

ROCKHURST

REPORT

A publication for alumni and friends of Rockhurst College

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**St. Francis Xavier and Rockhurst —
Partners in a community of faith**



ON THE COVER



The dramatic cover photo of St. Francis Xavier Church was taken by Don Ipock before a June storm. Together with the church, located across the street, Rockhurst strives to provide a college experience centered around Catholic and Jesuit faith and values. The cornerstones of this experience involve developing competence, compassion and conscience.

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Fall Celebration Honors Fr. Freeman

After 52 years as a member of the Rockhurst College philosophy faculty, the Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, S.J., retired from active teaching at the close of the spring 1998 semester. This fall, the Rockhurst community will honor Fr. Freeman, a friend and mentor to hundreds of Rockhurst students and alumni, at a special celebration.

Scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in the Massman Gallery, the party for Fr. Freeman will kick off this year's alumni reunion and awards weekend.

Invitations were sent to all alumni in late July. If you haven't received an invitation, you can R.S.V.P. by phone at (816) 501-4025 or 1-800-756-ALUM, by fax at (816) 501-4136 or by e-mail at j_millard@vax2.rockhurst.edu.

A Weekend to Remember

From soccer to alumni honors to a tribute to an esteemed faculty member, Alumni Reunion and Awards Weekend, Oct. 23-25, will be one to remember — and for remembering.

The weekend begins Friday with a party in honor of the Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, S.J.

Saturday afternoon activities include time for family fun with women's and men's soccer games, along with a tailgate party. The evening hours will be reserved for the recognition of reunion classes and honoring alumni who have distinguished themselves in a variety of ways.

This year's alumni honorees will include the Rev. Thomas F. Denzer, S.J., '48,

Alumnus of the Year for Outstanding Service; Louis Smith, MBA '80, Alumnus of the Year for Outstanding Achievement; the Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, S.J., Honorary Alumnus; Richard Donahue, '53, Athletic Hall of Fame; and Robert C. Jaklevic, '56, and Lawrence J. Marnett, '69, Science Hall of Fame. Each will receive special recognition on Saturday evening at the reunion and awards banquet.

Other activities throughout the weekend will include a special focus on the classes of 1948 (Golden Hawks) and 1973 (Silver Hawks). Other classes are planning reunion activities as well.

Watch your mail for more information about Alumni Reunion and Awards Weekend.

Tell Us What You Think

If you're a regular reader of Rockhurst Report, you probably noticed a few things about this issue are different. Based on our mission and our efforts to serve our readers, we have changed the size and the look of the publication, as well as the paper stock.

Our goal is to provide useful, timely and interesting news about the College's efforts to meet its mission in a format that is convenient, attractive and easy for readers to use. An important part of accomplishing this goal is to produce a piece that allows us make the most efficient use of our resources.

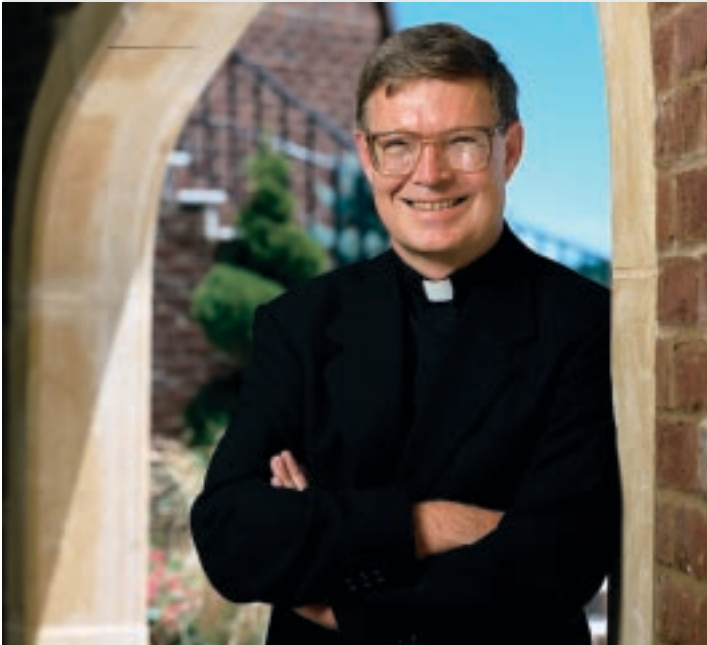
To this end, we are introducing a format that is easier to handle and that will allow us eventually to increase the amount of

information we present. In addition, this new size is more efficient to produce, which results in significantly lower printing costs.

We plan to continue to refine this new format in future issues — and that's where your opinion counts. Please give us your feedback about this issue and let us know what you would like to see in upcoming issues.

Send all comments to the Rockhurst Report editor, Katherine Frohoff, Rockhurst College, 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, MO 64110. You can also reply via e-mail at k_frohoff@vax2.rockhurst.edu.

Alumni, Friends Invited to Inauguration



The Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., Kansas City native and Rockhurst alumnus, has chosen “Excellence in the City” as the theme for his inauguration, Friday, Oct. 2. That theme will carry through to Saturday, Oct. 3, for the Diamond Gala, Rockhurst’s premier fund-raising event.

Inauguration, Oct. 2

The inauguration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a liturgy at St. Francis Xavier Church. Following the Mass, inauguration ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. in the Convocation Center. The day will conclude with a 4:30 p.m. reception on the campus quadrangle.

Inaugural events will include representatives from the community, educational institutions

throughout the country and Rockhurst alumni, students, faculty and staff.

Alumni and friends of the College are welcome to attend the day’s events free of charge. To R.S.V.P., complete and return the form on page 14.

Diamond Gala, Oct. 3

The 1998 Diamond Gala will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom and will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. dinner.

