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Colorful flowers and decorations enhanced the setting of last year's Rockhurst Gala, which raised more than \$235,000. Gala chairs have been busy planning this year's event, scheduled for Oct. 25. For more information, see page 28.

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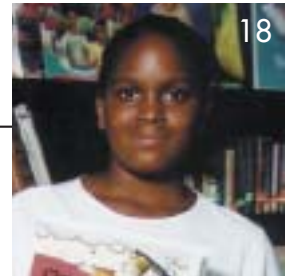


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Jesuits encourage us to integrate faith and a pursuit for justice. The desire to serve one another flows from this ideal and is expressed in Galatians 5:13 (NIV). Sarah Holland, '04, has tutored children, worked in a women's shelter and participated in an international service trip.

Kudos

I've just taken a few minutes to read the Fall 2002 issue of *Rockhurst* magazine, and want to offer my congratulations on a fine periodical. In my role here at NAICU, I receive dozens and dozens of alumni magazines from our nearly 1,000 member institutions. Few can compare to Rockhurst in editorial and graphic quality.

Your fall issue was particularly strong, with features that ranged from a painfully candid assessment of sexual abuse within the Church, to pragmatic guidance on wise use of the Internet, to valuable insights into the recent accounting scandals. Throughout, you deal with today's issues in the best Jesuit tradition of critical thinking.

Kudos on a magazine that is extraordinarily well planned, designed and written.

Roland King
Vice President for Public Affairs
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FALL 2002

Playing the Roommate Game

Familiarity doesn't always breed contempt. For Kerrie Harms, '04, and Amy Amato, '04, it produced a trip to sunny California.

Harms and Amato were winners of the Roommate Game, a contest based on the once-popular television show "The Newlywed Game." The two correctly answered more questions about each other than any other pair of Rockhurst roommates.

Although they had planned to practice quizzing each other, they never really got around to it, Harms said. Going to high school together in St. Louis may have helped give them an edge. Questions included, "What street did you live on in your hometown?" and "What CD is in your roommate's CD player right now?"

Answering some questions required a bit more imagination, however.

"The weirdest question we got right," Harms said, "was when they asked Amy what animal I reminded her of and she said 'frog.'"

The comparison must not have stung too badly because the two are discussing using their prize trip to Santa Monica after their final exams. As winners, they were able to choose between several exciting destinations where they could have traveled for spring break.

Since the two already had spring break plans, and neither had been to the West Coast, going to California in May or over a long weekend seemed like the best choice, Harms said.



Kerrie Harms, '04, and Amy Amato, '04, knew enough about each other to win a trip to California in the Roommate Game.

Letters Welcomed

Rockhurst magazine welcomes your comments and opinions. Letters may be edited to accommodate length or style constraints. Only signed letters will be considered for publication, but names may be withheld upon request. Send letters to:

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Project Creates International Pen Pals

Students in the education club and education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi, are living out the Jesuit mission of “men and women for others” by collecting books for children.

Their book drive will allow children from Kansas City and South Africa to make use of the same books and correspond with one another.

“It’s as if the books get two lives,” said master of education student Cara Lynch.

The project, called an international book pass, will distribute books to Kansas City-area students, who will write personal critiques of their reading. Both the books and letters then will be sent to cooperating classrooms in South Africa, where students will read them and respond with their own critiques. The project allows children to practice reading, writing and communicating with someone from another culture.

The idea stemmed from Lynch’s experience of studying in Denillton, South Africa, while working on her undergraduate degree at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. During her time abroad, she recognized the area’s poverty and tremendous need for books.

“We’re helping people to gain the skills needed to better their environment,” said Lynch.

Organizers hope to collect enough books to donate some that will stay in local schools.

“We also want to give back to the Kansas City area,” said education club president Chuck Zavos.

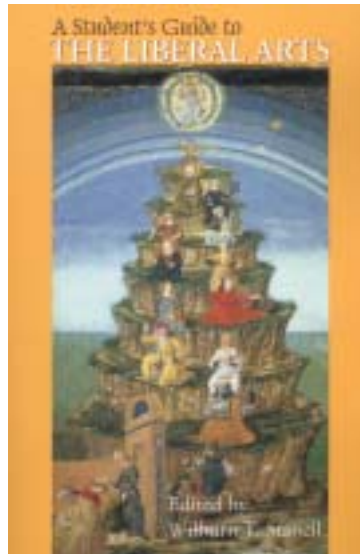
To make a monetary or book donation, contact Zavos at (816) 501-3538.

Reacquaint Yourself With the Liberal Arts

Remember your freshman year in college? For many, it’s a whirlwind of new ideas and questions. Several of these circle around the liberal arts courses required of a new college student:
Why should I study political science?
What does math have to offer me?
What are the liberal arts?

These questions and more are answered in a new book titled *A Student’s Guide to the Liberal Arts*, edited by Wilburn Stancil, associate professor of theology and religious studies, and published by Rockhurst University Press. The book can serve as an introduction or refresher to the nature of liberal arts.

“This is like a one-volume review of a bachelor’s degree in the liberal arts,” said Stancil.



Written by veteran faculty from liberal arts colleges and universities nationwide, the book examines the nature of a liberal education and 13 specific disciplines, including communication, language, literature, music, art history, history, psychology, sociology, political science, philosophy, religion, mathematics and science.

The book’s focus is practical rather than theoretical. The chapter on languages, for example, discusses how to choose a language and level to study, and provides several Internet and other resources.

The book is available for \$20 for paperback or \$35 for cloth by calling (800) 247-6553 or ordering online at www.amazon.com or www.bn.com.

Psychology Student Researches Color Cues

If a menu listed blue bananas and pink broccoli, you probably wouldn't order them, but you might buy a blue car or a pink dress. Bananas and broccoli are highly correlated with their particular color, while cars and dresses are not. But how closely are certain objects related to their color? Can an object's color help us identify it?

That is what Jennifer Probyn, '03, wanted to find out. She tested subjects' response times as they named the ink color of several words, some of which were highly correlated with their color, like banana or broccoli, while others were unrelated to their color, like dress or car. She hypothesized that subjects would more quickly recognize the ink color if it was related to the background word.

banana

Her results were surprising — subjects took significantly longer to identify the ink color when the background word was correlated with its color.

"Her findings have to do with the way memory is structured. Response time was slowed because the word (e.g. banana) and the color (e.g. yellow) were competing for response," says William Sturgill, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, who directed Probyn's research.

Probyn presented her findings at the Great Plains Student Psychology Convention in March, and she also plans to present at the Midwestern Psychological Association's regional meeting this May. In August, she will begin studies toward a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience and experimental psychology at Syracuse University.

Students March in Washington Pro-Life Rally

Samantha Hamilton, '05, is one of five Rockhurst students who joined thousands in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22. The event marked the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade.

Along with a group from Saint Louis University, the students bused about 1,000 miles to participate in the annual pro-life demonstration on the National Mall.

"What impacted me most was to see so many people support this cause," said Hamilton. "It was a good opportunity to meet other people and hear their views and the different positions on pro-life. It was an amazing experience."

Tens of thousands of marchers of all ages braved the cold as they made



"To me, anything that grows is life," said Luke McKlellan, '04, right. Shown here with three Saint Louis University students, McKlellan says he was thrilled to see so many people rally for a cause he feels strongly about.

their way down Constitution Avenue. Many prayed and sang as they walked.

"I remember standing across the street from the Washington Monument

with thousands of people in the street," said Luke McKlellan, '04. "The streets were completely filled."

Although it was McKlellan's first pro-life march, he has special reason to support the movement.

"I'm adopted, and my birth mother was 16," he said. "Instead of doing what might have been easy, she put me up for adoption."

McKlellan and other students initiated their own participation in the march and the Office of Campus Ministry helped arrange the trip. Students hope to return next year with a larger group.

Meet the Faculty: Philip Colombo



Philip Colombo, Ph.D.
Associate professor, chemistry
Graduated in 1991 from Rockhurst
with a B.A. in chemistry.
Graduated in 1996 from the University
of Kansas with a Ph.D. in ultrafast laser
spectroscopy.

Why did you come back to Rockhurst to teach?

I came back within about a week of graduating from KU in 1996. I like that Rockhurst is a community with a sense of purpose.

Are you ever mistaken for a student?

All the time. When I began attending faculty assembly meetings, I frequently was mistaken for the committee's student representative.

How have your service experiences allowed you to get to know your students better?

I have had the opportunity to visit Ecuador twice on Rockhurst OT/PT/nursing service trips. Our students worked with the poor and sick in several areas around Duran and Quayaquil. They also spent time training the staff at a leprosy clinic and working with the lepers. I was proud to be associated with a school that had such bright and compassionate students. Getting to know them and watching as they were transformed by their experiences was a lot of fun.

What is the last good book you read?

The Nautical Chart, by Arturo Perez-Reverte. My mother gave it to me for Christmas.

What is the best advice you can give to a student?

It's something Fr. Savage (former Rockhurst president) told me when I was here and I've lived by it since: "Don't let your studies get in the way of your education."

