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Learning, Leadership and Service in the Jesuit Tradition
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Weights Get a New Home

For the past 40 years, if you wanted to lift weights at Rockhurst, you went to the basement of the Mason-Halpin Fieldhouse. From the room that once housed the campus rifle club’s shooting range to the weight room that time forgot, "the dungeon" seems to have been stuck in a time warp. As Rockhurst University’s athletic facilities expanded over the years, with the Convocation Center in 1973, and additional exercise room and equipment in 1992, the basement remained frequently used, but unchanged throughout the decades. Soon Rockhurst weightlifters will have more spacious surroundings, thanks to the recent purchase of the former Blockbuster building at 5109 Troost Ave. The physical plant operations center will move to that building and the free weights will be moved to the lower level of Massman Hall where the operations center was located.

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Like any responsive university, Rockhurst continually examines the demands of the job market and occasionally expands and adjusts its program offerings to better meet those demands. That’s why Rockhurst’s physical therapy department plans to begin offering a doctor of physical therapy degree (DPT) program — the University’s first doctoral program — in June.

To keep pace with the profession’s increasing demand for more advanced education among its practitioners, the DPT eventually will replace the current master of physical therapy program.

Like the master’s degree program, the DPT program will be three years long. However, it will start in June rather than August, and will last nine semesters instead of seven.

Another change requires students to complete an undergraduate degree before entering the DPT program. Currently, Rockhurst undergraduates can enter the MPT program during their senior year, finishing their bachelor’s degree and starting the master’s program in the same year.

"By offering the DPT, we are aligning ourselves with the vision of the American Physical Therapy Association for the future of our profession," said Brian McKiernan, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of physical therapy. "Physical therapy remains a challenging and rewarding career choice, and our students continue to be in high demand among employers across the country."

The new program is pending final approval of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education at its spring 2004 meeting.
A Lesson in Physics: Robert Hegarty, Ph.D., professor of physics, and freshman volunteer Kip Shields, from Platte City, Mo., use a bicycle wheel and a swivel chair to demonstrate the laws of motion to freshman seminar students.

Executive Fellows Program:

Executive Fellows Program four years ago. To better prepare physicians to tackle the responsibility of managing a medical practice, the Rockhurst University Helzberg School of Management is introducing an MBA with program requirements and course scheduling tailored specifically for busy, practicing physicians. Students will attend class one night each week and about one weekend per month for three years. Applications for admission to the new program are now being accepted, and the first class will begin in June.

MBA Tackles the Business of Health

It might be possible in Broadway musicals to succeed in business without really trying, but for today’s physicians financial success requires the acquisition of knowledge above and beyond that gained in medical school.

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Speaking of Diversity

Students at the historically African-American Hampton University in Virginia are adding to the diversity of the Rockhurst communication sciences and disorders program without ever setting foot on the Rockhurst campus.

The students are participating with Rockhurst students in an inter-institutional course called Dialogues on Diversity. During the second semester of this two-course sequence, students engage in online conversations on diversity, sharing information about their backgrounds and working together on case studies.

“It’s important for speech-language pathologists to have an understanding about cultures other than their own because the most important factor in clinical success is the relationship between the therapist and the client,” says Shelly Chabon, Ph.D., chair of the communication sciences and disorders department.

“When you ask someone to change the way they speak, you’re in a sense asking them to change the way they are.”

During the first semester, before students meet their Hampton counterparts online, they spend time exploring how they came to view the world as they do and developing competence in cross-cultural communication. In addition to classroom activities such as “cultural bingo” and discussing a “Seinfeld” episode that mentions just about every cultural stereotype imaginable, students record their thoughts in a journal. Chabon uses the journals to track how much the students have learned about diversity.

“The course is a celebration of diversity, but it’s also hard analysis and measurement. It’s also hard analysis and measurement.”

New 5th Year MBA: A Line to Your Success

For many years, conventional wisdom said that students in an MBA program needed at least five years of work experience to succeed in their studies. That later shrank to two years.

Data now show that, nationally, the number of MBA students with less than two years of work experience is growing, said James Daley, Ph.D., dean of Rockhurst University’s Helzberg School of Management.

To meet the needs of these students, Rockhurst has developed a “fifth-year option” MBA program that certain students can complete with 30 semester hours of post-graduate coursework.

The new program is open to eligible students who transfer to Rockhurst from a community college or to post-graduate students who recently have majored or minored in business administration at Rockhurst University.

Students must begin the program within one year of completing their undergraduate business degree at the University.

Daley said the advantage of beginning an MBA immediately after completing a bachelor’s degree at Rockhurst is that little review is needed of material already learned.

The Rockhurst undergraduate business curriculum is geared toward helping students gain knowledge they would normally get on the job. Therefore, the graduates who enter the MBA program will be well prepared.

The new program will allow non-business majors who want a thorough understanding of management principles essentially to choose management as a focus area, graduating in five years with a bachelor’s degree in one of the hard sciences, for example, and a master’s degree in business administration.

A Jesuit Look at Leading

How did the Society of Jesus, which was founded in 1540 by 10 men with no money and no business plan, grow for more than 450 years to become the world’s largest religious order? Author Chris Lowney explores the leadership principles — self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism — that have guided Jesuit leaders for centuries in his recent book, Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World.