Gala co-chairs are Rich and JoAnn Teahan, and Bob and Carolyn Reintjes. Honorary chairs are Henry and Marion Bloch.

Gala tickets begin at \$150. To request an invitation, complete and return the form on page 14.

Jazz Matinee Makes History

The Rockhurst College Black Alumni Club hosted its first Jazz Matinee Saturday, June 13, when the Horace Washington Trio entertained more than 125 jazz lovers. For every \$20 ticket sold, \$10 went to the Black

Shelly Bolling-Strickland, '95; Tracy Lockett-Williams, '96; Lamont Richardson, '98; and Dudley Nevins, '85. They were supported by other members of the Black Alumni Club.

Incoming Black Alumni



Alumni Club Scholarship Fund.

The fund was established to attract black scholars to Rockhurst. To contribute to the Black Alumni Scholarship Fund, send your gift to the Advancement Office.

The scholarship effort was spearheaded by Bill Luster, '83; Cheryl Luster, '83; Gail Smith, '83; Lois Buggs, '83;

Club officers are Gail Smith, president; Lamont Richardson, vice-president; and Shelly Bolling-Strickland, secretary. For more information on the Black Alumni Club, contact the Rockhurst College Alumni Office at (816) 501-4025 or 1-800-756-ALUM.

Check Out Alumni on the Web

For regular updates about alumni, alumni accomplishments and Rockhurst news, point your web browser to the Rockhurst College web page at www.rockhurst.edu. Click on the Alumni button and you will find information on the Alumni Board, athletics, events, benefits, volunteer groups and special services. The alumni pages are updated regularly. You can even access the latest Rockhurst Report.

Highlights include BranchOut, a special free online community for gradu-

ates of Jesuit colleges and universities; Skill Search, a career networking service; JUNO, free e-mail; and MBA Central, a free career management service designed for MBA graduates.



A Hedge Apple a Day May Keep the Bugs Away

Thanks to Rockhurst researchers, there could soon be a new job for an old nuisance.

Is the glass half empty or half full? Are hedge apples an irritating nuisance that unfortunate homeowners must contend with or the key to food preservation?

After a few minutes talking with Don Gibbs, Ph.D., chairman of the Rockhurst College Chemistry Department, it's clear he espouses the half-full glass

theory — not only in relation to hedge apples, but also as a way to view research opportunities for undergraduates at Rockhurst.

“We have a freedom that researchers at a large university don't have,” Gibbs says.

He says large research programs have so many associated costs that faculty must look for lucrative funding sources for support. This often takes the form of pro-

posals submitted to research or charitable foundations.

“Large foundations consider certain topics appropriate to fund, but if you have a good idea that's not acceptable to them, you won't get funded.”

The result, Gibbs says, is that he and his students at Rockhurst can investigate basic fundamental questions that aren't explored elsewhere.

And that brings us to the hedge apple.

Old Farmers' Tales

Gibbs and his student researchers wanted to investigate how plants protect themselves against insects. If a substance could be found within a plant, it might have implications for insect control.

“Most research literature discusses exotic plants — such as those in Africa or India — but we wanted to look closer to home,” says Gibbs. “We started by talking to farmers to collect local folklore. Sometimes it's wrong, but it provides a starting point.”

The starting point for the Rockhurst group came when they found that some people swear hedge apples repel cockroaches.

Also known as Osage oranges or bois d'arc, hedge apples look like pock-marked, green baseballs and fall from trees to litter yards and sidewalks during the fall through

out the East, Northwest, Midwest and Texas.

Back in the lab, Gibbs and the students extracted chemicals from the hedge apples, isolated a compound, then tested it to see how it would affect insect behavior. The results, which will be published in a scientific journal, contain several revelations.

Instead of killing the bugs, the compound acts as an appetite suppressant. As a result, they eat less and have fewer offspring. With this approach, a season is required before a noticeable decline in the bug population will be seen. Gibbs concedes this could dampen enthusiasm for some potential consumers. Still, the level in the half-full glass rises.

