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

As a rule when I decide to finish one issue of this newsletter, someone comes in before it has really "gone to press." And so it happened today. Gary Gagnon ('00) wandered into the office this afternoon. He was taking off the weekend after he finished his first clinical rotation (Ob/Gyn) at the beginning of his third year at St. Louis U. Med School. He seems to have survived very well.

August 17, 2002

Last evening I was talking to Buck Haney ('92). He is taking off from his job at Quintiles this semester (year?) to finish up his PhD. He will be doing some commuting to U. Mo-Columbia to do his research. He is working on "Green Chemistry," trying to get a use for biomass that is produced after extracting several different natural products. With luck, he will finish this school year.

And speaking of today, the new freshman students come in today, and classes begin next Wednesday.

August 30, 2002

A couple days ago, I got an e-mail from Kris (Birk) Witzel ('87). Kris has been teaching chemistry at Duchesne High School in St. Charles, MO for some time. This year I have two of her former students in my honors General Chemistry class. This fall she has started work on her master's degree in chemistry at UM-SL. Her e-mail address is below.

A phone call from Subbu Sarma ('95) yesterday was a pleasant surprise. He is doing his last year of residency in Chicago in psychiatry, and is beginning to think about some kind of permanent practice. Subbu was a pre-med scholar and got his MD from St. Louis U. Med School.

September 3, 2002

I got an e-mail from Cindy Ruttan ('85) this evening. She is in private practice psychiatry in KC. She got her D.O.

from UHS, and as a matter of fact she will give a lecture on Child and Adolescent Depression at an alumni gathering and then a couple of days later will take her sub-specialty exam. Her e-mail address is below.

September 7, 2002

Thursday evening there was a nice alumni gathering in St. Louis pretty much organized by Bob McMaster ('71, Psych). Brian ('95) his son was there and I had a nice visit with him and his wife Meghan. Brian just recently got his law degree with an MBA from St. Louis U.

Among others there were a couple of old friends, Phil Schenkenberg ('64) and his wife, Mary who is the new principal at St. Louis U High. And then also Ed Kaiser ('64) and his wife Jackie. And then also Lois Etling (widow of Tom, also '64) was there.

Jennie Losapio ('99) took a few minutes off from her graduate work at St. Louis U. She is doing a PhD in combined biomedical topics. She tells me she sees Derek Henley ('96) who is about to finish up his PhD in pretty much the same assortment of subject matters. E-mail addresses for both of these folks are below.

And then there was someone there I had not seen in ages, Jeannie Strothkamp Curry (RT '78). Jeannie has since gotten also her BSN and is working as a respiratory nursing. She has two sons, one in college and one in high school. She lives in Barnhart south of St. Louis.

And of course Pierce Powers ('68) was there. Among other things, Pierce is on the Rockhurst Trustees Board.

Mike Bruno ('66) was there, and I enjoyed a brief visit with him, too. Mike is an investment advisor in St. Louis. His e-mail address is below.

And another was an old friend from APO, Rick Olliges ('77). And also, Tony ('61) and Donna Dill were there.

Fr. Bob Weiss was there, along with Fr. Tom Denzer. Tom is restricted to our nursing facility at St. Louis U, the Pavillion. But he seemed to be doing pretty well, and was in good spirits, in spite of having to use a walker. Bob Weiss is the treasurer for the Missouri Province of the Jesuits in St. Louis.

And of course there were the usual alums from '64 Fr.



Ed Kinerk, the University President, and Jim Millard the Alumni Director.

September 12, 2002

I just got a short e-mail from Toni Malanaphy-Sorg ('77) giving a new e-mail address which is below. Toni has been running her own very successful consulting firm in St. Paul, MN for a number of years now.

September 13, 2002

An e-mail came from Meghan Moran ('02) a couple of days ago. She is with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Richmond, VA. She is working as a child advocate with a family shelter. Her e-mail address is below.

September 15, 2002

A couple of days ago, I heard that Laurie Kertz ('99, MT and '01 PT) entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, KS. She has been a postulant with the sisters for the past year, working with them in the El Paso, TX area.

September 16, 2002

I got an e-mail this afternoon from Kerry McGonigle ('02) at St. Louis U. Med School. It sounds like she is having a ball! The first anatomy exam is history, and so she feels so much better. Her e-mail address is below.

September 20, 2002

I got an e-mail from Tim Rohrig ('78) this morning. Tim is Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center in Wichita, KS. His current e-mail address is below (the previous one had an error in it).

September 21, 2002

As I was leaving Richardson this afternoon, two of our alums came up. It was Amye Beckmann ('98) and Brett Higbie ('99). Brett is here in town getting her DO at UHS Medical School. She is also in the joint MBA program with Rockhurst and UHS.

Amye is living in St. Louis and working for Monsanto as an analytical biochemist, and quality control director. Part time she works at the St. Louis facility, and part time at a facility in Georgia, so she does some notable traveling.

September 22, 2002

This evening I got an e-mail from Courtney Hardy ('96). He got his MD and is doing an anesthesiology residency at Loyola in Chicago. He also got married a few months ago to another physician who is doing pediatric endocrinology at the U. of Chicago. Courtney plans to do pediatric anesthesiology after the regular residency a year from now. His e-mail address is below.

September 26, 2002

There have been a couple of folks who have dropped in to the office of late. First, Chuck Henson ('99) stopped in. He was over here to spend a few minutes (!) studying. Chuck is in his second year at UHS (Osteopathic) here in KC.

Dan Simpson ('01) stopped in this week too. Dan is doing well at St. Louis U. Law School. He is considering patent law. He says he sees Tom O'Toole ('00) frequently. Tom is in his third year at SLU Law School. Dan's e-mail address is below.

