etching for computer chips and the like. His e-mail address is below.

And this evening I got a brief e-mail from Bill Dickason ('65) with his new e-mail address, as below. Bill is now (semi?) retired and living in Ashville, NC. He had been with Eastman in Batesville, AR.

January 3, 2002

A nice letter came from Matt ('75) and Joanne Gratton. They have two boys and a girl, two in college and one in high school. Matt runs the ER Department at Truman Medical Center and is also the EMS Medical Direction for the city of Kansas City, MO.

And I got a letter from Rich ('87) and Renee Sullivan. They have a 4-year-old son. Rich got his MD from Southern Illinois U and is doing emergency room work in Pittsburgh, PA. He says his dad (Rich, '61) is doing fine, living in Austin, TX.

I got a nice greeting from Dr. Servoss in Salt Lake City. Somehow, she doesn't stay retired. Besides traveling around New England, Canada, and Alaska, she is still teaching 3 classes in the "Turnabout School" for fifteen 18-year-old kids in chemistry, algebra and geometry.

Rich ('76) and Barb (Weilert) ('77) Kramer write that they are still in the Twin Cities area. Rich is writing Web pages and Barb is managing a group of technical support folks working with databases that application developers use. They have three children, a boy and girl in high school, and a boy in fourth grade.

January 4, 2002

Yesterday afternoon, Mike Kuperman ('01) showed up. He is a premed scholar at St. Louis U Med School. He said he is not feeling well, and needs to get his allergies under control. He will take off this semester and start over next fall. He was very high in his praise of the administration and their help with his health. His place in next fall's class is assured. He will be living with his family in Little Rock.

And this evening I got an e-mail from Chris Bauer ('00), also a premed Scholar at St. Louis U. Med School (2nd year). Needless to say, he is doing very well, even though he does appreciate a couple of weeks off for Christmas vacation. His e-mail address is below.

So far Eric Kohler ('00) has been accepted at St. Louis U. Med School. He has interviewed at several others, and is waiting to hear. He is working in a research lab at KU Med school this year. His e-mail address is below.

January 7, 2002

I got a note from Subbu Sarma ('95) this morning. He is in his third year of psychiatry residency and only 18 months to go! He says he might come back for the Trolley Run later this spring. His e-mail address is below.

And I got a nice note from Lisa (Meyer) Connor ('91). She and Mike have two boys, age 2 and the most recent one born last August 1. She is still working with Quintiles (half of the old Marion Labs in it's latest "reincarnation") partly at home, doing paper work focused on pediatric and geriatric therapies and with the Food and Drug Administration. Mike is in the midst of his fellowship in GI at KU Med Center. Their e-mail address is below.

Then this afternoon, Paul Zinn ('01) stopped in. He is in chemistry grad school at Kansas (Lawrence) and enjoying it a lot. He is rather surprised at how much he has learned already, and how many different kinds of lab mistakes his organic chemistry students can make. His e-mail address is below.

January 8, 2002

Today, I got a letter from Brett Higbie ('99). She started this fall at UHS, as I think I mentioned earlier. She is very happy with her choice. She had been working at Aventis Pharmaceuticals (the other half of the old Marion Labs, etc.). Before she had to buckle down with school again, she decided to do Europe, and also she went to Puerto Rico for Aventis. Now she is pretty well anchored to UHS for a while! Her e-mail address is below.

And this afternoon, Lindy Huntington ('01) stopped in. She is first year at UHS and enjoying it a lot.

January 9, 2002

And this morning I got an e-mail from Rob Borusheski ('99). He is a second year med student at UHS here in KC. He is also president of a group at UHS called Docare, a group that sends 20 or so 3rd and 4th year med students to Guatemala. And one other thing, he plans to get married next August. His e-mail address is below.

January 13, 2002

A couple of days ago I got a note from Jim Gorman ('84). He and Janet live in Fayetteville, AR. They have three daughters. He is in OB/Gyn practice, and is thinking of taking in a partner in the next few months.