Palestinian Toddler Receives Treatment at Rockhurst

Rockhurst's commitment to service can be seen across our campus, throughout our community and, sometimes, on the other side of the world. Recently, Rockhurst reached out to a 16-month-old girl from Palestine.

In December and January, the departments of physical and occupational therapy offered treatment free of charge to Doa'a Al Dalou, who was born with severe malnutrition and arthrogryposis, a condition which limits the range of motion in several of her joints.

"Kids learn about their environment by reaching out and by putting things in their mouths," said Ellen Spake, Ph.D., associate professor of physical therapy. "She hasn't been able to do that because of the position of her hands."

With help from local individuals and organizations, Doa'a came to Kansas City in September with her parents, Imad and Intisar. A month later, she underwent hip surgery at Saint Joseph Health Center.

Several local therapists teamed with Rockhurst to share responsibility for her treatment. The therapy Doa'a received a few times a week helped her strengthen and improve flexibility in her muscles and joints.

"She's doing much more with her hands and shoulders now," said Linda Nobles, associate professor of occupational therapy, who continued to work with Doa'a in aquatic therapy sessions during the spring. "Hopefully soon she'll take some steps with a walker. We're very pleased."



Jane Rues, Ed.D., professor of occupational therapy (left), and Ellen Spake, Ph.D., associate professor of physical therapy, worked with 16-month-old Doa'a Al Dalou on weight-bearing and other exercises to improve her strength and flexibility.

Carnegie Foundation Names Rockhurst Leadership Site for Teaching



As a Carnegie site, Rockhurst will help faculty from throughout the nation improve their teaching skills. Dick Shaw, professor of marketing, is a past recipient of the Missouri governor's award for teaching.

Ever had one of those courses you tolerated only because it was required? Chances are you didn't understand the material or learn a substantial amount, simply because you weren't engaged in the class. Advocates of a growing movement in higher education known as the scholarship of teaching

and learning are working to stop that from happening to today's students.

For the past 10 years, Rockhurst has been moving toward a model of teaching that is more student-centered. In 1998, Rockhurst connected its local efforts to improve teaching and learning to the national movement by joining

the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching initiative, and Anita Salem, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of mathematics, was selected as one of 114 national Carnegie scholars. Her work at the Carnegie Foundation was used to form a local Carnegie Seminar group on campus.

In April 2002, Rockhurst hosted a regional conference attended by 100 faculty in the region and 10 national Carnegie Scholars. Plans include expanding the conference to an annual scholarship of teaching and learning summer institute.

In addition, Rockhurst recently was designated a Carnegie scholarship of teaching and learning leadership site.

"Becoming a leadership site commits the university to a sustained effort of scholarly inquiry into teaching and learning," says Salem. "Rockhurst is exactly the kind of institution that should play a leadership role in promoting scholarly inquiry into student learning since teaching and learning are at the heart of all our endeavors."

Express Yourself at Rockhurst.edu

You now can express your opinion on timely topics by visiting Rockhurst.edu and clicking on the News and Events page. A user-poll feature has been added that allows visitors to the site to answer a question and instantly see if they were in agreement with the majority.

In addition, News and Events provides a quick look at the latest news from Rockhurst and listings for on-campus lectures, concerts, plays and more.

While you're visiting the Rockhurst site, be sure to take a look at the recently redesigned pages for admission and financial aid, and the Helzberg School of Management. You'll find a new look, a wide variety of new photos and a wealth of information arranged in a format that's easy to navigate.

It's All in the Algorithm

Although he will not graduate until May, Rockhurst senior Jason Downing already has learned a great deal about solving life's puzzles.

Downing and Stuart Kilzer, '02, studied a popular puzzle, Scramble Squares®, and wrote a computer program that solves the puzzle by implementing a backtracking algorithm. No easy feat, considering there are more than 95 billion ways to arrange the puzzle's nine pieces.

The pair, whose project was supported by a Dean's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Keith Brandt, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, and Kevin Burger, assistant professor of computer science, directed their research.

To check out a puzzle similar to the one studied by Downing and Kilzer, go to <http://cte.rockhurst.edu/burgerk/research/scramble/applet.html>.

Career Services Helps Hawks Connect

Rockhurst's Career Services staff knows that networking is important for climbing the ladder of any organization. That's why they are offering Career Connections 2003: Hire a Hawk, 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the Convocation Center. The career fair will feature a wide range of employers, many with Rockhurst alumni connections.

Come to network with businesses and other alumni or explore your career options. Or, come as your organization's representative to recruit Rockhurst's most talented undergraduate and graduate students for internships, co-ops and professional positions. In any case, the event is one example of

how Career Services is a lifelong resource for Rockhurst Alumni.

"Career development doesn't stop after you graduate from college, get a job and start working," said Mike Theobald, who began as director of Career Services in December 2002.

Whether you're considering a career transition or simply want a critique of your resume, all of the resources in Career Services are available to Rockhurst alumni. An online database allows students and alumni to post their resumes on the Web and search for jobs nationwide.



Mike Theobald

Other services include help with interview skills, job-search techniques, personal consultation, assessment tests and salary surveys, which compare your salary with that of others in your field.

Stop by Room 300, Van Ackeren Hall, or visit www.rockhurst.edu/career to learn more about what Career Services can do for alumni. For more information on the services available, or to find out how your company can host a booth at the career fair, contact Theobald at (816) 501-4861 or mike.theobald@rockhurst.edu.

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An early example of Rockhurst's commitment to service was preserved in this 1941 photograph. Ralph A. Lassance, S.J., helped students sort food and toys into Christmas baskets for families in the community. Assisting him were (from left) Vincent John O'Flaherty, '43; William D. Fagan, '42; Frank La Mountain, '42; Bernard Gilford, a '37 alumnus of Rockhurst High School; and Gregory Pucci, '44. O'Flaherty was the son of Vincent J. O'Flaherty, '21, a member of the first graduating class of Rockhurst College. The younger went on to enter the Society of Jesus in 1947.

Executive Fellows Say “Buon Giorno” To Italy

The week of March 17 was spring break for most Rockhurst students, but to 26 first-year executive fellows, it meant a nine-day business trip with a packed itinerary. The executive fellows MBA class of 2004 traveled to Italy this spring to visit and study the country’s multinational corporations, industry and government.

“We try to give them exposure to the international, global environment,” said Mike Stellern, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, who, along with Ron Logan, Ed.D., associate dean, accompanied the group.

Among the businesses they visited were Aventis and Deloitte & Touche, both in Milan, Hewlett-Packard in Rome, Eli Lilly in Florence and the American Italian Pasta



Executive fellows MBA students, at a doorway of Saint Peter’s Basilica, found time to enjoy some of Italy’s best sites during a March trip.

Company in Verolanuova.

“We wanted to see how firms do business in Italy,” said Carol DiRaimo, executive fellow and executive director of investor relations for Applebee’s. “I’m an alum of Deloitte & Touche, so that visit was very interesting.”

The group managed to squeeze some sightseeing and fun between the visits, but the trip focused heavily on learning the culture’s business practices.

The annual international trip, now in its seventh year, helps executive fellows gain understanding of

foreign economies, legal systems, employment practices and financial markets. Destinations in recent years have included Zurich, Munich, London, Madrid, Prague and Buenos Aires.

Program Prepares Bilingual Speech Pathologists

As the number of non-native English speakers grows throughout the nation, there is an increasing need for professionals to serve that population. One Rockhurst program is helping to meet those needs with a specialized curriculum designed to prepare bilingual speech-language pathologists.

The departments of classical and modern languages and communication sciences and disorders have teamed to create a new bilingual certificate program. This program will enable students to better serve individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and will prepare them for work in one of today’s fastest growing fields.

“The need for the least culturally biased evaluation and treatment of communication disorders is crucial,” says Shelly Chabon, Ph.D., chair of the department of communication sciences and disorders. “An increase in the number and availability of bilingual, culturally responsive speech-language pathologists will have a positive and profound impact on our profession and those we serve.”

The program, available both to undergraduate and graduate students, combines coursework in communication sciences and disorders with specially selected Spanish or French classes. Students who complete required courses including “Medical

Spanish for the Health Care Professional” and “Introduction to Spanish Culture” receive a certificate from the departments as evidence of their specialized skills.

For more information about the bilingual certificate program, contact M. Kathleen Madigan, Ph.D., chair of the department of classical and modern languages, at (816) 501-4510 or kathleen.madigan@rockhurst.edu, or Shelly Chabon, Ph.D., chair of the department of communication sciences and disorders, at (815) 501-4255 or shelly.chabon@rockhurst.edu.

Bridges Calculates a Strong Season

For Rockhurst senior Ryan Bridges, Lake Ozark, Mo., this tennis season is full of challenges. In addition to the demands of college-level competition, Bridges, the team's lone senior, is counted on to assume the leadership role vacated by last season's NCAA Division II regional player of the year Cameron MacDonald, who graduated in 2002.

Bridges' greatest challenge, however, may be living up to the level of excellence he has set for himself as a Rockhurst tennis player. With a career record of 32-8, Bridges' career-winning percentage of .800 is the highest in team history. Head coach Kendell Hale is confident that Bridges will meet the challenges of his senior season head on.

