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Learning, Leadership and Service in the Jesuit Tradition
A Taste for Chemistry

It's mid morning at Boulevard Brewing Co. and already the earthy scent of fermenting grain wafts through the tasting room, the labs and the brewing floor. Later in the afternoon, silent scientists in white coats concentrate over their work in the pristine labs at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

This world of contrasts constituted a typical workday last summer for Joseph Nguyen, '04, who majors in chemistry through the Rockhurst pre-medical program. First thing in the morning he headed for his part-time job at Boulevard, where he worked in the lab sterilizing instruments, preparing media plates and testing for quality control and pressure inside bottles.

In the late morning, Nguyen reported to Stowers for an internship he held since the beginning of the year. There he worked with world-class researchers investigating genes that regulate spinal-cord development in chicken embryos.

Nguyen says the jobs, while vastly different, are equally interesting and that he learned a great deal from each.

"Some of the Stowers researchers have been doing this for 10 years, continuing a quest to find more answers. The interesting thing is that that leads to more questions."

What impressed Nguyen about Boulevard, he says, is the amount of work it takes to ensure the beer meets the brewers' exacting quality standards.

"Every year they have to change the protocol to adapt to the wheat crop. I really appreciate the art of fermenting beer now."

Nguyen says his Stowers experience leaves friends "awestruck" and that they are "fans of the product" at Boulevard.

"The first thing they ask," says Nguyen, "is whether I get free beer."

He does — for as long as he works there.

Chemistry student Joseph Nguyen, '04, explored two applications of science during a summer internship at a research laboratory and a part-time job at a brewery.

Rock Rises in College Rankings

Rockhurst University has moved up to No. 13 in the Midwest Best Universities – Master's category of the U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges rankings.

Last year, Rockhurst University was ranked No. 14.

The Best Universities – Master's category is composed of institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate and master's programs.

More than 140 Midwestern colleges are included in this category.

A number of factors determine rankings, including academic reputation, peer assessment, freshman retention rate, class size, alumni giving rate and graduation rate.

Rockhurst University showed significant improvement in several categories, including the number of incoming freshmen in the top 25 percent of their high school class and ACT scores for new students.

The "America's Best Colleges" issue of U.S. News was dated Sept. 1, and the rankings are also posted on www.usnews.com.
Where in the World Is Perla Fernandez?

In summer 2002, it was Spain. Summer 2003? France. For two consecutive years, Fernandez, ’04, was awarded scholarships from national honor societies to study abroad.

With majors in both French and Spanish, she is clearly a high achiever. Both Sigma Delta Pi, the Hispanic honor society, and Pi Delta Phi, the French honor society, require members to have a grade-point average of at least 3.0.

The trip to France broadened her horizons in many ways, Fernandez says.

At the American University of Paris, she lived at the SIAF, which she described as a combination hotel and dormitory.

“People from all over the world stayed there,” she recalls.

Fernandez also found plenty of time to see the sights.

She traveled extensively, including to Paris for its music festival, Versailles, the Champagne region, Cannes and the French Riviera.

Her favorite spot?

Ever the diplomat, Fernandez wouldn’t pick one location over another since she found each country had its own merits.

Room Really Rocks

Thanks to a student-led initiative, the Rock Room was renovated this summer and given a bright, modern appearance.

The room, which has been a popular study and hangout spot for thousands of students since Massman Hall was built in 1957, now has colorful new flooring, wall coverings, lighting, window treatments and furniture.

Additional features include a convenience store, coffee shop, big-screen television, computer stations, a raised presentation platform and foosball and pool tables. The Student Senate worked with the architects to plan the renovation, which was funded by Rockhurst, Sodexho and Barnes and Noble.
Visit www.rockhurst.edu for a redesigned look at all things Rockhurst.

New Home(page) for Rockhurst

Visit the new, redesigned University home page at www.rockhurst.edu, and you'll see a dynamic, easy-to-use page that better reflects Rockhurst's culture and distinctiveness.

Prospective students rank college Web sites among the most influential factors that affect their college decision, so the new home page design incorporates elements that appeal especially to students: more photos, more color and more news about campus events.

Students, sports and the campus are featured in the home page photos, and new photos appear each time you visit or refresh the page.

Looking for information? The new home page allows you to find what you want quickly and easily. You can find information in several ways, including links organized by topic and by audience, a site guide, a section for most requested pages and a search engine.

Still need help? Check out the frequently asked questions, or send e-mail to faculty or staff.

Information also is customized for various groups of visitors. For example, the section for parents includes information ranging from the meaning of a Jesuit education to where to send tuition payments.

In an effort to keep the home page fresh and interesting, you'll notice a stronger emphasis on news and events. The Rockhurst campus abounds with achievements and activities throughout the year, and the University Web site is an excellent way to share these successes with others.

Here's something else interesting about the new home page. Did you know that 78 percent of Rockhurst Web site visitors think reality television is more harmful to society than harmless entertainment? Or that more than half believe smoking in restaurants should be outlawed?

An online poll on the news page asks visitors about current events and American culture. Visit www.rockhurst.edu/news to voice your opinion and see the results of the next online poll.
Passing Fancy

Sarah Oberhelman, ’04, who passed physical chemistry, can share her accomplishment with fellow drivers, thanks to a new bumper sticker from Philip Colombo, Ph.D., ’91, associate professor of chemistry. Colombo ordered the stickers as a way for chemistry students to show the world they took the notoriously difficult subject at Rockhurst University.

Academically Strong

The 245 students who make up this year’s Rockhurst freshman class have the highest academic averages of any Rockhurst freshman class in the last 10 years, says Phil Gebauer, director of admission.

In addition, the class size has grown 14 percent over last year.

These freshmen have an average grade-point average of 3.47, an increase from 3.31 last year. They also have an average ACT score of 24.395, an increase of more than half of a point over last year and more than a point over two years ago.

Class of 2007

- Size: 245 freshmen
- Increase in size from last year: 14 percent
- Average GPA: 3.47 (Last year it was 3.31.)
- Average ACT score: 24.395 (Last year, it was: 23.88.)
- 76 percent receiving Rockhurst academic scholarships
- 53 percent women, 47 percent men (more balanced than the national average)
- 76 percent Catholic
- 13.9 percent minority representation
STAR STRUCK

As a girl who grew up in the country gazing at the night sky and whose first two Girl Scout badges were in astronomy, Deborah Turner-Bey's future seemed written in the stars.

As a summer intern at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., Turner-Bey, '04, learned to look at the stars with the eyes of a scientist.

Turner-Bey, who returned to college at age 46, says her search for knowledge is based on a desire to synthesize science and religion. Her interest in spirituality as it relates to women and people of color inspires her research, she says.

After graduating from Rockhurst with majors in math and physics and a minor in philosophy, she hopes to teach, write and research.

"My goal is to get my personal questions answered, and if I am able to do that, I want to share what I've learned."

At Harvard, Turner-Bey was one of 11 interns assigned a research project. Her project involved determining where along the stellar spectral sequence of early- to late-type stars X-ray emission "turns on" in A-type stars.