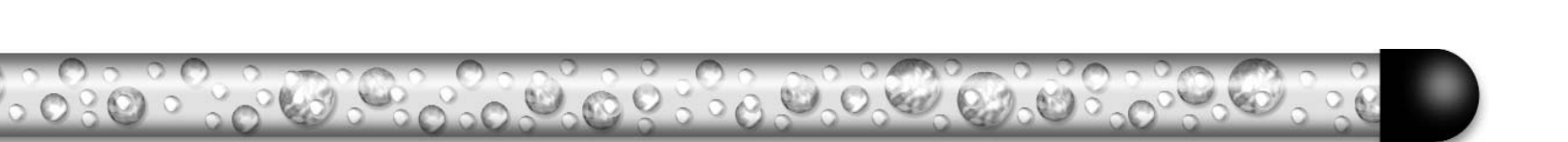
I got a nice e-mail note from Rick Edgington ('92) this morning. Rick is with a company called Research Organics and his wife, Belinda, also a chemist, is with Cleveland Clinic. They live in a suburb of Cleveland, OH. They have three little girls, ages 3 and below. Rick's e-mail address is below.

This afternoon Tim Stoppelman ('00) stopped in for a visit. Tim is finishing up his masters degree at Pittsburgh State in Biology (Wildlife Management, I think). He still has a little data collection to do, but should finish everything in a few months.

In fact, I had just written the above when I decided to check my e-mail, and there is note from Tom O'Toole! He too is thinking of patent law, and he is a bit further along, namely well into his last year at St. Louis U Law School, and starting to interview for a position. Some of them will even be dealing with organic and biochemistry which appeals to him. Tom's e-mail address is below.

Another e-mail I got yesterday was from Jack Landers ('61). I saw him at the Washington alumni gathering last spring. He is with the General Services Administration. Jack is one of the alums that was not science, but is a good friend, so you may see a note about him or others of like kind here occasionally. His e-mail address is below.

While I was typing the above, the computer "dinged" with a new e-mail, and this was from Greg Frey ('68). He still lives in Montgomery, AL, and, as he says, he still



makes his living off the U.S. Government; that is he is a contractor working on software to upgrade the US Air Force retail supply system. He was with another outfit that worked for the Army Corps of Engineers, but that got cut short after 9/11. But he says he is doing well now. He has a new e-mail address which is what you will find below.

And another e-mail this evening came from John Waller ('59). John got his PhD in math from Notre Dame, and is currently working for the Postal Service in Washington, DC, and living in Alexandria, VA. His e-mail address is below.

September 27, 2002

This morning I got an e-mail from Melissa (Burns) Chassels ('98). She is now in her last year at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM) and is in St. Louis doing a rotation in Pediatric Neurology. Her husband Loren is a third year student at KCOM. They have a daughter born last July (complete with photo). I guess that makes her dad, Terry ('76) a grandfather, WOW! She hopes to go into Neurology. Melissa's e-mail address is below.

Today's mail brought a nice note from Bryan Bownik ('69). Bryan is an internist with a group in North Kansas City. He has a daughter about to go to college, but "God forbid, she should stay in town." How often have I heard this – and I suspect many of you have heard it, too,

September 28, 2002

An e-mail from Tom Scanlon ('69) this morning tells me that his e-mail address was outdated in the last newsletter. Actually he has two, as you can see below. Tom is an MD retired from the Navy in '99, and is practicing at Kaiser Hospital in San Diego.

September 29, 2002

This weekend has been Parents Weekend and this morning after Mass I saw a couple of alums. One was John Schario ('80). He is a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier and just happened to come to that Mass. He and Holly live in Johnson County. John recently joined a management company that manages surgical centers around the country, though not here in KC.

Another who came up was Mike Guignon ('78). Mike has his MD from St. Louis U and is practicing in Bellville, IL. He has a daughter here in college, but she is

going into business, he says.

And Kim (Schmidt) ('98) Twyman's parents came up. Kim's younger brother is here in school. Kim is doing residency at Cardinal Glennon and Mike ('98) is at St. Louis U Hospital. They both got an MD from St. Louis U last May.

October 1, 2002

I got an e-mail from Eric Kohler ('01) last evening. Eric is doing an MD/PhD program at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He tells me that med school moves 4 times as fast as undergrad! His e-mail address is below.

I have new and revised e-mail addresses for Tom Malone and Bob Jaklevic ('56).

October 2, 2002

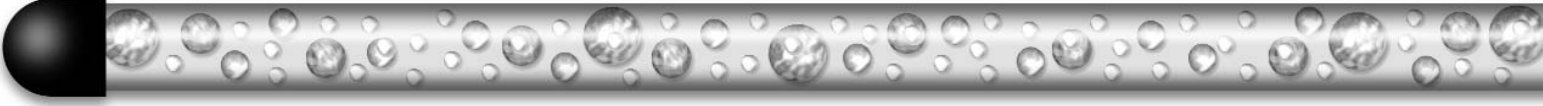
This morning an e-mail came from Sara Hund ('01) in Chicago. She is reveling in her biochemistry classes at Loyola U. Med School. She is in her second year working on a Biochem PhD Her e-mail address is below.

October 3, 2002

I got quite an e-mail from Terry Burns ('75) today. Terry is in St. Louis as always, but he is selling medical technology with Philips Medical Systems which (through a couple of reincarnations) was originally the Medical Systems of Hewlett Packard. His daughter Melissa (as I mentioned above) has recently made him a grandfather. His e-mail address is below.

