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Victory Lap

When St. Louis Cardinals President Mark Lamping, ’80, visited the Rockhurst campus in January, he promised to send the 2006 World Series trophy for its own visit. In February, Cardinals fans lined up to have their picture taken with the icon. (From left) Junior Michael Seagrass, senior Matt Wengert, junior Jon Rambaud, junior Andy Halaz
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Rockhurst Enrolls Second Largest Freshman Class in University History

Not since 1983 has Rockhurst University enrolled more freshmen. The current freshman class numbers 396, just short of the 407 freshmen who enrolled here 23 years ago.

“This is our fourth straight year of enrollment growth,” said Lane Ramey, director of freshman admission. “This means more financial stability for the institution, and there’s more activities for students and more going on. It makes this place more vibrant.”

In fact, the size of the freshman class has grown a tremendous 85 percent since five years ago when only 214 freshmen enrolled. The class grew to 244 in 2003, then 306 in 2004 and 370 in 2005. The current group is so large that it pushed campus housing to 94 percent capacity. Plus, today’s freshmen have the added distinction of graduating in Rockhurst’s centennial celebration year, 2010.

Ramey and the rest of the admission team are looking forward to another successful recruiting cycle in 2007-08 as the numbers for the next freshman class appear promising.

Nursing continues to be Rockhurst’s most popular major, followed by health sciences, natural sciences and business.

Letters to the editor

Father Tom

Congratulations on your wonderful piece about Father Tom Curran in the spring 2006 Rockhurst magazine. You really caught the spirit of the man and did a wonderful article on this outstanding priest and educator. The graphics too were beautiful and added much to the piece.

We were extremely fortunate to have Father here at Regis for several years. He fit right in with everything and, as the early Jesuit hagiographers used to say about their subjects, “won all hearts.” Well, our loss is your gain, Rockhurst.

Rockhurst is very blessed to get Tom as president and you will find him a joy to work with.

An early alert — prepare to enjoy that terrific sense of humor.

The Rev. John Teeling, S.J.

Just wanted to let you know how very much I enjoyed your wonderful article in Rockhurst magazine about Father Tom Curran. You really captured him in your delightful article. Isn’t he a treasure?

About 10 years ago when visiting the Jesuit community at Regis University, I met Tom and immediately felt like I had known him for years. He is so down to earth and friendly and his sense of humor is fantastic. Unfortunately I did not have too many opportunities to see him but he surely made a great impression on me. I know he is missed at Regis.

Rockhurst is very blessed to have him and I know you will really enjoy working with him.

Carol Malone

The class of 2010 shares the added distinction of graduating in Rockhurst’s centennial celebration year. Lining up for a group photo was among the students’ first college assignments.
Most business students gain hands-on experience through internships or part-time jobs. One Rockhurst student is learning about the business world through a fashion design company she co-founded with her mother and her brother.

Junior Heather Ford and her brother Logan Milan Millican work on the design side of the clothing line, and their mother primarily runs the business. “But we make decisions as a group,” says Ford, a business administration major. She hopes to be more involved in running the business after completing Rockhurst’s Fifth-Year MBA program. For now, she is learning how to face the challenges of running a company that’s headquartered in southern California while away at school.

“It’s really hard to balance everything now, but I know that’s how it will be in the future,” she says. “I’m learning time management skills, how to prioritize and how to be organized.”

Ford became interested in fashion early in her life and always enjoyed shopping with her family, especially her brother. Millican, an avid tennis player, did not want the same performance gear as everyone else — he wanted to wear something with more style. Through her work as a research chemist, their mother, Sandra Millican, knew how high-tech fabrics allow the clothing to dry quickly and resist wrinkles and odors.

The family combined a love for fashion with performance fabric, and in 2004, the Logan Milan Clothing Company was born.

“It is performance wear with a fashion element,” says Ford. “We like to call it intelligent clothing because you can wear it to more than one activity.”

Logan Milan’s t-shirt line is available online at www.loganmilan.com. Ford wants to expand the product line to include jeans, skirts and halter-tops and ultimately to have it available in retail stores after the line is established.
Entering Another Person’s Chaos

A student volunteer finds meaning in the rubble left behind from Hurricane Katrina.

Reflection by senior Natalie Kurowski

Chaos. It’s a word that describes New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. It’s also what I encountered in January 2007 — a year and a half later — when I took part in a Rockhurst service trip to help with the recovery effort. The news stations have forgotten, but chaos remains a way of life for many hurricane victims.

In August 2005, Katrina ravaged many areas of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans in particular, where it killed nearly 1,500 people and forced thousands to relocate. Now, even after so much time, residents are still struggling to mend their societies, neighborhoods and families. In a city where 455 million people lived, only about 200 million remain. Many are still having problems obtaining disaster relief money and insurance claims. Rents are double and social services remain in short supply.

On our trip, we witnessed first-hand the heartbreaking reality of post-Katrina. We worked for four days gutting damaged houses that were slated to be rebuilt. I learned this involved removing all the furniture, appliances, personal belongings, carpet, flooring, dry wall — all of which was covered with mold or layers of mud.

One of the full-time volunteers we met told us true mercy is one person’s willingness to enter into another person’s chaos. The houses we gutted were in complete chaos. I imagined my home, my belongings and my memories. These families were real people just like me.

I did not truly grasp the reality of their pain and suffering until I saw the devastation of the houses and the grief each homeowner was experiencing.

Although volunteers like us are helping New Orleanians rebuild their homes and their lives, so far the recovery has occurred at a tortuously slow pace. It has dwindled from headline news. This trip reminded me of the importance of showing compassion, concern and especially mercy to those who have been overcome by such hardships.

In January, I entered into the chaos of their lives and was forever changed. New Orleans and its people will always have a special place in my heart.

Grant Funds Research Ethics Training

Should a mentally disabled person be allowed to consent to participate in a research study? How should faculty balance student researchers’ learning needs and the expectations of the study’s funding organization? These are some of the ethical dilemmas that arise in university research projects.

Rockhurst faculty and graduate students will have a better understanding of how to handle situations such as these when the University implements a new Responsible Conduct for Research program next year. It’s the result of a $15,000 grant from the Council of Graduate Schools with funding from the National Science Foundation. Rockhurst received one of only eight grants awarded nationwide.

According to Robin Bowen, Ed.D., dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Rockhurst will collaborate with Bradley University in establishing a program to educate faculty and students on conducting research in an ethical manner. The two partnering universities are the first master’s level institutions to receive the grant.

The program will provide training to those in occupational therapy, physical therapy, education and communication sciences and disorders.
A glance at the daily headlines shows the contemporary business environment is more competitive than ever, often requiring executives to produce better results with fewer resources.

With this in mind, Rockhurst’s Helzberg School of Management has retooled its Executive Fellows MBA to better prepare corporate leaders for professional and personal success. One of the program’s most significant changes is its focus on guiding the executive through an inventory of strengths and weaknesses and using the results to create a personalized plan for development.

“What sets the Rockhurst executive MBA program apart is the emphasis on the individual through personal executive development,” said James Daley, Ph.D., dean of the Helzberg School. “A CEO who possesses the self-confidence that comes from a thorough self-assessment coupled with objective feedback is a more effective CEO.”

To facilitate this process, Executive Fellows will be matched with a more experienced mentor who can provide advice and serve as a sounding board.

The format for the executive MBA program also has changed. Beginning this fall, classes will be held every other Saturday. A three-day executive orientation begins the program in August, and subsequent fall and spring semesters end with a two-day wrap-up session. The program can be completed in 21 months.

