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Dear Chemistry Alumni:

We want to tell you what is happening in the Chemistry Department at Valparaiso University, and we also want to let you know about your classmates.

Since **Dr. Mike Bradley** left last summer, we have been looking for an analytical professor to replace him. We have now found a replacement that will be joining us this next fall. His name is **Dr. Jon Schoer**. He has been teaching at Northern Iowa University, and we were put in contact with Jon through **John Fackler** who knew him at Texas A&M where Jon received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry, and where he was a postdoctoral research associate. There are four undergraduate students working on research this summer under the direction of **Drs. Steve Engerer, Tom Goynes, and Warren Kosman**. **Dr. Gil Cook** will be spending the summer on putting together research data from previous summers into some form for publication, and completing some laboratory research work as well. **Dr. Martin Erhardt** will be working on some course development under an Eli Lilly grant. **Warren Kosman** received a front-page write-up in the *Post-Tribune* (local newspaper) after he was interviewed about his days as batboy for the Chicago White Sox back in the summer of 1960. That was the year that Roger Maris set a home run record of 61, and there is a picture of **Warren** between Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle. **Warren** has a bat that Roger Maris hit one of his home runs with that year.

The VU chapter (Beta Sigma) of **Phi Lambda Upsilon**, a National Honorary Chemical Society, inducted 22 new undergraduate members at the annual **Chemistry Awards Banquet**. The new members are **Elizabeth Baden, Pat Butcher, Sean Conrin, Julie Fisher, Gina Ganey, Kasey Hammond, Vic Hildebrand, Lisa Holmes, Emily Hoovey, Jamie Hosfeld-Sheck, Milena Jani, Mark Landweier, Brian Linert, Nate Little, Ben Lovaasen, Christina Marasco, Sarah Meyer, Claire Peeples, Samantha McLaughlin, Mike Sjoding, Steve Smith and Cayle Tompkins**. The speaker this year was **Prof. George Bodner**, who is Professor of Chemistry at Purdue University. The title of his talk was "From Pseudopatients to N-Rays: How We Adjust What We perceive to Fit What We Conceive". Other awards given at the banquet were as follows: **Pauline Campbell** (Warsaw, IN) received the **CRC General Chemistry Achievement Award**; **Aaron Gingerich** (Maryville, IL) received the **Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Organic Chemistry**. Aaron is the son of **Dr. Tina (Furfaro)** ('79) and **Kevin Gingerich**. **Pat Butcher** (Grand Haven, MI) and **Steve Smith** (South Bend, IN) received the **Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry**; **Michael Sjoding** (Salem, OR) received the **Charles W. Wolf Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to the outstanding junior premed-chemistry major; **Tyler Parkison** (Saint Joe, IN)

received the **American Institute of Chemists 2003 Award**; and **Jacob Riehm** (New Carlisle, IN) received the **Outstanding Senior Chemist Award**.

