



Chemistry Newsletter No. 35

September 10, 2004

Here goes with the new version of this newsletter. This morning, Bill Haggerty ('54) wandered in after my morning General Chemistry class. Bill retired from MRI nearly 10 years ago and moved to Sunrise Beach, near the Lake of the Ozarks. He was with MRI for 39 years, of which some 8 years in the late '70s and early '80s were spent in Riyadh, and a couple of years in Spain working on MRI contracts.

September 17, 2004

I got an email from Marian (Eiberger) Dryburgh ('95) yesterday. She with husband David and 4-year old son have moved to Massapequa on Long Island, NY. She is with Ernst and Young in Melville, NY. Her email address is below.

And a couple of days ago, I got a note from Erin (O'Dell) Markley ('04). She got married this past summer. She and Shawn are living in Independence, MO. Erin is doing her chemistry at Quintiles, where she worked before she graduated. Her email address is below.

And Sara Oberhelman's ('04) email is below also.

September 18, 2004

This afternoon I had a nice visit with Adam Alt ('01). He is doing research at KU Med Center. His email address is below.

September 19, 2004

This afternoon Steve Hagan ('76) dropped in, with a daughter who is looking at colleges. Steve is practicing medicine in Wichita. He got his MD from SLU.

And I got an email from Marguerite Germain ('04) who is taking courses at St. Louis U and is even pursuing a BA in chemistry which she hopes to finish next May. Then she hopes to go to medical school. She is also doing some lab work at SLU med school in nanotechnology. Her new email address is below.

September 23, 2004

The other day, I got a nice call from Sirini Iyengar ('00) from Denver. He finished med school at Colorado U in Denver. Now he is doing a one-year residency in surgery in preparation to coming here to KC to do his residency in ophthalmology at KU Med Center. He tells me Scott Troy ('00) is moving to Denver and is teaching high school chemistry. He also sees Christine Jelinek ('00) who has also finished med school at

Colorado and is doing her residency in pediatrics.

September 25, 2004

Yesterday afternoon John ('68) and Karrie Emo stopped by for a little while. They had just arrived at KCI and were on their way to Sedalia, MO, for the wedding of Bob ('72) Emo's son Brett today. John is an MD practicing OB in Elko, NV. His email address is below.

September 30, 2004

Today I got an email from Dave Thoennes ('64). It was a great big "Thanks be to God" because he just had his most recent check up at the oncology center and the results are that his lymphoma seems to be in complete remission. He figures that he may live to be 70 or 80. He figures his greatest danger will be driving on the interstate! He had hoped to be here for the reunion of his class from '64, but this is even better news. His new email address is below.


October 7, 2004

Last weekend was a real alumni weekend. It started off with the Golden Hawks who graduated in 1954. There were about a dozen of them here, especially Bill Haggerty and Gene Welsh. I have a few comments about Bill above. Gene is living in the Columbus, OH, area and is basically retired. He has done a little teaching and is now "consulting."

Saturday evening, I stopped into the alumni reception in the Rock Room. Terry Riordan ('74) came up and we had a nice visit. He is a pediatrician practicing in Lawrence, KS. In his same group is Anne (Miller) Van Garsse ('95).

Brian ('99) and Dawn (Childers) ('98) Menges were there, too. Brian is in second year at KCUMB medical school. Dawn is busy with their newborn daughter.

Then I went upstairs to what used to be called the Gallery, or whatever. There the class of '64 dinner was beginning to wind down. Among those I saw there were, of course, Ed Kinerk, S. J., our Rockhurst president. Phil Schenkenberg and his wife Mary finishing dessert. Phil is kind of semi-retired from Monsanto in St. Louis. Mary is principal of St. Louis U. High. Jim Millard was there with Peg. Jim is assistant dean of the School of Professional Studies (which is kind of a reincarnation of the evening school), and Peg is the assistant to Bill Haefele (used to teach psychology, also used to be Dean) our academic vice president.