"It's important to add to our storehouse of stellar structure and stellar evolution knowledge," Turner-Bey says.

Her research results did not reveal significantly more than already was known.

The project, however, is ongoing. She plans to join others from her group to present a poster and abstract at the annual meeting of the Astrophysical Society in Atlanta in January 2004.

For Turner-Bey, the sky still seems as vast as when she was a Girl Scout far from the city looking into the night.

"What we can see may be less than 1 percent of what is out there."

Christina Maenle, '03, (left) and Sara Terhune, '03, joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Six May graduates are devoting a year to full-time service.

FULL-TIME SERVICE

Have you ever spoken with someone whose words tumbled out so fast and excitedly you had a hard time keeping pace?

If so, you can understand what Jill Haaser, '03, sounded like as she described her imminent departure for Denver and a stint with the Vincentian Volunteer Program.

Multiply that enthusiasm times six for each of the Rockhurst May graduates who put a year of service ahead of a career or graduate school.

Since August, Haaser has lived with 11 other volunteers, including her friend Ellen Christ, '03.

Haaser provides recreational opportunities at an apartment complex for people who recently became homeless or who need help getting on their feet again.

Working with mentally ill older adults through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps has taken Cheryl Kirkpatrick,
'03, to the beautiful coastline of Washington.

There, she visits clients of the Evergreen Counseling Center in their homes, helping them manage medications and engaging them in conversation.

“It’s a great way to give back to society and the community at large,” she says.

The values and philosophy of JVC attracted Christina Maenle, '03, who assists with the Hispanic Outreach Mentor Program in Pontiac, Mich.

For the program, she uses her Spanish-language skills to help mentors and youths ages 8-18.

“The Jesuit Volunteer Corps has a spiritual base that Peace Corps doesn’t have,” Maenle says. “Coming out of Rockhurst, that’s something I wanted to keep going.” When he was a Rockhurst student, Chris Trani, '03, enjoyed two spring break service trips to Juarez, Mexico, at the Casa de la Cruz mission sponsored by St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Independence, Mo.

Trani also spent five weeks there during the summer before his senior year.

Now, Trani's the full-time resident volunteer who greets and hosts visiting groups, like the Rockhurst University spring-breakers.

Trani also serves as a presence in the community, sometimes distributing rice money or overseeing the construction of adobe houses.

“Service is something everyone should do in some capacity,” he says.

In addition, Sara Terhune, '03, is spending a year as a JVC volunteer in Milwaukee, Wis.

**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

A group of ambitious Rockhurst business students is helping classmates explore the inner workings of corporate culture. In doing so, they provide tips on everything from workplace fashion and dining etiquette to advantages of working at small and large companies.

The Rockhurst chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, an international business fraternity, schedules several events each year that introduce its members to alumni and other working professionals who provide insight into life after graduation.

“Hearing from people in the working world sometimes reveals aspects of career choices that students may not have considered,” says chapter president Michael Nigro, '05. At a discussion on company size, for example, a couple reveals that they haven’t had children because of their demanding jobs, while a manager responds that he allows employees to leave early for children's activities because work can always be done later.

Established in 1999, the Rockhurst DSP chapter has 51 active members and 117 initiates, including several faculty members. In March 2003, the chapter hosted the Midwestern regional conference at Rockhurst, which attracted 150 attendees. This past summer, eight students traveled to Palm Springs, Calif., for the Grand Chapter Congress where they participated in professional development and policy-making sessions, and social events.
The Circumstance of Pomp

For the first time in 20 years, students graduating from Rockhurst University participated in the pomp and circumstance of commencement without leaving campus. Graduate and undergraduate ceremonies were held May 18 on the campus quadrangle. Doves released at the undergraduate ceremony symbolized the hopes and dreams of the new graduates.

Young Alumni on Board

Rockhurst alumni have a unique opportunity to gain leadership experience, thanks to a recent change in the by-laws of the Rockhurst University Board of Trustees. The board has created two new positions to be filled by alumni who have graduated within the last five years.

As a result, Christopher M. Tallent, ’01, and Sarah Pomereneke, ’03, joined the board in June 2003. They will serve two-year non-renewable terms with full voting rights and committee eligibility.

Tallent graduated from Rockhurst with an accounting degree and works at Commerce Bank, where he has been promoted to senior financial analyst. He serves on the Finance and Student Affairs committees. Pomereneke received a full academic scholarship to Rockhurst, where she earned degrees in mathematics and education. She began teaching math at Regis High School in Denver this fall. She serves on the Academic Affairs and Development/Marketing committees.

Other recent additions to the board include Michael G. O’Flaherty, ’59, director of assessment for Jackson County; Terrence P. Dunn, ’71, president and chief executive officer of J.E. Dunn Construction Company; Karen L. Pletz, president and chief executive officer of the University of Health Sciences; and Clyde F. Wendell, president of the Kansas City region of Bank of America.
Students Live the Mission

The words, “Learning, Leadership and Service in the Jesuit Tradition” are chiseled on the Rockhurst bell tower.

Results from two 2003 national student satisfaction surveys also find them in the hearts, minds and activities of Rockhurst students.

At levels significantly exceeding more than 400 other surveyed schools, Rockhurst students say they understand and support their University’s mission, and participate in service-related activities.

They also credit their Rockhurst education with improving critical thinking skills, and feel that faculty members are superb teachers.

The 2003 National Survey of Student Engagement was given to a sample of Rockhurst freshmen and seniors during the spring semester.

More than 147,000 students at 437 institutions participated in the survey. Rockhurst student responses to the 2003 Student Satisfaction Inventory are benchmarked against feedback from more than 240,000 students attending 364 institutions.

Rockhurst student answers indicated they understand the University mission and are participating in activities that demonstrate a commitment to service at levels that significantly exceeded those of students at other participating institutions.

In a section of the survey that asked students about the extent to which their university experience contributed to the development of their critical thinking and analytical skills, Rockhurst students also responded at levels significantly higher than the other 436 NSSE schools.

On the SSI, Rockhurst students identified “quality of instruction” as the single most important aspect of their Rockhurst experience and rated both quality of teaching and levels of faculty engagement higher than students at other universities surveyed.

The NSSE and two independent national surveys of Rockhurst seniors in business and nursing revealed similar similar institutional strengths.

“While strengths and positive feedback help us better understand and effectively market what we do well, Rockhurst remains keenly interested in knowing where students feel we can be better,” said William Haefele, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs. “In the Ignatian spirit of “magis,” Rockhurst seeks to continuously improve as a student-oriented, mission-focused learning community.”
It’s Elementary

Have you been harboring dreams of becoming an elementary teacher, even though your bachelor’s degree is in a discipline other than education?

Beginning in January 2004, the Rockhurst department of education will offer a track within its master’s degree program that will lead to teacher certification in elementary grades one through six.

The program is designed for working professionals. Students can complete requirements with full- or part-time status, and classes will be held in the evenings and on weekends.

“We view teaching as a way to make a direct impact on society,” says Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., chair of education, “so our programs are grounded in the liberal arts tradition and emphasize teaching for social justice and moral reflection.”