Rockhurst University established Kansas City’s first executive MBA program in 1978. It was one of the first 20 programs in the nation. Today, the program boasts more than 750 alumni who serve as corporate leaders in many of Kansas City’s most prominent organizations.

Applications for fall admission to the next Executive Fellows class are now being accepted. For more information, visit www.rockhurst.edu/emba or call (816) 501-4731.

Professor Blends Religion and Politics

Many people avoid discussing religion and politics. But Brendan Sweetman, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, will tell you it’s not only advisable, but it is necessary for a healthy democratic society.


The idea for the book grew out of Sweetman’s observation that the common belief in the United States is people should keep their religion out of politics. Sweetman asks why religious worldviews should not have a place in public discourse, and if not, what worldviews would take their place?

“I have argued that modern democratic politics needs religious belief, not just because this is required by a truly democratic and free society, but also because religious belief can profoundly enrich public discussion,” Sweetman writes.

People sometimes confuse constitutional questions about politics and religion with moral questions, Sweetman said. This book encourages open discussion on the moral issues.

“Politics needs religion if it is to be truly democratic, concerned with fairness among worldviews, equality and a vigorous public discussion,” Sweetman says.

Sweetman, a native of Dublin, Ireland, has been a member of the Rockhurst faculty since 1992. He is president of the Gabriel Marcel Society and founding member of the Kansas City Religion and Science Dialogue Project.

Curran Steps Into the Classroom

Who better to teach a class on leadership than Fr. C? That’s what students like senior Chris Park might say about having Rockhurst President the Rev. Thomas Curran, O.S.F.S., lead their class.

"Fr. Curran teaching a class on leadership is very appropriate," said Park.

With degrees in theology, politics, public policy and government, law and business, Fr. Curran likely would be comfortable teaching a variety of subjects.

But when Daniel Martin, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of the honors program, approached him about teaching a class this spring, Martin suggested the president’s insights would be most valuable in an interdisciplinary course.

The two decided to team-teach a new honors course called Leaders in History, Culture and Literature, which uses a liberal arts approach to explore various leadership models — from religion, government, business, civic life and family — and leadership from diverse and global points of view.

Students describe his teaching style as relaxed and entertaining. “He’s very open to everything you have to say,” said sophomore Anna Toms.

Fr. Curran’s presence in the classroom strikes at least one student as a tangible sign of the University’s mission.

“It’s very important that Rockhurst maintains the learning, leadership and service in the Jesuit tradition, and this class is a great example of Rockhurst upholding its credo,” said Park.

Rockhurst Leads Effort to Improve Teaching and Learning

They say only a fraction of what you learn in a classroom is retained throughout your life. Fortunately, college isn’t strictly about the specifics — remembering how to balance a chemical equation or conjugating French verbs. It’s about learning how to think and how to learn.

Fortunately for Rockhurst students, the University is at the leading edge of a nationwide initiative in higher education called the scholarship of teaching and learning, which seeks to better understand how students learn material in meaningful and enduring ways.

In September 2006, the prestigious Carnegie Foundation again selected Rockhurst as one of 12 colleges and universities nationwide to lead an effort to improve teaching in higher education. Rockhurst first took a leadership role with Carnegie in 2003.

Rockhurst’s selection means the University will coordinate research efforts among five other participating institutions in partnership with the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL).

“It’s one thing to do things well,” said Anita Salem, professor of mathematics and Carnegie Scholar. “It’s another to see our work judged as worthy enough to share with other institutions. We’re not only improving learning on this campus, but as men and women for others, we’re now reaching out to other institutions.”

In the early 1990s, Rockhurst began moving toward a model of teaching that is more student centered. In 1998, it joined the national movement by joining CASTL. As a result of Rockhurst’s continued commitment, two faculty members have been named Carnegie Scholars — among only 140 nationwide — and the University was selected to host an annual summer institute. By using the same scholarly approach to teaching that professors use in research within their discipline, Rockhurst faculty hope to share the knowledge they gain about teaching and learning and allow others to build upon it.

So while Rockhurst faculty members may not be able to help their students retain every French verb they learn today, they’re helping develop better lifelong learners.
There’s no need for a crystal ball to imagine the future of Rockhurst University. In September, a five-year strategic plan will detail where the University will go, how it will get there, and how its success will be measured.

Phase four of the strategic planning process is under way, and more than 170 alumni, faculty, staff, students, regents and trustees are meeting regularly as part of 15 planning work groups. The groups are charged with developing action plans to support 20 strategic directions developed as a result of last fall’s town meeting process — a three-month initiative that included more than 500 participants.

The planning work groups are addressing such important issues as strengthening Rockhurst’s Jesuit identity, enhancing the student experience in terms of leadership formation, setting long-term enrollment goals, and ensuring that our facilities support the learning and living needs of our students.

Groups will meet through the end of April and will, through systematic in-progress reviews, find ways to collaborate and enrich each other’s work.

The University Planning and Budget Committee will take the results from the groups and write the first draft of the Rockhurst University 2007-12 Strategic Plan, which will be presented to the board of trustees in June.

Rockhurst will implement the plan in the fall using the first in a series of planning, budgeting and accountability cycles.

“Planning that isn’t linked to resource allocation isn’t effective,” said Bill Bassett, director of the Office of University Planning and Assessment. “We’re bringing planning and resource allocation together.”

Sophomore Represents Missouri in Miss Black U.S.A. Pageant

Most college students are concerned about finals and summer jobs as the end of the semester nears. But Rockhurst sophomore Erikka Dunn is focused on juggling her studies with her responsibilities as Miss Black Missouri U.S.A.

In late May she will travel to the Republic of Gambia, Africa, to participate in the Miss Black U.S.A. pageant. As in other pageants, the contestants will be judged on their academic strengths, talent and community involvement. Dunn and the other contestants will model workout clothing instead of swimsuits, a practice that aligns with the pageant’s focus on health.

Dunn appreciates that emphasis on healthy body imagery, and she agrees that today’s society puts too much pressure on women to conform to the stick-thin ideal.

“As a young woman, regardless of color, society teaches us to concentrate on our weight.

Dunn is a recognized singer and performer in Kansas City. Her favorite music genre is gospel, and she leads a young adult choir at the New Day Apostolic Church. Not only is she interested in the performing arts, but also in combating illiteracy, specifically in African-American youth. She’s even launched her own literacy initiative called Campaign READ.

Dunn hopes her experience with the Miss Black U.S.A. pageant will allow her to bring all her talents together and help her reach her goals. After she graduates with a degree in communication and a minor in business, she plans to launch an arts literacy nonprofit, continue her singing career and perhaps work in television or radio news.

Should she be crowned Miss Black U.S.A., Dunn will continue her education at Rockhurst along with the required appearances.

Sophomore Erikka Dunn carries a full load of classes and lots of potential.

Circle Widens as Strategic Planning Process Continues
On top of their game

Denny Thum, '74, and Mark Lamping, '80, share a friendly cross-state rivalry and a thorough understanding of how competition on the field affects the bottom line. They are power players in the business of professional sports, and they are on top of their game.

Denny Thum, '74
Denny Thum, ’74
Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer,
Kansas City Chiefs

I remember calling my father
and saying what do you think,
Ford or the Chiefs? He said take
what you think would be more
interesting and more fun. You’re
young — you’ll probably have
four or five jobs, so take the expe-
rience. I’ve been here 32 years
and it has been a great experience.
He was right that this would be a
great opportunity but wrong that
I’d have four or five jobs.