One other note of less happy considerations. Fr. Frank Murphy, S.J. who has been in the Industrial Relations Department for a good many moons, and whom you may remember as an associate in the industrial relations department with Professor Harry Kies has been in failing health for some time. Living in our house has been increasingly difficult for him, and so next week he is planning to move to St. Louis where we have a kind of nursing home at the Jesuit Community at St. Louis University (The Pavilion). Frank has been a good friend and I, for one, am sorry to see him go.

And speaking of old timers, I got a notice the other day that Dr. Tom Sullivan passed away Sept. 21 in Santa Barbara, CA. He was a chemical engineer and taught chemistry and engineering from 1953 till he moved to Washington, DC in 1966.



A week or so ago, I got an e-mail from another “non-scientist”, but a good friend, anyway, Toni Malanaphy-Sorg ('77). Toni runs her own consulting firm in St. Paul, MN. She and Mike just got back from a trip to the Bahamas which Mike got for having been with his company for 15 years, or as Toni says, “Beats the heck out of a tie-clasp!” Her e-mail address is below.

October 4, 2002

An e-mail from Pueblo, CO tells me that Steve Parke ('76) has taken up the guitar and is doing public performances. The newspaper article says “a variety of styles of music, including folk, bluegrass, country, blues, rock and classical. It will be a bit of a challenge to make the style and mood switches but I’m up to it.” Steve’s e-mail address is below.

October 6, 2002

Last night we had some alumni reunions and I saw a number of old friends. In no particular order there were folks from the class of '57. I shook hands with Wil Declerq, though I did not have much of a chance to converse with him.

Then there was Paul O’Connell, in fact Paul was in charge of the gathering of the class of '57. Paul is now retired from Bayer, and looking very good. Paul and Maryanne live in Overland Park.

Mike Boles came up from his retirement home in Carl Junction, MO. That’s just north of Joplin, he says. He and his wife have been there several years. They went there because they have children in the neighborhood, and it is near his favorite fishing stream!

Mike Kellerman was there too. Mike is not retired and is now a psychologist working with the Juvenile Court in Kansas City, MO.

Also at the reunion of these older fellows, were Dr. and Mrs. Joe Ridzel and Mr. Bob Knickerbocker. Joe is indeed retired, and Bob is partly retired. He puts in time in our Learning Center, trying to help students with their writing.

Among the younger folks was a group of 10-year graduates. I had a nice visit with Brett Teten ('92). Brett is practicing internal medicine in St. Paul, MN. Also in the office with him is his classmate (both Rockhurst and St. Louis U Med School) Sophie Kim. She is also an internist.

Also out of that class I had a nice visit with Bill Kileen. Bill is a nurse working in ICU at St. Louis University Hospital. He says it is very stressful, but also rewarding, especially since many of his patients are trauma patients. He is one of the supervisors of the unit.

Mary (McClain) Meysenburg was there with her husband. Mary transferred from Rockhurst to Rolla after her second year here. But now she is a stay-at-home mom, she says. She tells me her brother Mike ('81) (DO) is an Anesthesiologist, practicing in Cleveland, Ohio.

October 10, 2002

A few minutes ago, I got a nice e-mail from Tim Schmitt ('95). He is doing his residency at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL, in general surgery. He finishes that next summer and then will do a transplant fellowship (liver, pancreas and kidney), perhaps elsewhere or stay at Mayo. He and Jean have two young boys who seem to be keeping their parents “hopping”! He also tells me his brother Mike ('97) is almost finished with his PhD at Notre Dame, has gotten married, and is looking at a job on the West Coast. Tim’s e-mail address is below.

October 11, 2002

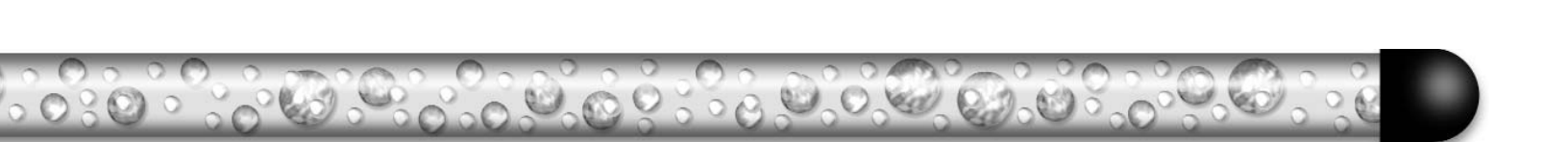
Today I attended a pre-med advisors day at the University of Health Sciences. I was not able to stay all day but I did have a chance to visit a while with Kim Manthei ('98), Bryan Menges ('99) and Michael Brostoski ('02). Kim is in second year medical school and the other two are first year students. Kim says she may not be at the very top of her class, but she is in the honor society. Brian and Michael are just getting started (first year students).

October 15, 2002

This afternoon, I got an e-mail from Kosovo from Mike Phillips (MT '99). Mike is in the Army Engineers over there, and as of next fall will be returning to Fort Leonard Wood and will be taking courses toward an engineering degree (master’s degree) at UMo-Rolla as well as at Leonard Wood. And he got promoted to Captain a couple of weeks ago. His e-mail address is below.

October 19, 2002

This past week has been notable for us Jesuits. Our Fr. General, Peter-Hans Kolvenbach visited us for a day. This was quite an event, with a special dinner with some of the



officials of the University and a few other friends. Thursday evening we had a Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church with a large crowd from the parish as well as the University and the High School.

After the Mass with Fr. Kolvenbach, I visited a while with Steve Livingston ('84 BSBA). His daughter was one of the servers at the Mass. Anna had left to take the children home to bed as it was getting late. They live in St. Francis parish. Steve is with Blue Cross Blue Shield here in KC. His e-mail address is below.