Students in the program are placed in a variety of educational settings to gain field experience to prepare them to become effective leaders in the classroom. In addition to the track in elementary education, the program offers tracks in secondary education, literacy studies and integrated humanities. For more information, call the department at (816) 501-4140 or visit www.rockhurst.edu.

Course Examines Paul’s Letters

Miss the thrill of participating in exciting classroom discussions and hearing the insight of great scholars? This spring, Rockhurst University offers you the opportunity to come back to campus for a course taught by internationally known theologian Mark D. Nanos, Ph.D.

The course, titled “Pauline Letters and Theology,” is open to Rockhurst alumni and friends and is a general introduction to the letters of Paul.

Coursework will focus on Paul’s theology as well as the social and historical context out of which that theology emerged. Nanos is a widely published and highly regarded scholar on the subject of Paul’s letters.


This unique educational opportunity is available for credit or for personal enrichment. The class will begin in January and will be held Tuesdays from 6 to 8:40 p.m. For more information or to enroll in the course, contact William McInerney, Ph.D., chair of the department of religious studies, at (816) 501-4020.

The 500 Club

The Rockhurst Hawks victory over the University of Tampa Oct. 3 wasn’t just another win for the men’s soccer team. It was victory No. 500 for coach Tony Tocco, Ph.D.

Tocco, who has spent his entire 33-year coaching career at Rockhurst, also is professor of accounting.

During that time he has earned a remarkable winning percentage of .802.

At mid-season his record stood at 502-124-35. The achievement places Tocco in an elite group.

Only four other collegiate soccer coaches have recorded more than 500 wins. His many honors
include NAIA Coach of the Year in 1974, 1976 and 1986.

Under Tocco, the Hawks entered the NAIA finals 14 times, finishing second four times and third four times.

In 1997, the Hawks' final trip to the NAIA championships before joining the NCAA Division II, they fell to Seattle University 2-1 in overtime.

Last year the Hawks finished 14-2, advancing to the NCAA Division II national championships where they won the opening match, but fell to Mercyhurst 2-0 on a snowlogged field in Erie, Penn.

Soccer coach Tony Tocco, Ph.D., guides his team.

M. Kathleen Madigan, Ph.D., professor of modern languages, is studying in Senegal.

Fulbright Takes Scholar to Africa

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he lives immersed in language and culture. She dedicates herself to the words and customs of faraway places.

By the way she pursues teaching and research, you can tell M. Kathleen Madigan, Ph.D., professor of modern languages, is devoted to a lifetime of learning.

In recognition of this commitment, Madigan was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to study at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal, on Africa’s west coast, this year. She lectures on teaching methods related to foreign languages and literatures, and conducts research on French Senegalese literature.

Madigan is one of about 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who have traveled abroad to 140 countries this year through the Fulbright Scholars program.

Recipients are selected based on academic or professional achievement and leadership potential in their fields.

Even with a doctoral degree in comparative literature from University of North Carolina, Madigan continues her quest for learning. This fall, she completed a master’s degree from the University of Salamanca in Spain.

Her thesis, which she wrote in Spanish, was titled “Reflexiones sobre la escritura e innovación genérica en Paula de Isabel Allende.”

Madigan also initiated the annual World Cultures Day on campus, which celebrates various international cultures with samples of food, clothing and music.
THE EXCELLENCE IN THE CITY CAMPAIGN

A $50 Million Question

By Katherine Frohoff
Photographs by Mark McDonald

Goal: $50 million
Raised: $50.5 million
Major accomplishments: Conway Hall renovation, Loyola Park athletic complex, Rockhurst Community Center

Learning, Leadership & Service
How the Capital Campaign Changed ROCKHURST

What does $50.5 million buy?
For starters, it transforms classrooms from ones where professors depend on passing out paper copies to illustrate their points to those that support graphic demonstrations using current technology.

It means that Rockhurst baseball players can forge memories of friends attending their games on campus rather than driving 20 miles each way, even to practice. It fosters growth for community-based organizations that meet the needs of Rockhurst neighbors.

For Rockhurst, the $50.5 million given to the Excellence in the City capital campaign changed the lives of students, faculty and community members. A closer look at three of their stories follows.

Conway Hall Goes High-Tech

At the end of August, a major gasoline pipeline in Arizona breaks and disrupts the supply to a large part of the country. If demand remains the same or increases, this could have a huge impact on price. Sounds like an excellent current topic for an economics class when the fall semester begins Aug. 28.

Wouldn’t it be cool to see that problem moving around in three colorful dimensions on a screen in your classroom? Maybe you could log into a Web site during your economics class by connecting your laptop com-

Assistant Professor Myles Garland, Ph.D., lectures in a high-tech classroom.
puter to the Internet portal located by your chair. You could save and
download what's on your screen so
that it becomes part of your notes.
Because of multimedia capabili-
ties installed in Conway Hall class-
rooms, this is a concept that Myles
Garland, Ph.D., assistant professor
of economics, can bring to life dur-
ing a lecture.
Garland says he also likes to take
students to one of Conway's new
computer labs where they can work sta-
tistics problems for themselves. In
the past, students complained that
when he worked a problem at the
board, they went home and couldn't
remember how he did it. Now, he
works problems where he changes
one factor to instantly show the ram-
ifications, which in the past would
have required "oodles and oodles of
paper."

The thing to remember, Garland
says, is these enhancements may not
seem that remarkable to today's stu-
dents. "While this might be a neat
toy for the older generation, for our
undergraduates, it's expected. If they
visit a campus without this capabili-
ty, it seems odd to them," Garland
says. "They can buy clothes 24 hours
a day online, and they can get cash
24-7 from an ATM — they are com-
fortable with technology."
More important, Garland says, is
that students' future employers also
expect their new hires to have this
experience. Funding from Excellence
in the City allowed Rockhurst to ren-
ovate and modernize historic Con-
way Hall, home of the Helzberg
School of Management, so that a
new generation of students can learn
in new ways.

Community Center
Welcomes Neighbors

What would you do if you didn't
have a car, didn't make very much
money, had never finished high
school and had children to support?
Would you give up? Where would
you turn for help?
Some low-income families in the
neighborhoods surrounding Rock-
hurst have turned to a nonprofit
organization called Faith Friends for
encouragement and practical advice
for facing life's everyday challenges.
Faith Friends offers a monthly
support group where participants
and mentors from faith communities
hear from speakers on topics such as
domestic violence, utility rights and
responsibilities, career planning and
educational opportunities.
Mentors also work in teams or
one-to-one with participants to help
them create plans for achieving their
goals.
To succeed, says executive director
Karyl Katzman, group activities need
meeting space that is convenient and
wheelchair accessible, and where par-
ticipants are willing to come.
After meeting in several locations,
Faith Friends found a place that
exceeded the group's expectations —
the Rockhurst Community Center.
"The Rockhurst facility has
enhanced our program and given it a
more professional look," Katzman
said. "We have had strong attendance
since we arrived at the Rockhurst
Community Center."
The group holds meetings in one
large room while childcare is provid-
ed in another area. The kitchen
allows organizers to serve a light
supper.
Funding from Excellence in the
City allowed Rockhurst to transform
a grocery store into a bright and wel-
coming space available for commu-
nity meetings and programming for
neighborhood children and youth.
It also is home to the Rockhurst
University Literacy Center, which
provides tutoring free of charge to
neighborhood residents.