Rockhurst: What are your
responsibilities?
Thum: My basic responsibilities
are running the football opera-
tions, which include coaching,
player personnel, video, equipment,
doctors, the football schedule,
team travel, training camp and
more. The biggest responsibility
I have is dealing with player
contracts and monitoring the
salary cap.

Rockhurst: What are player
negotiations like?
Thum: Everyone thinks they’re a
Jerry MaGuire. The agent has an
agenda; the player has an agenda;
the club has an agenda. You have
to mix all that together and find
a solution.

Rockhurst: What does it feel like
to come to work at Arrowhead
every day?
Thum: It’s a thrill every single day.
It’s probably not as luxurious as
people might think, but it’s quite
a thrill to be here.

Rockhurst: How did you get into
this line of work?
Thum: By accident. I was an
accounting major and working
in the co-op program as a cost
accountant for Ford Motor Co.
in St. Louis. I had accepted a job
there when Tony Tocco (professor
of accounting at Rockhurst) told
me the Chiefs were looking for
an entry-level accountant, and
I was fortunate enough to be
offered the job.

Rockhurst: What did you do for
fun as a student?
Thum: We played cards at night.
And because hockey was just
starting to get big, we started
playing hockey with sticks and
a plastic ball and tennis shoes in
the basement of X-L.

Rockhurst: What do you consider
your proudest accomplishment?
Thum: I think working for owner
and founder Lamar Hunt, who
just passed away. He’s probably
the last of the true great sportsmen,
because he was interested
in the game and the league more
than about his individual team.
And that Lamar and Carl Peterson
have the confidence in what I do
that I’ve been here for 32 years,
when NFL usually stands for not
for long.

If there’s one shortcoming in my
career, it’s not being able to win a
championship and get a ring and
not having the opportunity to give
that to Lamar Hunt. Mark Lamping
now is one championship ring up
on me, so we have our work cut
out for us.
Mark Lamping, ’80
President, St. Louis Cardinals

Rockhurst: What is it like to be the president of the world champion Cardinals organization?

Lamping: To have the chance to be president of the club you grew up cheering for is really something special. Having said that, it is a job. It’s not volunteer work. The challenges I face are not dissimilar to the challenges that other people face. We depend on the quality of our employees. It’s an exciting work environment because we have 40,000 guests come to our office 81 times a year. There are downsides as well. When I was a fan and a game was rained out, I didn’t think much of it. Now when we have a rainout, I know what that costs us.

Rockhurst: You were instrumental in securing the new Busch Stadium. What challenges did you face?

Lamping: There aren’t many things more controversial in the community than the construction of sports facilities. Our fans really enjoyed the old ballpark but we felt there were some severe limitations. So we made the decision to pursue a new ballpark. It’s something we had to do to continue to grow and have a very stable franchise for generations to come.

Rockhurst: 2006 was a big year. Tell us about the championship.

Lamping: It was awesome. 2006 took a lot of pressure off a lot of people because we weren’t the favorites. For the first time in a couple of years, we were the underdog, and it made it so much more enjoyable. I really spent time just enjoying the atmosphere, really soaking everything in.

Rockhurst: It must have felt good to celebrate.

Lamping: During the games in Detroit and in St. Louis, the weather was terrible. Not good baseball weather at all. Sunday, the day of the parade, was 72 degrees, a spectacular day. To ride in that parade with my family and be surrounded by an estimated half million fans was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We were also invited to the White House to visit with the president.

Rockhurst: What do you value most about your experience?

Lamping: There are a lot of things small schools can’t offer. There are also a lot of things that only small schools can offer. You certainly had the sense that the University and your teachers not only cared about your development as a student but your development as an individual.

RU Introduces
Sports Science Major

Students planning to follow a career path similar to that of Denny Thum and Mark Lamping may be interested in Rockhurst’s new major in sports science set to launch this fall. Two tracks will be offered. The sports administration track features a 100-hour practicum in a sports administration setting and prepares students to enter the fields of sports marketing or management. Those who complete this track are then eligible to enter Rockhurst’s Fifth-Year MBA program for further career preparation.

The health and wellness track includes a practicum in a health or fitness facility and prepares students to pursue careers such as personal training, rehabilitation, physical therapy or occupational therapy.

For more information, visit www.rockhurst.edu/sportsscience.
Mark Lamping, ’80
Your partner may have cheated on you. Are you angry or are you jealous? Research conducted by senior psychology major Lynne Clure shows you’re more likely be jealous if the incident is in your imagination and angry if you know it actually happened.

For “Differences and Appraisal: Anger Versus Jealousy in Close Relationships,” Clure created a survey that asked students to recall and describe an incident that involved anger or jealousy in a personal relationship. They were then asked to provide ratings on 10 dimensions, including self-blame, blame of others and threat.

Clure is conducting a content analysis of the stories, and her preliminary findings already have garnered her a Regional Award from the Midwestern Psychological Association, which she will receive at the association’s annual conference in May.

In addition to presenting her original research at the conference, she is co-author of a paper and poster she’ll present with Katherine Nicolai, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, on strategies students use to avoid speeding tickets. (Hint: the most effective is to be polite.)

In fact, Clure’s research resume is quite extensive for an undergraduate. At last year’s Psychonomic Society meeting in Houston, she presented research with William Sturgill, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, on the process of working memory.

All of this experience has attracted the attention of graduate school faculty. Clure has completed three interviews for Ph.D. programs in school psychology and they’ve told her that her research experience sets her apart from other applicants. She hopes eventually to work in an academic setting where she can continue conducting research and also work with clients while specializing in children and domestic violence.

There’s obviously no reason for Clure to feel jealous, which is good, because she says researchers all seem to have a hard time defining exactly what it is.

“Jealousy is an emotion in and of itself. It’s almost inexplicable and it happens only in the context of close relationships. It’s very complex.”
Fear makes us safe. It makes us lock our doors and watch after our children. Joel Watson, Ph.D., assistant professor of marketing, wants to know what else fear makes us do. According to his research on fear-related consumption, the answer is more than you would expect.

“Fear is one of the leading ways people try to sell us things, whether we’re talking about an idea or a product.”

We’ve all heard of fear appeals in advertising, but fear also has a lot to do with how and why we consume news, politics and even lifestyles, he says.

Watson collected data by asking students in his consumer behavior classes to create collages using images of fear from any source. What he got back was a vast array of beautiful people and expensive products. When he and fellow researcher Mary Helou, ’05 MBA, dug deeper, they found a wealth of products and lifestyles that serve to protect us against our fears.

Images included the fancy cars, expensive watches, sophisticated clothing and high-status brands you might expect. What they didn’t expect were all the images of families and babies or the persistent images of the young, athletic, outdoorsy male — whether he portrayed a successful businessman, athlete or family figure.

Watson explains their findings using a masculinity continuum. On one end is a rebel, someone who has the freedom to engage in social competition. On the other end is the breadwinner, who responsibly provides for his family. Watson argues that no matter where a man fits into this picture, often he is conflicted about where he should fit in. And that’s where consumption comes in. It serves as a way to hide these conflicted feelings from the outside world.

“We don’t realize how much our consumer behaviors are dictated by our fears,” said Watson.

Although certain fears serve a useful purpose such as keeping us safe, others may be at the heart of why our society is so quick to consume.
Coffee Chemistry

Earth, pepper, toast, butter, cedar, smoke. Not exactly what you want to taste in your coffee, right?