Away from the tennis court, Bridges is pursuing a math degree and a minor in history. He plans to attend law school at the University of Missouri following graduation from Rockhurst. Bridges describes himself as a "problem solver," and explains that he chose math because it is something he always has been good at.

Bridges admits that he came to Rockhurst primarily for what it had to offer him as a tennis player. However, he acknowledges an appreciation for Rockhurst's "unbiased" approach to religious history, which, he says, allowed him to make up his own mind on a lot of issues.

His ability to analyze and solve problems in the classroom transfers well to the tennis court. If Bridges happens to be struggling with a particular element of his game, his ability to

analyze the problem and adjust strategies is critical.

"There are always going to be good days and bad days," Bridges said. "You've got to be able to adjust and push through them."

No one appreciates Bridges' attitude more than Hale. His motto for the 2003 season is, "Whatever hand you've been dealt, bring it on." And no one embodies this maxim like Ryan Bridges.



Ryan Bridges, '03, leads men's tennis as the only senior.

Rietzke Leads Hawks to Volleyball Nationals



The Lady Hawks volleyball team earned a berth in the NCAA Division II national championships, and coach Tracy Rietzke surpassed 800 wins.

The Rockhurst volleyball team continued its winning tradition in 2002.

On the way to a 37-5 season and berth in the NCAA Division II national championships, the Lady Hawks captured the Heartland Conference championships with a 14-0 record and helped coach Tracy Rietzke join the exclusive 800-victory club.

Before bowing to the host school, No. 1 ranked West Texas State, in the finals of the NCAA Southwest Regional, the Lady Hawks whipped Metro State (Colo.) in the semifinals.

"I've been very fortunate," Rietzke said. "Over the years I've been blessed with some great players and a lot of good help. We had another solid season. I'm very proud of the team and our finish in the national tournament."

The Hawks won the first game against West Texas State 31-29, lost the second game 30-27 and were tied 30-30 in the third game. Adriana Cruz made what appeared to be the go-ahead kill, but the ball bounced off one of the opponents in the back row and hit a basketball goal behind the service line. West Texas State demanded a replay and got it, won the point and later the game, 33-31.

Rietzke, who finished his 15th season at Rockhurst by leading the Lady Hawks to No. 16 in the final national poll of the season, now owns an 822-135 record for 21 seasons coaching college volleyball, a percentage of .859.

For his years at Rockhurst, Rietzke has a 650-79 mark, a percentage of .891. Among active coaches, Rietzke leads in won-lost percentage and is No. 2 in total victories.

From Krakow to K.C., It's Basketball for RU Senior

Patrycja Kozłowska, a Rockhurst senior who hails from Krakow, Poland, stands six feet tall in her bare feet. Learning to play basketball from her mother in the seventh grade, she developed a love for the game that led her to the United States and, ultimately, to Rockhurst University.

An incredible asset to the team, Kozłowska led the Rockhurst Lady Hawks in rebounds this year, pulling down an average of seven boards per game and finishing the season with 189.

A talented offensive player as well, she maintained the team's highest field goal percentage, shooting 53 percent overall.

The multilingual athlete first attended Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan., where she began learning the English language. One year later she transferred to Rockhurst on a full scholarship to play basketball for the Lady Hawks.

In the three years Kozłowska has been here, she has developed strong relationships with her instructors. Grateful for their extra attention,

she spends much of her time off the court working to improve her grade point average.

What will Kozłowska miss most about Rockhurst?

"Basketball," she says. "I'll miss the games, the practices, the coaches and teammates. Without my family here, the other girls have become like sisters to me."

It is fortunate that Kozłowska has been able to find this surrogate family. She hasn't been back to Poland for two years, and with the current political unrest she does not have imminent plans for a return.

Although she misses her family, the international business major considers the United States home and intends to remain involved with her team next year as a graduate assistant coach.



Patrycja Kozłowska, '03, led the Lady Hawks in rebounds and field-goal percentage.

Hawks Bring Semifinals to Mason-Halpin

Asix-game winning streak and the solid play of center Nick Biby highlighted the Hawks' 2002-03 basketball season.

Biby, a 6-foot-7 senior from Winfield, Kan., fired in 32 points and cleared 12 rebounds in the semifinals of the Heartland Conference encounter with Incarnate Word March 5 in Mason-Halpin Fieldhouse. But the Hawks bowed to the Crusaders from San Antonio, Texas, 66-61 and finished the season with a 17-11 record.

Coach Bill O'Connor's Hawks wound up second in the Heartland Conference regular-season standings with a 7-3 mark, a game behind St. Mary's (Texas).

"We had a good run, but we fell a little short against Incarnate Word, a very good team with a 20-6 record," O'Connor said. "Nick Biby wound up a remarkable career at Rockhurst in that game. Overall, we had a pretty good season, even though we had some crucial injuries."

The Hawks, who last year were 24-6 and reached the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division II National Championships, this season did not have the depth of 2001-02.

Biby, who scored 450 points in 27 games, led Rockhurst in scoring with a 16.7 average. Operating mostly inside, he connected on 166 of 300 shots for 55.3 percent from the field. He also was No. 1 in rebounds with 182, an average of 6.74.

Senior Bryan Meyer wound up with a 15.4 scoring average, followed by Joel Sobanski's 12.2. Sobanski and Meyer finished 2-3 in rebounding with 5.7 and 5.1 marks.

Lady Hawks Look to Next Year

Coach Rebecca Morrissey's Lady Hawks, who finished with a 6-21 record, are looking forward to next season, even though two of their stars will be missing. Patty Kozłowska, 6-foot center, and 5-10 graduate student Amber Krumbholz will be gone. Krumbholz led Rockhurst in scoring with a 12.3 average. Kozłowska and 5-5 point guard Martina Mihailovic were No. 1 in scoring with 10-1 marks. Kozłowska led the squad in rebounding with a 7.0 average. Krumbholz was No. 2 with 4.2.

The Lady Hawks were involved in three overtime games, losing to potent Emporia State and beating St. Edward's (Texas) and Oklahoma Panhandle State.

C R O S S I N G Borders

By Gabe Javier, '04

Student reflections on service in the Jesuit tradition



Gabe Javier, '04, and Lindsay Hummer, '06

“¿Comes frijoles?” Jose Luis Jr. asked, smiling. We had just finished a sizeable meal of pizza and pasta, cake and ice cream. Me and the other nine volunteers of my group happily spread out toys and balls to the many children of Rancho Anapra, Mexico, that ran around us like a pack of curious puppies.

No one lacked for someone to play with; the shy children were coaxed out from behind their mothers and the loud ones played volleyball in the fading light of day. It was time for the piñata, and I was perched high on a picnic table on the concrete porch, keeping the papier-mâché star just out of little Ana's reach. She swung and missed, swung and missed, swung and began to move furiously in small circles in search of any target. She spun

and spun until someone could safely catch her from behind in a hug and flurry of giggles.

“¿Comes frijoles?” Jose Luis asked again, his sister joining us on the tabletop. “Si,” I replied and we shared a good laugh. About what? I wondered. Maybe we were laughing at the fact that I knew a little Spanish, or maybe because of my jolly size it was clear that I ate a few beans.

The day we left Kansas City for Juarez, it was snowing. The group expected to be able to shed the layers of hooded sweatshirts for the warmth of sun on skin. Instead we huddled together trying not to fall out of the bed of the pickup truck that took us through El Paso.

Riding backwards in the truck made it seem like we were leaving it all, when in truth we had

just arrived. The wind continued to creep through holes in our blankets, spraying us with sand and foreign scents as we weaved through the sandy streets of Rancho Anapra.

My group was there from Rockhurst University, through St. Mark's Parish Mission in Independence, Mo., to build Ana, her brother, Ivan, and their mother, Maria, a new home. Jose Luis' father was the maestro, our foreman for the duration of the stay. Accompanying us was

My Freshman Year of Service

By *Lindsay Hummer, '06*

I remember looking up at the bell tower and seeing the Rockhurst motto for the first time ... I hesitated at how well I thought the words fit my character and personality. I have always been bound by my conscience to serve and help others, and once I discovered Rockhurst and what it had to offer me, I knew this was would be my future home. As a Finucane Service Scholarship recipient, the intentions I had for journeying to Kansas City were to share my abilities with the Kansas City community in different ways than I had done in the past within my hometown.

Since last fall I have been blessed with so many great opportunities; involvement that has been more rewarding than I could have ever imagined. In the short amount of time I have been here, I have been involved with the American Lung Association, Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in October, Children's Mercy Hospital Score One for Health, and I'm currently serving on the re-election committee for Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes. Aside from all the physical work, I have had the awesome opportunity of meeting Peter Jennings, ABC anchor and senior editor, and Oscar Arias Sanchez, Nobel peace laureate. For spring break I traveled with fellow Rockhurst students and faculty to Belize for a volunteer and spiritual experience. I also am in the midst of planning a trip to Bolivia for the summer with the Salesian Lay Missioners where I will hopefully be living and serving within an orphanage.