Faith Friends Executive Director Karyl
Katzman says her organization enjoys
meeting in the new community center.
Home Field Advantage

The Rockhurst baseball team has traveled to plenty of beautiful campuses for games, but none of their opponents has dug a cleat into Rockhurst soil since 1976. That all changed this fall when the new baseball field at Loyola Park was ready for competitive play. After years of driving nearly 20 miles each way to the aptly named Hidden Valley Park in Blue Springs, Mo., for practice and games, the Hawks will have a shot at a true home field advantage.

Coach Gary Burns, who is busy recruiting for next year, says parents and students who have seen the field have been overwhelmed. He said he thinks this level of surprise will carry over to visiting teams who will be “shocked” when they arrive for games.

“[The playing field and the lights are second to none],” Burns says.

The completion of Loyola Park, which also will include tennis courts that will bring men’s and women’s tennis teams back to campus from Country Club Plaza courts, should be a huge boon to campus life, according to Burns. The entertainment opportunities created by playing games on campus will create more of a collegiate atmosphere and better involvement.

Future plans for Loyola Park include the construction of a covered grandstand with seating for more than 1,000 fans. But first, additional funds must be raised. Burns says he thinks that won’t be a problem.

“I believe when people see what Fr. Kinerk has done, they will want to be part of it. This, along with all the other improvements over the past few years, has raised the level of pride in the campus,” Burns says.

“We’ve always been proud of our academic reputation, and now we can be proud of our physical surroundings as well.”

Funding from Excellence in the City allowed Rockhurst to create an attractive baseball field and athletic complex that will promote student life on campus and provide greater competitive opportunities for student athletes.

The Rockhurst Hawks now play home games on campus at Loyola Park.
Why We Gave

By Martha Head & Barnett Helzberg

Martha Head is one of the people who made the Excellence in the City campaign a success. She has supported Rockhurst not only with her gifts, but also with her time and talent. She was a member of the board of trustees from 1992-2001. Today she is a civic leader in Vail, Colo.

Barnett and Shirley Helzberg have shared generously their time, energy and resources with Rockhurst University. Shirley Helzberg served as a co-chair of the Excellence in the City campaign, and Barnett Helzberg teaches courses in the Helzberg School of Management, building on his years of experience as chief executive officer of Helzberg Diamonds. Their campaign gift allowed Rockhurst to completely renovate historic Conway Hall, which houses the school.

The Excellence in the City Campaign
Listening to Our Hearts

BY MARTHA HEAD

When I think of Jesuits, I think of a priest who gave me a baseball uniform when I was a young girl. I think of my first cousin, the Rev. Thomas Denzer, S.J. And, always, I think of Rockhurst University.

Since that priest first gave me that uniform, I've wanted to give something back.

I grew up in Kansas City, where my family attended St. Francis Xavier Church. The community was strong and close-knit, and I have many wonderful memories of the priests who were actively involved in the parish school, which my brother and I both attended. That's where I developed a life-long love for sports.

One memory that remains with me today is when Fr. Fusz, an assistant pastor at the church, gave me a uniform so I could play on the baseball team. We also had an excellent volleyball team, which beat St. James and won the city championship.

While many of my relatives and friends attended Rockhurst High School and College, I was only a short distance away at St. Teresa's Academy. When I went to college, I attended St. Mary of the Woods, located in a lovely rural setting just outside of Terre Haute, Ind.

Although I enjoyed my experience at St. Mary's, my personal relationship with Rockhurst College began in earnest during summer break in 1952. I already had completed two years of college, and I planned to return to Indiana. But while home, I decided to take advantage of Rockhurst's summer school, which admitted women.

While at Rockhurst, the Rev. Joseph E. Gough, S.J., dean of the college, and the faculty members influenced me tremendously. I took 10 hours of chemistry at Rockhurst, and I recall my organic chemistry class with Dr. Vanston Ryan. At the time, he told me I could get into medical school. Although I didn't pursue medicine, I discovered that meeting someone who has faith in you can help you succeed in life.

Others who challenged me at that time were Dr. M. R. Knickerbocker, who taught American literature, and the Rev. Joseph Freeman, S.J., who taught ethics. As a Rockhurst student, I had many rewarding experiences that left quite a lasting impression.

These wonderful memories, no doubt, came into play when the Rev. Thomas Savage, S.J., former president of Rockhurst, approached me about serving on the board of trustees, which I did for nine years beginning in 1992.

What I enjoyed most about my time there was the wonderful mix of men and women who gave this board a diverse flavor I had not witnessed before.

While on the board, we undertook construction of Richardson Science Center.

We also tried to find funding to increase faculty salaries and improve security throughout campus.

As I think about Rockhurst today under the leadership of the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., and his board, now one constant remains, and that is how the University's faculty and students live up to the Jesuit philosophy of being people for others.

I firmly believe this comes from the enduring influence of the Jesuits and their attempts to engage students in the Catholic intellectual life.

Rockhurst has fewer Jesuits today, and we must listen carefully to them. We have to carry on as lay people what they established at their universities.

Barnett and Shirley Helzberg on the Rockhurst University quadrangle.

I hope that my personal recollections make it clear why I have chosen to support Rockhurst University.

I have mentioned some of the people I've worked with and learned from at Rockhurst, but it may be impossible to convey the deep feeling I have for my Rockhurst experience.

The people here have helped to direct my life and shape my values.

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I Wanted to Teach

By Barnett Helzberg

Like so many of the things all of us do, the “why” is not always simple and straightforward. My relationship with Rockhurst started about 14 years ago when one of my longtime dreams became reality because of Rockhurst — becoming a teacher. Rockhurst believed in me, and this unproven commodity never forgets that.

This has given me a chance to know and work with many wonderful MBA students through the years. I especially admire these folks who hold down jobs, take care of families, and are motivated to learn and advance by taking a night course. My students range from about 28 to 42 years of age, generally, and include some real standouts. Naturally, I take all credit for their future successes and though I have yet to produce the president of GE, I have always been very proud of these folks.

Working with young business people is energizing. I find it rewarding and challenging to share what I have learned in business and I like to feel that I’m making a contribution to the reservoir of knowledge and human experience.

Teaching in the classroom, for me, is a natural extension of daily work. Each of us continuously teaches by example. My MBA students often tell stories about their employers’ actions that convey much more than any written policies or procedures.

I also have learned a great deal from my students. At the close of every semester, I ask them how the course can be improved. One of the simplest ways to continue personal and professional growth is to ask for honest feedback and to be open enough to act on it.

My involvement with Rockhurst also has given me the chance to work with great mentors who have been tremendously helpful. These have included former president the Rev. Thomas Savage, S.J.; current president the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J.; School of Management deans Bob Clark and Earl Walker; and now Dean James Daley; as well as faculty members Dick Shaw, Merle Frye and Craig Sasse, and anyone else who I have ever asked for help.