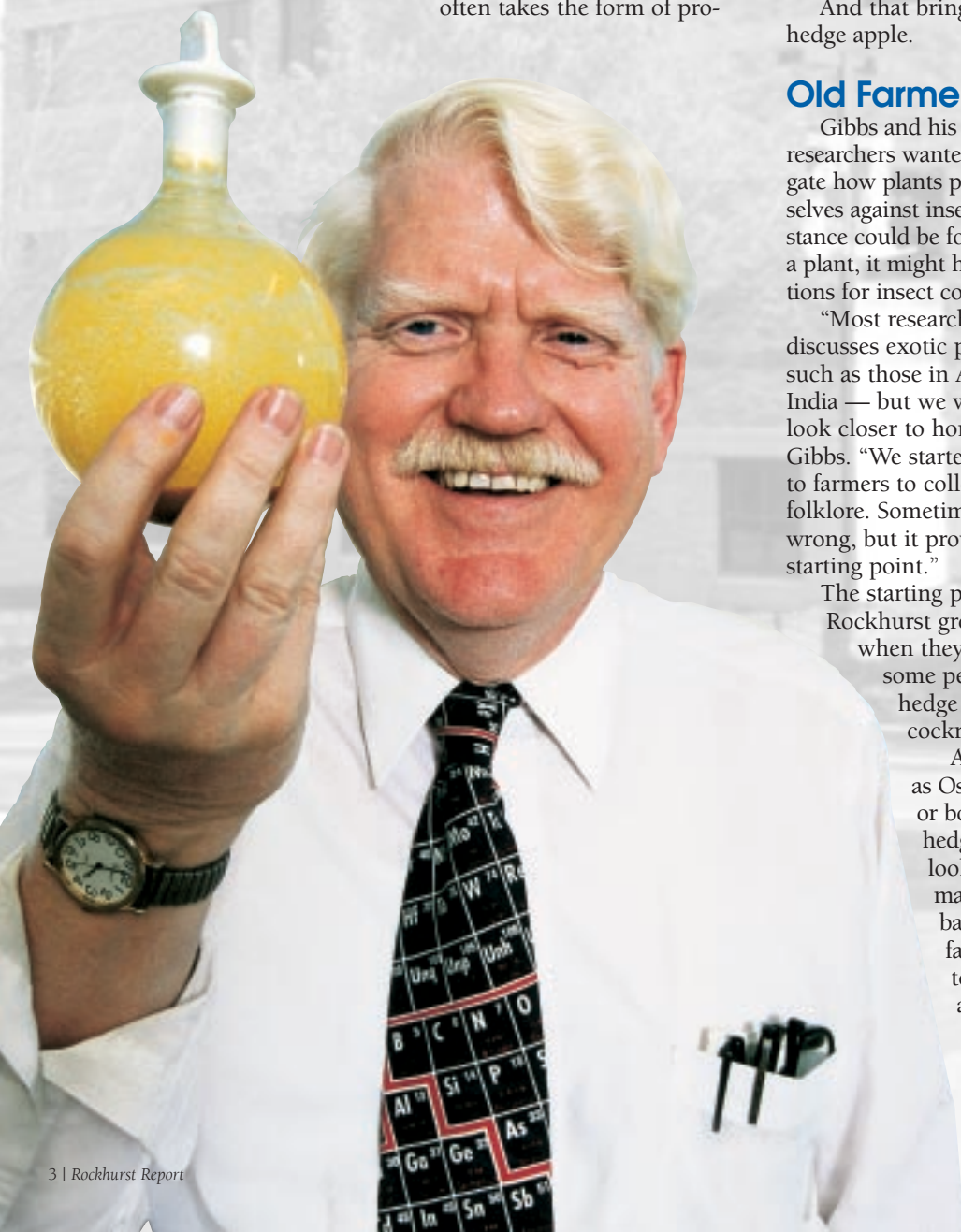
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One problem with the compound, says Gibbs, is that it's not very active and quite a bit is required to slow down the insects. Consequently, the researchers studied its structure in an attempt to develop a chemical compound in the lab that is more effective.

Implications for the chemical could reach beyond insect control, Gibbs says.

“As we've worked on its development, we've tried to reduce the possibility that this compound could be harmful to humans,” Gibbs says. “We think it could be used to protect stored foods — flour or grain. It could be incorporated into boxes or bags.”

Conducting this research in a small lab has forced Gibbs and his students to be creative, he says.



“Large labs would conduct tests on tons of mice, which is expensive, and you still wouldn’t know if it’s safe for humans.”

As a bonus, the creativity has resulted in three U.S. patents — two have already been issued and the third should follow soon. “Getting a patent doesn’t make our claims valid,” says Gibbs, “but it says that we have three ideas that have been certified by the government as original.”

Those ideas have attracted the attention of chemical giant Bayer Corp. Bayer is conducting tests at a German facility and may consider acquiring the patents, if scientists there consider them potentially profitable.

In the meantime, Gibbs’ students have started a project where there could be more at stake than money.

The Chinese Connection

It seems that hedge apples have some competition in the plant world when it comes to producing chemicals that repel insects.

According to Gibbs, certain plants that have been used for centuries by Chinese herbalists in the practice of folk medicine also produce insect-control chemicals.

The problem with trying to recreate these chemicals in the lab, Gibbs says, is that they are too complicated.

“We began to wonder how we could make a simpler molecule more cheaply,” says Gibbs. “We thought we



Students Paula Sage and Alex Bates assist Professor Don Gibbs in isolating chemical compounds from common plants. Research is underway to investigate how the compounds can repel insects and fight disease.

would start by studying the molecules found in these herbal medicines that have been tested, in a way, for human toxicity for 3,000 years.”

This research led to the discovery that a chemical found in one of these herbal-remedy plants has a similar molecular structure to that of the hedge apple chemical under investigation at Rockhurst.

In addition, researchers at another lab had found that this herbal preparation seems to be active against AIDS-causing HIV.

Because the Rockhurst researchers had already learned how to synthesize a similar chemical, they wanted to see if they also could learn to synthesize the anti-AIDS chemical.

Recent research has focused on searching for ways to make this chemical in an efficient manner. Because only small amounts of the compound are found in the herbs, enough synthetic

material must be created in the lab for AIDS researchers to study.

Although the outcome of the research could be significant, just as important for Gibbs is the process of getting there.

Back to Basics

“A lot of larger institutions take a mission-oriented approach to research — the mission is to find a way to make a new anticancer drug, whatever it takes,” says Gibbs. “Our mission is educating students. We’re not going to do whatever it takes to get research done. We’ll only pursue it if it’s important for students’ education.”

Part of that education, says Gibbs, is when students used to making straight A’s because they’ve mastered how to read textbooks and take tests begin to learn that in the actual “doing” of science, things don’t always work as anticipated.

“Textbooks and lectures give a very distorted idea

of what science is about. Students miss creativity and the role of the imagination. I want students to learn science by doing science.”

One thing that sets the Rockhurst research program apart from that at other institutions, Gibbs says, is that faculty and students start with a basic idea and add on. For example, when trying to synthesize the insect control compound, they begin with the simplest molecules that represent the plants’ defenses, then add to them.

“We ask, ‘What is the simplest possible solution to the question?,’” Gibbs says. “And it turns out, it’s working. Every step we take leads to something more promising.”

Maybe those steps will lead to a new reputation for the hedge apple. Maybe they will even play a part in slowing a deadly disease. Looking at the glass with Don Gibbs’ optimism makes it all seem possible.

