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September 10, 2008

Yesterday afternoon, John Malinee came over for a very nice visit. John is with the National Lease of Kansas City, a firm that is in the large truck and storage leasing business. His email address is below.

And I got a note from Bill Servoss yesterday. He continues to live in Salt Lake near his daughter Sonia who is executive director of a very successful charter school.

September 22, 2008

A week or so ago, Ed Biersmith ('63) stopped in. He was in town to play a tennis match. It was supposed to be outdoors, but that was when we were having our rainy season, and so they had to move inside. Ed still lives in Monroe, LA. He taught at Louisiana State at Monroe for many years and is now retired.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Chris Standley ('01) came in to get the details of what he needs to do, since he plans to come back to school to get his requirements to apply to medical school. He is a personal trainer in Johnson County.

And last week, Steve Kuhl ('89) came in for a nice visit. He went to UMSL Optometry College and got his OD degree. He is now in Wichita and is part owner of a group. He does all sorts of eye practice. He was here in town for a convention.

September 26, 2008

This is Rockhurst Day with some events for the students, but also for alumni reunions. The Golden Hawks (50 year alums) had a pretty good group, some 35 or so. They had a dinner last evening, and I joined them for Mass and lunch today. After lunch, I showed Dennis McDonnell and Jerry Ice (both '58, of course) around our science building while we visited. It was great. Both are retired, Jerry from industry and Denny from his medical practice – well, not quite. He is a neurosurgeon, and he said he did an operation the day before he came here. Jerry lives in Findlay, Ohio. Denny lives in Onalaska, WI (a suburb of Lacrosse). But he also has a connection with the Veterans' Hospital in Little Rock, AR, where he did the surgery yesterday.

Another one who was there was Dan Welling ('58). Dan is now retired from his working (mostly research at Veterans Hospital here in Kansas City). His brother Larry ('61) is also retired and living here in KC.

Of course, Tom Coppinger ('58) was also there, in fact he was one of the organizers of the affair, as was Dave Biersmith (also '58). Tom is a "retired" MD, but I think he is still doing some teaching at KU Med Center.

Nick Verde ('58) was there, too. Nick is also a physician doing radiology in St. Louis. He tells me that son Mike Twyman and wife Kim (Schmidt) both ('98) have been doing their payback to Uncle Sam for paying their ways through med school. They will be coming back to St. Louis this summer, and Mike will be doing his residency at St. Louis U.

And Jackie Riedel was in the other day to say hello. She is

doing her residency in several hospitals in and around Camden, NJ. She graduated with her DO from KCUMB last May. She had the week off, and came home for the week.

September 28, 2008

Last night there was more alumni reunion, this time with the 40 and 25 years folks. The 25s gathered for dinner in the Rock Room and the 40s were in what is now an extension of the cafeteria in the front of Massman Hall. This used to be the lounge and the students now call it the Fishbowl.

Rick Behm ('83) was there among the 25s. He is an MD practicing Ob/Gyn in St. Louis. Also I saw Bobbi Early ('83) who is teaching chemistry in one of the Shawnee Mission high schools. In fact, she was recently named the teacher of the year there. One more that I saw was Len Grinstead (BSBA '85).

Then there were the "older timers," the 40 year folks. I hope I remember all that I saw there and something about what they are now doing. Pierce Powers ('68) was one of the organizers and did a really good job of corralling the folks. There must have been 40 or 50 of them here.

There was Emmet Magathan ('68) and his wife from Huntsville, AL, where he has been with the Army Ordinance for some years after his tour with the Army itself. He has now retired, but is still there.

And of course, Fred and Carol DeFeo were there. Fred is an MD internist and on the faculty of the UMKC Medical School. And Frank Nick ('68) came down from Madison, WI, for the occasion. He has retired from a state job up there.

I sat between Emmet and Dennis Murphy ('68) at dinner. Dennis came all the way from Portland, OR, with his wife, and he wanted to see the old "Dungeon" weight room after dinner.

Kerm Fendler ('68) was there as spry as ever. He runs his own business dealing with medical type materials out in Johnson County. He tells me his son Tim is married and now has provided him with a grandson. Tim did his science requirements for medical school here and is now in 3rd year at KU Med.