One of my prime reasons for giving to Rockhurst is certainly my relationship with one of the fund-raisers, a lady named Shirley Helzberg (I never realized I had a choice!).

When I encourage people to share their time with organizations in which they believe, I always tell them that giving back may be the most fun they will ever have. This comes from the learning and sharing opportunities, as well as from the personal connections we can make with dynamic people committed to a common cause.

I am especially proud of the Rockhurst commitment to such an important part of our city and the continuing investments and improvements to our campus. In short, I feel very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful institution!
A Dream Fulfilled

THE EXCELLENCE IN THE CITY CAMPAIGN raised more than $5.8 million for scholarships. One of those, the Frank and Janice S. Ellis Scholarship, was awarded to incoming freshman Kaylon Sanders.

By Kaylon Christopher Sanders, ’07

I remember my first day of freshman year in high school. I felt like an elf in a crowd of giants. There’s a reason for that: I was only about 5’1.” You can imagine how popular I was among the upper class. This is my story about my personal growth from that insecure high school student to the Rockhurst freshman I am now.

I recall sitting in the counseling center all day trying to get my schedule together without the assistance of anyone. It was my first time to make major decisions alone, but I made them.
FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL

Life in high school gradually became easier. Sophomore year I was more comfortable but still felt a little out of place. By the time junior year arrived, I felt at home at Lincoln Prep in Kansas City. People knew who I was, and I felt an intricate part of the school. But that was high school with all the insecurities that go along with that experience.

When senior year approached, there was only one thing on my mind — graduation! I couldn’t think about anything else. My excitement and anticipation about graduation was so intense that I couldn’t watch TV shows that portrayed a graduation ceremony, such as an episode of checking and critiquing your work.

High school is the place where teens learn these lessons at an early age. Even though high school is a difficult place to conquer, it is an essential part of growing up.

GROWING UP AND OUT

In my senior year, I made a major change in my life. Most students don’t experience the same thing I did my senior year, but it sure taught me a lot about independence.

For most of my life, I lived with my father and my stepmother. At the end of my junior year, things at home started to get a little unbearable. I really felt uncomfortable in my own house. I felt like I didn’t belong in that household anymore.

Now as a student at Rockhurst, I have achieved one of my goals in life. I was accepted at a university where I can nourish my skills and talents to fulfill my dreams.

“Saved By the Bell.”

Once graduation was over, I honestly said to myself that I would love to redo senior year, simply because I had so many great memories about things that happened to me.

One important lesson that I learned, and all other teens learn, is the attitudes of people and the managerial system. You learn that some people aren’t as true as you think, and you also learn how to be a subordinate, no matter how grown you think you may be. In life, there is always somebody who’s going to be better than you at something.

Or you might find someone who may hold contempt for you because you do something better than they can. And you learn that there’s always somebody who’s going to be

I’ll love my parents always, but we became incompatible. Honestly, I can’t place the blame solely on them because I know I contributed to some of the disagreements. I decided that I wasn’t going to continue to live in a household where I wasn’t happy, especially as my senior year approached.

So, I made a big leap. In October 2003, I moved out of my parents’ house and moved in with my great-grandmother. It was a huge adjustment from my prior lifestyle, but my Nannee did the best she could to make things comfortable for me.

With this move, I realized some things about myself. I realized that I had to learn to adjust to my surroundings no matter what they were. In life, we don’t always get the things
we want. We get the things that are given to us or things that we’ve earned. Even though they might not be exactly what we dreamed, we become accustomed to them.

That’s a life lesson I personally learned earlier than most. In life, there are no guarantees, only choices, and we must make them in order to become successful in our lives.

**HERE AND NOW**

Now as a student at Rockhurst University, I feel I have achieved one of my goals in life. I was accepted at an institution where I can further nourish my skills and talents to fulfill my dreams.

At first, I wasn’t sure if I was going to be able to attend Rockhurst because I had NO money at all. But with the help of the financial aid and admissions offices, I was awarded substantial scholarships and grants that fund my education.

I chose Rockhurst because it focuses on students and how they interact with one another. The University encourages academic excellence and makes sure that students stay involved in campus life. Learning, Leadership and Service in the Jesuit Tradition is what Rockhurst promotes. This is, I believe, essential to my intellectual development at Rockhurst. I can say that I am now comfortable with where I am in my life, and I am confident that great things are to follow.

I’ve frequently turned to this biblical passage that encourages me to believe that I can achieve anything through God’s power: “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4, KJV)

Thinking ahead. When he graduates from Rockhurst, Kaylon plans to work for a business or marketing agency in the Kansas City area or for a record label or a talent agency promoting and managing new talent.
Rockhurst Day Returns

A mix of sun and clouds against a deep blue autumn sky greeted visitors to campus for the revival of Rockhurst Day, Sept. 27. A fire-eating, stilt-walking juggler, fireworks, a progressive dinner and baseball game kept nearly 1,000 guests entertained throughout the day. The event combined Family Weekend, an open house for prospective students, a capital campaign celebration and the dedication of Loyola Park. Rockhurst Day reinvents a tradition from many years ago when the University held an annual event showcasing its community connections.

The Hawk mascot is a big hit with the kids.

Even cotton candy is blue on Rockhurst day.

Former Hawks baseball players play an alumni game to dedicate the new field at Loyola Park, Rockhurst’s latest addition.
Terry Dunn, '71, throws the first pitch.

Rockhurst President the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., enjoys the celebration.
Spring Sports Finish Strong

Rockhurst University athletic teams again made a statement this past spring, with three teams entering post-season competition. Men's baseball went 30-16 and fell to eventual national champions Central Missouri State in the regional finals. Sweet 16 finishes are not new for the Hawk squad, which has been there before, including a 1999 appearance in the College World Series. Coach Gary Burns lost five seniors to graduation, but returns enough depth to make a run again in 2004.

Men's and women's tennis again had a great spring with the men's team going 15-6 and the women's team 16-5. The men competed in the regional tournament in Texas, taking them to post-season play for the third straight year. Coach Kendell Hale, whose career record sits at 134-52, was again named Regional Coach of the Year. The women's team lost only one senior to graduation and, with new faces, will look to return to post-season competition in 2004. The men, who have also added new players to the roster, look to be even stronger this season.

Coach Carl Capra's men's and women's golf teams have added depth and talent to the 2003-04 squad with the addition of five new men and two new women. In the Northern Colorado tournament, returner Kit Emerson shot an 80 to set a personal record. The men finished strong in the Heartland Conference tournament. Drew Hatton's 73.5 scoring average for the season allowed him to compete in the NCAA Division II Super-Regional, adding post-season experience for this year's squad.

Fall Forecast

The volleyball squad, 37-5 in 2003, and fresh off of a Sweet 16 finish, started the 2003 campaign with a bang, winning the Rockhurst Classic Aug. 29-30. Going 4-0 and dropping only one game during their undefeated run, the women show promise of being able to better last year's finish. They began the year ranked 12th in the nation. All-tournament honorees for the opening classic were Jessica Shepler, senior returner, and Regiane Manzato, a Brazilian newcomer. The next weekend saw them split at the Nebraska-Kearney tournament, going 2-2 with wins over Winona State and South Dakota. Shepler was again named to the All-Tournament Team and is an All-America candidate.