Building a House in Mexico Strengthens Faith and Compassion



Many people who live in these dwellings in Anapra work in local “maquilas,” which offer factory jobs that often require long hours and pay low wages.

Deacon Ross Beaudoin, the director of St. Mark’s Mission, and Mr. Kit Stiles, a full-time volunteer, and we could not have been in better hands. They helped us cross the border into Ciudad Juarez, and then drove us the several miles to Anapra, where we lived for the next 10 days.

My first impression was of the sand and dust. It made sense given that we were in the desert of Northern Mexico. A few miles outside of Juarez, the pavement ended and we continued on a dirt road, and shortly the dirt became packed sand. In some places it was more than half a foot deep.

In the late evening, we pulled up to La Casa de la Cruz (The House of the Cross), the house and community center for the St. Mark’s volunteers. Our casa was built on land donated by our neighbors — two elderly widowed sisters, Leonora and Gregoria. Both became our unofficial Mexican grandmothers during our short stay.

By Bro. E. Glenn Kerfoot, S.J.

We arrived in Mexico on a Friday evening, the six students and myself, and I was quite tense about the entire trip because this was the first time I was the one ultimately responsible for everyone. But at the El Paso airport we were met by

In March, six Rockhurst students took a spring break they’ll likely remember for the rest of their lives.

They joined Bro. E. Glenn Kerfoot, S.J., assistant director of Campus Ministry, as volunteers in Anapra, Mexico. The group built a house and served where



Sand is carried by truck from the hillside outside of town and strained in preparation to make cement.

The casa had two main rooms, the kitchen area and a community room, in addition to two small bedrooms. Cinder blocks and two-ply boards served as beds. And with sleeping bags and padding, the community room was quickly converted into the master bedroom.

During our stay, we each had various house jobs, and would take turns doing those jobs. They ranged

needed to be filled as well. Once filled, these bags would be laid face down in the sun. If the sun stayed out, and the wind was at a minimum, then in the early evening the warmed water made for an excellent shower. If the water wasn't heated, then the shower was less than excellent.

We spent nine days in various activities, but the majority of the time was

were up, we stuccoed their exteriors and put on the roof.

When we left, nearly 85 percent of María Teresa's home was completed. I think we built a fine one for her. On some afternoons, a few of us labored at a second site moving earth and digging a foundation. We would have made the Army Corps of Engineers proud.

In addition to the construction, we assisted in a food distribution program. A small group of women living in Anapra formed a council several years ago, and St. Mark's Mission works very closely with

received and then shipped regularly to Anapra. A small clinic was created in a reclaimed dump 11 years ago. The medicine was taken there, and a few of us helped the doctor in charge with sorting and restocking the supplies.

Of all the things we did and saw, I'll always remember the people, especially Leonora and Gregoria. Don Pablo was our foreman, "El Maestro," at the construction site. He paid us a very fine compliment by saying we were like bees or ants. We were always working together on something, and we did it with enthusiasm. The children of Anapra were as precious as the day was long, and María Teresa brought us exquisite coffee in the mornings and cooked hearty lunches in the afternoons.

After coming home, I noticed a sizeable amount of sand in my shoes. As I dumped the sand out, I thought of a shelf Deacon Ross has in his office back at St. Mark's. On it is a small bag of sand labeled "Holy Ground From Anapra." I've been told that once you go to the Holy Land, a part of it always stays with you. This is true of Anapra — it will always stay with me.

Student volunteers each paid approximately \$275 in transportation costs to participate in this spring break service project. You can help sponsor students on future trips by forwarding your gift to Bro. E. Glenn Kerfoot, S.J., Campus Ministry, Rockhurst College, 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.



Walls are made from adobe bricks and sealed on the outside with stucco.

from sweeping, cooking and washing and drying dishes to changing the master bedroom back into the community room and getting the tools ready.

Two important morning jobs involved gas and water. Someone had to make sure the gas was turned on. And if that person was enterprising, he or she boiled some water for dishes and turned on the gas heater to warm the master bedroom — one night the temperature dropped to 38 degrees. The morning water job was especially critical. Two coolers needed to be filled. These held the water for washing dishes, hands and faces. Four camp shower bags

spent at the construction site. We worked for six days on a house for María Teresa, a young woman with two children and a third on the way. Prior to our arrival, work had begun on an adobe house for her, but one of its walls had collapsed. We were asked to take over its reconstruction.

Our work began by reinforcing the three standing walls and erecting the fourth. For this we used cinder blocks. We had to make our own cement, which we did by getting buckets of sand and then straining the sand through a screen mesh to get the coarse stones out of the mixture. Once the walls



Two-ply boards are used for the first layer of the roof, followed by tar, tar paper and shingles.

them. They determine where the greatest needs are, including food. The students sacked rice and beans into two- and three-pound bags and handed them out.

The students also helped distribute medicine. St. Mark's has a program here in Kansas City where items are

IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

FATHER OF EIGHT, CPA AND VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE



Gerard Meiners, '59, finds time to give back to his family, Rockhurst College and the community.

Although he's long been at the top of one of the largest CPA firms in Kansas City, one of the biggest annual accounting jobs that comes to Gerard Meiners, '59, may be handling the checks for his family reunion.

With more than 1,000 attendees, the event has become so big that it has been moved from

Rockhurst High School to the grounds of Avila College. The day's events include softball and soccer, an egg toss and a Mass celebrated by the Rev. Andrew Meiners — who just may be related.

Jerry Meiners, like many of his relatives at the family reunion, is a Rockhurst alumnus with deep ties to the College.

He grew up at 52nd and Rockhill, within easy walking distance of all the schools he attended — St. Francis Xavier, Rockhurst High School and Rockhurst College.