Another retiree was Ed Kaiser. He is still in St. Louis. And one who is not retired is Joe Molinaro, Joe is still an active pilot for Northwest Air Lines, flying mostly a 12 day Asian/Hawaiian or a 6 day European/India trip. He lives in Cherry Hill, NJ, a suburb of Philadelphia. His email address is below.

Then there were several others I had not seen for a long time. Bob Gibbons is a physician MD here in Kansas City. Harry Tincher came in from the Boston area. He runs a financial management firm in Plymouth, MA.

There were a number of other non-science types there as well. Tom Frew was looking over the old yearbooks. Tom Fisch and Suzanne were there too. I think Tom was one of the organizers of the affair. Jerry and Jean Fahlstrom were there, and Denny Rabbitt and Harry Witte. And there were a number of others that I didn't get to say "hi" to.

October 17, 2004

Yesterday, Saturday, Jon Chambers ('03) married Lindsey Goldstein. Jon works at MRI and is thinking of going back to school. Since Lindsey is still in school, they are planning their icy-snowy Canadian honeymoon for later.

Scott Reisman (Dec '02) was one of Jon's groomsmen. His wife is Carla (Heitman) ('03), Scott was at Quintiles for the last year or so, but he has now started graduate school in pharmacology at KU Med Center this fall.

Also last Saturday Jenny Losapio ('99) was married in Columbia, MO. And Sara Weilert ('01) and Clay Gillette ('00) were married here in Kansas City. Unfortunately, I couldn't make all three!

Dan Simpson ('01) has finished Law School at St. Louis U and has now passed the Bar. He is doing patent work with Pfizer.

October 25, 2004

Last Thursday, Dave ('64) and Paula Thoennes were in for a nice visit. Dave had hoped to be here for the class reunion, but he did not get his clean bill of health in time. As I said earlier, he had a serious bout with lymphoma this past year, but now seems to have won the fight. He looks great. His new email address is below.

October 26, 2004

It wasn't too long ago that Fr. Bob Weiss and I had a nice visit with Jim and Maria O'Bryan. Jim is with a medical research firm as their official physician. They have 5 young ones, from college age down.

FYI – Fr. Weiss has just retired from being the treasurer for the Missouri Province Jesuits. He is still at the provincial's residence in St. Louis, and is still part-time treasurer.

An email came from Molly Gallagher. Molly is still in Chicago and waiting for the next grandchild. All her children are out of the house, and she and John are taking care of the place. She is not working right now, so ---. Her newest email address is below.

October 31, 2004

I got an email from Dale Iwataki ('64) this afternoon. He brought me up to date on a couple of points. First was his email address has changed and the new one is below. He is enjoying his retirement, he says. He lives in Aurora, IL. He also reminded me of a couple of his classmates, Darrell Zeller, whose address I had lost, and Sam Lombardo, who is here in KC. Darrell is now in Dickinson, ND. Both of their correct (as of now) email addresses are below.

Last Thursday we had a reception in St. Louis for alumni. Two of the folks I met there were Sarah Rotter ('00) who has recently received her doctorate, AuD, from Vanderbilt. She is a clinical audiologist at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Also there was Colleen Hegarty ('84) who started out in science and then switched to business. She has been a legal assistant. Their email addresses are below.

November 3, 2004


And today I got an email from Sam Lombardo. He says he is retired. He talked to Darrell last evening and Darrell says he is about to retire next summer and move to the Washington, DC area.

November 6, 2004

Last Thursday we had our usual "bringing in the professionals" for our Freshmen in Science Seminar. Tom Millard ('80) came to talk about going to medical school and what is expected there. Tom graduated a year ago with his MD from Kansas U, and he is currently an emergency room resident at Truman Hospital (UMKC Medical School). Incidentally, Matt Gratton, MD, ('75) is in charge of that emergency service as well as most of the emergency medical services for Kansas City, MO. I am sorry, but I have forgotten his official title.

To tell the students about dentistry, Pat Morris ('89) came. Pat is a periodontist with his very busy practice in Lee's Summit.