The Jesuits’ style of leadership, Lowney explains, is relevant to successful leadership formation within modern organizations. As such, Rockhurst is using the book to help launch conversations on campus about the University’s initiative to become nationally recognized for leadership formation.

Each full-time faculty and staff member was presented a copy.

“The book will provide a point of discussion for the campus community around the broad issue of leadership development,” said William Haefele, Ph.D., Rockhurst’s vice president for academic affairs.

Haefele says one of the book’s concepts is particularly relevant to Rockhurst: Leadership is defined not by the scale of the opportunity but by the quality of the response. “I found that idea to be very powerful,” said Haefele. “Leading is not about position. All of us have a responsibility, whatever our position, to make a difference.”

A graduate of Fordham, Lowney served as a Jesuit for seven years before pursuing a career in investment banking at J.P. Morgan & Co. in New York.

At least 20 percent of Lowney’s royalties from this edition of Heroic Leadership will be donated to charities for impoverished children in the developing world.

The book is available at most online and retail bookstores.
They’re younger than the average Jesuit. They’re relative newcomers to the University community. They’re dynamic and approachable. Meet six of Rockhurst’s men in black.

By Kate Fischer, ’98

You’ve heard the alarming statistics — the number of priests in the United States is falling as the number of Catholics steadily grows. In 1965 there were 5,277 Jesuit priests and 3,559 seminarians; in 2000 there were just 3,172 priests and 389 seminarians, according to Kenneth C. Jones’ Index of Leading Catholic Indicators. Not only are there fewer priests, they are also getting older. The average age of priests is on the rise — for the Jesuits it is now 61, and more retire each year than join the Society.

Why? For one thing, it’s not easy to be a Jesuit. Consider this: on average, it takes 11 years of study and ministry to become an ordained Jesuit priest or brother. Part of this time is likely spent living in poverty with the poor, as St. Ignatius Loyola did. It may also be spent making an extended pilgrimage with few material resources to depend on — Jesuit novices may have to beg, they may

have to live among the homeless — as a concrete, practical way to learn to trust in God. Jesuits have to be men who are ready to go anywhere, live anywhere, do anything, suffer anything, or be anything in order to be instruments of God’s salvation.

Rockhurst is fortunate to have several young, dynamic Jesuits in our midst. Who are the men behind the statistics? What inspired them to choose a religious life? What are their lives like? These were a few of the questions I asked when I sat down to talk recently with six young members of the Society of Jesus.

Walking Ad for Vocations

At a time when poverty, chastity and obedience seem to be counter-culture, what would inspire a person to become a brother or a priest? Several Jesuits mentioned being impressed by the priests they encountered when they were young. The Rev. Dirk Dunfee, S.J., 47, minister to the Jesuit community, said a priest at Duke University inspired him to join the Society of Jesus.

“He was just one of those people who had the love of God written all over his face, and I wanted to be like him,” explains Dunfee.


“They seemed like they really enjoyed what they were doing, they were really friendly with each other, and they took an interest in me. I joined because I wanted to be a scholastic like the Jesuits,” said Fr. Vowells.

Fr. Ruhl liked the “human” aspect of the Jesuits at the high school.

The Rev. John Vowells, S.J., campus minister, enjoys theater and often attends local productions.

D. Scott Hendrickson, S.J., teaches courses in Spanish and Spanish literature and culture. Hendrickson has an identical twin brother, Daniel, who belongs to the Wisconsin Province of Jesuits.

“The ability of Jesuits to be very serious and then turn right around and be very silly — their humanity was attractive to me,” he said.

The Rev. Dan White, S.J., 36, associate pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish, admired the idea of what the Jesuits did. He liked the fact that the Jesuits were all over the world and were committed to service. D. Scott Hendrickson, S.J., 33, visiting professor of Spanish, was fascinated by the work the Jesuits were doing and how they were engaged and active in the world. These men saw something in the Jesuits that intrigued them, whether it was in the abstract or in a Jesuit they knew. That is key to increasing vocations, said Fr. Vowells.

“Jesuits have to live a visible life that is attractive to people. Most of us knew a Jesuit, and we saw his life, and we saw something that was attractive,” he said.

We Are Family

Brother Glenn Kerfoot, S.J., 43, campus minister, said when he

Name Those Jesuits

Together with the Jesuits interviewed for this story, 24 men comprise the Kansas City Jesuit community. Of these, several work in positions not directly related to the University — at Rockhurst High School, or in health care, for example. The remaining Jesuits affiliated with Rockhurst University are:

- The Rev. Martin J. Bredeck, S.J., professor of theology and religious studies;
- The Rev. Edward K. Burger, S.J., associate professor of history;
- The Rev. Luke J. Byrne, S.J., university chaplain;
- The Rev. John J. Callahan, S.J., director of mission and values for Rockhurst University and rector of the Jesuit community;
- The Rev. Thomas J. Casey, S.J., instructor of constitutional law;
- The Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., president;
- The Rev. Wilfred L. La Cruz, S.J., associate professor of philosophy;
- The Rev. Louis J. Oldani, S.J., professor of English; and
began to consider a religious life, one of his first decisions was to live as part of a religious community.

“I couldn’t see myself outside a community — I don’t know how it works,” he said.