From day one here at Rockhurst I have been blessed to work with some of the most genuine, caring individuals. Without their guidance, support and encouragement I would not be headed down the path I am headed today. My intentions are to finish my undergraduate studies majoring in communications and political science and minoring in American Humanics. Once I have finished my studies here, I intend to join either the Peace Corps or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. The path I am traveling and continue to follow is easily summarized through the words of Mother Teresa, "Duty is a very personal thing ... it is what comes from knowing the need to take action and not just the need to urge others to do something."

the Builders Without Borders group, armed with serious power tools and even more serious blueprints. The Builders had arrived a day earlier and laid the foundation for the small plot on which we were to build a house made of straw bales.

A combination of straw bales, used wooden storage palates, and clay would eventually be molded into a home. And as the week progressed I began to understand how. The foundation, pre-laid to match the exact width of



Lindsay Hummer, '06

a bale of hay, would be stacked with hay seven bales tall. These bales were then reinforced with rebar and topped with a roof, whose awning was assembled from pieces of dismantled wooden palates. I had never heard of straw bale houses, but apparently, as the Builders foreman explained, they were energy efficient and insulating to the type of weather that Maria and her family would endure.

By midweek my thighs would be dotted with little scabs, healed over from the sharp pieces of hay that rained down as we lifted the bales higher and higher. Despite vigilant use of my facemask, I began to get sick. My breathing was labored and the frequent breaks I was forced to take kept my work ethic at bay. The dusty hay had crept into breathing passages and triggered my asthma, so each morning I resorted to chugging an herbal breathing tea that a Builder had brought.

But despite the sickness and early mornings, the lack of MTV and the short showers, doubt about the project never crossed my mind. On the contrary, I was confident that what I was doing was important, necessary and right.

To me, the type of service that we performed for Ana and Ivan's family focused on change. We volunteered our time and we changed the life of this small family. We provided them a new home, one where they could comfortably live their lives in an uncomfortable environment. Their new home would be a source of dependable

warmth in the cold, cool air in the sun's heat, and pride throughout the year. In turn, they changed our lives by living as they always had — in simplicity and joy — and inadvertently asking us to do the same.

In the afternoon sun, the wind blew sand into our facemasks as we heard Ana and Ivan traipse home from school. Ana would be eager to get her hands filthy in the day's clay, excited to be helping form and shape the walls of what would be her house. Ivan hung out with Jarrod,



Gabe Javier, '04, front row, second from left, joined other volunteers from Rockhurst and elsewhere to help construct houses of straw and adobe in Anapra, Mexico.

a Rockhurst freshman, and some of the other Builders, dark eyes wide as the roof began to take shape from pieces of recycled two-by-fours.

Ana and Ivan were your typical little kids. Had Ana had pale skin, blond hair and blue eyes, she could have been any little girl. Had Ivan been born north of the border, no doubt he would be at soccer practice. Truly it seemed unfair that this brother and sister pair would probably never go on a roller coaster or see *Star Wars* on the big screen. It was unfair that Maria, their mother, worked the night shift and the kids came home to an empty house each day. But I felt blessed to realize that these things did not presuppose them to bitterness and jealousy, they did not want what they did not have. Instead, they were content with the little they had and with the playmates that kept them company for a week.

At the end of the week, the house neared completion. Four walls with window slots, two doors and a partially filled-in roof stood tall as evidence of our presence. The Builders Without Borders continued their commitment for another week and a group from Central Missouri State University completed the house. This opportunity to serve made me realize why service remains a vital part of the human experience.

We serve because it is natural for humans to do so. I believe that it is our instinct to help those in need, heal the hurt, and repair the broken. In doing so we are able to learn more about ourselves and strengthen the fabric of society. But our week of service produced more than a home. Contributing our time and efforts made it easier for us to make the connection between serving and living. We serve because service is what we are called to do.



Gabe Javier, '04, right, and two children from Anapra, Mexico, amused themselves with piñatas at a going-away party for the students and other volunteers who had come to build houses.

Our group journaled throughout the week. As part of the experience, the student development office provided us each with binders equipped with paper and reflection exercises. I found that reflection came easy at the end of the day. "Why are we committed to service?" one page asked. I came to realize that we commit ourselves to service because it is not only what Rockhurst asks us to do in the mission, but also because as caring people it is in our natural capacity to serve and care, to work and help, to love those we serve. Personally, I took the opportunity to serve because it seemed like a natural thing to do; the environment that exists here at home made it easy for me and encouraged me to serve those with less.

The long and short of it is, in a world where poverty and excess are separated by a patrolled border, the opportunity to serve allows us to cross that barrier. ☺

*Social needs in today's world require short-
both with a thriving volunteer-service*

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Aug. 18, 2002, was a typical Kansas City Sunday summer afternoon. It was blistering hot and the humidity ran high. Despite these conditions, a crowd of first-year students, who had just arrived at Rockhurst the day before, gathered on the quad to participate in an afternoon of service. Despite the newness and the Kansas City heat, 90 percent of the Class of 2006 volunteered to participate in Rockhurst's first signature service project of the school year, the Finucane Service Project. For the past 10 years, this is how students at Rockhurst have begun their college careers.

The Finucane Service Project is our way of introducing service as a priority at Rockhurst. On their first day, students learn that service is not an ancillary component of their education or something to do if they have spare time. For Rockhurst students, service is a critical part of their university careers, comparable to learning and leadership. In fact, they have responded to the call to service by donating an average 29,000 hours of their time annually.

Does It Really Help?

Some people have asked me if providing service to the community really makes much of a difference in the lives of Rockhurst students or in the lives of the people with whom they interact. Some have argued that service projects can be patronizing responses to large, systematic problems like poverty, violence and racism, which leave only a short-term impact on both students and community members. To those people, I acknowledge that an afternoon of sorting Return to Christmas donations or picking up trash on Forest Avenue fails to eradicate the need for clothing and food or reduce neighborhood crime rates. However, I do believe that such service projects make a



By Kim Warren
*Director, Center for
Service Learning*

- and long-term solutions. Rockhurst commits to
e program and a focus on service learning.

Volunteering



significant impact on immediate community needs, and contribute to eventual and lasting changes.

Janice Hughes, Social Ministries Coordinator at St. Francis Xavier Parish, agrees that volunteer service is needed in our community. When Rockhurst students volunteer at SFX, she explains to them that because of the shrinking economy, the climbing rate of unemployment, and a decrease in government programs, the need for service is greater than it has been in her 16 years with SFX. She says that in spite of these overwhelming circumstances, the volunteers who contribute to the SFX ministry make a positive difference in the lives of many.

In addition to providing some relief to those in need, service also makes a difference in the lives of the students who volunteer. It helps them be more charitable and aware of others' needs. For students who have lived in homogenous school and town environments, volunteering can be their primary outlet for venturing into new neighborhoods and meeting people whose backgrounds are different from theirs. Communications sciences and disorders faculty members Brenda Vann and Betsy Green believe this is so important they encourage their students to engage in service as a way of preparing themselves for work in an ever-changing, diverse world.

Deepening the Commitment

Although I argue that service is an essential component of a Rockhurst education, I also acknowledge that engaging students in volunteer service does not go far enough. At this university, where students are called to emerge into the community as leaders in service, I have joined other faculty and staff in challenging students to

increase the depth of their volunteer experiences by engaging in *service learning* projects.

Service learning is different from volunteer service in that it is a form of experiential learning where students can apply their knowledge, skills and critical thinking to identify and address community issues. Whether part of a course curriculum or a project outside of the classroom, service learning requires three stages: *preparation for the project; immersion into service; and reflection on approaches, interactions, challenges and contributions.* Service learning requires students to be engaged in all three stages, and often links academic learning to community issues. The ideal project involves students in determining real community needs, and is reciprocal in nature, benefiting both the

encourage students to integrate service into their daily lives and career work.

Rockhurst has been participating in the service learning movement since 1994, when it opened the Center for Service Learning. Through service learning, Rockhurst asks students to not only commit themselves to projects such as serving at a soup kitchen, tutoring a struggling reader or cleaning up neighborhood streets, but also to question why such needs for service exist in the first place.

Action, Reflection Unite

Through service learning, students are more likely to develop stronger ties between school and society, increase their community

engagement, and even improve their academic achievement. In his environmental biology courses, Chad Scholes, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, has his students apply their classroom learning by helping Kansas City Wildlands restore natural, environmental communities where exotic plants have taken over native species. When they completed the project, students wrote reflection papers about what they had learned, how their experiences compared to other service experiences, and how their knowledge and service affected the Kansas City community. Through such service learning projects, students

experience first-hand the environment they study in class, and they get to see the positive changes to their environment they can make.

Physical therapy and communication sciences and disorders students already have started advocating for their future clients by campaigning to have a \$1,500 Medicaid cap lifted for outpatient services. The students have developed fact sheets, recruited other students and family members to support their letter-writing campaign, and they even have traveled to Jefferson

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community and the service providers.

At Rockhurst, service learning has a special dimension, as it is part of the school's commitment to service in the Jesuit tradition. Both the service learning and Jesuit models call students to actions that benefit others and are motivated by a knowledge of God's love for everyone, create goals to make the world more just, require reflection to find God at work in service, and

City, Mo., to meet with state representatives about their position. They are tracking legislation as it moves through committees and to the floor at both the state and federal levels. The project is student-driven, connects service to academic learning, and involves reflection about their immediate training and future resources for their patients.

