

Newsletter

Departmental News

The summer brings renovations. In Horan-O'Donnell, the hallways and stair banisters were repainted, and new long-needed permanent room identification plaques were installed. The chemistry office workroom has been reconstructed, to provide more storage space and work area and hopefully less congestion than the previous configuration. Meanwhile, across the quad, finishing touches were being given to the impressive new freshman/sophomore residence, with its panoramic-windowed lounges. Its upper floors provide one of the best views of the city anywhere. Looking to the future, plans for the new Interdisciplinary Science Center, to be located in the present Blue Cross/Blue Shield building, have been approved by the Board of Trustees. The first phase of the move to the new center will take place no earlier than in 2008.

Frank Dinan is enjoying partial retirement by entering the Faculty Resource Program (FRP) this fall. For the next few years, he will be teaching only in the fall semester each year. The gap in our organic faculty left by Frank and Joe Bieron will be filled by newly appointed assistant professor Dr. Tim Gregg. (See biography elsewhere in this publication.) Tim will be joined on the faculty this year by Drs. William Pfeifer and Scott Severance, on one-year appointments. Bill will be teaching the physical chemistry course, and Scott will be in charge of the biochemistry program. Tom Corso has taken a position at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, PA. We will be doing a national search for new tenure-track biochemist and physical chemist in Fall 2005.

As the new semester starts, we are happy to see Patty Shelley back in her customary place

behind the secretary's desk in the chemistry office, after several months of radiation and chemotherapy.

Mariusz Kozik, Peter Schaber and Mary O'Sullivan accompanied 7 students (Matthew Waitner, Kelly Dauer, Michael Colvin, Kathleen Coughlin, Lori Shepherd, Kelly Burke, Omer Bitar) to the 229th National Meeting of the ACS in San Diego, March 2005. The students presented 6 posters of the results of their research conducted in the Chem/Biochem Department. Steve Szczepankiewicz was the recipient of a Canisius College Faculty Fellowship for research this summer, and Mary O'Sullivan was awarded a Dean's Grant.

The general chemistry and organic faculty are continuing the popular evening workshops, involving upper classmen as tutors in peer-led teams. The organic workshops focus on questions from previous MCAT, DAT, PCAT and GRE exams related to material covered in class.

Plans are underway for the next Gassman Lecture to be given in Spring 2006. The speaker will be Carolyn Bertozzi from the University of California at Berkeley. The student ACS affiliate will be selecting this fall a candidate for the Crowdle Award, which is periodically presented to a chemistry/biochemistry alumnus who has made an outstanding reputation in his/her field.

Class of 2005

Our intelligence operatives report the following information regarding the activities of last spring's graduating class: Kelly Berchou and Mark Sando are attending med school at UB and Case Western, respectively, Betta Wierchowski is entering dental school at UB

and Caitlin Bower and Eric Woodruff are in the UB pharmacy school. Kelly Burke and Sarah Van Note are enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Science Major at Roswell Park. Byron Almekinder is doing graduate work in the School of Education at Canisius. Kelly Korzeniowski divides her time between two local industrial laboratories, and Melinda Carnahan is believed to be enrolled in graduate school somewhere. [Where are you, Melinda?]

New Organic Chemist Timothy Gregg

Tim Gregg received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Brown University in 1989, and Ph.D. from The University of Arizona in 1995. There he worked under the direction of Eugene Mash studying diastereoselective reactions of cyclopropyl ketones and ab initio calculations which modeled their reactivity. After Arizona he had a postdoctoral appointment in the lab of Robert Abeles at Brandeis University, where he was immersed in biochemistry and enzyme inhibition problems, applying his synthetic background towards novel routes of protease inhibition.

After a short stint working for a biotech startup company, Tim relocated with his family to Western New York. In recent years he has been working in the lab of Huw Davies at UB, first as a NIH postdoctoral fellow, then as a Research Assistant Professor funded by a NIH contract to support the National Institute on Drug Addiction's cocaine treatment development program. He has been involved in a wide variety of projects at UB, involving teaching, computational chemistry, reaction mechanism studies and synthesis of novel compounds active in the central nervous system.