After the Mass, I also had a bit of a visit with Paul Liebnitz (MT, '55). Paul's wife, Jennifer, has formally retired as our Assistant Dean (Arts and Sciences). But she still plays her harp on special occasions, like this special Mass. Paul retired a year or so ago from his position at UMKC Physics Department.

And Wednesday evening, Garry Wills was the guest speaker for the Visiting Scholar lecture. He was a Jesuit for some years, and since has become a noted scholar in the history and events of the Church in America.

At a reception after the Wills lecture, I had a short visit with Charlie Himmelberg ('52). Charlie has been head of the Mathematics Department at Kansas U in Lawrence. I believe he has now retired from that position, but is still teaching. His e-mail address is below.

And earlier this past week, Jack Galbraith ('02) showed up around here. He is in first year medical school at Missouri U. – Columbia. He had a day off after a big set of exams, or something like that.

This afternoon Kim (Schmidt) and Mike Twyman (both '98) showed up at my office. They both graduated from St. Louis U. Med School in May ('02). Kim is doing her residency at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis in Pediatrics and Mike is doing Internal Medicine at the University Hospital. They claim to be working hard, but they look like they are thriving on it.

October 21, 2002

This morning I got an e-mail from Jerry Muehlberger ('64). He and Cathy have just welcomed their third grandchild (first grandson). Son Patrick is the father, and an MD doing residency in the Air Force like his father. Jerry got his MD from Georgetown. He is currently retired from the Air Force, but is Medical Director for Humana Military Healthcare Services and lives in Biloxi, MS. Their daughter, Heather (PT '92) and her family live in

Lone Pine, CA. Heather also has a new little girl – her number two. Jerry's e-mail address is below.

Charlie Himmelberg put me on the trail of Manuel P. Berriozábal ('52) (known as Manuel Berri when he was here in school.) Manuel is now, and for some time past, Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Texas San Antonio. His e-mail address is below. Manuel was here for the 50 year reunion last week, but I missed him.

I also got a nice e-mail from Ed McKee ('66) in Washington, DC. Ed is in charge of media relations for George Washington University Athletics. His e-mail address is below.

Ed tells me that David Parrack ('69) is in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX, and requesting prayers. Dave is a DO in Glendale, AZ.

Chris Kasprovich sent me an e-mail from Huntsville, AL, her current base of operations. She is Branch Operations Supervisor of the Huntsville branch of Univar USA (formerly Van Waters & Rogers). This means she provides technical assistance to customers and other branches where there is no chemist. And they have 130 branches in the USA! She does plan on staying, since she just built a home and moved in. Her new e-mail address is below.

November 1, 2002

This morning I got an e-mail from Teresa Khoi Nguyen ('01). She is at UMKC Medical School. It seems that it is really keeping her busy. It has taken her a while to become accustomed to "you have to remember everything!" But by now it isn't so bad. Her e-mail address is below.

The other day I got an e-mail from David Harris ('00). David is in his second year at Des Moines University Osteopathic College. His e-mail address is below.

November 2, 2002

Yesterday afternoon, three folks wandered into the office: Frank Huppe ('56), Bob Rafter ('58), and Bob Lathrop (BSBA 64). They are all retired; Frank from teaching at Delaware U, and Bob Rafter from his frozen foods business in Washington state, and Bob Lathrop, just retired! They are all around for their 50th reunion of graduation from Rockhurst High.

Jeni (Bryant) Colombo ('98) is doing her residency in pediatrics at Children's Mercy Hospital, and was working with Mike Sheehan ('68). Mike is a neonatologist at Children's Mercy.

**November 7, 2002**

This morning Lou Christifano ('87) was here to talk to our freshman science students about being a D.O. and a primary care physician. He is in a Family Practice group in Johnson County. Lou got his DO from UHS here in Kansas City and did his residency at Trinity-Lutheran Hospital (which has since merged with Baptist Hospital).

I might add that this series, in which Lou participated, is always a great hit with the students. This is what we call the Freshmen in Science Seminar, a kind of super-orientation program – a one-hour course for all our science students from nurses, to pre-meds, to chem majors, etc. We do everything from bringing in professionals of all stripes of science to classes on ethics in science, how to study science, time management, and so on. We are binging in about a half dozen a week for three weeks.

And when I came back to the office after lunch, Scott Schepker ('99) was here waiting for me. He is in Kansas City doing a rotation at Truman Hospital. Scott is in his last year at St. Louis U. Medical School.

This afternoon, I got an e-mail from Tessa Brandt ('92). She and Jeff and daughter Jacy (20 months) are living in the mountains (8500 ft) northwest of Bolder, CO. Her new e-mail address is below.

November 8, 2002

Tom Audley told me this afternoon that he had contacted John Kuhnlein ('76) in Omaha. John is a DO and is practicing industrially with IBP which has now been reincarnated with Tyson Chickens. His new e-mail address is below.

November 9, 2002

This morning I got a long e-mail from Steve Ziller ('61). Steve and Mary are living in Cincinnati where he is retired, except for keeping his eye on his parents, ages 89 and 91 down the street. As I recall, Steve's father is the one who did all the fancy printing on Rockhurst diplomas for many years. Steve got his PhD in Biochemistry from St. Louis U. His four children and grandchildren, are spread around the country. His e-mail address is below.

November 11, 2002

This morning I got a nice e-mail from Laura (Rowland) Moore ('93). She is still in the Air Force at Scott AFB in Illinois. She doing pediatrics and also expecting their first

child in the spring. Husband Sean was sent to the Middle East last year for several months. Her new e-mail address is below.