When Meiners' father told him he thought the accounting profession would hold a promising future, Jerry took his advice and began work on a business administration degree with a major in accounting and a minor in economics. After completing a course in accounting, he took a part-time job in the field, working three days a week and attending class three days.

His hard work paid off when he completed his degree at 20 years of age and passed the Certified Public Accountant exam at 21 — the youngest person in the state to have done so.

A Distinguished Career

After completing the exam, Meiners accepted a position with a small CPA firm that eventually became Donnelly Meiners Jordan Kline. He's remained with the firm, serving in a variety of roles.

"When you've been around as long as I have, you have the opportunity to do just about every-

thing," Meiners says.

He began working in tax accounting, gained experience in auditing and served as managing partner and chairman for many years. Recently, DMJK was acquired by Kansas City-based H&R Block Inc.

Today, Meiners heads the business valuations section of the firm. He says that's one of the many changes he's seen in the accounting field.

"The rise of specialties within the profession has taken place during the last decade and I think we'll see even more specialization in the future," Meiners says.

Meiners says his interest in the valuation of closely held businesses led him to take a day-long examination similar to the CPA exam last year. As a result, he's one of about 500 people accredited by the American Institute of CPAs for business valuation.

The need for establishing the value of closely held businesses — those that usually are not publicly traded and are owned by a small number of people — comes from a variety of reasons, Meiners says. These include sale of the business due to death or divorce, or the beginning of an employee stock ownership plan.



Gerard Meiners (far right) and members of his extended family gather on the Rockhurst campus. Daughter Elizabeth, '97, is second from right.

A Lifetime of Family and Service

As his father predicted, accounting proved to be a wise career choice for Meiners, but it hasn't been the sole focus of his life. Meiners and his wife, Kathleen, have eight children, five of whom also graduated from Rockhurst College.

All eight, says Meiners, attended Catholic schools.

During the children's school years, Meiners kept busy with scouting and coaching activities, as well as with numerous professional, civic and charitable groups.

Far from joining organizations on paper only, Meiners has taken the role of leader many times. He is past president of the Missouri Society of CPAs and its educational foundation, past president and

current member of the advisory board of the Seton Center, treasurer and board member of the National Catholic Community Foundation and co-chairman of the Leave a Legacy Donor Advisory Committee.

But some of his most rewarding work, Meiners says, has been for the Vitae Society, a nonprofit organization in Jefferson City established to fund pro-life advertising. His work on right-to-life issues also includes efforts on behalf of the Missouri Right to Life political action committee, which sponsors an annual fund-raising golf tournament. Meiners says he's pleased to see more young people becoming involved in this work.

Despite his many responsibilities, Meiners

has also kept busy on behalf of Rockhurst College. He's been a member of the Honorary Directors since graduation. He's past president of the Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Regents. In 1993 he was named *Alumnus of the Year*.

The Secret to Happiness

Throughout his career helping others track their assets, and as a result of his work in fund raising, Meiners has had many opportunities to discuss charitable giving with people at a variety of income levels, he says. Over the years he's developed a theory about giving habits.

"It seems the unhappiest people around are those who have the most

money who give the least," Meiners says.

Meiners underscores the importance of people giving back to their school, diocese and other worthwhile organizations. For those who want to begin a charitable giving program, but don't know where to start, Meiners advises beginning with their own parish.

After nearly 40 years as a CPA, Meiners says he's still not sure when he'll retire. But when he does, he'll probably indulge in his favorite pastime — golf.

In addition, Meiners says he enjoys helping two of his children with their business — acquiring and operating convenience store gas stations. Some people might be surprised to hear about his favorite chore, stocking the large walk-in coolers.

"There's no one in there and no telephone," Meiners says. "I find it very relaxing."

If that falls through, there's surely no one else with as much experience in organizing the finances for large-scale family reunions.

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1958

Stanley C. Garnett was recently named director for child nutrition programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1959

Michael C. Mittelstadt, Ph.D., Bartle Professor of Classics at Binghamton University, N.Y., was selected from a nationwide pool of applicants to receive a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to participate in a Summer Seminar for College Teachers titled "Religion, Literature, and Politics in Classical Athens." The six-week program was held at Cornell University.

1963

Timothy Braithwaite of Columbia, Md., has published his third book, *Evaluating the Year 2000 Project: A Management Guide for Determining Reasonable Care*. Tim is director of year 2000 test services for Van Dyke & Associates. The book is available through John Wiley & Sons Inc.

1967

James (Jim) Wirken is host of "Wirken on the Law," which airs from 9 to 10 a.m. Sundays on KMBZ-AM, Kansas City.

1975

Steve Magdaleno received a master of business administration degree from the University of Houston in May.

1978

Victoria J. Coleman received a master of business administration degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1982

Randall P. Kancel recently received the MAI designation awarded by the Appraisal Institute. Randall is an appraiser for Wyandotte County, State of Kansas.

1984

William R. Venable III, former director of alumni relations and annual giving, has been advanced to the status of Ph.D. candidate in the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is the Arthur Mag Ph.D. Fellow and founder of Students of the Social Science Consortium. He will receive his degree in May 1999.

Congratulations to **Ted Powers**, who has accepted a position with Anheuser Busch as manager of policy analysis in the Government Affairs Office.

1985

David W. Caffrey, MBA, Shawnee Mission, Kan., was recently elected president and CEO of Premier Bank, a locally operated and managed independent Kansas bank with more than \$100 million in assets.

1990

Fredrick H. Wallisch graduated from residency in family practice in Evansville at the end of June. He plans to establish O'Fallon Family Medicine in O'Fallon, Ill.

1990

Daniel G. Gavin has been selected as a 1998 40 Under 40 award recipient by the Orlando Business Journal and South Trust Bank. Daniel

joins an elite group of individuals under the age of 40 who have been identified as the next generation of Central Florida leaders.