Actually, coffee roasters know that in small quantities, aromas such as these combine to create the distinct character of a coffee. Folks in the business spend a lot of time studying these subtleties.

That’s why Emily Bendlin, a junior biochemistry major, is partnering with a local coffee company to research the chemical makeup of coffee beans from around the world.

Although she’s a coffee lover, Bendlin doesn’t have the nose for differentiating the 30-plus distinct aromas found in coffee — everything from apricot to maple syrup to pipe tobacco.

“I smell every bean, and to me they all smell exactly the same.”

So she uses a machine called a gas chromatography mass spectrometer to measure the chemical combinations of each aroma and to tell which and how many are present in a bean from a given region.

And that’s where Anthony Paris, ’97, co-owner of Paris Brothers Inc., comes in. He supplies Bendlin with beans from coffee capitals such as Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Kenya and Ethiopia. Paris is interested in exploring how adjustments in the roasting times of each type of bean will influence the aroma and taste of his coffee.

“There’s a very complex, artistic side to coffee that you’d never expect,” said James Chapman, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, who is supervising Bendlin’s research.

It’s so complex, in fact, that several others have expressed interest in her research. When Bendlin presented her preliminary findings to the American Chemical Society in November, three faculty members from around the United States asked about using her research as a basis for teaching their students how to use chemical analysis equipment. She was surprised by all the attention. After all, she chose the project because of her own appreciation for coffee.

“A lot of projects are interesting only for people who know about chemistry,” said Bendlin. “But everyone can relate to coffee. And free coffee is a big perk.”
Competition Brewing

If you can’t think of a link between beer and health care, you probably haven’t taken the Business in the Global Environment class taught by Martin Stack, Ph.D., associate professor of management.

Both are examples of products and services formerly targeted toward local markets that now are expanding their reach internationally. Stack’s recent trip to India and Singapore allowed him to continue work in two research areas that have captured his interest: the rapidly growing practice of medical value travel and the expansion of large breweries into foreign markets.

What began as a way for Americans with extra cash and a desire for cosmetic surgery to travel to exotic locales is mushrooming into a strategy that could have far-reaching implications for the U.S. health-care system, according to Stack.

Hospitals in India, Singapore and Thailand are marketing directly to U.S. citizens, who can obtain kidney transplants, angioplasty, knee and hip replacements and numerous other procedures at a fraction of the cost they would pay in the United States. The organization that accredits U.S. hospitals is applying the same accrediting principles to foreign hospitals, which helps allay any concerns about quality.

In addition to studying the globalization of health care, Stack’s students this semester will learn about strategies breweries use to try to increase their brand share in foreign markets.

It soon could be Miller time in India, for example, because SAB Miller recently acquired the country’s second-largest brewery and plans to market its main brands along with the domestic brands it will retain.

Stack’s beer research originated with his doctoral dissertation at Notre Dame, where his adviser counseled him to pick a topic he wouldn’t get tired of. Not only has he remained interested, he’s found a practical advantage as well.

“Every time I visit a brewery, it’s tax deductible because it’s part of my research,” Stack joked. “How much better can you get than that?”

Martin Stack, Ph.D., associate professor of management
More than 20 clergy joined Fr. Curran at the inaugural liturgy in St. Francis Xavier Church.
Everyone noticed when the sun came out on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 27, 2006. After the blustery start to a day that came on the heels of a downpour, sunlight streamed through the blue stained glass of St. Francis Xavier Church and it felt like the answer to a prayer.

The congregation was gathered for the liturgy to mark the inauguration of the Rev. Thomas B. Curran, O.S.F.S., as the 14th president of Rockhurst University. As Fr. Curran celebrated Mass, he was joined on the altar by more than 20 clergy from the Society of Jesus, the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and two dioceses. The Very Rev. Timothy McMahon, S.J., provincial of the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus and former pastor of St. Francis Xavier, gave the homily.

An installation ceremony, held in Mason-Halpin Fieldhouse, followed the Mass. Students carrying standards bearing the seals and colors of the 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities led the academic procession, which included delegates from nearly 50 institutions of higher learning.

Among the honored guests were the Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann, archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas (left) and the Most Rev. Robert W. Finn, bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

"Upon this rock,
we will build up this university,
Rockhurst University,
and in so doing
build up the kingdom of God."

The Rev. Thomas B. Curran, O.S.F.S. 14th President of Rockhurst University
James Dawson, ’90 MBA, chairman of the Rockhurst University Regents, served as master of ceremonies, and faculty, staff, students, the community and Kansas City Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Brooks gave greetings. Thomas A. McCullough, ’64, chairman of the Rockhurst University Board of Trustees, formally invested Fr. Curran, presenting him with the presidential medallion that signifies his office.

While the event was characterized by all the requisite pomp, circumstance and dignity, Fr. Curran found several occasions to lighten the mood with his distinctive sense of humor. During his opening remarks, he referred to the medallion as “bling” and at the close of the speech, he donned a pair of sunglasses and challenged the audience with “Let’s do it!”

Fr. Curran balanced serious remarks about his commitment to the University with a few lighthearted comments and a pair of sunglasses.

On hand for the inauguration were the Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., 10th president of Rockhurst University (left), and the Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

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As The Firefly Passes Through Flame

after Saint Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, 1609

by Patricia Cleary Miller

To study is a good way to learn; to hear is a still better way; but to teach is the best of all.

—Erasmus

The office of teaching serves as a foundation for learning.

—St. Augustine

As the firefly passes through the flames and does not singe its wings; as the pearl oyster flourishes in the fresh spring in the midst of the salt sea, so you, oh Philothea, my child in love with God, may live devoutly in towns, in families, at court, in the mechanic’s shop, and on the battlefield.

The florist arranges bouquets in vast variety; with His many voices, the Spirit inspires His children, loves His wild array of blooms — His mechanics and teachers and soldiers.

Every colored jewel shines brighter when coated in honey, as your life, Philothea, gains lustre through Devotion.

In study, hearing, teaching, you may shine through honey, fly through flames, find fresh water in the sea.

**Author’s Statement**

All of the images in this poem are drawn from St. Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, 1609. St. Francis addresses much of the book to the fictitious Philothea, whose name means “in love with God.” The images of the firefly, the freshwater fish, the bouquet-maker, St. Francis takes from Pliny, *Historia Naturalis*. The image of the precious stone coated with honey is Saint Francis’. The four stanzas correspond to sections of a homily: first, the examples from nature, illustrating the ways the soul may live in the world yet escape its dangers; second, the direct comparison of the Holy Spirit to the florist who creates varied arrangements from his flowers, and revels in the variety; third, the lesson that Devotion, or Living the Devout Life, enhances the beauty of all professions; and fourth, that the soul living devoutly in harmony with God can accomplish the impossible — fly unharmed through fire.

Patricia Cleary Miller, Ph.D., is professor of English and poet laureate of the Harvard Alumni Association.

The special worship environment in St. Francis Xavier Church was created by sophomore Andy Julo.
For the past 11 years, the Rockhurst men’s tennis program has enjoyed tremendous success with help from abroad. Seven players from New Zealand have played for the Hawks, who have qualified for six consecutive NCAA Division II Men’s Championships.

“Back in 1996, a local tennis pro told me about a player in New Zealand,” said Kendall Hale, who has coached the Rockhurst men’s and women’s teams since 1996. “I contacted the player about coming to Rockhurst. He enjoyed the experience and went back home and spread the word to other players and coaches about Rockhurst.”