Thursday afternoon, I attended the memorial funeral service for Philip Colombo's father. Philip graduated in '91, and he is currently our resident physical chemist.



As we were walking down the street from the funeral, I was hailed by Andi (Schierhoff) Palausky. She was out in her front yard keeping an eye on her two young children and one of the neighbor's children. She says keeping track of them is enough of a full time job, but I must admit, she doesn't seem to be too worn down by it. Her husband, Joe, is a chemist with the EPA here in KC.

And then back to the Freshmen in Science later that evening: we had our annual spaghetti dinner in the front hall of Richardson Hall. As usual it featured the special spaghetti sauce from Anita Salem of mathematics fame.

And last evening I got a short email from Jerry Muehlberger ('64) and Cathy with a new email address – see below. They are now grandparents 4 times over, two boys and two girls, ages four and down. They live in San Antonio, TX, where Jerry is the regional medical director for Humana Military, caring for some 3 million folks in 10 southeastern states

November 10, 2004

This morning as I was crossing the campus on my way to class, Tom Coppinger ('58) met me. He was on his way to a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University. Tom is more or less retired from his medical practice, but teaching one day a week at KU Med School.

November 13, 2004

This last Thursday we had another set of presentations by professionals to the freshmen science students. Jackie Riedel and Tim Lawler were here to talk about osteopathic medicine. They are our first KCUMB Scholars, which means that they are now in first year medical school and technically will not graduate from Rockhurst until next May. That is, their first year classes in medical school count as their fourth year of classes here at Rockhurst. Incidentally, they gave a very fine presentation. In fact they will return to talk to the Pre-Med Club this coming Wednesday evening.

November 15, 2004

Today Tom Conry ('70) dropped by for a few minutes. Tom lives in Houston, TX, and is working for a quasi Japanese government outfit that has to do with export-import stuff. He makes trips to Japan periodically.

I also got a note today from Kim Bezdek Benage. She lives in the Denver, CO, area (Arvada). She is doing her residency in family medicine at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver. She and husband Mike (an engineer with Bell Aerospace and Technologies) are anxiously awaiting another great ski season! Kim got her MD from Loyola Chicago.

November 22, 2004

I was talking to Mark Angles ('85) last week. Mark specializes in internal medicine. He got his MD from KU Med School. His email address is below.

December 2, 2004

Last weekend, Sunday to be exact, Sarah Hund and Eric Kohler (both '01) were here. They were taking the long Thanksgiving holiday off to visit family and friends, Eric in Belleville, IL, and Sarah in Leavenworth, KS, and me here in KC. Sarah is doing a biochemistry PhD at Loyola Medical School in Chicago, and Eric is doing an MD/PhD at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Sarah has another 1-2 years, and Eric is in the PhD part, having finished the first two years of medical school.

And today I got a note from Tim Kennedy ('67). Tim lives in Cypress, TX and works for Baker Petrolite in various sales, technical and management positions. Petrolite deals with various oilfield and refining, etc., chemicals and the like. His email address is below.

December 4, 2004

Yesterday I got an email from Joe Nguyen ('04). Joe is teaching chemistry and biology and coaching sophomore basketball at St. Louis U. High. His email address is below.

Onnie Winblad and Curt McGeeney (both '04) stopped in for a few minutes. They are in first year med school at KU. They were over here looking for a nice quiet place to study. They are beginning their semester finals this coming week.

I got this message the other day from Dave von Fintel in the Public Relations Office. He is the one in charge of the web site and related stuff.

We've recently added four new 360-degree images to the Rockhurst Website, including the newly expanded soccer field, the new workout room in Massman Hall and two residence hall rooms:

<http://www.rockhurst.edu/admission/topnav/VR/ipix.asp>

Or find out by checking the new weather forecast feature on the Rockhurst Website. See a live shot of campus on the WebCam and the current weather conditions for Kansas City, provided by the Weather Channel:

<http://www.rockhurst.edu/admission/topnav/VR/webcam.asp>

For those of you who remember the old weight room in the basement of Mason-Halpin, you might find it hard to believe this new facility. The location is on the south end of Massman Hall (where the carpenter shop, etc. used to be). It is quite an improvement!