1991

Dann J. Fredrickson, M.D., finished his internal medicine residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center in June. Dr. Fredrickson will start practice Sept. 1 at Briarcliff Medical Associates in North Kansas City. He will be the first internist in the family.

Susan M. Poston Magnuson has completed a master of education degree in counseling and personnel services at the University of Maryland at College Park. She is currently a volunteer caseworker at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

1993

Saz Madison has completed a master's degree in psychology. He has also been accepted into the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Central Michigan University for fall 1998. He and his wife, Mary G. Nevins Madison, '93 MOT, reside in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

1995

David C. Christian II graduated with a juris doctor degree from the College of William & Mary in May. He begins work this fall as a bankruptcy attorney in the Financial and Real Estate Transactions section of Husch & Eppenberger's Kansas City office. During his last semester of law school, David was on William & Mary's championship team at Fordham Law School's securities law moot court tournament in New

York City. He was awarded that tournament's Best Speaker award by five judges of the United States Court of Appeals.

1996

Christina DiGirolamo is a first-year student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and recently was ranked fourth in her law school class. She served as an intern this summer for the U.S. Department of Justice, at the Attorney General's Office in the Western District of Missouri.

Carl W. Nolte has accepted a new position with Kaw Valley Engineering as director of design services.

Jeffrey B. Buhl was accepted into the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., beginning this fall. The Graduate Theological Union is in affiliation with the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

1998

Suzanne Stuart began working this summer as a nurse in the Cardiac Intervention Unit at Mayo Medical Center in Rochester, Minn.

Marriages

Cindy M. Cernech, '94, married Glenn Hamilton on July 4, 1997. Cindy teaches at St. Edwards Grade School in Chicago. She is also working on a master's degree in educational administration at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill.

Holly M. Urbom, '95, and Luis Palacio have announced their engagement. The wedding will be in Kansas City in February 1999. Holly is a customer support analyst for the U.S. Senate, Sergeant at Arms. Luis is a manager for BBN, a defense logistics contractor. They plan to live in Alexandria, Va., after the wedding.

Jeffrey B. Buhl, '96, married Deanna Hamilton April 17, 1998.

Births

Stephen, '80, and Stephanie Sarcone, announce the birth of their son, Stephen Jr. Stephen was born April 9, 1998.

Congratulations to Leslie and Ted Powers, '84, on the birth of their son, Michael. Michael was born Jan. 27, 1997.

Jon and Christine Fontius, '90, of Raytown, Mo., announce the birth of their second son, Jacob George. Jacob was born Feb. 15, 1998, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 20.5".

Richard, '91, and Kristina Mikesic welcomed their first child, Andrew Nicholas, Oct. 28, 1997.

Brian, '92, and Jamie (Will) Schwartz, '92, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Noel. Haley was born Dec. 22, 1997, and is their first child. Brian is a sales engineer with State Electric Company and Jamie is a communications manager with Maritz Performance Improvement Company. The family resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Ron and Amy McCubbin, '92, announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Ray, born March 23, 1998. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21" long.

Karen Lang-Lammers, '92, and Larry Lammers, '89, celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Clair Elizabeth, Jan. 26, 1998.

Belinda and Richard A. Edgington II, '92, announce the birth of their child, Catherine Beatrice, born May 12, 1998.

Saz M. Madison, '93, and Mary G. Nevins-Madison, '93, are the proud parents of a son, Andrew Edward Madison. Andrew was born Dec. 27, 1996, weighing 9 pounds, 7.5 ounces.

Bryan Muldoon, '93, and Melissa Ruda-Muldoon, '94, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Anne. Grace Anne was born March 20, 1998.

David B. Dowden, '93, and Clara Dowden are the proud parents of Ashley Noel, born on Christmas Day, 1997.

In Memoriam

Leo Cain '40
March 9, 1998

John P. Donahue '50
March 9, 1998

Fr. Thomas J. Waterman '51
April 16, 1998

William P. Mesmer '54
May 7, 1998

David L. Orwick '61
March 4, 1998

Joseph A. Salamone '63
March 3, 1998

Thomas P. Carter '81
April 12, 1998

Kristen Jane Loeffelholtz '93
April 25, 1998

Alumni Association Board Elects New Officers

At the May Alumni Association Board meeting, Pam Miller, '80, MBA '88, was appointed president-elect, and Jeff Pfaff, '81, was appointed Regular Investors in Rockhurst chairman. Alan Harris, MBA '90, who was president-elect, assumed office as president July 1. He succeeds James C. Wirken, '67.

Leaving the board after six years of service were Larry Blankinship Jr., '78, Carol Dougherty, '78, and Robert Dunn, '82, MBA '89. Maryann Mitts, '92, leaves

after three years of service. Newly elected board members include Jim Okenfuss MBA '97, P.J. Reardon, '79, MBA '84, Eugene Standifer Jr., '57, and Dr. Danny Stanton, '81.

Alumni interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board, or on any of six standing committees, should contact Jim Millard, director of alumni and constituent affairs, at (816) 501-4581, or by e-mail at j_millard@vax2.rockhurst.edu.

ROCKS ON THE ROAD



Wall and the Peking Opera. Tour participants will also visit Xian — Kansas City's sister city — to see the famous terra cotta army figures; Guilin for a Li River cruise and cormorant fishing; and Hong Kong for a trip to Victoria Peak.

The cost is \$3,250, with a deposit of \$300 due by Nov. 23.

Travelers on the Russia trip, April 3-11, 1999, will visit Moscow and St. Petersburg. Highlights include stops at the Kremlin, Lenin's Tomb, the Moscow Circus, the Hermitage and an excursion to Pushkin.