Rockhurst’s top two players on this year’s team are both from Auckland, New Zealand. Peter Grimsey, a senior, is the Hawks’ No. 1 player. Paul Ravkin, a junior, plays right behind Grimsey at No. 2.

In the fall of 2005, Grimsey became the first Rockhurst player to win a regional ITA championship since Rockhurst joined the NCAA in 1997. He captured the North Central Regional singles title in Topeka, Kan., to earn a trip to the ITA nationals in Florida.

Ravkin posted an 11-2 record in singles play during the 2005-06 season, while Grimsey finished with a 10-4 record in singles. The two also were partners in doubles, finishing with a 12-5 record.

“We would like to keep our pipeline to New Zealand going as long as we can continue to find more players who can help our program,” added Hale, who also has had four women from New Zealand play tennis for Rockhurst.

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Nicole Randolph, sophomore

Building a Foundation

Playing for a new softball program was one of the main reasons why Nicole Randolph decided to attend Rockhurst after a standout athletic career at Glendale High School in Springfield, Mo.

As a freshman last year, Randolph started 39 games at second base for the Hawks. She was one of six freshmen in coach Galen Struve’s second recruiting class. The youthful Hawks struggled to an 11-37 record in their first year as a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

“We are trying to build the program. We had a lot of freshmen last year and we have another good group of freshmen this year. We hope to surprise a lot of people this year,” said Randolph, who is majoring in business administration and accounting.

Randolph’s first year at Rockhurst was even tougher for her off the diamond. Her father, Mark, was battling progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare brain disorder that causes serious and permanent problems with control of gait and balance. He died in July 2006 at the age of 46.

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Hawks Honor Coach Tocco

Rockhurst University men’s soccer coach Tony Tocco, Ph.D., was honored for his 35 years of coaching the Hawks during Rockhurst’s Homecoming and Rockhurst Day festivities last September.

More than 100 players, past and present, greeted Tocco on the field after he gave a brief speech following the Hawks match with University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Tocco is currently fifth in NCAA career victories for men’s soccer coaches with 539 wins. He will enter the 2007 season as the second winningest active coach behind Seattle Pacific’s C. Clifford McGrath (590).

“There is no doubt that Tony is a pioneer in soccer in Kansas City,” said Frank Diskin, Rockhurst director of athletics. “His record speaks for itself. He’s also known as an excellent classroom teacher as professor of accounting at Rockhurst.”

Twenty of Tocco’s 35 teams have advanced to postseason tournaments. Three of his last five teams have played in the NCAA Division II national tournament. Rockhurst played in 17 NAIA national tournaments and finished national runner-up four times (1973, ’76, ’79 and ’97). He remains the winningest coach in NAIA history with 437 victories.

A Leader on the Links

As the captain of the Rockhurst women’s golf team, Kristin King is not only a leader on the golf course, but also in the classroom.

The junior from St. Louis ranks as one of the top four golfers for the Hawks. She posted her best scores in the fall after having a solid sophomore season. She is also an outstanding student who entered the spring with the highest cumulative grade-point average on the team.

“Rockhurst has taught me how to put balance in my life,” said King, who is majoring in elementary education with a minor in Spanish. “I realize there is not much room to make mistakes, both in school and playing golf.”

Last fall, King led the Hawks to a fourth-place finish at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Invitational. She shot a career-low 80 in the first round and finished tied for 11th in the event.

Carl Capra, Rockhurst men’s and women’s golf coach, can’t give out enough positive comments about King.

“Kristin is the best captain I’ve ever had. She is very mature and trustworthy. She’ll be like a player-coach for me next season,” said Capra.
Mark Your Calendar for the 12th Annual Gala

Make plans to join your Rockhurst friends at the 2007 Rockhurst Gala Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Muehlebach Tower. Get together with old classmates and enjoy an elegant evening of dinner and dancing while helping raise money for student scholarships and service trips.

Gala co-chairs are Donna and Mark, ’82, Teahan; and Michael, ’98 EMBA, and Teresa Osredker. Honorary chairs are Lloyd, ’95 EMBA, and Sue Ann Hill. New this year are additional co-chairs charged with spreading the word among younger alumni that the Gala is a fun, worthwhile occasion for Rockhurst graduates of all ages. Andre, ’94, and Jennifer, ’97, Smith are the 2007 young alumni co-chairs.

Watch your mailbox for more information coming soon.

Rockhurst Appoints New Advancement Vice President

The Rockhurst University leadership team gains a new member April 1 with the addition of Jane N. Lampo, Ed.D., as the new vice president for advancement.

An experienced fundraiser, Lampo comes to Rockhurst from Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics where she is senior director of development for leadership gifts. Before that, she served as the hospital’s director of planned giving. Before joining Children’s Mercy in 1994, Lampo was director of development of the Northland Catholic Schools, Kansas City, Mo.

“We are honored to welcome Jane to Rockhurst University,” said Rockhurst President the Rev. Thomas B. Curran, O.S.F.S. “Her talents and experience will help us strengthen our mission and I am confident that her skill set will assist us greatly as we prepare to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2010.”

Lampo recently completed a three-year board position on the National Committee on Planned Giving and is a past president of the local chapter of the American Fundraising Professionals. She also has served as president and a member of the Board of Directors of the MidAmerican Planned Giving Council. Lampo is a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

Lampo received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, her M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, and her Ed.D. from the University of Kansas.

Lampo replaces Thomas Audley, who will return to his previous position as director of planned giving after having served as temporary vice president for advancement.
Alumna Shares Story Behind Gift

When Sandy Jiles, ’93, came to Rockhurst to study accounting, she didn’t expect it would transform the way she viewed the world. Then she met two people who changed her perspective. The leadership she saw in then president the Rev. Thomas Savage, S.J., made a big impact.

“Father Savage’s involvement in the community inspired me to want to be a part — not just let things happen.”

One of her professors, Genevieve Robinson, Ph.D., professor and chair of history, further challenged and inspired her.

Jiles has since led a life centered on social justice. She has volunteered for several nonprofit organizations, particularly to promote voter registration drives and moderate candidate forums. She also served as chair of the Jackson County Board of Services for Developmentally Disabled. Jiles now works as a funding specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the Division of Medicaid and Children’s Health.

Jiles says her community-minded focus is a direct result of her Rockhurst education, and she wants others to share this experience. In 2005, Jiles established a scholarship fund to assist African-American accounting students.

“I’ve been blessed to have been able to complete my education. It is my obligation to give someone else an opportunity to have a Rockhurst experience.”

Sandy Jiles, ’93

The reasons behind why people support Rockhurst are as varied and unique as the donors themselves. Visit www.rockhurst.edu/annualfundprofiles to read more donor profiles and learn why they choose to give. Then meet a few of the students who benefit from their generosity. If you or someone you know has a story to share about why you support Rockhurst, the advancement office would love to hear it. Call (816) 501-4431 or e-mail shelly.blake@rockhurst.edu.

Interested in learning how a gift to Rockhurst can benefit you financially? Learn more about making wise gifts at www.rockhurstmagis.org.

Double Your Money With Employer Matching

Want to double your money without gambling? Increasing your yearly gift to Rockhurst University becomes a safe bet through your employer’s matching gift program. Many organizations will double or even triple their employees’ contributions to institutions of higher education.