The Society of Jesus believes in bringing people together to share their lives and experiences while helping them to become aware of the needs of others. The Jesuit community in Kansas City includes 24 men ranging in age from the 30s to the 80s. While each has his own room and bathroom, there is not much privacy to be found otherwise. They are expected to get together daily to talk about their faith, to pray and to be present for meals.

“Community life is wonderful and maddening. At times it is wonderful and supportive, other times it is maddening — just like any other family,” said Fr. Vowells.

Fr. White agrees. “I think family is the only comparison you can make, because there is no other situation like it — where you’re living with people of all ages, who are not related, who did not choose to live together, who have very different interests, who are all over the map ideologically,” he said.

Hendrickson also acknowledges that community life can be a challenge. “Just ask yourself, what would it be like to live with 20 over-educated men? It’s like poetry — it’s not always easy to understand,” he said. “Community life takes a lot of work to do well, but if done well, it can be a real joy and support in our life and ministry,” he says.

Alone Together

Even though they live in community, some Jesuits still struggle with loneliness, said Fr. Dunfee.

“I think loneliness is part of the human condition. And living in community doesn’t always mean the kind of close, intimate relationships that people need,” he said. “There are

Hendrickson uses his role as a Spanish teacher to teach students language skill and to help them learn cultural values about themselves and others. This helps Rockhurst students to embrace other cultures and see how they fit in the world. It is particularly important to help students understand why they should become men and women for others, says Fr. White.

We have an obligation to help those who are in need, according to Fr. White, and when students understand that, they will become men and women for others.

“The point of service is not because it looks good on a résumé, and it is not for the warm fuzzies,” he said. “Serving others is an extension of who we are as faithful people — it is where we encounter God and live out our faith.”

Beyond the Numbers

These men have committed their lives to God and the Church. They sacrifice things many of us deem important: marital intimacy, family and financial gain. They do very noble things, like help students encounter God and learn the value of service to others. They also do very normal things, like watch TV, fish, read and go to the theater. They drive each other crazy at times.

They are not numbers or statistics. They have faces and names and hopes and fears and real lives. They are the future of the Jesuits — passionate about their work, hopeful for the future, and committed to finding God in all things.

Campus Ministry Assists All Faiths

A discussion of what makes Rockhurst Jesuit would be complete without mentioning the Office of Campus Ministry and its efforts to assist all members of the Rockhurst community with spiritual growth. The three Jesuits and four laypeople on the campus ministry staff offer a wide variety of programming available to people of all faiths.

Campus Ministry sponsors a 10 p.m. Sunday Mass especially for students at St. Francis Xavier Church, as well as a daily Mass on campus in Mabee Chapel. Students are encouraged to take an active part in the student Mass by serving as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, sacristans, altar servers, greeters, choir singers, cantors and musicians.

Students, faculty and staff who want to deepen their faith can do so through the numerous programs Campus Ministry offers. These include small faith-sharing groups, a group called VOICES that explores the justice implications of Christianity and the “Dugger Deeper Into Your Faith” series, which presents a speaker monthly to discuss timely topics. Campus Ministry also can help those who want to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola find a spiritual director to guide them through this process of prayer and discernment that is a central component of Jesuit spirituality.

Several retreat opportunities are available throughout the year and include the Frosh Getaway, the Busy Person’s Retreat and the Supernatural Christians Retreat.

For more information about Rockhurst Campus Ministry, visit www.rockhurst.edu and click on “Student Life.”
Finding a Home
By Jennifer A. (Fischer) Rinella, ‘93, MIHE ‘99

It was a beautiful August morning in 1989, and my whole life was about to change. So this is it, I thought, with butterflies in my stomach as my parents walked with me to the Orientation Welcome Mass. In less than an hour, mom and dad would drive away, and I’d be on my own. Fr. Savage welcomed us warmly and introduced the Rockhurst seal, enthusiastically sharing its history. "Sapientia aedificavit sibi domum — Wisdom has built herself a home," he translated. As a very green freshman, a small-town girl in the big city, I certainly did not feel wise. I was beginning to feel very much at home.

Home was our tiny room in Xavier-Loyola Hall, where girlfriends popped in and out frequently, sharing clothes, secrets, laughter and tears; even at 98 degrees with no air conditioning, there was no place we would rather be.

Home was the lobby downstairs where we spent hours glued to CNN watching coverage of the Gulf War and praying for it to be over. Home was the chapel where I listened to Father Finucane and knew that he was talking to me about my life, making Mass relevant for the first time. Home was Greenlease Library, where countless hours were spent researching and writing papers, studying for Dr. Carroll’s sociology exams and meeting with a calculus tutor. Home was the damp old basement of the party house, where too much time around the beer keg contributed to the “Freshman 15” that didn’t disappear until we were juniors. Home was the quadrangle, where late night walks with my first love made my heart full, home was the Fieldhouse where friends made memories, cheeks pink and throats scratchy from cheering on the Hawks basketball team.

Campus was permeated with a sense of cura personalis — care of the whole person. I felt as though faculty and staff truly cared for each of us. For example, one of my favorite courses was Fr. Burke’s World Masterpieces. With his fiery blue eyes and British accent, Fr. Burke brought great literature alive. Eager to share what he had discovered and to help us make our own discoveries, he clearly loved teaching. Drawing us into rigorous discussions with him and each other, he encouraged us to question the author and our own interpretations. We were expected to participate fully.