Recently Tim has become involved in volunteering at the Amherst Museum as an active member of the NY State Designer Blacksmiths.

Alumni Notes

Francis M. O'Connor, BS(Chem) '48, MS(Chem) '52, retired in 1990 as President and GEO of Harwick Chemical Corporation.

George Fendinger, DDS, BS(Biochem/Chem) '50, is retired from the practice of dentistry, and is the owner and operator of Isoacre Grape Farm in Sheridan, NY, growing Niagara and Concord grapes.

Anthony J. Montana, BS(Chem/Biol) '54, writes from retirement to say hello to all his classmates.

Robert L. Kuczkowski, PhD, BS(Chem) '60, Emeritus Professor at the University of Michigan, has been serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Chemistry, following his recent stint as a visiting program officer in the Chemistry Division of the National Science Foundation.

Julius P. Maltbie, BS(Chem) '60, is retired from the position of Regional Sales Manager of UOP Corporation.

Peter Andrulis, PhD, BS(Chem) '61, MS(Chem) '64, is President and CEO of Andrulis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

Angelo M. Fatta, PhD, BS(Chem) '66, was presented with the LaSalle Medal at the 2005 Canisius Commencement for his many contributions to the advancement of Canisius College.

Peter M. Nowakowski, PhD, BS(Chem) '68, is forging a new career after nearly thirty years in industrial research. Following his retirement in 2003 from the position of Senior Research Associate at PPG Industries, he enrolled at Duquesne University to obtain his teaching certificate. He has been student teaching chemistry in the Pittsburgh suburbs, with the objective of teaching high school chemistry in the Pittsburgh area.

Rosemary Hardy, BS(Chem) '70, was awarded the MLIS degree from San Jose State University in 2001. She is now Research Librarian at the US Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco.

Kristine M. Lohr, MD, BA(Biochem) '71, is Professor of Medicine, Associate Chief of the Division of Rheumatology, and Associate Dean of Outcomes Research and Improvement at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Peter J. Carrillo, MD, BA(Biochem) '71, practices in the Department of Neonatology at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, Georgia. He has two daughters in their 20s, one of whom is a senior pre-med student at Vanderbilt University.

David J. Brancato, BS(Chem) '72, obtained an MS in pharmacology at the University of Arizona in 1974. He received the designation of Pastor of Practical Theology from Regent University School of Divinity in 1994, PhD in Natural Health in 1998, and Doctor of Naturopathy, Clayton College of Natural Health, Birmingham in 1998. He is a certified Holistic Health Practitioner, Nutritional Consultant, Naturopath, Iridologist, and Quantum Naturopath, Level 1.

David A. Danner, BA(Biochem) '77, received an MA in Electrochemistry from SUNY at Buffalo in 1987 and a MDiv degree from Luther Seminary in 2004. He is presently serving as pastor for a 2 point parish in southeastern Minnesota.

Jeffrey S. Eberhard, PhD, BS(Chem) '86, after a number of years directing research at Covance Laboratories in Madison, Wisconsin, accepted a position with the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm of Keller and Heckman. In his new position he advises firm attorneys and clients in matters of technical complexity before the FDA, EPA, OSHA, and various legislative and judicial entities in the US and abroad. He lives in

Ashburn, VA with his wife, Karey, and two daughters.

Steven D. Hammel, MD, BA(Biochem) '90, is a general pediatrician at Haywood Pediatrics in North Carolina. He is married, with three children ranging in age from 1 to 7 years.

James H. Pawlow, PhD, BS(Chem) '92, is a Research Scientist with Bridgestone-Firestone Americas in Akron, OH, working on new polymer catalyst systems. Jim was awarded the Bridgestone-Firestone President's Award for his research contributions in 2003. His wife Cameron, also an organic chemist, teaches at Kent State University. Jim keeps in touch with others in the class of '92; he passes on the word of a daughter born in September 2004 to Jim Shattuck and his wife Ann Marie.