Through classes at the Helzberg School of Management, students are collaborating with nonprofit organizations to apply their marketing and business-planning skills. Rather than completing a final project that only a professor would evaluate, students have the option to collaborate with a nonprofit organization to define the nonprofit's need and work together to design a solution. Students not only provide a service for the organization, but they also have the opportunity to reflect on how they might use their skills to benefit other organizations in the future.

International service trips add yet another dimension to service learning experiences. Students who accompanied Renee Michael, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, and Bill Kriege, assistant director of campus ministry, to Belize over spring break last year spent half their time helping build Habitat for Humanity houses and the other half learning about Belize's rain forests and Mayan history and culture. At night, the group gathered to talk about their experiences in the country and reflect on work, poverty and social justice themes. For many of the students — some of who experienced their first plane ride and first trip outside of the United States — this service learning experience forced them to immerse themselves in a new culture and confront issues of inequity that surrounded them.

Fostering Change

All of this is not to say that volunteer service is less important than service learning. Indeed, there are many circumstances in which

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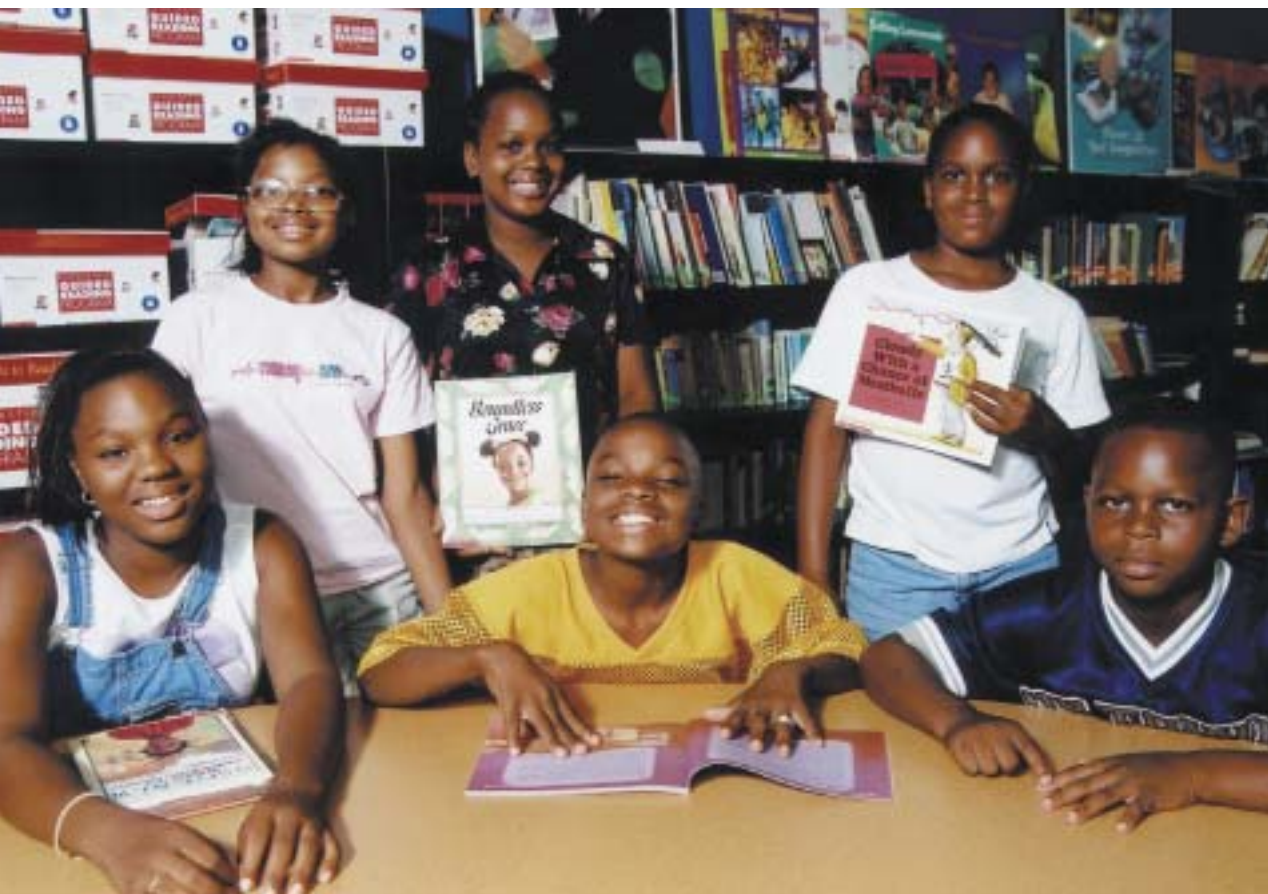
Rockhurst students are needed to simply show up and help with clothing drives, Christmas basket food distributions or preparation of school supplies. From my perspective, however, service learning is where Rockhurst's priorities of learning, leadership and service come together in a harmonious triad to engage students in deep experiences that will shape their futures. Service learning is a way to take service to a higher level, to engage in service more completely. Service learning is the *magis* of volunteerism.

My hope is that as Rockhurst continues to expand service learning opportunities, students will begin their college careers by engaging in the Finucane Service Project but end their terms at Rockhurst with enough experience and skills to foster social justice changes on a deeper, more systematic level. ☺



Kim Warren

Keeping Dreams **A**l



Rockhurst Reaches Out to **Neighborhood Youths**

By Jamie Sievering

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ABOVE: Critical thinking and logic are focuses of the after-school chess instruction program. Neighborhood students ranging from third through 12th grades visit the Community Center every Saturday to hone their strategic skills.

FAR LEFT: Children from the neighborhood come to the literacy center after school to receive tutoring from Rockhurst education students. The white boxes behind them hold books organized by the letters of the alphabet to indicate skill level. "I'm in the L's now," said one boy proudly. "But when I started here, I was only in the J's!"

LEFT: Prominent children's book illustrator Bryan Collier put smiles on lots of young faces when he came to campus for the annual children's literature festival. The event allows children's book authors and illustrators to share their enthusiasm for reading with more than 1,500 area children.

Teacher. Astronaut. Firefighter. Doctor. President. Ask any child young enough what he or she wants to be as a grownup and you'll hear the biggest dreams shared with the utmost sincerity and confidence.

Sadly, as some children grow older, they experience a lack of opportunities and resources that may prevent them from realizing those dreams. Help — in the form of a caring tutor, a concerned coach, an idolized college-student companion — sometimes can provide the extra encouragement and direction needed to keep the vision alive.

Rockhurst faculty, staff and students have made serving area children and youth a priority with a growing number of outreach programs. Through various projects, members of the Rockhurst community seek to become genuine role models to the younger generation, and to inspire them with their commitment to service.

"Our students are so passionate about learning and teaching," said Patience Sowa, Ph.D., assistant professor of education. "I've never seen anything like it."

Straight From the Kids

The Rockhurst Literacy Center has been a big hit with the children who come for tutoring from Rockhurst students and faculty. Here's what a few had to say.

"We come up here two times a week. I like coming because I'm home-schooled and I get more education here. My tutor is a pretty fun teacher."

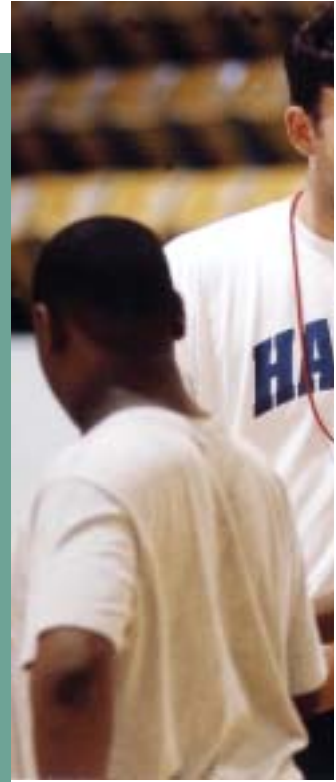
Justin Burrell, 13 years old, eighth grade,
wants to work with computers

"My tutor is very cool. We made footballs and read a lot of books. And when I go back to school I get A's on my reading. I learn more every time I'm here!"

Tony Hammon, 9 years old, fourth grade,
wants to be a professional football player

"I didn't used to like reading. I like reading now because it helps me to know what the words mean as I go through a book."

Jessica Baker, 12 years, sixth grade,
wants to be a police officer, waitress or singer





LEFT: PeaceJam offers high school students the opportunity to learn about and meet Nobel peace laureates such as Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica (center). Rockhurst students serve as group mentors for the weekend-long event, held in November.

CENTER: Neighborhood children found role models in several Rockhurst student athletes, including recent graduate Chris O'Connor, while shooting hoops in last summer's free basketball camps, made possible by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

RIGHT: Rockhurst student volunteers such as Kelly Kunz, '03, left, and Jamie Sparks, '03, help make the Safe Trick-or-Treat Haunted House a success for about 700 children who come each year.