Of course, Larry Rues ('68) was there with Jane, who has been running our Occupational Therapy program for a good many moons, and is now "just" teaching. Larry is an MD and has been practicing family medicine here in town.

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold came up from Springfield, MO, to celebrate. Ken is doing his engineering with a metal fabricating outfit in Springfield, and doing a fair amount of traveling mostly around this country.

And then there was Felix Witkowitz ('68) who worked in our Jesuit kitchen when he was in college, and so he knew many of us Jesuits when he was in school.

September 29, 2008

Yesterday afternoon as I was walking the campus, Pete Redlich ('67) called to me. He is in town and came by to watch our soccer team beat Northern Kentucky 1-0 with two overtimes. Pete lives in Phoenix, AZ.



October 3, 2008

Yesterday I got an email from Sarah (Hund) ('00) and Eric ('01) Kohler. Sarah is now teaching an organic chemistry class as well as her research position at Medical College of Wisconsin where Eric is doing his MD/PhD program. Sarah got her PhD from Loyola Chicago Medical School (biochemistry).

This afternoon I had a nice visit with Mac Geschwind ('63) and his new bride, Sheri, as of just one year ago. Mac retired from Bell Telephone a few years ago, and is living in California.

October 4, 2008

When I got back from lunch this afternoon, there was a nice email letter from Kyle Cummins ('05). He and Emily live in College Station, TX, where he is working on getting his PhD at Texas A&M. Some of his work developing cathodic materials for fuel cells has been funded generously by Honda. His email address is below.

October 17, 2008

This afternoon, Jim ('62) and Judy Casey dropped in to say hello. He is in town for his 50th anniversary of his high school graduation. Jim has been with Chem. Abstracts in Columbus, OH, and is now retired, except, he says, he goes in for a few hours a couple of times a week if he feels like it. Other than that he and Judy have been traveling the world, mostly Europe and the Americas, seeing the sights.

October 28, 2008

I got a nice note from Steve Samuelson ('82) this morning. He is a psychiatrist in private practice with the Kansas City Psychiatric Group. He has four kids, the oldest, twins, are now in college. His current email address is below.

October 30, 2008

Annie (Lee) ('95) and Tony Stanislav now have a new baby girl, Cecilia Frances, who was born at 11:24 p.m., Oct. 29. Cecilia weighed in at 9 lb, 7 oz! Annie is, of course, a member of our chemistry faculty.

And in the mail, I got the annual update from Sara (Weilert '01) and Clay ('00) Gillette Both are now lawyers in St. Louis and doing very well.

October 31, 2008

This morning an email came from Barb (Juenemann) Marak ('94) MD. She and Paul live in Salina, KS, with their two boys and a daughter, ages 12, 11 and 9. She did her residency at Mayo in Rochester, MN, and is now a full time anesthesiologist and Chief of the Medical Staff at Salina Regional Health Center. They have been in Salina since 2000. Her email is below.

November 5, 2008

A couple of days ago, I got a nice email from Tim Lawler ('05) in San Diego with the Navy. He graduated from KCUMB with his DO degree last May, and then got married the next week. He joined the Navy and is doing his first year internship there and will then be shipped to sea to take a stint at being flight surgeon, which means he will be taking care of the guys who fly the planes. After that he plans to do an emergency medicine residen-

cy. His email address is below.

Yesterday afternoon, J. P. Armilio ('05) came into the office. He is a 4th year med student at St. Louis U. He is here for a rotation for November at Research Hospital. He says he plans to go into family medicine.

November 6, 2008

Yesterday I got a nice email from Greg Frey ('68). This means Greg was in the first class of Engineering Science we had here. He was also one of the APO people that helped set up the campus radio station, KRC. He volunteers to help make up some of the old of these newsletters, going back to '89 with some gaps since then. I must admit I don't remember when the first one was. Greg's email address is below.

Today was the first of the professional presentations for the Freshmen in Science program. Brendan Mitchell ('86) came to talk about being an MD. He currently practices Ob/Gyn here in town.

Kelly Hagan and Ryan Biga came from their first year classes at KCUMB to present the osteopathic profession. They are our PreMed Scholars at KCUMB, so they will graduate from Rockhurst next May after their first year of medical school.