The cost is \$2,250, with a deposit of \$200 due by Nov. 23.

Art lovers anxious for a tour of the new Getty Museum won't want to miss the Center for Arts and Letters trip to Los Angeles March 8-12, 1999. The trip will be led by the Rev. Robert Burke, S.J., professor of English, and will include visits to the Huntington Library and Loyola-Marymount University.

For more information about Global Studies trips, call Smist at (816) 501-4603. For details on the Los Angeles trip, call Cynthia Cartwright, director of the Center for Arts and Letters, at (816) 501-4607.

College students don't have to be the only ones traveling to exotic locales for a spring vacation. In 1999, you can join fellow Rocks on spring trips to Russia, China and Hong Kong, or Los Angeles.

The Center for Global Studies will again sponsor trips to Russia and China, both led by veteran traveler and center director Frank Smist, Ph.D.

Highlights of the trip to China and Hong Kong, March 13-21, 1999, will include the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Great



K.C. Golf Tournament Takes New Course

Alumni and friends of the College teed off at a new location for this year's Kansas City alumni golf outing — Dub's Dread Golf Course in Kansas City, Kan.

Golfers and sponsors helped raise funds for the Alumni Association Scholarship. Golf coach Carl Capra announced that this year's scholarship awards go to two new students who are members of the Rockhurst College golf team.

This year's winning foursome was composed of James F. O'Neill, '79, Patrick O'Neill, '76, Tim McGovern, '78, and David Scovell, '78. Each received \$40 gift certificates from the Dub's Dread Pro Shop. Second place and \$25 gift certificates went to the

foursome of Steve Larson, '79, Tim Donahue, '78; Tim Quinlan, '81; and Ed Ogan, '78. Third place and \$15 gift certificates went to Jim Schafer, '71; Frank Campbell, '75; Pat Gilchrist, '72; and Randall Herr, '79.

From each entry fee, \$15 was directed toward the Alumni Scholarship Fund. In addition, an auction of an autographed Andre Rison football brought in \$100 for the fund. Next year's tournament is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 1999.

Chairman for this year's tournament was Dan McEniry, '76.

Meet Me on the St. Louis Links

Monday, Sept. 21, has been set as the date for the sixth annual St. Louis Alumni Golf Tournament, to be held at Country Club at The Legends. Honorary co-chairs are Jim Collmeyer, '75, and Greg Larm, '75.

The energy for this annual event comes from Reggie Thorpe, '71. This year, Reggie is coordinating the tournament from his home in San Antonio, Texas. For tournament reservations, call Reggie at (210) 408-1863 (home) or (210) 886-2153 (work). You can also reach Reggie

by e-mail at comsnr@swbell.net (home) or rt0579@txmail.sbc.com (work).

The tournament cost is \$150 and includes green fees, cart, refreshments and an evening meal. Each year, the tournament proceeds fund Rockhurst alumni scholarships for two St. Louis-area students.

Out-of-town guests should contact Reggie to make room reservations at the Ramada Inn-Six Flags in Eureka, Mo.

CALENDAR

September

5 Women's soccer vs. Northeastern State University (Okla.), 1 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Northeastern State University (Okla.), 3 p.m.

7 Labor Day
College offices closed.

9 • Rockhurst Film Series. *La Traviata*, 7 p.m., Mabee Theater.

11 • Massman Gallery opening reception. John Gutowski, photographs, 7-9 p.m. Exhibit runs through Sept. 27.

14 Women's volleyball vs. Peru State, 7 p.m.

16 Women's soccer vs. Central Missouri State University 4 p.m.

• Rockhurst Film Series. Friday, 7 p.m., Mabee Theater.

22 Women's soccer vs. Park College, 4 p.m.

22 • Visting Scholar Lecture Series. "Sibling Rivalry in the Family of Abraham: Islam and its Relationship to Judaism and Christianity," Peter Awn, Ph.D., 8 p.m., Mabee Theater. Free.

23 • Rockhurst Film Series. *Network*, 7 p.m., Mabee Theater.

Women's volleyball vs. Washburn University, 7 p.m.

25-26 Women's volleyball tournament. Times to be announced.

26 Men's soccer vs. Columbia College, 2 p.m.

29 Men's soccer vs. Drury, 2 p.m.

30 Women's soccer vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, 4 p.m.

October

1 Women's soccer vs. Southwest Missouri State University, 4 p.m.

2 Presidential Inauguration. Mass, 1:30 p.m.; Inaguration ceremonies, 3 p.m.; reception, 4:30 p.m.

3 Diamond Gala, 6:30 p.m., Westin Crown Center.

4 Women's soccer vs. Lindenwood University, 2 p.m.

6 Women's soccer vs. Baker University, 4 p.m.

7 Men's soccer vs. Lincoln University, 2 p.m.

Women's volleyball vs. William Woods, 7 p.m.

8-11 • Rockhurst Theater Program. Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Mabee Theater.

9 • Massman Gallery opening reception. Eleanor Droll and Jane Voorhees, prints and drawings, 7-9 p.m. Exhibit runs through Nov. 1.

13 Men's soccer vs. Quincy University, 3 p.m.

17 Women's soccer vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, 1 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, 3 p.m.

19-24 Homecoming Week and Alumni Awards Weekend.

20 Women's volleyball vs. Morningside College, 7 p.m.

24 Women's soccer, alumni, 11 a.m.

Men's soccer vs. Benedictine College, 2 p.m.

27 Women's volleyball vs. Columbia College, 7 p.m.

29 Women's volleyball vs. Missouri Valley, 7 p.m.

• Visiting Scholar Lecture Series. "The Future of Medical Research and the Stowers Institute," Leroy Hood, M.D., Ph.D., 8 p.m., Mabee Theater or the Convocation Center.