In addition to these awards, our chemistry majors received other honors. Fourteen junior chemistry juniors received **2003 Lumina Scholars Awards** (for juniors who have a GPA Of 3.6 or higher). They are **Elizabeth Baden, Pat Butcher, Sean Conrin, Julie Fisher, Kasey Hammond, Lisa Holmes, Emily Hoovey, Milena Jani, Nicole Kenyou, Mark Landmeier, Brian Linert Ben Lovaasen, Jessie Mattmiller** and **Michael Sjoding**. Ten chemistry majors were honored at the **2003 Student Athletes' Academic Honors Banquet** for athletes who have a GPA of 3.25 or higher after at least three semesters at Valparaiso University. The students were **Katie Boone** (basketball), **Sean Conrin** (swimming), **Joseph Dwyer** (track), **Julie Fisher** (swimming), **Kevin Knutson** (football), **Mark Landmeier** (cross country and track), **Lindsey Moore** (volleyball), **Lauren Nettenstrom** (swimming), **Bridget Schwoegler** (softball) and **Jenna Stangler** (basketball). At this banquet, the *Laurel Award* is given to the graduating senior student-athlete who achieved the highest cumulative grade point average. In the 12 years that his award has been given (1992 through 2003) there have been 6 chemistry majors who have won the award. They are **Ann (Stein) Schwartz ('92), Debbie (Edmondson) Kinnamon ('93), Marc Riedl ('94), Brad Peters ('98), Mark Kerins ('00) and Kristin Nissen ('01)**. The *Finishing at the Top* award was begun in 1997 to honor graduating senior student-athletes who earned a cumulative grade point average above 3.9. Three additional chemistry majors have won this award. Namely, **Matt Dalhgren ('97), Laura Kulans ('97) and Alison Eicher ('99)**. **Mark Landmeier** was inducted into the **Hispanic Honor Society**. A chemistry major, **Jennifer Lee**, was given one of the **Student Affairs Outstanding Leadership and Service Awards**. Two chemistry majors were among the seven winners of the **VU Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship** event. They were **Kasey Hammond** (Fort Wayne, IN) and **David Kelley** (Denver, CO). **Lee Lude** (Beverly Shores, IN) and **Julie Waddle** (Wheatfield, IN) graduated with **Honors in Chemistry**. The following eight seniors graduated *Summa Cum Laude* (GPA of at least 3.8/4.0): **Allison Broadstone, Holly Hepker, Michael Lindow, Nate Little, Tyler Parkison, Jacob Riehm, Aaron Ufferman and Julie Waddle**.

The Chemistry Department at VU remains in the scholarship program of the Dow Chemical Company foundation. The program provides four annual \$4,000 merit scholarships that are renewable for four years. Current scholarship holders for 2003-2004 are **Elizabeth Baden** (senior), **Greg Slavik** (junior), **Erin Arndt** (sophomore) and **Allison Clark** (freshman).

There were 15 chemistry alumni who came to the **24th Annual** gathering, which was a breakfast instead of the usual luncheon due to instructions from the Homecoming Committee. However, this year we will be going back to the old format of a luncheon. So be sure to stop by for the **25th Annual "Standup" Luncheon** which will be held in the lobby of Neils Science Center on Homecoming Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 11:00 AM through 1:00 PM. Be sure to stop in and chat with us and with your former classmates. On the preceding day, Friday, October 3 we will be having the **7th Annual Premedical Lecture**. This year, **Dr. Paul Wischmeyer ('92)** will be the speaker. **Paul** is Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Director of Nutrition Support Services, University of Colorado Health Science Center. Last year's speakers were **Drs. Sandra (Bopp) Kinsella ('80) and Charles Kinsella**. **Sandra** is President of the VU Alumni Association.

This past spring we had 19 students go on a short-term mission trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua during their two-week spring break. This trip was under the auspices of *International Service Learning*, an organization founded in 1993 by Rev. Michael Birnbaum who is now its Executive Director. The particular program that these students took part in was the Pre-Health Professions Program which gives an opportunity for premedical, pre dental and nursing students to "experience field clinical work first hand in the challenging context of both 'outback' and urban international settings". The students raised their own monetary support necessary for the trip. But

Christ College helped a great deal in this regard by providing the **Schweitzer Healthcare Travel Fellowships** to Christ College students who took part in the program. These fellowships paid for two-thirds of the program expenses. Six of these students were premedical arts students and chemistry majors. These students were sophomores **Ellie Goetsch** (Milwaukee, WI) and **Adrian Harvey** (Fremont, IN) along with juniors **Lisa Holmes** (Williamsville, IL), **Laura Nader** (Fishers, IN), **Jason Reinking** (St. Louis, MO) and **Michael Sjoding** (Salem, OR). A professor from the Chemistry Department, **Martin Erhardt**, went along on the trip and enjoyed it immensely.