November 14, 2002

Yesterday afternoon I had just left the office and was walking in front of Massman Hall when I was called. It was George Putney ('80). George is Executive Vice President of Savvis Communications in St. Louis. His area is "global accounts," and he says he goes all over North and South America. His e-mail address is below.

November 16, 2002

This morning as I was grading papers, in walked Subbu Sarma ('95). Subbu got his MD from St. Louis U, and is doing his residency in Chicago in Psychiatry. He will be finished next summer and is "looking for a job." In fact, he is here in KC interviewing with a group practice. His e-mail address is below.

And this evening, Carol Noelken (who retired from our Chemistry Dept., a year and a half ago, called to say hello. She and husband Milt drove west this summer and visited Reva Servoss in Salt Lake. She says they are doing fine, as is to be expected. Otherwise, Carol is recovering from a real bad cold.

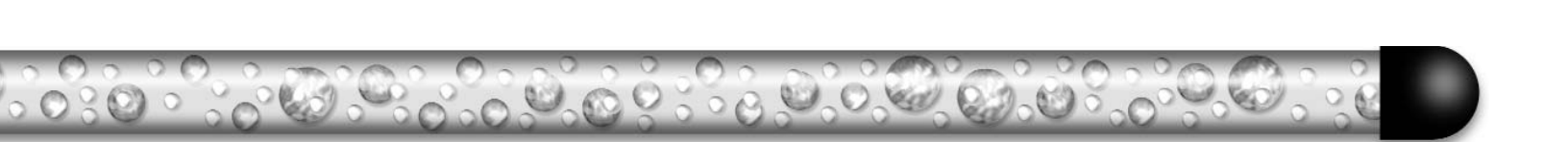
November 18, 2002

This morning Renee VanderHeyden ('76) stopped in for a nice visit before she caught her flight back home. She was in town for a high school reunion (Sion). She is an Emergency Room physician in the Miami area, living in Ft. Lauderdale. She also is a cruise ship doctor on occasion, so she sees a good deal of the world. Her e-mail address is below.

November 21, 2002

The ugly north wind is starting to blow in and it looks awful outside, but any way, Pat O'Hara ('92) stopped in this afternoon with nearly 1-year old Emily. His wife, a pediatrician, is attending a seminar at Children's Mercy Hospital here in KC. Pat is a family practitioner in Farmington, MO. He was one of our pre-med scholars at St. Louis U, and did his residency here at Baptist Hospital.

And besides that I got a couple of nice e-mails. The first was from Dale Iwataki ('64) who was in my Gen Chem class back in 1960! Dale actually got his degree in



English and an M.A. from Cornell on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. He retired a while back. He lives in the Chicago area. He says he picked up on Rich Michalski's death from this newsletter from the Rockhurst web site. His e-mail address is below.

And another e-mail of today is from Mike Phillips ('99). I mentioned before that he was in Kosovo, well, now he is back "home" in Schweinfurt. But he does expect to get back to Ft. Leonard Wood by February or March. His more recent e-mail address (.aol) is below (as well as his old one).

November 25, 2002

I got a long e-mail from Mickey Karlin McGinnis ('91) this morning. Mickey was here in town for a conference or something at Stowers Institute, last summer. She stayed in the same room she occupied during one of her years here at Rockhurst. She and Steve have a girl nearly 5 and a boy nearly 2. She is teaching all kinds of high school science in Lindsborg, KS where they live. She says she keeps busy with coaching, too! Steve is teaching and coaching, too! Her e-mail is below.

December 1, 2002

Yesterday was Bryan Menges ('99) wedding to Dawn Childers (BSN '98) in Fenton, MO. Bryan is in his first year at UHS Medical School here in KC.

Bryan's brother Jason was best man. Ja-son came up from Wichita where he is near finishing his program in Physician Assistant at Wichita State. Jason and Brenda have two little girls.

Rob Borsheski ('99) was one of the groomsmen, as were Terry O'Neill ('99) and Scott Troy ('00). Terry is working at Midwest Research Institute, and Scott is taking a year at volunteering and out of St. Louis U. Med school – he starts third year next summer. Eddy Hart was there since his wife Sara (Hoagland) (BSN'98) was also in the wedding party. Eddy is in first year med school at Kansas U.

Among other folks I visited with at the wedding were Jay Radisauky ('98) who is working for Boeing in St. Louis, and also working on his master's degree at Washington U, St. Louis. Scott Schepler ('99) is in his last year at St. Louis U. Med School. Jenny Losapio ('99) is working on her PhD in Biomedical Sciences at St. Louis U. Med School. And one I had not seen in quite a while was Mary (Mattione) Menges ('84) who is married to

Bryan's uncle James, living in Jefferson City and raising two youngsters.

December 2, 2002

I got a nice note from Larry Spiegel ('73). He is now with US Steel in the coke plant lab. He and Patty have two children: one graduated from Purdue, and now in Valparaiso Law School and one still in Purdue.

This afternoon I got an e-mail announcing the birth of a son to Tony ('85) and Sandy Moeller as of last week.

December 6, 2002

This afternoon when I got back from lunch, Thuy Nguyen ('01) and Mark Meinders ('01) were waiting for me. Thuy (she now goes by Leann) is working as a chemist at Midwest Research Institute down the street but is thinking about dental school. Mark is also a chemist at MRI, but he was recently transferred to their Washington, DC lab and office. He was back here this weekend to pack up his things and get them all to DC. His e-mail is below, and yes it still goes through the MRI server here in KC.


I got a note from Anne (Miller) ('95) Van Garsse the other day. She got her MD from St. Louis U, and did her residency in Pediatrics. And now she is practicing in Lawrence, KS. She mentions that one of her partners is Terry Riordan ('74).