Feeling sleepy one afternoon, I opted to skip class and take a nap. A few hours later, I found a comfy Adirondack chair in a sunny spot outside the library — a perfect reading spot. “Ah, there she is!” exclaimed Fr. Burke with a bit of a smirk, admonishing me in his grandfatherly way. I was caught out of class and I was mortified. Skipping class hadn’t seemed a big deal at first, but now I felt as though I had squandered my time and missed something important. I had let both Fr. Burke and myself down.

Later that semester, Father told our class about the Midland Theater’s upcoming Romeo & Juliet. A few of us raised our hands when asked if we’d be interested in seeing the play. I was. A Place in Time

How much difference can 30 years make? Historical photos of Rockhurst bear witness to the transformation that has taken place over the years. But what happens to the essence of a place? Two alumni, one from 1962 and one from 1993, share their impressions of Rockhurst and the Catholic, Jesuit presence that shaped it.
In the spirit of 

ROCKHURST magazine. At his retirement, he bought our tickets and drove us to the production. My friend and I were positively giddy — we were going off campus and he was paying!

Thank goodness, for we were flat broke and neither of us had a car. It was a wonderful night. Not because the play was outstanding — it wasn’t. It was great because Father had taken us under his wing, treating us with great respect and showing us a bit of the larger world. On the return ride, we were immersed in discussions about Shakespearean themes. Father listened carefully to our observations and encouraged us to make connections between the literature and our own knowledge and experience as we explored what it means to be human. Caring efforts like this by Fr. Burke and countless other faculty and staff made a lasting impact.

Junior and senior year, it was exhilarating to find everything I was learning — curricular and co-curricular — to be connected. Each discipline came together with other disciplines as I prepared for a career in teaching English. (I remember the line I’d heard while at Rockhurst (1958-62).) The point implicit in that remark that an introduction to economics was part of that core. It wasn’t at all established then, but somewhere along the line I presume the Jesuits determined that economics was such an important part of the way the world works it ought to be part of everyone’s prepa-

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For me personally, the Rockhurst environment of those years — all-

male student body, serious academic atmosphere, location in a city with major cultural attractions — was the right thing at the right time. Though I had lived in Kansas City as a child, I’d finished grade school and high school in Oklahoma City. The Catholic high school there today is well respected, but when I went through in the mid-’60s it was only a few years old, staffed by five or six different order of things runs and, to our great delight, extremely undiscovered academically or other-

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ver because I learned to drive drunk.

There were many superb teachers amid that tumble, one or two of them brutally candid about our future prospects. I was awful at sci-

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I suppose the faculty in those days was about half Jesuit, but other than the fact that they wore black robes and lived on campus it didn’t seem to affect academics. I had an excel-

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ture, from a young Jesuit who had just studied under a leading scholar at the University of Wisconsin. (That he often forgot to take off his coat and just began lecturing was due to intense thought, we assumed, not religious rapture.)

Rockhurst College was small and, in those days, limited on some fronts. For example, I had a budding interest in art and architecture that could not be pursued.

But the intimate size combined with an excellent English literature faculty provided me a solid academic grounding, by senior year those majoring in the field were doing graduate-level work. It helped me decide — while maintaining the highest regard for the academic life — to follow a career path more directly engaged in the world.

By Philip A. Morris, ’62

Beyond American Graffiti

Those of us raised and edu-
cated under Roman Catholic wings can be sur-

tised at assumptions made by others.

When my Merrill Lynch rep took me to lunch recently, I mentioned I’d gone to a Jesuit college. He assumed "semiinary" and thought I’d planned to join the order. "Jesuit schools tend — to be connected. " Each discipline came together with other disciplines as I prepared for a career in teaching English. (I remember the line I’d heard while at Rockhurst (1958-62).) The point implicit in that remark that an introduction to economics was part of that core. It wasn’t at all established then, but somewhere along the line I presume the Jesuits determined that economics was such an important part of the way the world works it ought to be part of everyone’s prepa-

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The point implicit in that remark that a Jesuit education raised more questions than it settled — is an outcome any worthy school might claim. I went on to say that, rather than a narrow religious curriculum, we were exposed to philosophy, logic, ethics and other courses that today might be termed "values-

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ture, from a young Jesuit who had just studied under a leading scholar at the University of Wisconsin. (That he often forgot to take off his coat and just began lecturing was due to intense thought, we assumed, not religious rapture.)

Rockhurst College was small and, in those days, limited on some fronts. For example, I had a budding interest in art and architecture that could not be pursued.

But the intimate size combined with an excellent English literature faculty provided me a solid academic grounding, by senior year those majoring in the field were doing graduate-level work. It helped me decide — while maintaining the highest regard for the academic life — to follow a career path more directly engaged in the world.
I don’t live in Latin America. Still, throughout the last several years, I have grown to have a solemn compassion for the Latin American people.

Here, in the United States — arguably the wealthiest, most powerful nation — we don’t consistently worry about political, religious and labor freedom, unemployment, homelessness and hunger as much as the people in Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Colombia or the many other countries that have experienced devastation in the last century. After all, why do you think illegal immigration through the southern border of the United States is such a dilemma? America is the land of opportunity, the cliché says, even though we know that some of these injustices are present in the midst of this land.