We have two regularly scheduled opportunities for students to hear guest speakers, or to give professional talks themselves. The Chemistry Department Seminar meets weekly, and we have had some of our alumni as speakers this past year. These alumni speakers were: **Chris Schering ('99)**, graduate student at Northwestern Univ.; **Tim Tiemann ('83)**, Motorola Company; **Dee Ann (Goodenough) Lasuha ('94)**, Dept. of Chemistry, Notre Dame University; **Karen Switek ('00)**, graduate student at Univ. of Minnesota; **Scott Miller ('92)**, Eli Lilly Co.; **Kris (Bruesehoff) Sturgeon ('82)**, Forensic Drug Chemist, Indiana State Police; **Pam Kreeger ('82)**, graduate student at Northwestern Univ.; and **Jessica Amrozowicz ('00)**, graduate student, Washington Univ. The second opportunity is the Premedical Arts Colloquium, which meets biweekly. Some of our speakers for this colloquium this past year were **Lisa Dimitroff ('99)** (student at the School of Pharmacy, Purdue Univ.), **Tim Whetsel ('80)**, (critical care physician, Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso), **SFC Edward Treft** (Health Care Consultant for U.S. Army), and **Susan Deusinger** (Director of Physical Therapy Program, Washington Univ.). Christ College Symposia were given in the Fall Semester by **Todd Varness ('96)** (pediatrics resident, Wisconsin, "The Many Faces of Medicine") and by **Mark Wedel ('68)** (Executive Director, Clinical Development, Isis Pharmaceuticals, "From the Heights to the Depths and Back Again: The Ways of Vocation"). **Andy Makowski ('99)** (third year medical student at Loyola School of Medicine) spoke at the Physical Colloquium on "All I Need to Know to Read a Chest X-Ray I Learned in Physics".

The ISIS Program (Initiative for Schools, Industries and the Sciences) is continuing on with providing modern instrumentation to the middle and high schools in northwest Indiana. The instruments that are being delivered to the schools are IR spectrometer, UV/visible spectrometer, gel electrophoresis, atomic absorption spectrometer, and gas chromatography with either a thermal conductivity detector or a mass spectrometer detector.

Donna Resetar, Assistant University Librarian at VU, was appointed to the Chemical Abstracts Society Academic Advisory Committee, a committee formed to improve service to the academic community.

We upgraded our Bruker FT-NMR with an upgrade by MR Resources. A generous chemistry alumnus has established a chemistry endowment fund, which is to be used at the discretion of the Chair of the Department of Chemistry.

News from the classes is as follows: **Robert Wahlstrom ('47)** is Supervisor of Materials Engineering with Barnes & Reinecke in Arlington Heights, IL; **David Mehrstens ('52)** retired from the Textile Fibers Division of DuPont, and he is now a hymn writer; **Donald Becker ('59)** retired from NIST after 40 years. He now is a Guest Researcher for NIST, consultant for IAEA, and Associate Director of a photography school; **Gary Grams ('64)** is an associate professor of chemistry at Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL. From 1979-1992, he was vice president for research and development for the Witco Corp. in Houston and has held a variety of executive positions in private business; **Helmut Kramer ('66)** spent several weeks in Bethel, Alaska. He made visits to clinics in remote villages; **Mark Wedel ('68)**, as mentioned above, spoke at a Christ College Symposium this past fall. He has a M.D. degree (Johns Hopkins) and a J.D. degree. He has worked at many occupations, including ER physician, internist, pulmonologist, intensivist, polyhsomnographer, Himalayan trek physician, Department of Justice lawyer for health care fraud, pharmaceutical company executive, city traffic

commissioner, and cattle rancher. He is now Executive Director, Clinical Development, Isis Pharmaceuticals.