And I got a nice letter from Richard Heck ('97). He is doing his residency in Family Practice in Fort Smith, AR. He and Belinda have two young daughters. He got his MD from U. of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. His e-mail address is below.

And Fred ('90) and Angela ('91) Wallisch have moved into a new house with the expectation of welcoming their fourth child in late winter or early spring. The others are second grade and down, one boy and two girls. Fred is practicing medicine in the Belleville area. They live in O'Fallon, IL.

December 12, 2002

This morning I got an e-mail from Denise (Barnes) Tridle ('90). She is teaching at Highland Community College in Highland, KS. Being the only chemist on the campus, she does a one semester and a two semester General Chemistry as well as Organic Chemistry. It does keep her occupied, I guess! She also has a 2-year old daughter. Her current e-mail address is below (revised from previous).



A couple of days ago, I got an e-mail from Tom Barket ('65). Tom and Kathy have been living in Huron, SD, but are planning to move back to Kansas City, probably by this coming summer. Tom has been teaching high school and some at the state university in Huron. Tom got his Ph. D. from Duke. His e-mail address is below.

December 17, 2002

A couple of days ago I got a nice note from Keri and Bryan Schumacher ('88). Bryan got his MD from St. Louis U. He has been in the Navy and is now working with the Marines as regimental Surgeon at Camp Pendleton, CA. A year or so ago they adopted twin girls from China who are now two years old.

A note from Tina Parrack tells me they are back in Phoenix and Dave ('69) is doing well and recovering well from surgery. Dave is a DO and has been practicing in Phoenix since he finished his residency.

December 19, 2002

A note from Don Unwin ('80) tells me he is still teaching at St. Louis U Med School, where he got his MD a few years ago. His e-mail address is below.

And a note from Bob Kanard ('59) says he is enjoying retirement (well, not completely retired since he is volunteering at the Cheyenne Clinic for the indigent and uninsured for free). Also he says son Bob ('96) and Lisa are expecting soon after the new year. Bob is in his third year of surgery residency in Louisville, KY.

Mary (Graveman) Losapio ('74) has a new e-mail address. The last of their 3 daughters is about ready for college. Sam and Mary live in Columbia, MO. Mary is doing nursing and Sam is selling insurance, actually managing a mid-Missouri office.

December 20, 2002

Here are a few of the notes I have gotten in the last few days. Rich ('87) and Renee Sullivan have been traveling, the country with young son RJ (c. 5), Winter Olympics, and Disney World, Virginia Beach, Chicago, etc. He tells me that his parents (Rich, '61) are about ready to leave Austin, Texas, and return to Chicago – and the cold weather. Young Rich's e-mail is below.

A nice letter came from Sean and Laurie (Rowland) Moore. Laurie is in the Air Force at Scott Field, IL. She is a pediatrician running the local pediatrics clinic. Sean is

periodically deployed abroad, this time leaving just before Christmas to Africa. Laurie hopes Sean comes home before their first arrives in the spring.

Cathleen ('92) (Thomas) and Jarrett Kolthoff (PS '93) are in St. Louis raising two boys and a girl, second grade and down, and expecting another. Jarrett is doing some business consulting, computer related, while Cathleen is also home-schooling the one in first grade, teaching piano and tutoring Chemistry.

Marieanne and Vince ('60) Koehler are doing quite well with their 5 children (all out of college) and numbers of grandchildren. Both have had bouts of illness, but they seem to be getting along pretty well now. In fact Vince showed me a calling card with this picture and note that he is now film and drama critic for the Johnson County Gazette. Who knows what a chemistry major will prepare you for!

A nice letter from Jean and Tim ('95) Schmitt in Jacksonville, FL. Tim is doing a surgery residency at Mayo Hospital in Jacksonville. It seems he has decided to specialize in transplant surgery. They have two boys, ages 4 and a bit over 1.

Jeanne and Dan ('70) Strobe live in Bartlesville, OK. Their two boys and a girl are out of college now. And Dan says he survived the merger of what is now ConocoPhillips. He does do a fair amount of traveling around the country, both for business (the Fuels Technology Group) and pleasure.

Today I saw Jim Bourquin ('75). He and Mimi have four children ages 11 down to new born (by the time this gets mailed), Jim runs a business for placing part time employees, which seems to be doing pretty well in these times.

December 21, 2002

This morning I got a nice letter from Reva Servoss in Salt Lake City, UT. She and Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. But a year ago, Reva fell on the ice and broke her ankle which gave her the distinction of spending the Christmas holidays in the hospital. Recovery was slow and difficult, but by summer she was up and around again. This fall she went back to teaching two levels of algebra and geometry in Turn-About-School.

Karen Connery ('92) is in Chicago working on semiconductor cleaning applications with supercritical CO₂. Her husband Don Peterson is doing his last year of post-



doc (Nuclear Physics) at Oregon State. They both got their PhDs from Notre Dame.

Steve Parke ('76) continues his work as chaplain at the Colorado Mental Hospital in Pueblo. He says nothing new has happened, and he has pretty much stayed home.

And I got a nice note from Jim Gorman ('84). The Gormans live in Fayetteville, AR, where Jim is in Family Practice. Jim and Janet have 3 girls. He is doing some teaching at the U. of Arkansas, also.

December 30, 2002

It looks like the year is about out, so I need to get to some mail. So

Rich ('76) and Barb (Weilert) ('77) Kramer are still in the Twin Cities (Golden Valley) MN. Their two boys and a girl are now coming close to thinking about college, already!