Mark Seeger, ’05, is an active member of VOICES, the Rockhurst social justice group sponsored by Campus Ministry.
My awakening to the Jesuit tradition of social justice developed throughout my Catholic education at Christ the King grade school in Kansas City and Archbishop O’Hara High School. Sure, I attended one pro-life “chain of life” protest against abortion with a friend’s family when I was about 13.

I wrote an essay on abortion in middle school. I was (and still am) involved in the Boy Scouts of America. I did service to others and learned to love the environment dearly. Yet, it wasn’t until high school that my activism began to sprout.

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Since 2001, VOICES for JUSTICE has become Rockhurst University’s social justice organization, four Catholic Key articles have been written on VOICES’ experiences with activism, and VOICES has successfully campaigned for fair trade coffee to be sold at Rockhurst to help farmers cope with economic instability and unjust working conditions. Ideas are emerging with enthusiasm and creativity during our meetings.

As a history and education major, intending to bring my social justice experiences and faith into my voca-

““We are all called to do something with our time and resources.” tion, I think it is vital for justice not to simply turn our heads to the oppression present today. As Martin Luther King Jr. says in “Beyond Viet-

nam,” “True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar.” True compassion requires that we recognize injustice in our institutions and work for change.

As Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, the current Superior General of the Soci-

eity of Jesus, writes in “The Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice”: Our students are involved in every sort of social action — tutoring drop-outs, demonstrating in Seattle, serving in soup kitchens, promoting pro-life, protesting against the School of the Americas — and we are proud of them for it. But the measure of Jesuit universi-
ties is not what our students do but who they become and the adult Christian responsibility they will exercise in the future towards their neighbor and their world. For now, the activities they engage in, even with much good effect, are for their formation. This does not make the university a training camp for social activists. Rather, the students need close involvement with the poor and the marginalized, in order to learn about reality and become adults of solidarity in the future.

I think it is important to remember this message. Social activism is a part of Christianity. Our Catholic, Jesuit tradition is part of our Chris-
tianity. Christianity is a lifestyle, not simply a reason for going to a specific school or church on Sundays. Therefore, it becomes a cross or an obligation for Jesuits, professors and students to re-evaluate their lifestyle — including how they study and vocations apply to faith. St. Ignatius is said to have asked three important questions, which I found on the cover of the 2003 Ignatian Family Teach-in Study Guide, “What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ?”

Indeed, I have thought about becoming a priest, a professor in the footsteps of Howard Zinn, or a high school teacher. We are all called to do something with our time and resources. I think it is critical at this point to remember that social transformations in the world reflect our belief in human dignity and God. I may not be the next Gandhi or Romero, but my life should not be lived in apathy, ignorance and inaction amid the presence of the world’s injustices. For me, this is part of the core understanding of everyone in the Jesuit community. Our lives do make a difference — will the differences be for the better?

We hope so.
A $2.3 million gift from Tom McDonnell ’66, and his wife, Jean, ’87 MBA, brought Rockhurst closer to completion of the Loyola Park athletic complex. Tom McDonnell is chairman of the Rockhurst University Board of Trustees and president and CEO of DST Systems Inc.

A beautiful, sunny day greeted graduates and relatives for the first on-campus May commencement in 20 years. The event was held on Sunday, May 18, on the picturesque main campus quadrangle. Doves were released at the end of the undergraduate ceremonies in a symbolic gesture of hope for the graduates.

The $50 million Excellence in the City fund-raising campaign goal was surpassed in May 2003. Most of the funds raised were slated for construction and renovation of facilities. These include: a major renovation of Conway Hall (completed in 2002) and construction of the 16-acre Loyola Park athletic complex.

The Carnegie Foundation designated Rockhurst a national leadership site for the scholarship of teaching and learning. Rockhurst is one of only a handful of universities in the nation to earn this distinction. The University earned this as a result of its commitment to scholarly inquiry into student learning.

The Rock Room, a popular study and hangout spot for students in Massman Hall, was renovated and transformed into a cyber café. It features a convenience store, coffee shop, big screen television, computer stations and foosball and pool tables.

U.S. News and World Report ranked Rockhurst No. 13 in the Midwest Best Universities — Master’s category, a move up from last year’s No. 14 ranking.

NPR newscaster Corey Flintoff spoke to a packed house in October.

Soccer coach Tony Toceo, Ph.D., earned victory No. 500 in his 33-year career at Rockhurst. During that time, he has earned a remarkable winning percentage of .802. Only four other collegiate soccer coaches in the nation have recorded more than 500 wins.

Athletic teams had impressive records in 2003. Men’s baseball went to 30-16, and fell to eventual Division II national champion Central Missouri State in the regional finals. Men’s tennis ended with a 15-6 record, and women’s tennis with a 16-5 record. Tennis coach Kendell Hale, whose record sits at 134-52, was again named Regional Coach of the year. Women’s volleyball enjoyed another winning season, with a 31-13 record. Other teams making the playoffs included men’s soccer and men’s basketball.

Corey Flintoff, newscaster for National Public Radio, gave a presentation to a packed audience at the Rockhurst Convocation Center. Flintoff writes and delivers six newscasts each afternoon as part of NPR’s newsmagazine “All Things Considered.”

Nobel peace laureate Adolfo Pérez Esquivel visited the Rockhurst campus as part of the 2003 PeaceJam. Pérez Esquivel won the Nobel Prize in 1980 for his work in helping his fellow Argentines overcome the oppressive military regime of that country in the 1970s.