Even after retiring from a company, Marty Flaherty, ’62, continues to take advantage of its matching gift benefits. “Most companies want to be good corporate citizens, but a lot of people don’t know their corporations offer this opportunity,” said Flaherty.

Not sure if your organization offers a matching program? Just check with your company’s human resources office for details and the appropriate forms.

“All you have to do is ask,” said Flaherty.

You can even make your contribution online at www.rockhurst.edu/onlinegiving. It is now faster and easier than ever, and with Rockhurst’s secure server, you can rest assured knowing your transaction is safe. You will receive a receipt by mail.

For more information about the matching gift program, call Deb Flores, ’93, at (816) 501-4199 or e-mail her at deb.flores@rockhurst.edu.
Tee Up to Support Rockhurst Athletics

It’s time to tee up for the fifth annual Fr. Joseph M. Freeman, S.J., Golf Classic Monday, June 25, at Hillcrest Country Club. Get your foursome together and get ready to hit the links to support Rockhurst University Athletics.

Previous tournament proceeds have assisted in the construction of new tennis courts and baseball and softball fields; the renovation of Bourke Soccer Field; and the addition of batting cages.

Honorary co-chairmen for this year’s event are Bobby Bell, Willie Lanier and Jim Lynch, former linemen for the Kansas City Chiefs.

A Sunday evening tee party will feature dinner and a silent auction, and the tournament will kick off the next day with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Don’t miss the contest holes, drawings and raffle for a tropical explorer vacation to Costa Rica.

To register or to find out more, contact Tori Snowden, event coordinator, at (816) 501-4807.

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Young Alumni Spotlight

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Position: Test designer for Cerner Corp.

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“Self Portrait,” by Darleen Filla
Black and white Prisma on gray paper
Previously published in Infectus
It’s important to not be solely defined by one aspect of your life,” says Kluba. “I feel truly blessed to have that many creative outlets.”

One of her biggest challenges is balancing her career with her family life. Innovations in technology have made her work easier in some ways, but it also means she is always in demand. She has to make careful decisions about dividing her time between career and family, but Kluba still enjoys her work. She says one of her most rewarding experiences was serving a three-year executive rotation as the director of Boeing’s leadership development center.

“Rockhurst really instilled in me the value of lifelong learning,” she says. “I’m a better parent and a better person because I have a fulfilling career.”

Kluba lives in St. Charles, Mo., with her husband, Dale, ’84, and three children.

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For her degree in marketing and year in France, Kluba says she owes a lot to Rockhurst. She later earned an MBA from Saint Louis University.

“I had the opportunity to be educated in two Jesuit institutions, which helped me focus on the big picture, to have strong values and leadership, to understand my role in the world and my responsibility in the world.”

In addition to her career, Kluba spends time with her family, is active in her church and is involved in community service. She counts Scott and Kathleen Hummel, both ’86, founders of Our Little Haven, among the many lifelong friends she met at Rockhurst. Kluba was part of the group that started the nonprofit organization.

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’52
Richard W. Miller and his wife, Bernadette, were recognized as the 2006 philanthropists of the year by the Greater Kansas City Council on Philanthropy. Miller has founded several Kansas City organizations, including Alexandra’s House and Christmas in October. He also was instrumental in founding Cristo Rey High School and Boys Hope/Girls Hope.

’57

Hon. J. Patrick Brazil, ’57, Hon. G. Joseph Pierron, ’68, and Hon. Patrick D. McAnany, ’65, comprised the three-judge panel for the Kansas Court of Appeals in Kansas City, Kan., on Sept. 19, 2006. This was not the first all-Rockhurst Kansas Court of Appeals panel. Ten years ago, judges Brazil and Pierron sat with district court judge James J. Smith, ’63, on an appeals panel.

’61
Jim Stedman, Ph.D., has published an article titled “Neuroscience and the Correspondence Theory of Truth” in the journal Contemporary Philosophy. Rockhurst philosophy professors Brendan Sweetman, Ph.D., and Curtis Hancock, Ph.D., co-authored the article.

’63
Gerald Gannon, Ed.D., has been selected “Distinguished Faculty Member” by the College of Natural Science and Mathematics at California State University, Fullerton. Jerry and his wife, Daralyn, live in Fullerton and have three grown sons.

’65
Sam J. Enna, Ph.D., was elected secretary general of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology at its meeting in Beijing. He is a professor of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

’66
Phil Stambaugh, senior vice president of Nantucket Bank, helped launch Community Foundation for Nantucket, whose sole purpose is to raise money for other island nonprofits. He also helped start Habitat for Humanity on Nantucket.

’67
James W. “Jim” McManus recently was named “Best of the Bar 2006” in personal injury cases, trials and appeals by the Kansas City Business Journal. This honor was the result of a vote by his peers in the legal community.

’69
John Michael Conway Sr. retired in 2005. His son John Michael “Buddy” graduated from William Jewell College in 2005 with a biology degree, and his son Sean attends Central Missouri State University, where he has made the dean’s list his first two years.

’72
Edward W. Dinan, president of Dinan Real Estate Advisors Inc., was designated as a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for his standards of academic and professional training and adherence to a strict code of ethical conduct.

Faith Wilson, Ph.D., president of St. Theresa’s Academy in Kansas City, received the Missouri Association of Secondary Schools Principals award and the Robert C. Howe Award for Service to Secondary Education.

’73
Edward J. Carey is an account executive for energy accounts at Wortham & Son, L.P. He and his wife, Dana, have three children and one grandson.

James G. “Jim” Castellano, chairman of RubinBrown LLP, was named among the top 100 most influential practitioners by CPA Magazine. Jim also was recognized as “Accounting Profession Leader” in Accounting Today magazine. He serves on the Rockhurst University Board of Trustees.

Richard “Dick” Stubblebine recently retired, and he and his wife, Paula, moved back to the Kansas City area. They have four children, Terry, Lisa, Mary and Jill.
’74, ’83 MBA
Gloria J. Abercrombie is president of Abercrombie Consulting, which is focused on community and economic development in Kansas City.

’75
Don Clark was unanimously elected as the De Soto USD 232’s school board president. He is an investment advisor for AIG.

’76
Jack A. Salvato is completing his insurance licenses and soon will take his Series 7 and Series 66. Jack and his family reside in Columbus, Ohio.

’77
Davina Ann Gabriel graduated from Saint Paul School of Theology with a master of divinity degree and entered the doctoral program in religious studies at University of Missouri-Kansas City in August 2006.

’78

Stanford Gregory “Greg” Kinney is currently the director of accounting advisory services for Mark-West Hydrocarbon Inc. in Englewood, Colo. Greg and his wife, Lori, have been married for 31 years.

’81
Michele (Goldak) Condon earned a doctorate of education from Saint Louis University last spring. She is the principal of Bernard Middle School in the Mehlville School District in Oakville, Mo. Michele is married to Patrick Condon, ’80.

Annette C. (Evans) Duggan lives in Savannah, Ga., with her husband, Danny, and their two labs and two cats.

’82 MBA
Steven Michael Jones commutes to Windsor, Ontario, where he handles the overseas export service parts sales for his company’s customer service division. Steve and his wife, Patti, reside in Livonia, Mich.

Randall P. “Randy” Kancel, his wife, Mary Ann, and their two children reside in Leawood, Kan. Randy is community bank president for UMB Bank in Wyandotte County.

’83
Michael Ventling was appointed by Ernst & Young to vice chair and managing partner of the firm’s North Central area. He and his wife, Kelli, have three children.