From the 1970's comes the following news: **Bob Vedder ('70)** has been practicing general dentistry for 21 years in Milledgeville, GA. In October 2001 he was inducted into the International College of Dentists, an organization that promotes dental well-being worldwide; **Mark Marquardt ('71)** is an ER physician in Asheboro, NC; John **Golbeck ('71)** is spending his sabbatical year (he is a Professor in Biophysical Chemistry at Penn State University) in the Department of Physics at the Free University of Berlin. His task is to learn spin physics in order to get a deeper understanding of the initial events in photochemical charge separation. That is the premier place for that topic. The x-ray crystal structure of Photosystem I was solved there about 1 year ago, and there is powerful contingent of spectroscopists and electron spin resonance spectrometers in that department (including a 360 gigahertz EPR, the highest field instrument to-date and state-of-the art pulsed ENDOR spectrometers). He and his wife, Carolyn, also want to learn German and to enjoy the cultural aspects of Germany, so they spent the first month in an intensive language program; **Debbie (Becker) McVicker ('73)** is widowed with 2 sons (21 & 23 years old), 4 step children and 3 step grandchildren. Until 1998, she was Vice President Environmental Policy, Philip Morris Companies Worldwide. She is now back in school again studying photography and digital imaging; **Becky Schumacher ('73)** has lived in Alaska for 28 years, 20 of those years working for the oil industry. She worked at Prudhoe Bay (northern coast of Alaska) for 12 years. Her last job as Field Support Superintendent in which she managed all the support services (camps, security, materials, heavy equipment, general maintenance) to keep the Prudhoe Bay Operations running; **Rich Heckmann ('75)** has been at the Fayetteville, Arkansas, VA hospital since 1994 treating combat veterans with PTSD. In the last couple of years, he has taken two short term medical mission trips to India, where he has assisted a national physician in primary care. The second trip was with his 17 year old daughter, Anna (Rich and his wife have 6 children), and in the Indian tradition of starting medical school right after high school, she learned to suture lacerations and pull teeth. Rich occasionally lectures on psychiatry at the Univ. of Arkansas graduate counseling program, or at the local family practice residency, but at this time he has no regular academic appointment. A lot of his other time is spent with 5 kids in soccer and doing evangelistic Bible study with international students at the Univ. of Arkansas; **Scott Donovan ('75)** and **Jane Nolting ('78)** went with Dean of the VU's College of Arts and Sciences, **Al Trost**, on a trip to Ireland.

From the 1980's: As mentioned above **Sandy (Bopp) Kinsella** and her husband gave the Premedical Arts Lecture last fall. **Sandy** was elected President of the VU Alumni Association for 2003; **Mark Lemons ('80)** is a surgeon at Univ. of Massachusetts; **Rich Lucht ('80)** is in emergency medicine at Community East Hospital in Indianapolis; **Maria Nyby ('80)** is a pediatrician in Noblesville, IN; **Greg Smith ('80)** is with Neuroscience Associates, Inc., Jeffersonville, IN; **Ivy Johnson ('80)** has been a research chemist for Mobil Oil (now ExxonMobil) for 17 years, with a brief hiatus at Betz Dearborn Chemical Company. She received a Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1985, she married a fellow chemist and has 3 sons; **Mike Williams ('81)** received a M.D. degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1985. He is Assistant Professor, Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is Co-Chair of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Ethics Service, and he is a faculty member of the Johns Hopkins University Phoebe R. Berman Bioethics Institute; **Ann Edahl ('82)** is married and present employment is Grace Episcopal Church (Madison) and Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum; **Tim Tiemann ('83)** gave a VU Chemistry Seminar on "Commercialization of a Product for Bioelectronic Detection of DNA" last Fall; **Lisa Nass ('84)** received an M.D. from Univ. of Illinois Medical School, and then completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Univ. of Virginia. She also completed a surgical and cytology fellowship at Univ. of Virginia in 1996. She is now boarded in anatomic and