Since it opened in January 2002, the Literacy Center — located in the bright, colorful Rockhurst Community Center — has been bustling with activity. The center's tutors work individually with young readers of all skill levels. Each spring, about 1,500 children come to see prominent children's book authors at the annual literacy festival, co-sponsored by the education department. Student teachers and school children both benefit as the growing education programs continue to send Rockhurst students to assist teachers in local classrooms.

Children are the focus of several more strong service initiatives, including after-school chess and music programs, a safety expo, free summer basketball camps and an annual bicycle rodeo to promote bike safety.

Hundreds of area high school students come to campus each fall to participate in PeaceJam, a program that allows them to meet and discuss important issues with a Nobel peace laureate. Rockhurst student mentors lead the high school participants in creating and implementing their own service projects to promote peace.

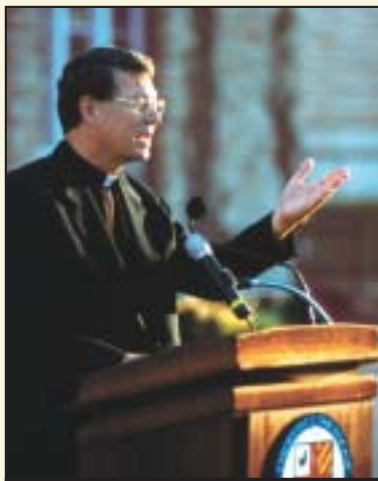
Also, the Troostwood Youth Council is a weekly after-school program that provides fun activities and role models for local elementary and middle-school kids.

"I believe we are truly meeting a need in the community," said Alicia Douglas, community center director. "There are a lot of people on our campus who sincerely care about the well-being of these children and their futures." ❖

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Letter

Even colleges and universities do not live in ivory towers. Few years have brought this home to us as much as this past one. Difficult economic times, corporate scandals that have eroded our confidence, fear of terrorism, and a war with Iraq have made it all too evident that our graduates must do everything they can to build a better world for themselves and their children.



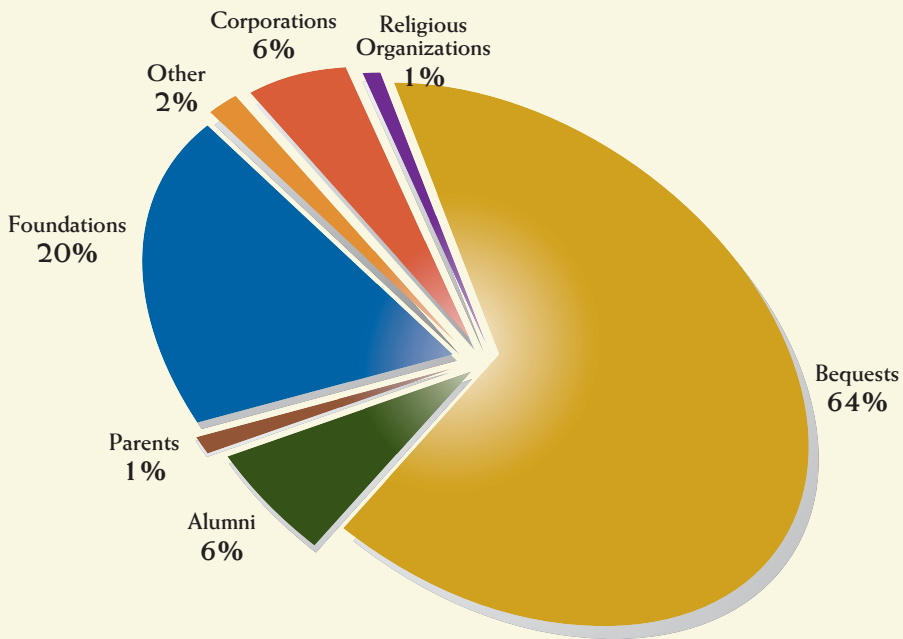
Jesuit education aims to prepare men and women to make a positive difference. We are proud of the contributions of our graduates through their integrity, the serious application their of gifts and talents to answering life's engaging issues, and the service they give to others.

In this past year we have been asking ourselves how we might prepare our graduates even more effectively to make a positive difference. We believe that our focus on learning, leadership and service in the Jesuit tradition contains the elements we need for that preparation. Furthermore, we have chosen to highlight leadership, a constant theme in our 450-year-old educational tradition, as a focus in bringing together the academic and the student life aspects of the institution. Leaders bring out the best in others, and we have been exploring ways to emphasize leadership development throughout the entire experience at Rockhurst to enable our graduates to become the kind of leaders our world will need.

Thank you for your help in our endeavors. All of us have a stake in this enterprise since education passes on the best of our values to the next generation. It ensures that we not only preserve what is good but that we also enhance it.

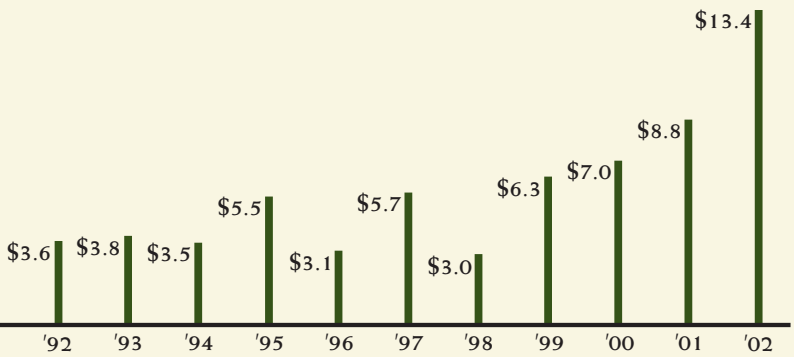
Edward Kinerk, S.J., President

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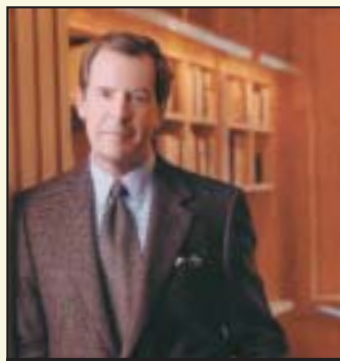


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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Lessons in community service were the first scheduled for freshmen, who began their academic year at Rockhurst by taking part in several central-city service projects. They were joined by upperclassmen, faculty, staff and alumni for the **Finucane Service Project**, named in memory of the Rev. William Finucane, S.J., former director of campus ministry.

Peter Jennings addressed an audience of more than 1,000 community members at the University's Convocation Center. Jennings, senior editor of "ABC World News Tonight," came to speak about his book *In Search of America*.



Peter Jennings

More than 600 civic leaders attended the annual **Rockhurst University Gala**, which raised \$235,000. Co-chairs were John and Susan McMeel, and Maureen McMeel Jackoboice and William Jackoboice. Honorary chairs were Jean and William Dunn Sr. The black-tie event was held at the Westin Crown Center.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Rockhurst No. 14 in the Midwest Best Universities — Master's category. The magazine bases its rankings on academic reputation and statistics such as graduation and retention, faculty resources, student selectivity and class sizes.



Conway Hall lounge area

Conway Hall, built in 1937, was reopened following a \$6.5 million renovation. Conway is home to the Helzberg School of Management, named for Barnett and Shirley Helzberg, whose gift to the University helped make the renovation possible. The renovation included technological improvements such as new computer labs and "smart" classrooms with multimedia capabilities. All offices and

public spaces were renovated, and a new suite for the Executive Fellows Master of Business Administration Program was created.

Thanks to a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the University began offering **free weeklong basketball camps** to inner-city youths. Approximately 200 boys and girls in grades six through eight participated in the camps, which were conducted by the University's athletic coaches and students.

The Midwest Poet Series of Rockhurst University celebrated its 20th anniversary season of bringing some of the country's top fiction writers, poets and essayists to campus. Among the poets to visit in 2002 was **Billy Collins, the Poet Laureate of the United States**.

FOCUS, a Kansas City group dedicated to “Forging Our Comprehensive Urban Strategy,” celebrated its fifth anniversary at Rockhurst. The University was chosen as the site for this celebration in honor of one of its founding members, former Rockhurst president the late Rev. Thomas Savage, S.J.



Genesis School African dancers

“Citizen Believers” was the title of a lecture focused on a critical examination of the Catholic Church. It was presented by **Gary Wills, Ph.D.**, author of *Papal Sin, Structures of Deceit* and *Why I Am a Catholic*. Wills, author of more than 20 books, has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize. The lecture was presented to a packed audience of more than 500 community members.

The Rockhurst University Community Center hosted Kansas City **Mayor Kay Barnes** for two community forums in 2002. The mayor answered questions from neighbors of the University, as well as faculty, staff and students.



Mayor Kay Barnes

Former President of Costa Rica and **Nobel Peace Laureate Oscar Arias, Ph.D.**, visited the campus as part of a weekend-long PeaceJam conference at the University. Arias drew on his experiences as an economist, politician and peace-maker. PeaceJam brought together local high school students to participate in service projects and work with Arias to refine peace plans to implement in their communities. The event was co-sponsored by the Community of Christ and the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Volleyball head coach Tracy Rietzke was named the **Heartland Conference Coach of the Year**. Rietzke reached his 800th victory as a coach in September.



Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.

The worldwide leader of the Jesuits, the **Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.**, met with members of the Rockhurst community during a visit to Kansas City. He celebrated Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church at the conclusion of his visit. Fr. Kolvenbach’s inspirational words are inscribed on the University’s bell tower.

Serving as a Sister Is Natural Choice for Rockhurst Alumna

Laurie Kertz sat on the floor of her Town House Village bedroom in fall 1997 surrounded by brochures she had picked up from a volunteer fair on campus. She thumbed through information about the Peace Corps and Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Instead of studying for her next test, the Rockhurst junior pondered what to do with her life. Her concentration was broken when her roommate came home, saw the brochures and jokingly asked, "Why don't you just become a nun?"

Kertz was speechless. What a crazy idea.

Her friends say Kertz has it all: a positive attitude, a powerful drive to work hard at anything she does and a strong desire to serve others. And above all, God plays a central role in her life.

So when Kertz came to Rockhurst in 1995 from Ballwin, Mo., she already had her heart set on physical therapy.

"I chose physical therapy because it combines the science of the human body with the art of relating to people and serving their needs," said Kertz.

She received her bachelor's degree in math in 1999, then excelled in the physical therapy program, winning the Missouri Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Award.

She earned her master's degree in 2001, but she wasn't sure physical therapy was her only calling. While searching



Laurie Kertz, '99, '01 MPT, relaxes outside the Manna House of Prayer, where she is spending her first novitiate year with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, Kan.

for the missing link, she further explored her spirituality by visiting the Sisters of St. Joseph. She decided they would help her find her life's mission.

Three months after graduation, Kertz moved to El Paso, Texas, where she spent her first, or postulant, year living with four Sisters of St. Joseph and worked in outpatient physical therapy at Rio Vista Rehabilitation Hospital.

She became Sister Laurie last August when she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, Kan. The first of the two novitiate years focus on prayer and discernment, which is why Kertz, 25, has put full-time physical therapy aside for now. She plans to continue her ministry of physical therapy in the future.

"This is really a growth-filled year," she said.

As a Rockhurst student, Kertz had her hand in everything from campus ministry and the psychology club to Rockhurst chorus and the student newspaper. Through the service fraternity Alphi Phi Omega, she worked with community organizations such as the Red Cross and Harvesters. She received the Regents Community Service Award in 2001 and her extensive service transcript includes a service trip to Ecuador.

Under the guidance of Donna Calvert, Ph.D., professor of physical therapy, Kertz used her capstone project to measure the availability of physical therapy in free health clinics.

"She's an extremely dedicated person who is always looking past what is required," said Calvert. "She really cares about the marginalized of society."

Kertz is equally appreciative of her experience at Rockhurst.

"What was special to me about Rockhurst was the concern that faculty had for students and the immense amount of time professors took with me," she said. "They helped me discover where I wanted to go in life."

Kertz cultivated a commitment to service at Rockhurst that likely will grow stronger as she plans a life of serving others as a Sister of St. Joseph. Perhaps becoming a nun wasn't such a crazy idea after all.

Looking for a Graduation Gift?

Rockhurst's Generation Walkway is the perfect place to celebrate your graduate's accomplishments. For just \$100, you can have your name or the name of a graduate inscribed on a brick to be placed in the walkway surrounding the bell tower and pergola.

More than 700 bricks recognizing alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends of the University have been placed in the Generation Walkway. A 4" x 8" brick can be engraved with two lines, 20 characters per line, with your name or the names of your loved ones. For information, call (816) 501-4807 or (800) 756-ALUM (2576).



You can immortalize your own name, or that of a favorite faculty member, in the Generation Walkway, located by the bell tower.

Update Your Spring Wardrobe



Show your Rockhurst pride by ordering from a wide variety of logo items at www.rockhurst.edu.

What better way to show school spirit than by sporting a Rockhurst T-shirt? Check out the Alumni Store at www.rockhurst.edu, under “Alumni and Friends,” for a great selection of Rockhurst gear, from golf shirts to executive pens to denim bucket hats. Want something you don’t see offered? You can special order any of more than 500,000 different products.

This online only store is a convenient way to purchase Rockhurst merchandise and apparel from the comfort of your own home. The store accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express, as well as cash, check or money order. Most items are shipped UPS ground within two or three days.

Alumni College 2003: Your Passport to Adventure

Summer is the perfect time to travel, and yet with today’s uncertainty, people are taking fewer trips and spending more time at home. Rockhurst University’s Alumni College, scheduled for June 27-29, offers the best of both worlds — the chance to stay close to home while sampling exotic cuisine, learning about other cultures and experiencing new adventures.

This special weekend offers you the chance to come back to Rockhurst and remember what it was like to be a student. This time, however, the classes are just for fun and no homework is required. Choose from areas such as yoga, salsa dancing, astronomy or gourmet cooking, explore the history of Kansas City, tour the Jazz Museum or learn the tricks of planning for retirement.

“Rockhurst University’s Alumni College is a great chance to catch up with old classmates and to meet new ones,” says Jim Millard, Ph.D., ’64, ’89 MBA,

director of alumni relations. “We hope you can join us for our newly found tradition.”

The cost of the weekend, including lodging in the Town House Village and all meals, is \$95 per person. For those who choose not to stay on campus, the cost is \$55 per person. For more information or to register, contact the Alumni Office at (816) 501-4025 or alumni@rockhurst.edu.



McDonnells Contribute Gift for Loyola Park

A \$2.3 million gift from Tom McDonnell, '66, and his wife, Jean, '87 MBA, brings Rockhurst closer to completion of the Loyola Park athletic complex under construction on the southeast edge of the campus and nearer to achieving the \$50 million goal for its "Excellence in the City" capital campaign.

Tom McDonnell is chairman of the Rockhurst University Board of Trustees and president and CEO of DST Systems Inc.

"Loyola Park will greatly enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities for our residential students," said Rockhurst President the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J. "This will have a significant impact on our student life."

The 16-acre Loyola Park eventually will include a baseball stadium, six tennis courts, a soccer field and jogging paths. Its completion will allow three teams — baseball, men's tennis and women's tennis — to actually play "home" games at home. Currently, the baseball team



A computer-generated illustration clearly shows the layout for the Loyola Park athletic complex under construction. Courtesy of Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets Inc.

travels 18 miles to Blue Springs, Mo., for practice and games; the tennis teams play at the Plaza tennis complex.

"I think the investment the University is making in the neighborhood will cultivate growth in the area for years to come and will enhance the University's enrollment," McDonnell said.

Grading for the baseball field recently was completed, dramatically altering the appearance of the former residential area between 53rd and 54th streets and Troost and The Paseo. The University owned all the properties as part of a 1999 purchase.

This spring, a company specializing in preparing baseball surfaces will complete final leveling and seeding. The field should be ready for practice in spring 2004. As financing allows, construction will begin on seating for 1,100 fans and additional amenities.

The next phase of the project, scheduled to begin this summer, includes work on the tennis courts and soccer field.

Eighth Annual Gala Scheduled



Rockhurst President the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., with 2003 Rockhurst Gala honorary chairs Jean McDonnell, '87 MBA, and her husband, Tom McDonnell, '66.

Mark your calendar now for the Rockhurst University Gala, Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Westin Crown Center. This black-tie event will raise funds for scholarships and student services.

The evening will include cocktails, dinner and dancing to live music. Larry Moore will preside as master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Edward Kinerk, S.J., Rockhurst president, will speak about the past year at the University.

This year's gala co-chairs are Mel Lavery, '68, and his wife, Rita; Jerry Haake, '70, and his wife, Maureen; and Tom and Jill McGee. Tom McDonnell, '66, and his wife, Jean, '87 MBA, are the honorary chairs.

For more information about the gala or to make reservations, call (816) 501-4807.

Hit the Links with Your Favorite Celebrity

Pull out your clubs and get ready to join the big leagues at the first Rockhurst University Golf Classic, a celebrity tournament. The tournament, scheduled for Monday, June 30, at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lion's Gate in Kansas City, Mo., will be held in memory of the late Rev. Joseph Freeman, S.J.

Each foursome entered will choose a celebrity team member from a group of 36 local professional athletes, comprising past and present Royals, Chiefs and Wizards. A pairing party will be held Sunday, June 29, at the Chiefs Pavilion at Arrowhead Stadium, where each team will draw a number and select its celebrity in that order.

"The Golf Classic committee has been working hard to make this

inaugural event a huge success," says Stacie Cronberg, director of constituent relations and annual programs. "I encourage you to get your foursome together soon because spaces are filling up quickly."

Denny Thum, '74, executive vice president and assistant general manager for the Kansas City Chiefs, and Frank White, special assistant to the general manager for the Kansas City Royals, are honorary chairmen for the event.

The cost is \$275 per golfer. Several sponsorship levels are available as well. Tournament proceeds will benefit the University's athletic department. For information, call Stacie Cronberg at (816) 501-4807 or e-mail stacie.cronberg@rockhurst.edu.