I was talking to Adam Alt ('01) yesterday. He is working in a research lab at KU Med. He tells me his boss has accepted a position at Colorado U. Med School for next summer and has invited him to come with him to continue work on his research project. Adam is seriously considering that.

January 15, 2002

This morning I got an e-mail from Richard Heck in Fort Smith, AR announcing the arrival of a daughter, Samantha, along with more than half a dozen pictures of the new arrival, with and without mom, Belinda. His e-mail address is below.

January 16, 2002

Yesterday, I got an e-mail from Florida. Tuong Nguyen ('98) was down there doing a couple of 4th year clinical rotations. He is also interviewing for his residency position. I gather it is as much a matter of the student interviewing the program as it is the student being interviewed.

January 23, 2002

I was talking to Mike Donnelly ('63) this morning. Mike is now retired from DuPont (as of about a year ago) and living comfortably and doing some traveling. Mike got his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins, and has been with DuPont since then. He and his wife live in West Chester, PA.

January 26, 2002

This morning I was trying to think up some questions for a biochem test next week when I walked Mary (Graveman) Losapio ('74) and one of her daughters. They were here investigating a masters program for another daughter. Sam ('74) was downstairs with the other daughter doing the investigating. Mary has gotten her RN and has been doing nursing for some time, but now has gone to part time at a hospital in Columbia, MO, where they have lived for a good many

years. Their other daughter Jenny ('99) is working on a doctorate in pharmacology at St. Louis U.

February 1, 2002

Here we are in the midst of the worst ice storm KC has seen. We had about 1.3 inches of ice on everything, according to the weather bureau. Needless to say, trees are broken all over, and the place looks like a war zone. That happened Wednesday, and now today, Friday, the sun is out and it is cold.

Anyway, I saw Dan Mitchell ('90) yesterday. He and Cindy (Kennedy, BSN '90) and their three little ones live near Stillwell, KS. Dan got his MD from KU Med and is in pain management in the St. Luke's group in Johnson County. His e-mail address is below.

And this afternoon, I got an e-mail from Rudy Tovar ('98). Rudy is in his last year at the U. Texas Medical School at Houston. He is also planning to take a trip to China to observe different philosophies and management in medicine as an elective course. He is otherwise waiting for the match (Ob/Gyn) which will probably be out before he leaves for China in April. His e-mail address is below.

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We have just finished the rounds of this year's version of the Science Knowledge Bowl for High School kids. I'll get the numbers from the officialdom and put them on here. But for now, we were just closing up when Ron Geldhof ('69) came in to say hello. Ron is still teaching chemistry at Rockhurst High where he has been for a good many years. Each team of 5 students must bring along a coach – Rockhurst High had four teams (the maximum allowed). He said Steve Ryan and Mike Sullivan were also here each with one of their teams.

And I just left Cathy Chirpich, Tom's ('63) wife. She was here with one of her teams from Center High. Tom is with Shook Hardy and Bacon (Lawyers). Cathy says he is mostly doing computer stuff. He got his Ph.D. from California Berkley. They have been living in Overland Park since they came back from Memphis. Tom taught at what is now called Memphis State (I think) for a number of years.

And this morning while we were assembling the coaches and moderators, etc., I saw for just a few minutes, Robbie Fennewald ('98) and Mark Costaldi (also '98). Both are thriving. Mark is doing an MD/Ph.D. program at St. Louis U Med School. He has completed two years of med school (I think I'm right) and is now doing the Ph.D. part of it all. Robbie is working on a Ph.D. in Biology (of some sort, I forget) at St. Louis U Med. They have both been here for this event before.

And Jeni (Bryant) Colombo ('98) was here. She will be doing some rotations (4th year med school electives) at

Children's Mercy and at St. Luke's Hospitals for the next month or more. Otherwise she is waiting for "the match" like most other 4th year med students.

The Rockhurst University home page is up and running on the web as <http://www.rockhurst.edu>. The web page has a "virtual tour" of the campus at http://www.rockhurst.edu/3.0/about_rockhurst/virtualTour/index.html

I decided to look at this and I am 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 "fisheye" 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.

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 their's 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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