’87
Donald Alexander Newsham has worked for Baxter Healthcare, Merck, since graduation. He and his wife, Ann, have four children.

Did you know you’re reading an award-winning publication? The feature story titled “Meet the President” in the spring 2006 issue of Rockhurst magazine won a Prism, the first-place award given by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The overall magazine was recognized with the organization’s silver award.

’88
Cmdr. Bryan Schumacher, a Navy physician, earned the Bronze Star for his roles in the Battle of Fallujah in November 2004 and the Iraqi elections in January 2005. He is head of the U.S. Naval Hospital in Rota, Spain.

Jeff Xouris received the Arthur E. Lowell award, which is the highest honor given by the Kansas City International Association of Business Communicators. He works for Morningstar Communications.

Submit a Class Note
Have you sent us an update lately? We’d love to hear from you. Visit www.rockhurst.edu/classnotes to submit it online. You can even e-mail a photo to accompany your class note in the next issue of Rockhurst.
Steve Ehrnman and his wife, Michelle, were honored as the 2006 Blue Springs family of the year. They have eight children.

James Kevin “Jim” Millard was promoted to senior network administrator after working in the information technology department at CEC for five years. He achieved Cisco certification and has developed or improved numerous IT processes.

Ken D. Smith accepted a position as a financial adviser with Mid-America Financial Group in Overland Park, Kan.

Angela (Burkett) Eley is the city planner for Warrensburg, Mo. She and her husband, Elliott, have been married for 15 years, and they have one daughter.

Danny O’Neill, founder and owner of The Roasterie, was honored at Kansas City’s first Ethics in Business Awards dinner for his commitment to giving a portion of the company’s profits back to the developing countries where he purchases coffee beans.

Cindy Michele (Cernech) Hamilton completed her master’s degree in educational administration at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill., and has a Type 75 Principal Certificate in the state of Illinois. She has started a second master’s program to become a reading specialist.

Lacey Ann (Evans) Lazarczyk and her husband, Rafal, have three children: Logan Andrew, 7; Luke Michael, 4; and Emma Sophia, 2. They reside in Mission, Kan.

Elizabeth “Liz” Scarbrough was promoted to chief people officer for Scarbrough International Ltd. Global Logistics Management Company. She previously served as director of human resources for the organization.

Jill (Landes) Gouger was named a Kansas Horizon Award winner by the Kansas State Department of Education. She is a Spanish teacher at Blue Valley High School.

Deborah M. Hamlin, a professional association executive who led the International Association of Plastics Distributors for 10 years, is the new executive director of the Irrigation Association.

Faith Winfield received the 2005-06 teacher of the year award from the Conn-West elementary school in the Grandview School District. She is a Youth Friends coordinator in the district.

Tammy S. Hamilton has been promoted to managing consultant. She provides pension plan design and administration services.

Matt Jonathan Koetting received awards for 2005-06 "Dedication to Law and Order and Distinguished Service Toward Advancing the Respect for the Law" and the 2006 Project Charlie (Chemical Abuse Resolution Lies in Education) Facilitator of the Year.

Angela Christine Swartz recently moved back to the Kansas City area and is working at the Jackson County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Joshua T. Evans will specialize in gastroenterology after he finishes a year as chief resident in internal medicine. He and his wife, Nicole, had their first child, J.T., in May 2005. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Clayton E. Gillette has joined the St. Louis office of the Lathrop & Gage L.C. law firm as an associate in the litigation division. He earned his juris doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2005, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class.

Brian Scott Mills passed the certified hand therapy test in November 2005 and works as a certified hand therapist at Corporate Health Partners. Brian and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters.

1st Lt. Kevin Clark, USMC, received his Wings of Gold in Corpus Christi, Texas, and made the commodore’s list by being in the top 10 percent of aviators during his aviation training. He and his wife live in Havelock, N.C.

Luke Norris, regional sales representative for ADD Systems, received the Peg Cass Exemplary Service Award for his efforts as a board member for HarmonyNCCJ as well as his involvement in the Kansas City community.
Kara Bemboom received a juris doctorate degree from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Jared R. Danilson graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame Law School. He focuses his law practice in the insurance and financial services industry from Baker and Daniels’ Indianapolis office.

Vanessa Ruth Lillie earned a master of public administration with an emphasis in education policy and analysis from American University in December 2005.

Michael T. Weller Jr., broker and owner of Expo Real Estate, was in the July 2006 issue of National Association of Realtor Magazine for creative aerial advertising with his power paraglider.

Ian Brent Bautista and his wife, Elsa M. Diaz-Bautista, plan to relocate to Milwaukee. Ian is the new president of United Neighborhood Centers of America. Elsa and their daughter, Iana, will join him after the end of the school year.

Carol DiRaimo, Applebee’s vice president of investor relations, was honored for the third year in a row as Investor Relations Professional of the Year by Investor Relations Magazine, in association with Barron’s and The Wall Street Journal.

Jane Chu is the incoming CEO of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. She is pursuing a doctorate in philanthropy and her dissertation will focus on the effect of performing arts on the community capital of cities.

Amy Ryan is the new director of the Small Business Development Center in St. Joseph, Mo., where she counsels people who want to start businesses and helps existing companies develop business plans.

Brian Walterbach received the Robert L. Gould Scholastic Award for his paper on mutual funds. He presented his research in Huntington Beach, Calif., in October at a conference sponsored by the Investment Company of America.

Rockhurst was one of only 52 schools in the country to have both its men’s and women’s teams receive the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for the 2005-06 academic year.

Rockhurst’s women’s soccer team captured RU’s Highest Team GPA Award for the 2005-06 academic year with a 3.60 GPA. The award was presented by the Rockhurst Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Junior Lindsay Ewert was also named to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America third team for women’s soccer. Ewert, a chemistry major, led the Hawks with 21 points and nine goals in 2006.

The women’s softball team was recognized by the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association for its academic achievement. The team had the fifth highest GPA in Division II with 3.46.

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Marriages

'83
Kathryn (Cassias) Karr and Charles Blair were married June 18, 2005, in Glenelg, Scotland. Kathy is in her 16th year at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences IT department. She also is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves assigned to the HQ AF Services Agency in San Antonio, Texas.

'01
Amanda Jo Allred and Jeffrey Paul Geary were married on May 6, 2006. The couple lives in Lincoln, Ill.

Karen Fabsits married Duane Dormeier on April 27, 2006, in Negril, Jamaica. In attendance were Jennifer Scott, '01, '03 MPT, and Victoria Mayer, '01.

'02
Kara Brown and Kevin Franke were married on June 17, 2006. They reside in Kansas City.

Brigid J. (Butler) Oglesbay married Chad Dormeier on July 22, 2006. Brigid received her master's in human resources management from Webster University in December 2005.

'03
Kelly Anne (Kunz) Pouche married Ashley Thomas Pouche on July 8, 2006. Kelly teaches second grade at Visitation Catholic School in Kansas City, Mo., and Ashley is co-owner of Platte Rental Supply in Parkville, Mo.

Jonathon Meyer and Kristin Clark, both '04, '05 MBA, had several Rockhurst alumni in their April 2006 wedding party, including Gabe Javier, '04; Rob Meyer, '04; Sal Avitia, '05; Christi Knox, '05; Erika Meyer, '06; Matt Nickson, '05; Elizabeth Rockey, '05; and Alexandra Meyer, '09.