Local high school students gathered at Rockhurst to participate in service projects and present their own peace plans to Pérez Esquivel.

The inaugural game at Loyola Park was a highlight of Rockhurst Day.

A sunny day brightened the first on-campus May commencement in 20 years.

Music, fireworks, street performers and an inaugural baseball game greeted some 1,000 visitors to campus for the revival of Rockhurst Day on Sept. 27, 2003. The event combined Family Weekend, an open house for prospective students, a celebration of the culmination of the $50 million fund-raising campaign and the dedication of Loyola Park.
HAWK TALK

FALL Contenders Get Close

For the second straight year, Rockhurst's volleyball and men's soccer teams earned berths in the NCAA II national championships, and the women's soccer crew fell just short of advancing, checking in with a 13-6 record.

Coach Tracy Rietzke's volleyballers, who qualified for the nationals for the fourth time in five years, disposed of West Texas A&M in their first match at Metro State, Denver. In the semifinals, the Lady Hawks ousted No. 7 ranked and top-seeded Metro State. No. 8 rated Nebraska-Kearney foiled Rockhurst in the finals.

"We tailed off a little earlier, but we snapped back and played very well down the stretch and in the nationals," said Rietzke, whose Lady Hawks finished with a 31-13 record. "We played very well in the nationals with Jessica Shepler, Deanna Shelton and Regiane Manzato making the all-tournament team."

Shepler wound up a remarkable four-year career at Rockhurst, capping it by earning a berth on the first team All-America.

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Lights, Soccer, Action

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Off the soccer field Fitzpatrick also is a standout, earning a 3.8 grade-point-average on the way to a degree in marketing. Quickly emerging as a star for the Lady Hawks in soccer, Fitzpatrick played for two years at Creighton. She was the second leading scorer for the Division I team as a freshman.

Fitzpatrick’s basketball days are history, however. “With my back the way it is, I decided not to push it,” she said. Kelly played on the state championship basketball team her senior year at St. Thomas Aquinas.

At the Fitzpatrick house, Kelly is the oldest of four children. “My sister Kristen is 18 and my twin brothers, Ben and Brett, are 15,” she said.

Vivien Fongue is a prime example of a student-athlete. A native of Bafoussam, Cameroon, Fongue came to Rockhurst by way of Canada. Fongue wanted no time establishing himself as a student, fashioning a 3.8 grade-point-average in pre-med.

On the basketball court the story was a little different for the 6-5 senior with tremendous jumping ability. “Oh, my gosh, I can’t describe how much basketball I learned at Rockhurst,” said Fongue, who became a solid starter as a senior after playing a back-up role for three years. “Vivien started three or four times before this year,” Rockhurst basketball coach Bill O’Connor said. “He was a valuable reserve, a consummate team player, a great hustler.”

As a youth in Cameroon, Fongue played soccer, handball, volleyball, ping-pong and tennis, a rather busy slate for him. “No basketball,” Fongue smiled. “All of my six sisters and brother played basketball, but I got started in the game late. I’m No. 6 in age in my family. My youngest sister, who is 14, is 5-11 and plays tennis and basketball.”

Fongue, whose father is a teacher and mother a nurse, is planning on attending medical school after graduating from Rockhurst. “After that I’d like to be a doctor for Doctors Without Borders or an organization like that. Eventually, I want to go home.”

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What I Learned at the Luncheon

Neil a man to sit and wait for opportunity to come to him, Barnett C. Helzberg Jr. makes his own opportunities. He approached investor Warren Buffett on the streets of New York and offered to sell him Helzberg Diamonds.

You can hear Helzberg’s insights when he discusses his book, What I Learned Before I Sold to Warren Buffett, at the 39th annual Library Guild Critique Luncheon, at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at Mission Hills Country Club.

What I Learned Before I Sold to Warren Buffett shares lessons learned as an entrepreneur. It draws from the author’s many years of experience at Helzberg Diamonds, a family-owned business that expanded under his guidance from less than 30 stores to more than 140 stores in 23 states. Helzberg’s hard-won advice inspires business students in the management courses he teaches at Rockhurst, which he has done for more than 10 years. In honor of the support he and his wife, Shirley, have given the University, in 2002 Rockhurst renamed its business school the Helzberg School of Management.

This year’s event, held in memory of long-time Library Guild member Jeanne Thompson, includes a reception and book signing before the luncheon. Reservations are $25. Helzberg’s book will be available to attendees for a special price.

For more information, call Tori Snowden at (816) 501-4807.

Dance Marathon to Support Children

Service projects often involve scrubbing floors, building houses and other less-than-glamorous assignments. This fall, however, Rockhurst students will have the chance to boogie down for a good cause.

Students will get their groove on to support the medical treatment of sick children in local hospitals during Dance Marathon, Nov. 13-14. Held in the Convocation Center, participants will enjoy a DJ, entertainment, games, activities and food during the 28-hour event.

The student dancers raise money by securing donations and pledges in advance. All proceeds will help children at KU Medical Center and Children’s Mercy Hospital. Children receiving medical treatment and their families will be invited to join the fun and share their stories with students.

Dance Marathon is a fundraiser for the Children’s Miracle Network, and is held annually on

about 50 college campuses nationwide. As the only event of its kind in the Kansas City area, Rockhurst organizers hope to raise $30,000.