A week or so ago, I got a long email from Joe Nguyen ('04) in New York City. Joe has been with the NY City Health Dept., but is now working at the Hospital for Special Surgery as a clinical research epidemiologist working a lot in orthopedics especially with the athletes from all the major professional teams in the NY area (Jets, Giants, Mets, Knicks and the colleges, too). He is involved in papers for the American Acad. of Orthopedic Surgeons meetings, and the like. And besides this, he is going back to school at CUNY to get his PhD in Public Health (in epidemiology).

And a few days ago, I got a short email from Kelsey Lueger ('07) at KCUMB. She is doing the neurology part of med school now. Her email address is below.

November 8, 2008

This morning I got a further update from Greg Frey. He retired from the Air Force back in 1989 and went to work in software development, dealing with supply systems. He is now a civilian employee of the Air Force. He and Kathy live in Montgomery, AL. They have two boys and a daughter, all over 30.

A note came yesterday from Greg Silver ('85). When he graduated from UMKC Dental School, he joined the Army and has been all around the world Hawaii, Japan, Iraq, Kuwait, and now at Ft. Bliss TX (El Paso). He has done a lot of work with the Medical Examiners Office identifying remains in the service and with the FBI. His email address is below.

This afternoon, I got a long email from Larry Marnett ('69). He is at Vanderbilt U in Nashville and has been there for quite a number of years, teaching chemistry and biochemistry. He is interested in drugs and the like, especially, as I recall, in the COX2 activity. I think I said a few things about him in the last issue of this newsletter. His email address is below.

November 10, 2008

Today I got a short email from Paula Jonak ('82). She is a Navy nurse and has been moved from Quantico Marine Corps Base to the Pentagon. She is doing work with the wounded, ill and

injured. Her email address is below.

November 11, 2008

This morning I got an email from Jim Blair ('58) in Madison WI. Jim has been retired from teaching for some 2.5 years. He likes being retired in Madison, including the 100 inches of snow they had last winter! He is sitting in on classes at U. Wisc. like botany with history with emphasis on plants and foods. He and Freda have been traveling the world like Southern Europe and the near east as well as this country. He used to run scuba diving in the West Indies but he says that business has dried up since students have lost interest in budget trips with primitive accommodations. His email address is below.

November 12, 2008

Last evening an email came from Tom Hastings ('81). Tom and Mary got their MDs at UMKC a few years back! He is in internal medicine in St. Louis and practices in the same group with Eldon Trame (Eldon is on the Illinois side and Tom is on the Missouri side). They have a bunch of children from 19 down to 8. The oldest is in Los Angeles teaching inner city middle school children, an 18-year-old budding artist daughter; another daughter in seventh grade and a son in third grade. Wife Mary and the 18-year old are now in El Salvador with Helping Hands medical mission. Tom and Mary are also working with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps in St. Louis. Tom's email address is below.

November 13, 2008

I got an email from Tom Malone this morning from Magdeburg, Germany. He has gotten into an MS program in integrated neuroscience. This is the field that he has been doing research in at the medical school at Washington Univ. for the last several years.

Then I got an envelope from Greg Frey that contained some old issues of this newsletter, taking me back to 1989. This takes me back complete to September 1989. I am certainly very grateful for these. As I have been mentioning toward the end of the last several issues, I would like to get any old issues, (copies) because I am missing the old versions, and we are about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the College/University – the charter was issued in 1910. These can help Dr. Ed Kos fill in some holes – he is the University archivist now that he has retired (almost) from biology.

This is the second day for our professionals presentations for the Freshmen in Science Seminar. Among others, Jason Gordon ('00) came to talk about engineering. He is at Midwest Research down the street. He got his PhD at Notre Dame a few years back. His email address is below.

November 14, 2008

I got an update from Dave Thoennes ('64). Dave has been fighting lymphoma for some years and has had his ups and downs as one might expect. At the present he is on what looks like an upswing from a pretty low down. Lots of chemo and the like, and "bald as a new baby"! He is now officially retired. He says he wants to say a big THANKS to everyone who has said a prayer for him. It keeps him going. His email address is below.

November 24, 2008

On our new schedule the whole University is off, vacant, for the

Thanksgiving holidays, all week.

Ryan Biga ('09) stopped in after lunch this afternoon. He is first year at KCUMB and getting used to it, he says. His email address is below.