Scott M. Gordon, BS(Chem) '93, is Chairman of the Science Department at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School in Massachusetts. He was married to Amy Lynne Donovan in July 2004 and lives in nearby New Hampshire. He sends his best to everyone in the department.

Nicole (Gregor) Collucio, MD, BS(Chem) '96, completed her med school studies at Georgetown University in 2000, and OB/GYN at Albany Medical Center (2004). She is Private OB/GYN attending at St. Peter's Hospital. She was married to Tom Coluccio in November 2004.

Damian K. Jones, BS(Chem) '99, received his DDS degree from UB dental school, and is now in general practice residency at ECMC. He is married to Jennifer Pitz, BA '00.

Cpt. Gerald G. Kellar, BA(Biochem) '00, is a medical planner, 3rd BDE 10th Mountain Division at Ft. Drum, NY. After serving as a medic in Afghanistan, returning home in April 2004, he taught ROTC at Canisius. Beginning this summer, he is attending the Army Lab Sciences officer course. He was married in July 2004.

Audrey M. Dolan, PharmD, BS(Chem) '00, was awarded her doctorate at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy in 2004 and was engaged as staff/clinical pharmacist at Union Medical Pharmacy and Southgate Medical Pharmacy. She was married in May 2005, to Anthony Winkowski, BS(Biol) '00, in Christ the King Chapel.

Jason W. Kiernan, BS(Chem) '00, is Laboratory Manager at Advanced Microsensors in Shrewsbury, MA. He is enrolled in the MBA program at Framingham State College. He was married to Bethany Cruise in July 2004.

Jesse M. Wickham, 2^{nd} Lieut. USAF, BS(Chem) '01, is finishing his studies at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and has been quite active there in a number of student organizations, including $\Sigma\Sigma\Theta$ honor and service fraternity. He teaches kids Tae Kwon Do as part of a mentoring

club. In October 2004 he was married to Laura Sellitto in Christ the King Chapel.

Keep in touch!

Your classmates and former teachers would like to know what you are doing these days. Send us a brief report on your activities or accomplishments, career, lifestyle or address changes. You may use the form on the next page, or email to the address given there, as is convenient.

Requiescant in Pace

We have recently learned of the passing of the following alumni within the past two years.

Adam A. Kwiatkowski, B.S. '36 Raymond F. Bosseler, B.A. '39 Edward J. Wandel, B.S. '40 Peter H. Jackson, B.S. '41 William J. Keating, B.S. '47

Lost Alumni

Neither we nor the alumni office have addresses for the alumni listed below. Any information on their whereabouts that you can provide would be most appreciated. You may send email to *jvsquare@canisius.edu* or write to Newsletter Editor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208-1098.

Isabelle D. Fritz, BA '87 Jane M. Mead, BA '80 Adetokunbo Abudu, BA '75 Donald B. MacMillen, BS '74 James R. Skrok, BS '72 Timothy A. VonNieda, BS '71 George B. Laughlan, BS '70 Thoudam D. Singh, MS '70 Robert T. Ellis, MS '68 Bro. Thomas F. Murphy, FSC, MS '67 Edvin L. Karlsson, MS '64 Rodger A. Clark, MS '63 Joseph E. Evans, BS '62 Frank J. Caridi, MS '62 Lowell E. Karre, MS '62 Robert S. Rogowski, BS '60

Eugene F. Nowoswiat, MS '60 Paul Peller, MS '60 Donald F. Doehnert, MS '59 Dennis N. Stamires, MS '59 Owen E. Miller, BS '58 Rex A. Schad, BS '58, MS '63 John I. Stipanich, BS '58 Wallace G. Reid, MS '57 Robert L. Ripley, MS '57 Daniel F. Krawczyk, MS '53 Irving M. Pearson, MS '53 Robert C. Petry, MS '53 Mark A. Dentinger, BS '51 John J. Dicesare, Jr., BS '51 Marvin Schulman, BS '51 Joseph Goszewski, BS '49

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avocations, news of classmates, etc.

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