The men's soccer team had an undefeated start fresh off of their Elite Eight finish last fall. Going 15-3 last season, the Hawks had wins over Quincy, Louis (ranked 16th in the nation) and Wisconsin Parkside during the early part of this season. This year's squad has incredible depth, and their speed and quickness — along with excellent fundamental team play — make them a force again this year in the Division II ranks.

Fresh off a 12-6 finish last year, the women's soccer team opened in a downpour on Aug. 29, where they won decisively over Southwest State-Minnesota 5-0. Even with two early losses, promising play bodes well for the 2003 campaign.
SHELTON SET FOR SENIOR YEAR

Finding a left-handed setter who also has a mean outside spike is always a blessing for any volleyball coach. Add to that a player who is liked and respected by her teammates and you have success.

Such is the case for head coach Tracy Rietzke when it comes to Deanna Shelton, ’04, a returning starter for the Rockhurst women as a setter and right front hitter. In 2002, Shelton was a key player in the squad’s Sweet Sixteen finish on its way to a 37-5 record.

Shelton is a senior elementary-education major who came to Rockhurst from the University of New Mexico, transferring after her freshman season, when she was named defensive player of the year. A native of the St. Louis area, she was a four-year varsity-letter winner and four-year all-conference performer at Hazelwood High School.

The best part of her Rockhurst experience has been the unity of the team on and off the floor, Shelton says. She has a tremendous passion for the game and she tells future players to be willing to learn. “Become more coachable because this is where you will become a better player.”

Success Follows Dwyer

Soccer has been a big part of life for Kari Dwyer, ’04, and the resulting relationships she has developed have proven to be the best part of the journey.

Head coach Greg Herdlick has been a constant, coaching the four-year starter for the Lady Hawks during her high school years at Shawnee Mission South before both came to Rockhurst. There, the Overland Park, Kan., native was a standout high school player and received league, state and national awards for her success.

Dwyer’s talent has a definite presence on the field, but her work ethic, intensity and leadership also are skills that have contributed to the increased success of the Lady Hawks, who had their best season in 2002 since moving to NCAA Division II.

“It will be sad to see Kari leave after all these years,” says Herdlick. “She will be sorely missed and hard to replace.”

Dwyer cites her parents’ support as a major contribution to her success, as evidenced by the fact that they have made every road game in her entire career.

A psychology major, Dwyer plans to attend law school to prepare for criminal or family law practice.

Great Start for Men’s Soccer

Kurt Trouba’s ability as sweeper for the Rockhurst men’s soccer team has earned him high praise from head coach Tony Tocco, who calls Trouba, ’04, “the backbone of the team defense.”

A two-sport athlete from Creighton Prep High School in Omaha, Neb., where he also played football, Kurt is a living example of what hard work and dedication will do for a player.

Starting his career at Rockhurst as a red-shirt, Trouba now has been a two-year starter and is serving his second season as captain for the Rockhurst men. His leadership skills have excelled, and he has been a major part of the success from last season that has led the team to another great start in 2003.

Soccer has provided Trouba with much more than leadership training. His work ethic and belief in dedication to the team likely will carry into his future endeavors. As a marketing and communications major, teamwork will always be a part of his daily life.
Rockhurst Golf Tourney a Hole in One

The promise of golfing with a celebrity and raising money for Rockhurst athletics attracted a big turnout for the first Rockhurst Celebrity Golf Classic, held June 30 in honor of longtime professor the late Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, S.J.

The event began with a celebrity pairings party Sunday, June 29, at the Pavilion at Arrowhead.

Thirty-six fivesomes teed off at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lions-Gate in Overland Park, Kan., followed by an award dinner and raffle.

Taking first place in the first flight were Tim Donahue, ’78, Patrick O’Neill, David Neuner, Eric Larson, and celebrity team member Al Fitzmorris, former Kansas City Royal. Terry English, ’76, and Julie Essary, ’04, won the closest-to-pin contests, and Kansas City Chief Omar Easy and Cindy Shook had the longest men’s and women’s drives.

The Celebrity Golf Classic raised $35,000, which benefited Rockhurst athletics. Tournament organizers hope to raise even more next year, so mark your calendar now for the 2004 tournament, which will be held June 27-28.

Bank of America and an anonymous donor sponsored this year’s tournament.

(I-r) John McMaster, ’80, Pat Roberts, Cindy Shook, Len Dawson, sports director for KMBC 9 News and former Kansas City Chief, and John Brooks were one of 36 teams to compete in Rockhurst’s Celebrity Golf Classic.
Boosting Endowment, Scholarships

The celebration of the successful culmination of Rockhurst’s $50 million capital campaign, Excellence in the City, did not last long in the University’s advancement office. They’re already at work on their next challenge from President the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., and the board of trustees — to build the University’s endowment from $37 million to $100 million over the next 10 years.

They plan to do this primarily by raising money for endowed scholarships. Endowed scholarships are different from sponsored scholarships. Sponsored scholarships occur when a donor wants his or her contribution immediately distributed.

When a donor makes a significant contribution to set up an endowed scholarship, the gift is invested, and the interest earned on that investment supports the scholarship.

Endowed scholarships are important because they achieve a two-fold goal. First, they build the endowment.

“A healthy endowment ensures a healthy institution,” said Nan Evanson, vice president for institutional advancement.

The endowment allows the University the ability to build and renovate buildings on campus; offers funds for faculty and student development; and provides assistance for service trips, cultural events and technological advances at the University.

The scholarship opportunities made available are the second part of the goal. They assist financially needy students who otherwise could not attend Rockhurst.

They can also attract students of higher caliber and of various academic interests and cultural backgrounds. In addition, endowed scholarships permit the University to depend less on tuition discounting. Tuition discounts award eligible students tuition breaks, but these grants are unfunded. Endowed scholarships remedy this by providing financial underwriting for tuition grants.

For more information or to contribute to Rockhurst endowed scholarships, contact Thomas Audley at (816) 501-4551 or thomas.audley@rockhurst.edu.
There’s nothing more relaxing than a sea cruise, especially when you can share it with fellow alumni and friends of Rockhurst University. That was the premise behind this year’s Alumni College weekend, where alumni and friends spent Friday evening through Saturday morning on the S.S. Rockhurst, hosted by Captain Kinerk and his crew.

Voyagers set sail with the traditional captain’s dinner Friday evening, complete with tropical drinks and entrees, enjoyed after dinner refreshments underneath the stars at the pergola and wiled away the late night hours with a movie. The next day brought myriad classes from which to choose.

Offerings began with an early-morning jog and culminated with a tasting of wines from Italy.

Participants had the option of staying “on board” both Friday and Saturday evenings. They were accommodated in Rockhurst’s Town House Village where, in addition to sleeping rooms, they had use of a living room, dining room, kitchen and private bath. Total cost for the weekend, including housing and meals, was $85 per person. As one guest remarked as he was leaving, “An unbelievable value.”