And just as Ryan was leaving, Josh ('00) and Nicole Evans came in. They are taking off a few days. They are still in Johns Island, SC. Josh has finished his residency and is now doing a three-year fellowship in GI. Nicole has finished her residency in ophthalmology and is now in charge of residents in the hospital. They graduated together from St. Louis U Med School. They have a 3-year-old boy and a daughter just under 1.

A short note came from Ruben Lopez ('67). He says he is happy being back in the classroom teaching substitute near Bridgeport, CT. His email address is below.

December 2, 2008

I got a short email note from Cindy Ruttan ('85) the other day. She is a psychiatrist here in KC. She got her DO at KCUMB (current name) here in KC. And among other things, she seems to be "collecting" dogs – at least a half dozen.

And this evening, got an email from Rick Stoermann ('79). He got his DO degree from what was then UHS here in KC. He has been in the Navy since he finished his family practice residency. Since then he has been bouncing all over the world, including another residency in occupational and preventive medicine. Now retired from the Navy, he is in Norfolk taking care of veterans returning from various places, especially the war zones of the mid-East. His wife, Laurie is a retired Navy nurse. His email address is below.

And I got a short note from Dave Fitzpatrick ('66) in the Washington DC area with a corrected version of his email address. The corrected version is below.

December 7, 2008

Yesterday afternoon I got a brief email from Kevin Clune ('74). He is running the family leasing business. And he reminded me that Amy Bode, MD (also '74) and her husband are epidemiologists working in Cairo, Egypt. If my memory serves me Amy is in the Navy and has been in Egypt for some time. E-mail addresses for both Kevin and Amy are below.

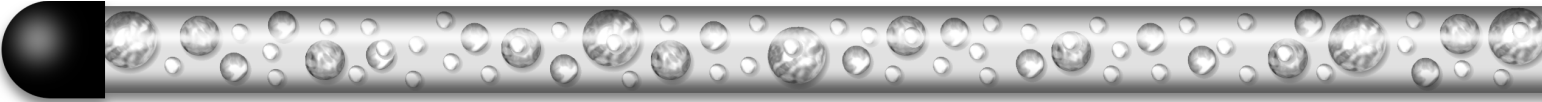
The other day, I got a note from Bob ('59) and Mary Kathryn Kanard in Cheyenne, WY where he has been for a good number of years. He is an MD, retired sort of, and volunteering at an indigent clinic.

December 8, 2008

This afternoon I got an email from Kristina Parrack – wife of Dave Parrack ('69). She reports that Dave is doing very well, teaching at the medical school in Phoenix where they live. This time last year it was touch and go. He has been suffering from a serious cancer for several years, but now seems to be doing really great. Their email address is below.

December 9, 2008

A nice note came from Kevin Gratton ('63) this evening. He is now formally retired from teaching at Johnson County Community College where he has been for umpteen years, but he is still teaching one course, with a long weekend every week.



(That kind of sounds like me.) But he and Mary K are about to spend January in Florida. With our cold weather, Florida sounds like a very good idea. But they will be visiting their two boys in Wyoming and then in Arkansas. His email address is below.

December 10, 2008

This morning I got a note from Jim O'Bryan ('69). He has an MD but has been working for a drug evaluation company. He and Maria have 5 children, three married and two still in college (computer science and pre-med). His email addresses are below.

December 11, 2008

I got a short note from Marian (Eiberger) Dryburgh ('95) this morning. She is completing the prerequisites for the nursing program at Missouri Western in St. Joseph, where they moved last July. They had been in New York. She also has a new email address (as below).

And I got a nice letter from Belinda and Richard Heck ('97). They are in Sherwood (Little Rock), AR, with their three little girls, 5th grade, first grade and almost 2 years old. They have done some traveling with (Boston and New England) and without the girls (a cruise along the Mexican Riviera). Their email addresses are below.

December 13, 2008

All is quiet around here now since final exams for the semester ended yesterday.

I got a short note from Brian Jeep ('99) last evening. He is in New York working for a small Wall Street firm. He seems to be doing well in spite of the situation. His email address is below.

And yesterday I also got a letter from Norm ('94) and Jill Bamber. Norm has finished his residency at Loyola Med in Chicago. They have now moved back to KC and Norm is doing his neurosurgery at St. Joseph's Hospital here. They now have four children, third grade down to twins born at the end of last June. Their email addresses are below.