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Births

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Jennifer “Jennie” Bautista Duke and her husband, Chris, were blessed with the birth of their first child, James Roger “Jamie,” on May 13, 2005. He joins his two canine “siblings,” Layla and Roxanne. The Dukes live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

'01
Jeffrey Paul Walsh and his wife, Natosha, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Rose. Jeff works for ExxonMobile Oil Corporation as a marketing and sales analyst. The family lives in Rogers, Ark.

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'99
Tyler R. Breed and Brianne M. (Bamberger) Breed, '01, welcomed identical twin girls on Aug. 29, 2006. Lily Ryann and Grace Ryann joined big brother Cade, age 8.

Brent William Collins and his wife, Traci, announce the birth of their son, Peyton William, born April 14, 2006. Brent accepted a new position with Hewlett Packard as a global solutions manager. The family resides in Elkhorn, Neb.

Elizabeth (Fischer) Schroeder and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their son, William Anthony, born March 16, 2006.

'00, '02 MPT


'03
Kyle Patrick Huelsing and his wife, Kimberly “Kimbo” (Massey) Huelsing, '05, are happy to announce the birth of their third child, Samuel Patrick, born March 28, 2006. He joins Peter, 2, and Ava, 1.

Kevin “Kid” Morris and Kathy (Echelmeyer) Morris, '04, celebrated the birth of their first son, William Robert, on March 9, 2005. They reside in O’Fallon, Mo.

'04, '06 MBA
Julie Ann (Essary) Cable and her husband, Jonathan, were blessed with a daughter, Josie Leann, on Dec. 29, 2005. Josie Cable took first place in the Great Baby Race at Rockhurst Day 2006.

Darin Duncan and his wife, Allison, announce the birth of their first child, Gunnar David, born Sept. 22, 2005.

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Rockhurst Mourns Two Jesuits

The Rockhurst community lost two dear friends in the past year.

The Rev. Thomas James Casey, S.J., died Aug. 1, 2006. Casey served as an adjunct faculty member in political science from 1981 to 2004. Casey held degrees from Boston College, Westminster Law School in Denver, and the University of Chicago. He will be remembered for his love of law, Cuban cigars and all sports, especially the Boston Red Sox. He was 82 years old.

The Rev. Jules M. Brady, S.J., died Jan. 21, 2007. He taught philosophy at Rockhurst for more than 40 years. Generations of students will remember him as a seven-time teacher of the year and for his “Seventeen Suggestions for Students Who Want Straight A’s.” He also won Rockhurst’s scholarly achievement award. He was 87 years old.
In Memoriam

John Joseph Kopp (’34)  
July 29, 2006

William Weis Egelhoff (’35)  
Oct. 4, 2006

William Kohr Gibson (’35)  
March 21, 2006

Ralph Sarli (’36)  
Feb. 24, 2006

John Jack Dixon (’37)  
March 12, 2006

Bernard C. Poehler (’37)  
May 18, 2006

William N. Hecht (’38)  
Oct. 8, 2006

Robert W. Breitenstein (’39)  
March 22, 2006

William J. Scanlon, Jr. (’39)  
Aug. 20, 2006

Donald Martin Flaherty, II (’44)  
Oct. 26, 2006

Henry W. Miller (’47)  
April 30, 2006

Dr. Lyell Henry Carver (’48)  
Feb. 8, 2006

Edmund J. Gardner (’48)  
Dec. 30, 2006

Robert O’Connor (’48)  
Feb. 24, 2006

William Dennis Boyle (’49)  
April 11, 2006

John M. Nugent (’49)  
April 8, 2006

Rev. Bernard D. Quinn (’49)  
Oct. 7, 2006

Leo Cisper (’50)  
July 25, 2006

Charles (Chuck) J. Davis (’50)  
Feb. 11, 2006

Donald F. McDonald (’50)  
Jan. 11, 2007

Michael Joseph McQueeney Sr. (’50)  
March 17, 2006

John Joseph Blake Jr. (’51)  
May 1, 2006

James Irwin Kaut (’51)  
April 15, 2006

Lawrence J. Messina (’51)  
June 30, 2006

John Francis Oshimo (’51)  
May 6, 2006

Joseph David Quinn (’51)  
Dec. 31, 2006

Charles Paul Schleicher (’52)  
March 13, 2006

David Robert Schollars (’52)  
Nov. 6, 2006

Dan H. Gillilan (’54)  
June 10, 2006

George Rydings (’54)  
Jan. 3, 2007

Margaret McGraw Schneck (’54)  
Dec. 4, 2006

John A. Williams Jr. (’54)  
July 16, 2006

Leonard “Lon” H. Taylor Jr. (’55)  
Aug. 7, 2006

Thomas J. Coffey (’56)  
May 13, 2006

Robert L. (Bob) Hickam (’56)  
Sept. 20, 2006

Theodore Mark Kitchin, Jr. (’56)  
Oct. 15, 2006

Alexander Sagan (’56)  
Dec. 9, 2006

James B. Kostelac (’57)  
March 19, 2006

Lawrence A. “Larry” Powers (’58)  
May 31, 2006

P. Jerry Schellhorn (’58)  
June 9, 2006

Warren J. Wahlstedt (’59)  
Dec. 20, 2006

Tony David Giordano (’60)  
Aug. 19, 2006

James Charles Tillisch (’60)  
March 1, 2006

Ray E. Knickman Jr. (’61)  
Nov. 7, 2006

Dr. Edward Paul Shaughnessy (’61)  
Sept. 25, 2006

Evelyn Agnes Davis (’62)  
Dec. 6, 2006

Ronald Kent Belser (’63)  
Feb. 28, 2006

Donald M. Brown (’63)  
Dec. 17, 2006

Lawrence Mitchell (’64)  
March 1, 2006

Richard F. Hisey (’64)  
Jan. 15, 2007

Patricia Ann Lander (’67)  
July 1, 2006

Joe Delmer Cruse (’68)  
Nov. 14, 2006

Ron Goellner (’68)  
Feb. 26, 2006

Lee Shelton Bailey (’70)  
July 22, 2006

Billy Wayne Parker (’70)  
June 7, 2006

John Cahill (’72)  
Dec. 5, 2006

Jack Hiatt (’72)  
Sept. 11, 2006

Patricia J. Becker (’73)  
Nov. 9, 2006

Hilda L. Peace (’73)  
Aug. 13, 2006

Terry Lynn Curry-Wardell (’73)  
May 2, 2006

Billy Gene Rausch (’74)  
May 7, 2006

George E. Diefhart (’75)  
April 1, 2006

Russell D. Vassar (’75)  
April 15, 2006

Christina M. Wood (’77)  
March 11, 2006

James E. Brady Jr. (’79)  
May 10, 2006

Harry E. Johnson (’81)  
June 29, 2006

Steven C. Ramsey Sr. (’81)  
Feb. 3, 2006

Jean H. Weber (’83)  
March 17, 2006

Lisa Kirsten Weidler (’85)  
Sept. 3, 2006

Lynda G. Bruns-Hoover (’86)  
Jan. 18, 2007

Joseph Stephen Ostermueller (’87)  
Jan. 18, 2006

Clarence Eyer (’90)  
Feb. 26, 2006

Brent Kevin Mathews (’96)  
Nov. 29, 2006

Heather Steward (’97)  
July 16, 2006

Kathy Renea Owen (’99)  
Jan. 12, 2007

Megan Lynn Barnett (’08 DPT)  
Dec. 15, 2006
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