November 23, 2004

Today I got a great email from Mickey (Karlin) McGinness ('91). She has been teaching but has recently switched to the KBI, and loving it. Husband Steve is teaching and coaching high school. The only trouble is that her Bureau of Investigation job is in Great Bend, KS, which gives her a daily 138-mile roundtrip every day. They have a girl in second grade and a boy in pre-school. Mickey's email address is below.

November 26, 2004

Yesterday I was visiting with Fred ('68) and Carol (Stipitich) DeFeo and Ed ('69) Mulik and his wife Jackie Ring. They are just fine. Fred is on the faculty at UMKC Med School, and Ed is doing his usual electronics, etc. stuff.

This evening as I was walking past the gym, Terry ('98) Maher's mother hailed me. She was here for a basketball game. She reminded me that Terry is in his last year of emergency room residency at Texas Southwestern Med School and Parkland Hospital in Dallas, and is beginning to look for a job. He finishes next June.

December 10, 2004

I got a couple of nice emails this morning. The first was from Paul Winkeler ('97). Paul has been teaching chemistry at Rockhurst High and is also coaching the varsity swimming and baseball. His new email address is below.

The other was from John Wintrol ('63) who is a lawyer in Washington, DC. He joined the Peace Corps and then went to Georgetown Law School. His email address is below.

And when I got back from lunch there was Robert Thomas ('65) waiting. He just came up to visit his old haunts. He got his DO from Oklahoma State Osteopathic in Tulsa. He did his residency on Akron, OH, and moved back to Oklahoma last summer. He does ob/gyn in Grove, OK. He and Winifred have four boys.

December 22, 2004

A bit of sad news: As many of you may know, but for all, Dr. George O'Connor passed away last week. He was in California when he apparently had a severe heart attack on Monday afternoon, and he died on Friday morning. The cause of death has not been determined other than there were multiple blood clots. He has taught biology here for 35 years.

The other day I got an email from Maria Aguilera (who was here 87-89). She got her degree in chemical engineering from Rolla in '91. She has been working here in Kansas City since then. She married to Eric Butkovich in '93 and now has five children up to 10 years of age. Her email address is below.

And last Friday Ron ('72) and Shirley Haake stopped in with their youngest son, Ryan, who is looking for a college for next year. Ron got his DO from KCUMB and is now doing critical care at a hospital in Akron, OH.

Then on Monday, Rich Edgington ('92) and his brother Jim ('94) and their father came in for a very nice visit. Rick is in Cleveland, OH, with Belinda and their three little girls. He works for a small chemical company that provides chemicals for biological systems. Jim has recently moved to the San Francisco, CA area and is doing statistical analyses for Gilead Sciences. Their email addresses are below.

December 30, 2004

Right now, I am going to try to catch up on some of the letters and notes I have gotten for Christmas. These are certainly not in any order, alphabetical, or time, or ???

Another former teacher here, was Fr. Don Murphy, S.J. He taught theology for a number of years. He has not been well for some time and has been at our nursing facility (Pavilion) at St. Louis University. He passed away Monday and will be buried tomorrow.


George ('65) and Janet Fague live in Tustin, CA. Last summer George decided to retire from his company and then packed up their camper and traveled the west for more than a month. But since then they have been also visiting their 5 sons (and many grandchildren) around the country.

I got a big Christmas email from Norm ('94) and Jill Bamber in Chicago, complete with several pictures of their two young ones. Norm got his MD/PhD from St. Louis U. Med School and is doing his residency at Loyola U. Med School in Chicago. Their email addresses are below.

Larry ('67) and Rose Mary Padberg are in the Washington, DC area, actually Arlington, VA. Larry is working with the homeless and Rose Mary is at the National Cancer Institute.