November

1 • Musica Sacra of Kansas City. *Requiem*, by Maurice Duruflé, 3 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church.

6 • Massman Gallery opening reception. Sandra C. Newsom, 7-9 p.m. Exhibit runs through Jan. 10, 1999.

7 Women's volleyball vs. Truman State, 7 p.m.

• The public is invited to all Center for Arts and Letters events. Call (816) 501-4828 for information and ticket prices. Some events are free.

New SOM Dean Brings Broad Base of Experience

With a solid background in both higher education and the business world, Wallace Earl Walker, Ph.D., began his tenure as dean of the Rockhurst College School of Management Aug. 1. Walker came to Rockhurst from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, where he was dean of the School of Business.

“Dr. Walker’s unique blend of experience in higher education, the corporate world and government will be crucial in continuing

Rockhurst’s long tradition of partnerships with the community,” said the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., president of Rockhurst College.

At Our Lady of the Lake, Walker led a business school that served more than 1,200 students on three campuses.

During his tenure he reorganized the school into a team-based environment and established a master of business administration in electronic commerce management.

Prior to his position at

the San Antonio university, Walker served as corporate director of training, documentation and communications for the McLane Company in Temple, Texas. Before accepting that position, he was division director and professor of public policy at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

During 1980-81, Walker was a policy adviser and White House Fellow, serving as an assistant to the secretary of energy in the Carter administration and policy

adviser on energy and natural resources in the Reagan administration.

Walker earned a Ph.D. in organizational behavior and political science and a master’s degree in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Military Academy.

FAMOUS ROCKS ON CAMPUS

Weslynn Martin, professor of communication and fine arts, was honored with the 1998 Arthur E. Lowell Award for Excellence in Organizational Communication by the the Kansas City chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators in April. The award recognizes a communications professional for excellence, achievement and community involvement.

Patricia Cleary Miller, Ph.D., chair of the English department, has been selected to receive the Harvard Alumni Association Award for service to the university. A graduate of Radcliffe College, Miller has served as president of the Kansas City Harvard/Radcliffe Club and has been regional director of Midwest alumni groups. Miller will receive the award in November.

Curtis Hancock, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, and **Brendan Sweetman**, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, are authors of a recently published book

titled *Truth and Religious Belief* (M.E. Sharpe, 1998). The book consists of eight chapters that attempt to answer problems in the philosophy of religion, such as the existence and nature of God and the meaning of life.

Joan Caulfield, Ph.D., associate professor of education and director of the Center for the Advancement of Reform in Education, has been designated a master assessor by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Administrator Assessment Center. In addition, Caulfield has been appointed vice president of education for the Starr Symposium at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

William J. Ryan, associate professor of communication, wrote nine articles for the *Historical Dictionary of American Radio*, recently published by Greenwood Press (Westport, Conn.). They include “Count Basie’s Orchestra,” “Farm Broadcasting,” “Will Rogers” and “Radio Liberty.”

An Impressive Finale

Rockhurst’s last year in the NAIA will be one to remember — seven out of 12 teams made it to the national tournaments.

Those who took the trip were men’s soccer, women’s soccer, volleyball, women’s basketball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis and women’s golf.

The men’s soccer team made its 18th appearance at the national tournament, finishing second or third nine of those times.



This may have been the last year for men’s and women’s golf to compete in the NAIA, but it was the first year for the teams to participate as varsity sports.

In another first, the women’s basketball team made it to the NAIA Sweet Sixteen in Tennessee.

This fall, all Rockhurst teams move to NCAA Division II.



Prominent Researcher to Discuss the Future of Medical Research at a Rockhurst Lecture

Anyone who has driven past the area near Troost Avenue and Volker Boulevard lately and noticed the massive construction project at the former site of Menorah Medical Center is probably curious about what the future holds for the area's new occupant - The Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

Leroy Hood, M.D., Ph.D., chairman of the institute's Scientific Advisory Board, will discuss the future of medical research and the role the Stowers Institute will play in it at a Rockhurst lecture this fall.

Hood will present the Alpha Sigma Nu-Rev. Vincent Daues, S.J., Visiting Scholar Lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in Mabee Theater or the Convocation Center.

Hood has been recruited by the Stowers Institute to lead a team of internationally known molecular biologists to create and apply new methods of research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer and other diseases.

In addition to his position at the institute, Hood is the William Gates III Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Chairman of the Department of Molecular Biotechnology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Call the Center for Arts and Letters at (816) 501-4828 to register your attendance.

Faculty Workshops Promote Improved Learning for Students

Twelve Rockhurst faculty members took a break from summer break to attend a July workshop designed to help them develop teaching methods and communication skills that will improve their students' ability to learn.

Thanks to the Joe and Anne McGee Family Fund, 50 faculty have attended the McGee Institute for Instructional Development over the past three summers.

Faculty participated in workshops that covered a variety of topics, including active learning, syllabus and assignment design, and assessing student writing and speaking. Participants

gave a videotaped mini-lecture so they could assess their own speaking skills.

This year's institute was led by Weslynn Martin, professor of communication, and Tom Jones, assistant dean for assessment and academic initiatives. Faculty from a cross-section of disciplines attended, including physical therapy, chemistry, communication, philosophy, accounting, nursing and theology.

Martin says workshops and seminars will continue throughout the school year on a variety of teaching and learning topics.



Need to shape up?

Beat those post-graduate workout blues by joining the Rockhurst Physical Education and Recreation Center. Special one-year alumni memberships are available for \$100, including locker rental, lock and membership card. Bring your workout partner for \$3 weekdays and \$4 weekends.

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For more information, call (816) 501-4141. Act quickly - the membership year began Aug. 1.

Rockhurst College Presidential Inauguration and Diamond Gala

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