December 15, 2008

Last Saturday I saw Scott Reisman ('03) who has just graduated from KU Med Center with his PhD in pharmacology. He has not taken a job as yet, though several are pending. His wife is Carla Heitman ('02). They have a 3-year old boy.

A short note from Jim McLaughlin ('74) tells me he has a new email address. It is below. He lists himself as Sr. Vice President, DeWaay Financial Network, here in KC.

Steve ('61) and Mary Ziller are enjoying their retirement in Cincinnati, OH, including travels around the country visiting sons and grandchildren. Steve keeps occupied as Eucharistic minister at church, and volunteering with the "Senior Shepherds." As I recall, Steve's father (now in his mid 90's) did much of the fancy lettering that appeared on the Rockhurst diplomas years ago. Steve's brother George ('63) still lives with his family in Australia as they have for many years.

December 16, 2008

I got a note from Michael Gay ('96) in Rock Springs, WY. He and Juliette (Montgomery, MPT '97) have been out there several years but are getting ready to move back to Oklahoma City next

summer. They have two young sons. In the mean time, Michael has been traveling the oil fields a lot, 15,000 miles on his 3 month old truck. His email address is below.

December 29, 2008

I have gotten a number of notes and letters this Christmas. Here are some of the comments in no particular order.

Matt Gratton ('75) says he is chairman of emergency medicine at Truman Hospital and at UMKC Medical School. He also has a new email address which is below.

And an email came from Kerry (McGonigle) Kreidel ('02). Kerry and Joe have two youngsters, 3 ½ and 1 ½. She is doing her residency in anesthesiology. After a year of internship in New Haven, CT, they are now in Phoenix, AZ. Her new email address is below.

And a little email from Pat McCarville ('84), Pat and Pam and children are in Valley, NE, outside Omaha. He is in family practice medicine. His email address is below.

George ('65) and Janet Fague have been enjoying retirement this year, from Hawaii to Massachusetts visiting their four boys, complete with grandchildren.

A note from Bill Bickell's ('76) sister tells me that Bill is now a grandfather!

A note came from Rich ('87) and Renee Sullivan in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a physician there, but has also been doing some traveling, especially western Europe with son RJ. His email address is below.

Bryan ('88) and Keri and their twin girls are now getting settled back in the states (San Diego) after their stint in Spain. Brian is a physician in the Marines. Their email address is below.

A short note came from Sara Oberhelman ('04) from the cold north land, Rochester, MN. She is doing her residency at Mayo. Her email address is below.

Jim ('84) and Janet Gorman are still in Fayetteville, AR. He is practicing medicine. His eldest daughter (there are two younger) is now getting ready for college, in fact has received one scholarship offer, so far.

Lisa (Meyer, '91) and Mike Connor are here in Overland Park with their 3 boys and two girls, ages 9 and down. This keeps her pretty busy as CEO of the Connor household!

Jeni (Bryant, '98) and Philip ('91) Colombo are in Bethesda, MD with their two little boys. Jeni is doing her payback to the Navy for their getting her through medical school. In fact, I was just on the phone with Philip. All is well there. Jeni is going on a humanitarian mission on a Navy Hospital ship for some four months starting in April. She will be going to a number of stops though the Caribbean, Haiti, Dominican Republic and mostly Central America. Philip is planning to go back to school, this time to Law school. He has so far been accepted at Georgetown U.

Philip told me that he has talked to Srini Iyengar ('00) several times. Srini is on a year's volunteering trip with the eye hospital plane (like the Doctors Without Borders) trip around the world – he is doing all the eye surgery and other medical things in all kinds of places that need special care – India, China, South America, and so on and on. Sirini's email address is below.

December 31, 2008

Jennie (Losapio, '99) and Scott ('99) Iverson are now enjoying

their new daughter (born last August) in St. Louis. Jennie is doing her post-doc and Scott just got his MBA, both at Washington U. Their emails are below.

Dan Strobe ('70) has now retired from ConocoPhillips after some 34 years – well, not quite retired, doing some consulting. So now he and Jeanne can now do some traveling and seeing the Rocky Mountains. Dan's email address is below.

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold are in Springfield, MO. I saw them last fall when they came up for his graduation anniversary.

Mark ('85) and Brigid Espinosa are in Lincoln, NE, with their tribe (6).