Mike Hitchcock ('60) reminded me that it was 46 years ago that he started here at Rockhurst. He and Joan live in Palm Desert, CA. For many years, Mike taught high school chemistry. He is now retired and enjoying sunny southern California.

A note came from Karen Connery ('92). Karen got her PhD in chemical engineering at Notre Dame. She and her husband Don Peterson (a theoretical physicist also PhD from Notre Dame) live in the Chicago suburbs. Karen is with Praxair working on heat treating R&D, looking at various gases – more chemistry than we would think, she says.



And a note came from Bob ('70) and Deb Haake. They live in Belleville, IL, with their five young ones. Bob got his DO from KCUMB and is now director of some three dialysis units in the St. Louis metro east area. He seems to thrive on the intensity of critical care, rather like brother Ron. But he says he does manage to get to the gym most evenings.

And a short note came from Mark ('99) and Brigid Espinosa. They have 5 young ones down to the most recent (last September). Mark is with insurance in Lincoln, NE.

Mary (Graveman) ('74) and Sam ('74) Losapio are still in Columbia, MO, where Sam is running an insurance office and Mary is a nurse. Also they are getting their daughters married – Jenny last October and Christi coming up this summer. That leaves only Juliette still in college here at Rockhurst.

A nice letter came from Brett (Higbie) ('99) and Steve (MBA '03) Schultz. Brett is in her last year at KCUMB and will get her DO and MBA in Health Care Leadership in May. The DO is from KCUMB and the MBA is from Rockhurst. (This is a cooperative program between Rockhurst and KCUMB.) They have been doing traveling to Colorado, Florida Keys, and they plan to go on a medical mission (DOCARE) to back woods Guatemala in February. In fact she is asking for some financial help if anyone would wish to help.

I got a nice note from Chris Rooney ('87). He and Lucia have a young son and a daughter. Chris is a dentist, specializing in implant surgery here in Overland Park. He got his DDS from UMKC.

I got a brief note from Mike ('82) and Julia (Gray) ('84) Kressig. They are in St. Louis with their three boys. Their email addresses are below.

December 31, 2004

Dan ('70) and Jeanne Strobe are in Bartlesville, OK. Dan has been with Conoco-Philips for many years. Currently he is in the Technology Solutions Licensing Division. And in between times manages to get in some hunting and fishing. Their three offspring have left Bartlesville for Dallas and Oklahoma City.

A note came from Tom ('69) and Anne Hutton in Jefferson City, MO. Tom has been with the Mo. Conservation Dept. for a good many years, and has now transferred to the USDA as a Wildlife Biologist. Anne continues to teach school. Their two girls are well on their way to their careers, PA and PT.

Jen Doll ('90) is doing research at Northwestern U. Med School. She got her PhD from Washington U. St. Louis in some sort of genetics.

Buck Haney ('92) has gotten his PhD from Missouri U and UMKC and is working at Eagle Picher in methods development and validation, etc. Lisa is now with MRI doing mass spectrometry (also PhD in chemistry from MU Columbia). They have two little ones, 4 and 1.

Steve ('61) and Mary Ziller are in Cincinnati, OH, as they have been since Steve went to work for P & G after he got his PhD in biochemistry from St. Louis U. Their children are all grown, and there are some eight grandchildren in various places around the country. He is now retired and they are doing some traveling, including a hiking and boating trip to the inner passage of Alaska last summer.

Richard ('97) and Belinda Heck and their two little girls are now settling into their new home in North Little Rock, AR. And Rick is settling into his family medicine practice. He finished his residency in Fort Smith last summer. He got his MD from the University of Tennessee in Memphis.


Dick ('60) and Daffy Shaw are both now retired, and seem to be keeping busy doing all kinds of things, including baby-sitting some eight grandkids. From all of this, they had to take seven vacations this year!

Son Rich ('88 & MBA '92) and Susan Shaw have two children of their own and have now adopted a 2 year-old boy from Kazakhstan. John ('90) and Shannon Shaw both also have several youngsters.