A brief note from Sara (Wisch) Echelmeyer ('00) says she is having a blast doing the rotations of third year at St. Louis U. Med School

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold are still living in Springfield, MO. Ken got laid off after "umpteen" years with Sweetheart. Paula is a specialist in Maternal-Newborn Nursing in Springfield.

A card from Mike ('60) and Joan Hitchcock leaves me a bit envious what with their wearing shorts, and the palm trees. Mike retired from teaching high school several years ago. They are living in Palm Desert, CA, except in the summer when they move to the mountains of Arizona, if I can believe all the beautiful e-mail pictures I get.

A letter from Jerry and Cathy Muehlberger details their three grandchildren. Jerry is retired and is still medical director for Humana to the armed services folk.

Lisa (Meyer) Connor ('91) and Mike have two young boys ages 3 and 1. Lisa has decided to quit work and be full time mom. Their e-mail address is below

Tom and Kathy Barket are now half moved back to Kansas City. Kathy is working at St. Joseph's Hospital and Tom is finishing his year of teaching high school in Huron, SD, and also finishing his term as president of the South Dakota Science Teachers Association. The move should be completed this summer. Their three girls are all in college, so it is just Tom and Kathy. His e-mail address is below.

Mary Fournier ('98) got her MD from St. Louis U last summer and is now doing residency at Rush Children's

Hospital in Pediatrics in Chicago. And already, she is thinking of doing a fellowship when she finishes residency.

January 1, 2003

It's a new year, and so Happy New Year to all, even if its well into the year by the time you get this.

Yesterday afternoon as I was leaving the office, Gary Gagnon ('00) walked in. He says they got a whole two weeks off from Med School (St. Louis U) for Christmas. His folks are in Lawrence, so he was not too far away from here. He had been over to the new site for the baseball field which is now leveled and fenced in. This is "Loyola Park." He is enjoying his third year of med school, and of course doing very well.

A few more notices from the folks around. Jim ('62) and Judy Casey are in Columbus, OH. Jim is with Chem. Abstracts as he has been for a good many moons. He is talking about retiring a year from now, and Judy (teaching at Ohio State) the following May. They are already starting to take multiple vacations per year – this year they took three.

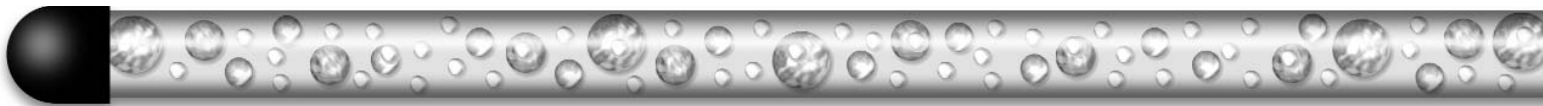
Tom ('69) and Anne Hutton are still in Jefferson City, MO. One of their girls has had some serious brain surgery to correct what seems to be congenital, but she is okay now, and back in school (college). Tom is with the Missouri State Conservation Dept, concerned with mountain lions, cougars, geese, and other such animals that wander the Missouri hills. Anne teaches high school biology.

Mark ('85) and Brigid Espinosa and their 4 young ones are in the Twin Cities area. Mark is selling insurance, and doing quite well at that.

George ('65) and Janet Fague live in Tustin, CA. George runs his own chemical company. Their five boys and 10 or so grandchildren are mostly around the West, and Boston. George is beginning to talk about cutting down on his time at the office.

Matt ('75) and Joanne Gratton are doing well, kind of. Matt is still at Truman Hospital and the EMS Medical Director for Kansas City. But other than that, Matt had "total hip replacement" in late October and is still on crutches as last heard from. Their three are in college (2) and one in high school.

Buck ('92) and Lisa Haney are living in Lee's Summit. Buck has been working at Quintiles (part of the reincarna-



tion of Merriam Merrill Dow, or whatever) but, as of last summer, he took leave there to finish up his doctorate at U. Mo.-Columbia. He has been doing it part time here in KC and occasionally going to Columbia. Now he spends 4 days a week in Columbia and then back to KC. Lisa is working at Quintiles. They have a two-year-old little girl.

Jennifer Doll ('90) is doing a post doc at Northwestern Medical Complex in Chicago. This may be coming to an end soon, so she is beginning to think about a "real job." She got her PhD from Washington U in St. Louis, dealing with genetics and related cancer.

And not too many weeks ago, the KC Star ran an article with pictures of Bill Engel ('60, BSBA) – and Jim's older brother. Bill and Linda moved to a farm in northern Missouri some years ago. Somehow Bill got interested in collecting sleighs (yes, like Santa!) several years ago. Anyway he now has some 50 of these antiques, and as a result has gotten some notoriety for same. They have two girls and a boy, all grown and married, so Bill and Linda are now grandparents several times over. They even have a web site www.ccp.com/~hesper43/ or you can find him at www.sleighworks.com. Bill's e-mail address is below.

January 3, 2003

This morning I got a note from John ('59) and Claudia Waller. John is doing statistics with the Post Office Department in Washington, DC. They have been traveling the world, visiting family and on business from Guam to Europe, and in between. They live in Alexandria, VA. His e-mail address is below.

January 4, 2003

Yesterday afternoon, Jason Gordon ('00) stopped in. He is working on his PhD at Notre Dame in Chemical Engineering. His project deals with the means to evaluate effectiveness of drugs.

January 8, 2003

What a pleasant surprise when I got back from dinner this evening to find a letter from Kip (Walker) Wharton ('70) on the top of my list of e-mails! He was at Los Alamos for some 15 years, then back to academia at the U. of South Florida, and now back to New Mexico (U. NM) in the Department of Internal Medicine, looking at damage induced pathways on growth and transformation. He lives some 15 miles from the university, and is considering

adding some chickens and sheep to get the agricultural atmosphere of the country. He and Debbie have one son, now married, and are awaiting a grandchild. His current e-mail address is below.