Glen ('86) and Chandra Martin are in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, with their three youngsters.

Jim and Sue (Lloyd) Long (both '74) live in Cary, NC. Jim still travels the world on business – Japan, Italy, and of course the USA. Sue considers herself as a “professional volunteer” for the local Boy Scouts, including national meetings and teaching at Philmont Ranch in New Mexico. Of course they manage to visit their children and grandchildren around the country, Seattle to Baltimore and Texas.

And, lest I forget, I see Dick Shaw ('60) every now and then around here. He is a chairman of the centennial committee. And of course, he has been celebrating his 70th birthday all year long. He and Daffy are retired and enjoying a life of leisure. His email address is below.

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Happy New Year everybody! So now I will try to take up on my mail.

Tim ('95) and Jean Schmitt and their two young boys, 7 and 10, are in Charlottesville, VA, where Tim is professor of surgery (transplant) at the Virginia Medical School. Their email address is below.

An update from Dave ('69) and Kristina Parrack reminds me that Dave is teaching at MidWestern Medical School in Phoenix, AZ. Their email address is below.

Anne (Miller, '95) and Jason Van Garesse live in Lawrence, KS, with their two little girls. Anne is a pediatrician.

Mike ('60) and Joan Hitchcock are enjoying retirement in beautiful Palm Springs, CA, nearby where Mike taught for many years. His email address is below.

John ('59) and Claudia Waller live outside Washington, DC. John has not quite retired from the Postal service. But they do manage to take off a little time to visit their children and grandchildren, like Christmas in Hawaii this year. His email address is below.

Maria and Jim O'Bryan ('69) are here in Kansas City expecting to become grandparents any day now. Jim is with a drug discovery company as the medical director. His email address is below.

Gene ('74) and Kathy VandenBoom still have a son here at Rockhurst U. Their daughter graduated last year. Gene is a physician here in Kansas City. His email address is below.

Tom ('65) and Kathy Barket are here in town where Tom is teaching at Johnson County Community College and helping out in a couple of other places. They have managed to visit their three girls who are around the country, North Dakota to California and New Mexico.

Jen Doll ('90) is still in Chicago, but has taken a position with a Research Institute in a hospital, but still doing prostate cancer

research. She has a new email address which is below.

Joe Devine ('67) is in St. Louis, that is when he is not traveling. He is a regional manager for Quest Diagnostics which runs medical testing labs, taking blood samples and the like. His email address is below.

January 2, 2009

Buck ('92) and Lisa Haney are both at MRI (both PhD chemists). Well Buck has been overseas working with an MRI client since September, and should be back home later this month (January). They have two youngsters, 8 and 5,

Cathy and Jerry Muehlberger ('64) are enjoying their retirement from the Air Force and living in Boerne, TX (San Antonio). Their email address is below.

Joe Molinaro ('64) is retired from Northwest Airlines. He and Arlene live in Cherry Hill, NJ. His email address is below.

Kevin ('67) and Maxine Whelan are here in KC. They are very grateful for the miracles of modern medicine; Kevin for heart surgery and Max for fighting cancer (still on chemo). His email address is below.

Rich ('76) and Barb (Weilert, '77) Kramer are still in the twin cities in cold Minnesota. Rich is riding his bike, even the MS rides and others. Barb got laid off last spring and is still looking for something permanent. Their three children are either in college or finished. Their email address is below.

Bryan ('99) and Dawn (Childers, '98) Menges are in Tulsa, OK. He is a resident in emergency medicine, I think. They have three little girls. Their email address is below.

Larry ('67) and Rose Mary ('84) Padberg are in Arlington, VA. Larry is working with a homeless services organization and Rosemary is still with the NIH.

Tom ('84) and Lora (Bias, '85) Folz are both physicians in Jefferson City, MO. Lora went on a mission trip to Peru with their oldest boy last summer. They have three boys and a girl, two in year high school and two in grade school.

Chris ('00) and Monika Hiler and their six young ones are in Goodyear (Phoenix), AZ. Chris does family practice medicine.