I got a letter today from Matt Gratton ('75). Matt has gotten orders to appear (Jan. 2) for the Navy to go to Iraq in February. One of the things we can do might be to keep in touch via email, his address is mgratton26@aol.com. He suggests that he might be the oldest battalion surgeon in the Navy. He and Joanne have two boys: high school senior, college senior, and one girl, a graduate student.

I got a note from Matt's big brother, Kevin ('63). He and Mary K are in Olathe, KS. He continues to teach chemistry at Johnson County Community College as he has done for many years. He got his PhD from KU.

And while I think of it, I got a note the other day from Keri Schumacher. Her husband, Bryan ('88) is a younger division surgeon in the Navy who is already in Iraq. His email address is schumacherbp@1mardivdm.usmc.mil. (that is a number one after the @ sign). He serves over 20,000 Marines, sailors and Army soldiers in his division. They have twin girls, age 4. Keri lives in San Diego.



Jim Casey ('62) has now officially retired from Chem. Abstracts and is working part time, just a few hours a week, and doing some sight seeing, including eastern Europe. Both Jim and Judy got their PhDs at Rolla.

This next is not from a real alum, but maybe so, Reva Servoss. Reva and Bill seem to be doing very well in Salt Lake City, UT. She is not teaching regular classes, but is working with Horizonte, where teenagers and adults prepare to take their GED or high school diploma. The help is mostly in mathematics.

Fred ('90) and Angela (Carrier) ('91) Wallisch have moved to Evansville, IN. He is teaching at a family practice residency program full time. He still has a small practice, but he is enjoying the teaching. He has a new email address, see below.

Tom ('84) and Lora (Bias) ('85) Folz are both in practice in Jefferson City, MO. They both got their MDs from Oklahoma U. They have 3 boys and a girl, from 7th grade down to age 3.

Lisa (Meyer) ('91) Connor and Mike are raising three boys, ages 5 and down. Lisa keeps busy as a "stay at home" mom.

Tom ('65) and Kathy Barket are back in Kansas City. Tom is teaching at Johnson County Community College, and Kathy is a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. Their three girls are in graduate school in various distant parts of the country. Tom got his PhD from Duke, hence his email address below.

John ('76) and Debbie Kuhnlein, and their two (senior in high school daughter and 7th grade son) live in Omaha. John is the physician-in-charge for Tyson (formerly Iowa Beef) in Omaha. He also has a practice in Des Moines. He got his DO at KCUMB.

Sara (Wisch) Engelmeyer ('01) and husband David (MPT, '01) are in Rochester, MN. Sara is doing her residency at Mayo Clinic. She got her MD at St. Louis U. last summer.

Farther north in Minnesota, Twin Cities, are Rich ('76) and Barb (Weilert) (CS, '77) Kramer and their three young ones, two in college and one in junior high.

Laura (Rowland) Moore and Sean have moved to San Antonio with their 2-year-old daughter. Laurie is well into her fellowship in pediatric asthma, allergy, and immunology. She got her MD at Creighton and has been in the Air Force since. Sean is an Air Force pediatric nurse.

Tim ('95) and Jean Schmitt and their two boys are back in Omaha after his 5 years of surgery residency at Mayo in Jacksonville, FL. He is now doing a transplant (liver, kidney,

and small bowel) fellowship at the U. of Nebraska Medical Center.

Jim ('84) and Janet Gorman and three girls are in Fayetteville, AR. Jim is in family practice there, as well as teaching some at the University.

Ken ('68) and Paula Bechtold are in Springfield, MO, as they have been for a good many years. Ken is an electrical engineer for Custom Metal Craft, but he manages to get in some fishing in the Ozarks nearby. Their three children are all out of the house and around the country.

Jim and Sue (Lloyd) Long (both '74) are still living in North Carolina (Research Triangle area). In spite of this, Jim's job with Johnson and Johnson Advanced Sterilization Products takes him on a variety of travels around the US and Europe, especially Ireland, some of which Sue has gone along.