Campaign Offers Opportunity to Help Students

The largest fund-raising campaign in Rockhurst history — "Excellence in the City" — will conclude June 30. Although the campaign has raised more than \$49.4 million toward its \$50 million goal, final gifts from alumni and friends still can have a major impact on students.

Campaign goals include raising \$11.5 million for endowed scholarships and \$2 million for student development programs.



Scholarships ensure that Rockhurst can assist students and families trying to keep pace with the rising costs of higher education and decreasing federal and state financial aid

resources. This is important because more scholarships will be available for deserving, talented students.

Funding for student development will help finance programs such as service trips, campus ministry activities, and health and wellness efforts. This means that, in addition to providing the highest-quality academic education, Rockhurst can help its students develop spiritually, emotionally and socially.

In addition to funding student needs, the campaign is allowing Rockhurst to improve campus facilities, build the Loyola Park athletic complex, create and maintain the Community Center, enhance faculty development and support the Thomas More Center for the Study of Catholic Thought and Culture.

To make your gift to "Excellence in the City" before the campaign ends June 30, call (816) 501-4888 or send your contribution to: Rockhurst University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, MO, 64110.



Gifts to the "Excellence in the City" campaign will benefit the University in a number of ways, including enhancing student scholarships and development programs.

Alumni Notes

'63 **Tim Braithwaite** recently published his fifth book, *Securing E-Business Systems: A Guide for Managers and Executives*, John Wiley & Sons.

'69 **Cmdr. Eugene M. Pinkelmann Jr.**, JAGC, USN (retired), joined retired Col. Bill Eckhart of University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law to present an afternoon of operational law at the annual Midwest Army Reserve legal conference held in Overland Park, Kan. Pinkelmann addressed the impact of the law of the sea on military operations.

'70 **Roosevelt Harris** has been elected to the board of trustees of Harding University.

David Huff was featured in the April edition of *Grace in Action*, a national publication of Our Sunday Visitor, as their modern disciple in recognition of his eight years of commitment as a volunteer chaplain with the Missouri Department of Corrections in St Joseph. Following graduation from Rockhurst, Huff pursued graduate studies in pastoral ministry through Loyola University and ministry formation in the New Wine program of the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph. Since its opening in 1999, Huff has provided prayer and counseling services in the prison's diagnostic unit as an inter-faith volunteer associate chaplain.

Lennis Echterling has been selected by the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision as the 2002 recipient of the Counseling Vision and Innovation Award for his work on curriculum and training at James Madison University and his work with the 9/11 disaster response in Virginia. Also, the university's alumni association selected him as the 2002 recipient of the James Madison Distinguished Faculty Award. Echterling has taught at JMU since 1979, and is the coordinator of the graduate program in counselor training.

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Jake Schloegel, president and founder of Schloegel Contracting Company Inc., accepted top awards for excellence in remodeling design and construction at the annual National Association of Remodeling Industry competition, receiving a perfect score in the category of "Interior Remodel Over \$40,000."

Alumni Notes

Tony Schroeder is the division controller for Allied Waste Industries in Independence, Mo.

Kevin Stuart Cavanaugh, J.D., has opened a private law practice in the Kansas City area.

Keith Stamm has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer of Aquila Inc.

Beau Peters has launched Harvest Resource Group, a sales and marketing consulting company based in Leawood.

Joseph McClernon, Ph.D., accepted a faculty position in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. He was offered the position after receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health to research the neurobiological bases of drug addiction in humans.

Emily (Bryde) McClernon, MSW, LCSW, recently presented a scientific paper at the Third International Conference on Early Psychosis in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is a social worker and research clinician in the department of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Robert L. Herzig, MBA, has started his own company. Bob Herzig and Associates Inc. is a consulting engineer firm in Kansas City that specializes in the design, testing and repair of electrical systems associated with swimming pools and fountains. The company also conducts seminars on the national electrical code and other topics related to the electrical industry.

Greg R. Vetter, M.S., J.D., has started a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center, where he also is co-director of the Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law.



Shandin Fiskin Klobe is employed as a litigation analyst for the tobacco division of Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP. She also is the public relations director of the Kansas City Paralegal Association, a not-for-profit organization.

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Alumni Notes

'00 **Me'Lissa J. Chy** currently is attending Southwest Missouri State University, seeking a doctorate in physical therapy, and is scheduled to graduate in May 2005.

Dominic Klobe is employed in management at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Overland Park, Kan.

'02



Elaine Williams currently is serving with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest as an outreach project legal assistant at La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco, Calif.

Alumni Marriages

'89 **Jody Varner** married Russell M. Frederickson Jr. on Nov. 30, 2002.

MBA

Ken Smith married Jill Frost on June 1, 2002.

'91 **Helen O'Daniel** married Sean Reese on May 18, 2002.

'97 **Donette Coleman** married James Reese on Nov. 30, 2002.

'99 **Sarah Wisch** and **David Echelmeyer** were married on June 29, 2002.

Births

'84 **Kim Hamilton Wadas** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Michelle Renee, born April 23, 2002. She has two older brothers, Jeffrey and Steven.

Anthony Moeller and his wife, Sandra, announce the birth of their son, Luke Christopher, born Nov. 27, 2002.

'88 **Cindy Schroeder Reichert** and her husband, Curtis, announce the birth of their son, Alex Michael, born Aug. 21, 2002. He has two older brothers, Nathan, 7, and Nicholas, 2.

Births

Chris Munsch and **Carrie (Underdahl) Munsch**, '91, announce the adoption of Christopher Scott, born Sept. 8, 2002. He has an older brother, Connor, 2.

Don Lueke and his wife, Debbie, announce the birth of their son, Michael Christian, born July 7, 2002. He has four older sisters, Alexandria, 11; Madeline, 9; Rebecca, 7; and Eleanor, 5; and one older brother, Nathaniel, 3.

Rose (Gerke) Lloyd and her husband, Mark, announce the adoption of Emily Arin, born April 7, 2001, and Elizabeth Nicole, born April 16, 2001, from Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. They are now at home in Columbia, Mo.

Steven Steinkamp and wife, **Michelle**, '90, announce the birth of their son, Patrick Ryan, born Dec. 6, 2002.

Shannon (Maher) Denney and her husband, **Rocky Denney**, '93, announce the birth of their son, Cael Alexander, born Sept. 24, 2002. Cael has an older brother, Brock, 2.

Karin Djerf Young and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Jordan, born Aug. 14, 2002, weighing 9 lbs., 4 oz.

John Meiners and his wife, **Kelly Domkoski Meiners**, '97, MPT '99, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Edward, born Dec. 3, 2002.

Christine (Begley) Shouse, MBA, '97, and husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, Alexander John, born April 16, 2002. He has an older brother, Erik, 5.

Ryan Moore, MPT '98, and **Courtney Lane Moore**, '97, MOT '99, announce the birth of their first child, Ryan junior, in March 2002.

Jamie Niece and his wife, **Cara Sartors Niece**, announce the birth of their daughter, Mollie Christine, on Sept. 4, 2002. She has an older brother, William, 2.

Christy Neenan Shively and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of their second child, Olivia Irene, born Jan. 10, 2003. Olivia has an older sister, Samantha Mae, 2.

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In Memoriam

- Rev. Frank N. Schepers ('40) Oct. 19, 2002
- Leonard R. Passantino ('44) Oct. 30, 2002
- James J. McDonnell ('46) Feb. 8, 2003
- Rev. Joseph C. Meisburger ('47) Dec. 20, 2002
- J. David Brennan Jr. ('47) Jan. 8, 2003
- Arthur Joseph Caron ('49) Jan. 26, 2003
- James Scahill ('52) Oct. 10, 2002
- Leahman Dwight House ('52) Nov. 12, 2002
- Orville E. Pearce ('53) Oct. 20, 2002
- James M. McCarthy ('54) Jan. 19, 2003
- Phillip E. McNerney ('56) Jan. 28, 2003
- Gerald W. Hatchitt ('59) Oct. 13, 2002
- Louis B. Mertz ('62) Oct. 14, 2002

In Memoriam

- Thomas F. Sullivan III ('62) Nov. 12, 2002
- Kenneth G. Wulser ('63) Dec. 23, 2002
- Lois H. Keller ('67) Oct. 19, 2002
- Robert "Bob" M. Gregory ('67) Dec. 24, 2002
- Donald M. Jamison ('77) Oct. 25, 2002
- Gene P. Gillings ('78) Nov. 16, 2002
- A. Alan Transue ('81) Jan. 6, 2003
- Thomas Gerard Hercules ('86) Jan. 19, 2003
- Stephanie Jo Gamble Swait ('92) Nov. 1, 2002
- Paige Alison Pringle ('95) Feb. 1, 2003
- Olivia Raya ('03) Dec. 21, 2002
- Rose Rielley ('04) Feb. 11, 2003

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3 Annual Rosary and
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20 Heritage Society Luncheon

June

27-29 Alumni College

30 Rockhurst University
Golf Classic

September

4 Mass of the Holy Spirit

5 St. Louis Alumni
Golf Tournament

Next spring, head baseball coach Gary Burns and his team should be able to practice on the new field at Loyola Park, the athletic complex under construction on the southeast part of campus.



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