clinical pathology with specialty boards in cytopathology. She has been employed by one of the largest independent pathology groups in the country in Milwaukee, WI for the past seven years; **Mark Bruns ('85)** is Director, Marketing, Kinetic Systems Global Product & Technology Group which is part of the semiconductor processing industry with corporate headquarters in Santa Clara. They design, develop and manufacture chemical and CMP slurry blending and distribution equipment of the device fabrication facilities. **Mark** leads a team of 25 product managers, applications engineers, and sales folks in this \$60M company. They are a strategic partner with Intel and Motorola. After **Mark** heard about what **Tim Tiemann** is doing at Motorola, he and Tim got together to discuss mutual interests; **Susan Spaeth ('85)** lives in Half Moon Bay, CA. She was elected to managing partner of operations of Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, an intellectual property law firm. She splits her time between her managing responsibilities of Townsend's offices in California, Colorado and Washington, and her biotech/biochemistry patent litigation practice; **John Schlueter ('87)** is working in the Materials Science Division of Argonne National Laboratory where he is working on molecular conductors, magnets and nanostructured materials; **Steven Becker ('87)** was promoted to Chief of Graphic Supplies Division, U.S. Government Printing Office; **Alan Kossman ('88)** graduated from Univ. of Illinois College of Dentistry in 1992, and he is now in private dental practice. **Alan** is a marathon runner and a triathlete; **Bill Buckley ('88)** is a 1992 graduate of Indiana Univ. School of Medicine. He was an internal medicine intern and resident at the Univ. of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, and also served as chief resident with the Methodist Hospitals of Memphis. He has joined the staff of the Elkhart Clinic Department of Adult Medicine in Pekin IL.

From the 1990's comes the following news: **Nathan Trowbridge ('90)** is senior project manager at Environmental Health Labs in South Bend, IN; **Ann (Stien) Schwartz ('92)** completed a psychiatry residency at Emory University, and she has been appointed assistant professor of psychiatry at Emory University and its affiliated hospitals; **Frank Jaksch ('91)** is Chief Executive Officer of ChromaDex, a privately-held, Santa Ana, CA based company. It is a world leader in the development and distribution of nutraceutical and botanical reference standards. The company provides the dietary supplement, functional foods, nutraceutical and cosmetics industries with the analytical tools, products, and methods to meet the regulatory quality, efficacy and safety standards for their products; **Nancy Monson ('91)** received a Ph.D. in oncology/immunology at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996. She then did 3 1/2 years work with Dr. Peter Lipsky, one of the leading rheumatologists and B cell biologists in the world. Her project was characterizing the lambda light chain antibody repertoire in normal donor B cells and B cells from patients with lupus and rheumatoid arthritis using an innovative technique called Single Cell PCR. She was then recruited to the Department of Neurology as an Assistant Professor at the Univ. of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, TX. She has funding for her research from the NIH, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS), the Wadsworth Foundation (as a Wadsworth Young Investigator) and the Yellow Rose Foundation. She is a member of the American Assoc. of Immunologists and the Fellowship Advisory Board for the NMSS. **Nancy** is married with a 14 month old son and expecting a second child. She states: "I also don't work on Sundays, and rarely come in on Saturdays--funny enough, the work still gets done! God has been good to me, and I feel that all of my training has led me to be here in this place studying this disease."; **Tom Nutter ('91)** is a psychiatrist practicing in Wheaton, IL; **Scott Miller ('92)**, Team Leader, Humalog (insulin) Production at Eli Lilly. **Scott** has developed a calibration media for the Karl Fischer method which is currently in the patent process; **Sarah (Daubendieck) Vabnick ('92)** is working for Molecular Staging, Rye Brook, NY; **Adam Zabell ('93)** received a Ph.D. from Purdue Univ. in 2000, and he is now on a Walther Research Fellowship working jointly at Notre Dame and at Purdue using computational and structural based drug design methods in pursuit of medicines to retard cancer growth. Last May he presented his results at the 33rd International Crystallography Conference in Erice, Italy; **Karen (Getlinger) Kritsch** recently had a baby boy; **Virginia (Bowden) Lehmann**