Rockhurst University alumni conducted most classes: Dave Biersmith ’58; Judge Joseph Perron, ’68; Forest Bartlett, ’56; Sherry Payne, ’99; Jim Wirken, ’66; Phil Colombo, ’91; Jim Rice, ’55; and Jim Millard, ’64.

Next year’s Alumni College is scheduled for June 12-14, 2004. Be sure to mark your calendar for a most unforgettable weekend.
Rockhurst Selects Alumni Achievers

The Rockhurst University Alumni Board presents several awards to honor outstanding alumni. Honors include the following and Athletic Hall of Fame and the Science Hall of Fame awards.

The Alumni Board Nominations and Awards Committee recommends award winners after carefully considering many outstanding candidates.

Alumni nominate those who have distinguished themselves in achievement, service, scholarly works, and those who, though not Rockhurst graduates, have proven to be loyal and committed supporters.

Edward A. Purcell Jr., Ph.D., J.D., '62, St. Thomas More Academy of Scholars: Purcell is honored for his significant contributions to an academic field of knowledge. Purcell, who received his doctorate from the University of Kansas and his juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, is one of the nation’s foremost authorities on the history of the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal judicial system.

His most recent book, *Brandeis and the Progressive Constitution: Erie, the Judicial Power, and the Politics of the Federal Courts in Twentieth-Century America* (Yale University Press, 2000) has been hailed by reviewers as a work certain to occupy a significant place in the constitutional-history canon.

Michael A. Kleinman, '63, Alumnus of the Year for Outstanding Service: Michael A. Kleinman is active in the Kansas City community. He served as public relations director for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and now is the executive vice president of Midwest Trust Company.

An active Rockhurst alumnus, he is a founding member of the University’s Planned Giving Committee and has served as its chair for more than six years. He is active in the Heritage Society and, as its chair, increased membership from 300 to 466.

He now is enrolled in a master of theology program to prepare for further service to his church.

Reva R. Servoss, Ph.D., Rockhurst University Honorary Alumnus: Servoss came to the U.S. from Belgium after the end of World War II.

As a faculty member at Rockhurst University, she inspired students to pursue excellence, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in their fields.

A longtime supporter of women’s involvement in the sciences, she established a scholarship program for the purpose of helping female Rockhurst students continue their commitment to chemistry. Her personal pursuit of academic excellence in the face of numerous obstacles and her unselfish commitment to others genuinely reflect Rockhurst ideals of learning, leadership and service in the Jesuit tradition.

Thomas M. Downs, '64, Alumnus of the Year for Outstanding Achievement: An experienced public administrator, transportation official and scholar of government, Downs is president and chief executive officer of the Eno Transportation Foundation in Washington, D.C. The foundation serves as a forum for discussion of transportation policy issues.

For 25 years, Downs has built a reputation on positioning organizations for success. He helped the National Association of Home Builders, which counts 200,000 companies as members, develop a constructive approach to the smart growth movement nationally.

In the 1980s, as city administrator of Washington, D.C., Downs oversaw the restoration of Union Station, and while serving as chief executive officer of AMTRAK, he was credited with leading the national passenger rail system from insolvency to a $2 billion capital investment fund in 1998.
'58
John L. Phinney and wife, Terry, moved to Florida seven years ago. Phinney writes that they enjoy the weather and, more important, their daughter, her husband and their two children. He has been a board member of their condo association for five years and enjoys his work at church. “Retirement in Florida is great.”

'66
Phillip F. Stambaugh recently joined Nantucket Bank as senior vice president, marketing and branch administration.

'67
Dennis Owens was presented the Judge James A. Moore Award by the Lawyers Association of Kansas City. This award is given to a Kansas City area judge or attorney who “exemplifies generosity of spirit and a deep concern for others and one who has truly made a difference in the life of others.”

Jim Wirken is keeping busy with his law practice of 33 years. Wirken also writes a weekly column in The Daily Record, a daily periodical serving the Jackson County legal community. In his column, he offers tips and suggestions related to successful law firm marketing, management and economics. In addition, Wirken has been the legal commentator on radio station KMBZ-980 AM every Sunday morning for the last four years. Wirken has frequently served as a guest host on the “Tom Becka Show,” which covers a wide variety of topics, which he says allows him to stretch into various areas both inside and out of the legal arena.

'70
Jim Killackey, investigative reporter for The Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City, has been named to the Alumni Board of the University of Oklahoma Journalism College.

'74
Capt. Steve Jones was mobilized to active duty in the Navy in December 2002 and currently serves in Kuwait. Jones sends his best wishes to all.

'76
Mark Jostes, M.D., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Washington University in St. Louis, was recognized by the Missouri Fam-
ily Health Council for his efforts in Missouri’s Title X system.

‘77
Michael Wheeler was appointed by Kansas Gov. Bill Graves to fill the newly created District 4 position on the Butler County Board of Commissioners in Missouri.

‘78
Robert J. Larson was elected president and chief executive officer of First Analysis Investment Corporation, a registered investment adviser in Chicago, Ill., on May 14, 2003.

‘85
Herbert G. “Skip” Reh III was elected to Bishop Dubourg’s High School Soccer Hall of Fame in April 2003.

‘88
Sherri Zywiec moved to Colorado and is working as a nurse in labor and delivery in Denver. Zywiec enjoys all outdoor activities and spending time with friends and family.

‘90
Peter Gusman Jr. was part of a committee that organized a gambling addiction awareness program called “Cost of the Game: When a Family Member Gambles,” held at the North Kansas City Community Center in Kansas City, Mo.

‘91
John R. Ammatelli is a sales consultant with ASIF (Synthes Spine). Wife Kristin’s business is the M & W Ironing Service. The Ammatellis have two children, Dominic, born 1999, and Rose, born 2002.

‘92 MBA
Dan Matuella manages a new sales division at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch where two new products were launched.

‘93
Mark L. Begley received his CLU on Nov. 1, 2002.

‘94
Thomas K. Johnson recently accepted a project manager position at Applebee’s International in Leawood, Kan.

‘95

‘96
Kristin D. Mangiaracina is the director of social service of a 71-bed skilled nursing facility. Ana Melgoza was honored in Washington with the 2003 Latina Leadership of the Year Award. She was honored for her leadership in the community and work toward the advancement of Hispanics in Missouri. She is vice president for organizational development at the Don Bosco Center.

‘97
Robert Paredes II, an attorney with UMB Bank in Overland Park, Kan., has been selected to become a member of the Missouri Bar’s 2003-04 Leadership Academy. Paredes was one of only nine attorneys selected from Missouri for this special program, which is designed to increase diversity among Missouri Bar leadership. The members of the academy were recruited because they already have demonstrated leadership within their communities and are interested in developing their leadership skills further. Each class develops and carries out an annual community service project, and each member of the Leadership Academy makes an additional two-year commitment of service to the Missouri Bar.