Anne (Miller) Van Garsse ('95) and husband Jason are in Lawrence, KS, where she is practicing pediatrics and raising a 2-year old daughter.

A note from Jerry ('64) and Cathy Muehlberger tells me that they are now settling into San Antonio TX, and are even thinking of building a house. I wonder how valid this is for folks who have been moving every year or two. Their three children are in DC, California and Japan.

January 15, 2005

I guess I should add a few more messages, now that the new year is here. I got one from Sarah Hund the other day. She is doing fine in her PhD program in biochemistry at Loyola medical school in Chicago. She figures she still has a couple of years to go.

And then I got a letter from the McCarville clan – Pat ('84) and Pam in Valley, NE, near Omaha. Pat is in family practice there. They lost a little girl a couple of years ago to cancer, but they got a new daughter last summer to go with their older boy and girl.

And a short note came from Bill Fahey ('67) from Korea where he was on business (Petrolite). He and Maureen have two daughters. They live in St. Louis.

And then I got a short email from Jason Gordon ('00). Jason says he should finish up his PhD in Biomedical Engineering sometime around the fall of this year, 2005. He is working at Notre Dame U. His email address is below. He says the white stuff just seems to keep coming down all winter long.

January 18, 2005

Yesterday I got a couple of emails from Rodney Yarnal ('94). He is currently in Haiti doing medical work among the poor in what seems to be "backwoods" country. He has been there for a couple of weeks and expects to be there about 8 weeks more. From his descriptions of what he is doing, it is obvious that these folks can use all the medical help they can get. He is currently in his last year at U. Missouri—Columbia Medical school. He plans to get married in April. His fiancée is with him now in Haiti. She is teaching youngsters English. They will then return to Columbia, MO, and he will finish med school. His email address is below.

January 20, 2005

This afternoon, Jim O'Bryan ('69) wandered in for a few minutes. His oldest daughter is coming here to get her BSN in the accelerated nursing program – with a BS in something like biology, a person can get the BSN in just a little over a year.

January 21, 2005

Matt Francoeur ('04) stopped in between his classes at Cleveland Chiropractic. He wanted to give me his new email address which is below.

January 23, 2005

I got a nice email from Brian McMaster ('95) this morning. He and wife, Meghan, have a new daughter as of last fall. Brian is practicing law in Clayton, MO, representing creditors in bankruptcy types of proceedings. His current email address is below.

And this evening, Dave Thoennes' ('64) Christmas letter came via email, complete with pictures. He seems to be all over his cancer, and Paula is all over her illnesses of a year or so ago. All of which give us all much to be thankful for, and looking toward a happy new year.

January 30, 2005

Yesterday we had the Science Knowledge Bowl competition for high schools. We had about 85 teams, which was around 50 different schools from around KC. One of the teams that I saw was from Rockhurst High, with Ron Geldhof ('69) as the coach of the 5-man team. This has become quite a major event around here as you can tell. It is co-sponsored by the US Department of Energy and Honeywell as well as Rockhurst U.

Jim O'Bryan also showed up to see how his son, a Rockhurst High student would do. Actually, a number of parents show up to support their sons and daughters.

Also at this affair were a couple of regulars from out of town, that is, St. Louis., Mark Costaldi and Robbie Fennwald (both

'88). Robbie is working at a job, between St. Louis and New York. Mark is working on his MD/PhD at St. Louis U. Medical School. They serve as moderators of individual sessions. This morning I got an email from Patrick Mark Adams ('88) He had submitted an abstract for the annual congress in Honolulu in March for the meeting of the International Anesthesia Research Society. His abstract is one of the 8 best out of more than 400 submitted. Mark is on the faculty of Creighton Medical School, which is where he got his MD. His email address is below.

Thus far, the e-mail addresses (below) are not included on the web. Several folks have asked that their e-mail not be listed on the web; others have asked that theirs be listed. So unless I get a huge request otherwise, the email addresses will only occur in 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.

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 send it by regular mail, or by email. My email address is 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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