('95) received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry last fall from Univ. of Illinois. Her husband, Chris, is working toward obtaining a Ph.D. while working at Illinois Water Survey; **Jon Marhenke ('96)** obtained a Ph.D. degree from Univ. of California-Santa Barbara and is working at Sequoia Analytical environmental testing lab and teaching a class at Sonoma State Univ.; **Todd Varness ('96)** received an M.D and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He is currently a resident in pediatrics at the Univ. of Wisconsin Hospitals in Madison. He worked as a policy analyst at the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group in Chicago and spent nearly a year after graduation from VU at the Carroll Behrhorst Development Foundation of Guatemala in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. **Todd** spoke at a Christ College Symposium last fall during which he also described his experiences as a medical student with cancer; **Minesh Zaveri ('96)** is completing an internship in New Jersey; **Ryan Schumacher ('97)** received a D.M.D. degree from Southern Illinois Univ. School of Dental Medicine in 2001, and he is now a captain in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Patrick AFB in Florida where he is one of 7 general dentists; **Jonathan Carlson ('97)** is in the MD/PhD program at the Univ. of Minnesota, and he should be finishing his Ph.D. in chemistry this year. **Jonathan** has been doing a wide range of work, from modeling to synthesis to molecular biology. He received an ACS MEDI Award Predoctoral Fellowship for 2002-03, an award given by the ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry annually to five predoctoral students, each fellowship being sponsored by a pharmaceutical company (in **Jonathan's** case, Abbott Laboratories). His picture and a write-up appeared in April 14, 2003 issue of C&E News. He is also co-author of an article appearing in a 2003 issue of J. Am. Chem. Soc.; **Sarah Folk ('98)** is finishing her Ph.D. work at Univ. of North Carolina, and will be starting the one year MA in Teaching Program there this summer which will enable her to teach any high school science class; **Mari Baker ('98)** received a MD from Southern Illinois Medical School and is now in emergency medicine residency in Peoria, IL; **Lisa Dimitroff ('99)** graduated from Purdue Pharmacy School, and she has a clinical/staff position at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis; **Tanya Smutka ('99)** remains in the Ph.D. program in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at the Univ. of Minnesota and expects to graduate in the next 1 to 1 1/2 years. She is doing research in Lake Superior studying iron limitation in bacteria and algae. She also worked as a TA in General Biology, Limnology and Plankton Ecology, and she was honored with the Outstanding Performance as a Teaching Assistant Award from the College of Biological Sciences; **Chris Schering ('99)** is in her 4th year of graduate work at Northwestern Univ. in medicinal chemistry; **Mandy (Pencek) Dornfeld ('99)** is finishing up her work at Loyola Medical School and plans to go into family practice; **Andy Makowski ('99)** is one of six students in a program working for NASA in Texas on the KC-135 jet aircraft known as the "Vomit Comet". This aircraft undergoes a series of diving and climbing parabolas to produce complete weightlessness and 2g acceleration alternating in 30 second intervals. Since each flight consists of 30-50 parabolas, there is a need for medication. **Andy's** project involves studying the visual side effects of Scopolamine, an anti-cholinergic drug used to combat motion sickness. They want to prove that the blurred vision produced by this drug is non-significant or clinically negligible. **Andy** passed a Class III physical needed to be certified to fly on the "Vomit Comet". He earned NASA's highest evaluation and was invited for future study at Johnson Space Center during his residency.