The event is a satisfying experience for students who have a great time while performing a valuable community service.

"Some of these kids have been in the hospital for months on end," said Beth Groh, ’06, chair of Rockhurst’s organizing committee. "We want them to be able to enjoy a day where they don’t have to worry about that."

For more information about donations or getting involved, contact Kim Bear, assistant dean of students, at (816) 501-4843 or visit www.rudancin.com.

Gift Honors Benefactor, Supports Scholarly Work

In honor of long-time benefactor Joseph J. McGee Jr., who passed away last year, and his wife, Anne, the McGee Foundation donated $50,000 to Rockhurst to fund the 2004 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Summer Institute.

Through years of generosity, Joe and Anne McGee funded the McGee Chair in Communication, which gave rise to the Center for Teaching Excellence, sparking Rockhurst’s involvement in the relatively new field of the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dance Marathon is a fundraiser for the McGee Foundation, which represents the larger McGee family, also has a long-standing relationship with Rockhurst and regularly helps fund projects that maintain campus facilities.

This year, however, the foundation chose to fund the 2004 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning project in honor of Joe McGee.

"The McGee family has been instrumental in getting us to this point, and this gift from the McGee Foundation will allow our institute to become an annual event," said Anita Salem, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and national Carnegie Scholar.

The scholarship of teaching and learning is an emerging initiative in higher education, in which faculty members are beginning to shift the focus of questions about their work from what they are teaching to what their students are learning.

In 2002, Rockhurst became one of 12 nationally recognized institutions in the field of teaching and learning.

"Rockhurst is a place that has always valued teaching and learning; it’s a gift we get from our Jesuit heritage," said Salem.

In the Jesuit spirit of Magis, she said, "Treating both teaching and learning as scholarly endeavors is ‘the more.’"

Joe McGee served Rockhurst in many capacities, including as a Regent and Trustee Emeritus. McGee attended Rockhurst High School and Rockhurst College, and completed his degree at Georgetown University.

Alumni Reunite for Renegade Rendezvous

While they no longer gather in the library or Xavier-Loyola Hall or the TKE house, Rockhurst alumni are finding innovative ways to keep up with their former classmates. In venues less formal than organized reunions, various groups of Rockhurst alumni are getting together for everything from dinner to golf to investing.

Several women from the class of ’93 meet monthly for a dinner club to catch up and try new Kansas City restaurants. These “Dining Divas,” a group that includes Mary Mooney Burns, Jennifer Fischer Rinella, Pam Hill Epley, Heather Stone Diebold, Cadie Bardone Garcia, Kimberly Brant, Micah Hobbs, Deb Flores, Mary Beth Schlautman Homburg, Shannon Maher Denney, Shari Diskin Tarwater, Melanie Sharp Dailey and Dana Heckenkamp Dreier, also have taken turns hosting an annual Christmas party for the past 10 years.

Not to be outdone, a group of men from the class of ’93 gathers each January in South Padre Island for the “Golf & Gulp on the Gulf Invitational,” a two-day mostly informal gathering of alumni primarily from the class of ’93. Recent activities have included trips to the zoo and a puppet show. The Rugrats’ parents include Sean and Polly (Enos) Franke, Terry Madden, Ryan and Billy (Bryant) Pichardo, Tim Chapman, Jon Edzards, Maggie Mitchell Doris, John and Kelly (Domkowski) Meiners and Karolyn (Dionne) Dreiling.

Want help starting your own group? Need to find contact information for your Rockhurst classmates? Contact Deb Flores, J.D., ’93, director of alumni and constituent relations, at (816) 501-4199 or deb.flores@rockhurst.edu.

A Capitol Idea

The Library of Congress assists Sarajevo in re-establishing a national library after a devastating fire. A Holocaust survivor is touched by the simple act of a U.S. soldier who opens a door for her during the liberation of a concentration camp.

These are two of the stories that personalized the concept of international relations for three Rockhurst students who visited Washington, D.C., in January as part of the Global Futures program. The Rockhurst Alumni Association provided partial funding for the trip, continuing its tradition of supporting educational, leadership and service opportunities for students.

Three Rockhurst students joined students from several area universities on the trip, where they visited the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Washington, D.C., World Trade Center, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Holocaust Museum.

Ted John, ’04, a business management major, said the story about the woman in the concentration camp helped reinforce his dream of making a difference for others. After completing his degree, John hopes to find a way to establish a business in an impoverished area and funnel profits back into critical services such as daycare.

Natasha Beckan, ’05, who is majoring in international business, said today’s global world makes it imperative to look beyond U.S. borders.

“Just about everything we touch is probably made in another country, so even if we never leave Kansas City, we touch the world somehow. It’s important to understand those countries.”

Rockhurst Day

Don’t miss the second annual Rockhurst Day, which is scheduled to coincide with Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 2. Events will include the dedication of the Loyola Park Athletic Complex, an academic and student organization fair, an open house for prospective students, the homecoming soccer game and several other activities.

Rockhurst Gala

Join us for an elegant evening at the ninth annual Rockhurst Gala. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Past galas have raised money for scholarships and student services, including service trips to Guatemala, Mexico and Belize.

For details about these events, contact Tori Snowden at (816) 501-4807 or tori.snowden@rockhurst.edu.