January 4, 2009

I heard from two fellows today that I have not heard from in a long time. The first was Mike Kressig ('82). He and Julia (Gray, '84) have three boys (two in high school and one in grade school) and live in Chesterfield, MO (St. Louis). Mike had knee surgery a little over a year ago, but it is still slowing down his weightlifting efforts. His practicing his CPA skills quite successfully and Julia is considering getting her law license reinstated. They have also taken up mountain climbing (Ranier, etc.) with the boys. Mike's and Julia's email addresses are below.

The other “long lost” is Keith Allen (Kotansky, '97), came by way of Dr. Mary Haskins of our biology faculty. Keith has been working in imaging technology with a view to its clinical use in neurology and oncology. He got his DO at MidWestern in LaGrange, IL. His email address is below.

January 5, 2009

Some of the mail has been held up and collected in the University mail room since all the offices, etc., were closed for the holidays. So the letter from Laura (Rowland, '93) came today. She is a

pediatric allergist in the Air Force at Luke AFB in Phoenix, AZ. She and Sean have three little girls – 5, 3, and 1. Sean is an Air Force nurse managing the Pediatric Clinic at Luke AFB. Laura becomes Lt. Col. in the Air Force in May.

John ('76) and Deb Kuhnlein are in Ankeny, IA (Des Moines area). He practices occupational and environmental medicine with offices in Ankeny and Cedar Rapids, IA. Their two children are a girl finishing college and a boy a high school junior. He has a new email address which is below.

January 15, 2009

Ed McKee ('67) just left the office. He is in town on business for the Advancement Office of George Washington University in DC. He was the publicity person for their athletic department but recently has transferred to their Advancement Office. His email address is below.

And I got an announcement from Sara Oberhelman of her upcoming wedding to John Eaton. It's May 30 here in KC. She is doing her residency at Mayo in Rochester, MN. Her email address is below.

January 20, 2009

Second semester begins tomorrow, so things are beginning to crank up. Last Sunday we baptized Annie Lee's little girl, Cecelia Frances at St. Francis Xavier.

As I was standing in the vestibule after Mass, several folks came up. The first was Steve Samuelson ('82). Steve is a psychiatrist here in KC. The next were Paul McGannon ('76) and Jim McLaughlin ('74). Paul runs his athletic rehab physical therapy outfit.

January 31, 2009

Today we had the annual Science Knowledge Bowl for high school people. Several of the old "stand-bys" were here. Mark Costaldi ('98) was here asking questions and keeping the teams in line. In fact, he was also here and asking questions in the semi-final rounds with Jim Millard ('89). Mark is doing his pathology residency in Cleveland, OH. Jim is here in KC playing with his computers. And then while I was visiting with Mark Costaldi Marc Hollabaugh ('78) stopped by to say hello. He was here to help moderate a fraternity meeting in Conway Hall. Their email addresses are below.

And Ron Geldhof ('69) came by with his teams from Rockhurst High – actually they had 5 teams in the SKB competition.

All together there were some 85 teams from about 40 high schools in the area, including one from Joplin, MO and one from Columbia, MO, then one from Macksville, KS (west of Wichita), and one from St. Louis. The winning teams were from Mill Valley High School in Merriam, KS and Pembroke Hill.

February 1, 2009

I got a short note from Mark Espinosa ('85). He is in Lincoln, NE. His eldest daughter is thinking of coming to Rockhurst

already. She is supposed to come here for an interview in a couple of weeks. His new email address is below.

February 5, 2009

A couple of days ago, I got word that Jim Golden ('63) passed away on Jan 26. I don't know for sure what the cause of death was, but the indications were some form of cancer.

One other thing I might mention is that we (Rockhurst) are getting ready to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2010. This is the anniversary of the charter. The High School actually opened in 1914 and the College in 1917, so you might be seeing a few more anniversaries in the coming years!

You might also want to check your email address below. Some of them I have had a number of years, and I suspect some are definitely outdated. Let me know, and I will fix it for you for the next issue. Remember, the email addresses appear here in the printed edition, but not in the web edition (www.rockhurst.edu). This edition and many previous editions are archived on the Rockhurst web site.

That reminds me of one other thing. If anyone has any old editions of this newsletter, I would appreciate having it/them for the University archives. We could copy them and return the originals.

One more point is that there are several other folks less connected with the Chemistry Department and the Science Division who have asked to be included in this mailing list. So you may see a few of them mentioned from time to time. They are all good friends and Rockhurst alums.

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

God Bless you all.



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