January 9, 2003

This morning's mail brought a couple of letters. One was from Brett Highbie ('99). Brett is in second year at UHS and is also doing the MBA in Health Care Leadership (between Rockhurst and UHS).

The other was a letter from Dave ('64) and Paula Thoennes. Dave got his PhD from Vanderbilt and has been with Wyeth and several of its predecessors. He mentions that the anthrax letters went out from their own Hamilton, NJ post office last year, which made all kinds of things so interesting! His e-mail address is below.

January 11, 2003

Yesterday afternoon, Sara Weilert ('01) wandered into the office. She is on her way back to St. Louis where she is in first year at St. Louis U. Law School. She and Clay Gillette ('00) plan to wed next fall. He is also in first year at St. Louis U. Law School.

January 12, 2003

An e-mail note from Michael Gay ('96) tells me that he and Juliet (Montgomery) ('97) are still down south of Houston, TX and use only cell phones, since nobody uses their home phone! Michael is with Schlumberger - Coiled Tubing Services. He says his work e-mail is best, but all their e-mail addresses are below.

January 18, 2003

Yesterday I got a letter from Pat ('84) and Pam McCarville. Pat got his MD from Nebraska, is now in Family Practice in Valley, NE, near Omaha. They lost their 4-year old daughter to a brain tumor just before Christmas. Otherwise, they are doing well with their two older children.

January 21, 2003

I had a real nice conversation with George Fague ('65) this evening. George and Janet (Orscheln) live in Tustin, CA. George's company, West Chem, Inc. is in Anaheim. He tells me he is partly retiring, not going in every day. They have 5 boys all out of college and spread around the

country. Otherwise, they are doing great.

January 24, 2003

Terry Maher ('98) called this afternoon to say Hi! Terry is doing his first year of internship/residency in Emergency Medicine at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas. Needless to say, he is doing very well, in fact when I called back he was in the library!!!

January 26, 2003

Yesterday we had the 19th annual Science Knowledge Bowl for high school students. Two of the coaches for Rockhurst High were Ron Geldhof ('69) and Steve Ryan. Philip Colombo ('91) was one of the main people in charge of making everything run smoothly. He was also in charge of gathering the data. He tells me we had 84 teams of high school students (5-7 per team) from nearly 50 schools from Wichita East (the Grand Winner), and Webb City and Joplin, MO. I think just about every high school in the in the Kansas City Metro area sent at least one team, some sent four teams. This amounts to about 500+ students.

And then Cathy Chirpich, Tom's ('63) wife. came up at the end to say hello. She is teaching and was a coach for Sion High School. They came back to Kansas City some years ago after Tom had been teaching at Memphis State for a number of years. He is now with one of the big law firms here in KC doing much of their medically related work.

As they have been doing for several years, Mark Costaldi ('98) and Robbie Fennewald ('98) came in for the occasion. They both act as moderators for the question sessions. Mark is doing his PhD work in Pathology in between his second and third years of Medical School (St. Louis U.) (He didn't like it when I said he "dropped out" of med school, well, not quite! No, he is not a "drop-out.") Robbie is doing a good bit of traveling, selling medically related equipment all around the country.

February 3, 2003

This morning I got a short e-mail from Marian (Eiberger) Dryburgh ('95). She has just (as of December, 2002) gotten her M.S. degree in accounting from UMKC, and has a job with Ernst & Young here in KC. She and David have a two-year-old son. Her updated e-mail address is below.

February 5, 2003

I got a call from Thuy Nguyen ('01) this morning. She is having a problem deciding which dental school she should go to! She has been accepted at UMKC, Creighton, Marquette and Tufts. Not bad, eh? As I mentioned earlier, I think, she is working at MRI for the present.

And an e-mail came from Rob Borsheski ('99) in Ft. Myers, FL. He has finished his rotation in surgery and now doing Ob/Gyn. He and Betsy are both doing their rotations down there. They are both third year at UHS.

February 6, 2003

Elisa (Kiehl) Vinyard ('96) left the office a few minutes ago. She got her DO from UHS here in Kansas City. She is currently finishing up her residency in Family Practice as the Chief Resident in the program at Independence Medical Center here in town. She and Tom will move back to Cameron, MO, when she finishes. She plans to practice with her father in Maysville, MO (right near by).

February 7, 2003

By way of my last entry for this edition, I should say a big thank you to so many who have responded to our requests for help. We have been offered a "high powered" LC-MS (Agilent Technologies) instrument at less than half price, and have asked for help in purchasing it. We aren't there yet, but we are well on the way. So, a big THANK YOU! One of our part time teachers, Dr. Sheher Mohsin works for them, which has helped. They have therefore also agreed to station a couple of other instruments on loan in our labs, which she will use.

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

Check out a “virtual tour” of the campus at: http://www.rockhurst.edu/3.0/about_rockhurst/virtualTour/index.html, and be sure to click on "More Campus IPIX."

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 “fish-eye” pictures that come up. You can also get at this “tour” by following links from the main home page.

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

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

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 is back in charge of the Alumni Office. Stacie Cronberg has gotten a job in the Advancement Office to fill a spot or two that have resulted from retirements. And while I am on the subject of Jim Millard, be it known that, as of the first of May, Jim passed all his exams, and is now Jim Millard, PhD.

I encourage you to let me know what goes on with you, and I’ll pass the word along. And if you know of anyone who does not get this newsletter and would like to, let me know. So,
God Bless you all.



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