From the 2000's comes the following news: **Pam Kreeger ('00)** (Northwestern Chemical Engineering Graduate School) spoke at VU Chemistry Seminar on tissue engineering; **Jessica Amrozowicz ('00)** (Washington Univ. graduate school) also spoke at a VU Chemistry Seminar; **Mark Kerins ('00)** (Northwestern Univ. film writing graduate school) discussed his writing challenges. He is directing a feature-length (two and a half hour) film entitled *Noise*, the longest, most ambitious project ever shot at Northwestern Univ.; **Kate Reinicke ('00)** is a 3rd year biochemistry graduate student at Case Western Reserve Univ. She is one of 25 American students who were awarded a prestigious travel award to attend the Meeting of the Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany. The award lets her

travel to Germany this summer to spend a week in the presence of Nobelists from around the world. This 53rd annual meeting is the only time that all living Nobel laureates from all disciplines attend one meeting at the same time; **Heidi (Hedstrom) Tuthill ('00)** is attending Univ. of Southern California Medical School which involves training at Los Angeles County Hospital. She got married last June, and she still plays her cello once in a while. She will be joining the Santa Monica Symphony next season during her 4th year in medical school. During her first 3 years she both worked part-time at a veterinary hospital near her home in Woodland Hills and taught piano lessons; **Karen Switek ('00)** is a 3rd year graduate student at Univ. of Minnesota in polymer chemistry; **Jennifer Bender ('00)** has been accepted into and will be attending either Pittsburgh Univ. Medical School or Univ. of Illinois Medical Scholars Program; **Chris Clausing ('00)** is teaching at Bloom Trail High School, Chicago Heights, IL; **Andrea Voges ('01)** is studying atmospheric chemistry in graduate school at Northwestern Univ. She won a 3-year Earth Systems Science Fellowship in Atmospheric Chemistry sponsored by NASA. They give 52 awards each year with 250 students competing for the award. She had a poster accepted at the American Geophysical Union Conference in San Francisco; **Allison Witt ('01)** expects to get her M.S. degree in limnology from the Univ. of Illinois Graduate School in December. She is giving a talk at the International Association for Great Lakes Research Conference at the end of June; **Anne Warner ('02)** is teaching chemistry and math at Elk Grove High School, and she is coaching the Arlington Alligators swim team; **Sarah Mutch ('02)** is attending physical therapy school at Univ. of Iowa; **Aaron Miller ('02)** is attending Northwestern Univ. Graduate School and is involved in chiral heterogenous catalysis; **Lauren Urbanczyk ('02)** is also attending Northwestern Univ. Graduate School in bioinorganic chemistry; **Suparna Bera ('02)** is working at the Environmental Protection Agency in Guyana; **Carly Kemmis ('02)** is attending graduate school at Notre Dame. She joined a research group studying Vitamin D and breast cancer; **Leah Keehr ('02)** is attending Mayo Medical School (she learned at the last day before classes started that she had been accepted at Mayo with full tuition paid for 4 years), so she is attending Mayo instead of Minnesota).

The future plans for some of the 2003 graduates are as follows: Attending graduate school in chemistry are **Lee Lude** (Purdue), **Tyler Parkison** (Michigan State), **Jacob Riehm** (Washington Univ.) and **Sara Stellfox** (Illinois). **Vic Hildebrand** will be working for Pfizer. **Christine Lucitt** is a research technician in a Molecular Cardiovascular Biology group at San Diego State Univ. **Nate Little** will be working in a lab at the Univ. of Chicago. **Carolyn Behm** will be attending Marquette Univ. in their physician assistant program. **Allison Broadstone** will be attending Indiana Univ. Dental School. **Val Martinsen** will be attending Indiana Univ. Dental School also, but she will be entering after only 3 years of undergraduate work. She will be getting her B.S. degree from VU next spring. **Nicole Kenyon** also is leaving VU after 3 years to attend Midwestern Univ. Pharmacy School. She also will be receiving her B.S. degree from VU next spring. Attending medical school next year are **Joseph D'haenens** (Indiana), **David Kelley** (Loyola), **Cayle Tompkins** (Wright State), **Aaron Ufferman** (Loyola) and **Julie Waddle** (Indiana).

Again I encourage all of you to stop in to see us when you come through (or near) Valparaiso. At least drop us a note either written or by E-mail so that we know what you are up to these days.

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