Mark Your Calendar

It’s time again to work on your golf swing and practice those dance steps. Rockhurst has some special events coming up, so mark your calendars today.

Alumni College

Rockhurst alumni are invited to return to campus June 11-13 for the 2004 installment of the Rockhurst University Alumni College.

The bargain “tuition” of $100 covers two nights in the Town House Village, all meals, and an eclectic selection of enriching courses.

You can choose from topics such as photography, Kansas City history or astronomy, and activities such as jogging or an American Jazz Museum tour. For those who choose not to stay on campus, the cost is $60 per person.

Celebrity Golf Classic

Join us Monday, June 28, for the second annual Celebrity Golf Classic to be held at The Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate. Proceeds from the Classic will help fund Rockhurst athletics. Celebrity team members will include past and present Chiefs, Royals, Comets and Wizards, as well as the 1964 NAIA Basketball Championship team from Rockhurst. A pairings party and auction will be held Sunday, June 27, at the Chiefs Pavilion at Arrowhead Stadium. The cost is $275 per golfer, which includes admission to the Pairings Party.

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William J. Rees, M.D., has passed the FCC qualifying examination and is now a certified Amateur Radio Operator. He is “on the air” in Edmonds, Wash., using the call sign KD7YRN.

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Phillip F. Stambaugh recently was honored by the National Defined Contribution Council at its annual symposium in Washington, D.C., as he was elected vice president emeritus of the board of trustees. The NDCC is the trade association of 401(k) pension plan providers. Stambaugh helped form the Council 10 years ago and was instrumental in the development of 401(k) plans for State Street Glob al Advisors, CIGNA, Scudder, and Deutsch Bank Americas.

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James W. McManus was recognized by the Missouri House of Representatives in a resolution brought before the House to honor attorneys who “demonstrate exemplary professionalism and civility in daily practice of law through the true embodiment of gallantry, peacemaking, harmony, and friendship.” The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association awarded him the 2003 “Congenial Counselor Award.”

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Michael R. McAdam, Kansas City, Mo., Municipal Court judge, recently became president of the American Judges Association. McAdam has been a member since 1993 and has served on the American Judges Association board of governors and as secretary, first vice president, second vice president and president-elect of the association.

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Robert K. Wear graduated from George Washington University in 1983 with a master’s degree in security policy studies. Wear is a senior buyer for SAIC in McLean, Va., and is engaged to former Kansas City resident Sharon Mahler.

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Nancy Dorr has been appointed director of outreach senior services at Saint Joseph Hospital in Kirkwood, Mo. Dorr manages long-term care case management, develops social service programs, manages the parish nurse liaison program and establishes partnerships with long-term care facilities and other agencies.

87, MBA ’90
Steven W. Thompson leads the Kansas City office of WSI P3 Web Solutions, an international Internet and education consulting firm with more than 700 offices worldwide. WSI P3 works with small- and medium-sized businesses to implement e-business and e-marketing solutions.

88 MBA
Ann Lucretia Rolvett earned her master of science degree in information and telecommunications systems from the school of professional studies in business and education at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., in May 2003. She works for Quest Telecommunications and lives in Bethesda, Md.

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James Mulik received his master’s degree in applied statistics from The Ohio State University in 1998. He served in the Peace Corps in Kiribati as a mathematics teacher trainer and data analyst for the Kiribati government’s Ministry of Environmental and Social Development from 1998 to 2003. Mulik married Sepeae Nenei Taratiera on Dec. 31, 2001, and they are expecting a child in March. He is a senior analyst at Cascadia Community College in Bothell, Wash.

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Christopher C. Javillonar recently joined Rath bitt, Pizrak & Snodgrass as an associate. Javillonar will practice in the areas of architect and engineer professional liability, construction and product liability defense. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, where he was awarded the Judge John W. Cal houn Trial Practice Award. Javillonar is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropoli tan St. Louis and the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.

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Melissa Celeste (Burns) Chasse, D.O., is an internal medicine resident at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Chasse’s daughter, Vivi enne, just turned 13 months old. Chasse’s husband, Loren, will graduate from medical school this spring and plans to start an internal medicine residency in St. Louis.

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Chalet Hannah works as a molecular biologist at Monsanto in St. Louis, Mo. She will graduate May 9, 2004, with an MBA from Webster University. Elizabeth (Libby) Lyons, after graduating with a major in psychology, attended Saint Louis University School of Social Service and received an MSW degree in May 2001. In addition, Lyons was awarded a summer internship with Catholic Charities USA in the Washington, D.C., area. While at SLU, Lyons met future husband, Joe, as he was completing his doctoral degree in public policy. The couple married on June 1, 2002, and until their July 2003 departure for Eng land, Elizabeth was employed at Midtown Catholic Community Services in St. Louis. Joe is a federal civilian employee on a naval base and Elizabeth volunteers at a family support center on the base.

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Maggie Maloney joined Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals’ sales force as a sales professional. Maloney’s responsibilities include marketing Hawthorn products to health care professionals in Kansas City, Kan.

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David Johnson has entered the master’s program in history at Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn.

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The Rockhurst community collected more than 1,500 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste for children in Guatemala. Each year, a group from Rockhurst visits the La Labor area during spring break to provide health-care education and assistance. This year’s group included Calvin Renteria, ’06, and Jacqueline Schumacher, ’05.

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