‘98, MPT ’00
Angela (Heaton) Connell has lived in Columbia, Mo., for two years and has begun a new job at Peters Rehab, LLC, as a physical therapist. Connell is involved with the American Physical Therapy Association at the state level and is a delegate to the House of Delegates, the governing body of the APTA. She co-owns a Jazzercise fitness franchise and teaches aerobics classes.

‘98
Amy (Ives) Terry teaches in the archdiocese of Indianapolis, Ind. She received an M.S. in education in 2002 from Peru State College in Nebraska. She married Travis Terry on Oct. 26, 2002. Terry teaches second grade at St. Charles Borromeo in Bloomington. She is the Service Learning and Project Peace coordinator.

‘99
Brett Van Fleet is attending the University of Utah this fall. He is pursuing a stage management degree in hopes of one day working on Broadway in New York City. His ultimate dream job is to become a producer or artistic director.

‘00
Robert M. Bridgham joined UMB Trust and Wealth Management as private client senior officer
vice president in August 2002. Bridgham works with individuals, businesses and nonprofits to manage their financial and estate affairs. His wife, Noreen O’Connor Bridgham, is director of programs at The Central Exchange. The Bridghams have four children. Three sons are graduates of Rockhurst High School, ‘98, ‘01, and ‘03. Their youngest son will attend Marquette University on the Jesuit Presidential Scholarship in the fall of 2003. Bridgham is involved in the Rockhurst High School marketing committee, Men Under Construction—archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., and the Ancient Order of Hibernians—Kansas.

‘01
Courtney Kies-Bokenkroger completed her master’s degree in statistics at Iowa State University in May 2003.

MA ’01
John-Mark Jones was named Charter School Teacher of the Year by the Learning Exchange on May 6, 2003.

Sean Brennan finished his M.A. in history at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Penn. It was awarded on May 18, 2003. Brennan will begin work on his Ph.D. in history at the University of Notre Dame this fall. In addition, Brennan married Lisa Lynn Newberry at St. Mary’s Church in Johnson City, Tenn., on Aug. 9, 2003.

‘02
Amy Fagnani received Missouri’s Beginning Teacher of the Year Award in Jefferson City in April 2003. Kent King, Missouri commissioner of education, presented the award. Fagnani works in the Liberty school district.

Marriages

‘92
Meg Gilliam and Dan Kellog were married on May 9, 2003.

‘94, MBA ’98

‘95
Michelle Kokotajlo was married on June 16, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas, to Capt. Jason R. Ginn (Air Force). They currently reside in Charleston, S.C.

‘95, MBA ’03
Lisa Ann Fishel of Olathe, Kan., and Noel Leonard Harris of Belfast, Northern Ireland, were married on May 16, 2003, in Lawrence, Kan.

‘96, MPT ’98
Michael Vogel married Molly McKimson on April 26, 2003.

‘99, MOT ’01

‘99, RCN ’00

‘99
Ryan Michelle Nee and John Mark Kuykendall were married April 26, 2003, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Milan, Mo. The Rev. Luke Byrne, S.J., Rockhurst University chaplain, officiated the wedding.

‘00

Katie Hart and Tim Siensukon, ’00, were married April 26, 2003, at Resurrection of Our Lord Church in St. Louis.

‘00, MPT ’02
Jennifer Clemen married Russell Demmer on May 17, 2003, in Dubuque, Iowa. Jessica Dugan, ’00, MPT ’02, was a bridal attendant.

Births

‘85
Teri (Dougherty) Kershens and husband, Randy, announce the arrival of their second child, Sydney Nichole, born Dec. 3, 2002. She joins her big sister, Kara, age 14. The Kershens recently moved from South Florida to Fort Collins, Colo., where they are enjoying the change in climate and beautiful scenery. Randy is a tile/stone subcontractor, and Teri is a full-time homemaker.

‘88
Michael Hall and Diane Hall, ’91, announce the birth of their new son.
Sean Evan was born on March 17, 2003, at Research Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Older brother, Trevor, born June 21, 2000, is very proud of his baby brother who loves to give his brother hugs and kisses.

'90
Janet Calhoun Maceli and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of daughter Samantha Anne, born Jan. 31, 2003. She has an older brother, Stephen Joseph.

'91
Kristin (Elkermann) Kayser and her husband, Rick Kayser, announce the birth of their child, Devin Christopher, on Jan. 22, 2003. He has three older brothers: Cameron, 8; and twins Jordan and Jason, 6.

'92


'93
Mary Mooney Burns and her husband Brian Burns of North Kansas City announce the birth of their third daughter, Maeve Kathleen. Maeve joins older sisters Molly Katherine, 4, and Maureen Elizabeth, 2.

'95

MPT '96
Jason Finger and his wife, Tracey, announce the birth of their third child, Nicholas James, born Feb. 27, 2003. Nicholas joins brothers Dylan, 4, and Jordan, 2.

'98
Amanda Pierce Quinn and her husband, Corey, announce the birth of their first child, Ian James, born July 6, 2003.


Greg Ledwon and his wife, Jessica (Jansen) Ledwon, announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Timothy, born Dec. 14, 2002.

'99
Jim Still and his wife, Penny (Taft) Still, '00, welcome Madeline Nicole, born May 15, 2003.

'00
Monica L. Dietrich and her husband, Pete, announce the birth of their son, Rowan Alexander Dietrich Veenstra, born March 20, 2003.

'01
Courtney Kies-Bokenkroger and her husband, Matt, announce the birth

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of their daughter, Calista Diane, on March 22, 2003.

‘02
Sharon Tarwater and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of their son, Quinn Thomas.

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An internationally respected scholar, the Rev. Walter Ong, S.J., ‘33, died at the age of 90.

Noted Alumnus Remembered

The Rev. Walter J. Ong, S.J., ‘33, an internationally respected scholar and literary theorist, died Aug. 12, 2003, at St. Mary’s Medical Center, Richmond Heights, Mo., after suffering from Parkinson’s disease for several years. He was 90.

Ong, who has been called “one of the great intellectuals of the 20th century,” was born in Kansas City and majored in Latin at Rockhurst.

Ong earned a master’s degree in English from Saint Louis University and a doctorate in English from Harvard University. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1935 and was ordained a priest in 1946.

He was a celebrated, beloved faculty member at Saint Louis University, where he taught for 36 years.

In the 1980s, Saint Louis named him university professor of humanities, a position rarely granted, due to the broad, interdisciplinary nature of his scholarship. He was best known for his theories on writing.

A widely published author, his 1982 book, *Orality and Literacy: The Technologizing of the Word*, was translated into a dozen languages.

Ong was appointed to the White House Task Force on Education in 1967, served on the National Council on the Humanities from 1968 to 1974, and was elected president of the 30,000 member Modern Language Association of America in 1978. Rockhurst awarded Ong an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1968, and he was elected to the University’s St. Thomas More Academy of Scholars in 1992. Rockhurst’s English club is named in his honor.
Honoring My Parents, Remembering Rockhurst

Although both my parents are gone, giving part of my inheritance to Rockhurst made me feel like I was standing in their shoes, giving as they would have given. My parents were avid supporters of the University, living right across the street from campus and faithfully attending the Honorary Directors dinner annually.

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