

## Student Activities

### **ACS Student Affiliate Again Honored**

The Canisius Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society has outshone last year's "commendable" designation by the ACS parent organization. This year the chapter was awarded an "outstanding" rating, which is the highest rank that a student chapter can achieve. Betta Wierchowski was the president of the organization for 2003-4. The faculty advisor is Steve Szczepankiewicz.

### **Student Research**

Lab Manager Tom Stabler has been kept busy this summer providing supplies and equipment for what we have come to expect as a customary contingent of industrious summer research students. In addition to the 17 chemistry and biochemistry undergraduates, an additional 4 students from area high schools are involved. This past spring, the following students made presentations of their research at the ACS Meeting in Anaheim, CA: Ashley Abilmona, Michael Colvin, Angelo Gambino, Lawrence Jenkins, Brian Pecoraro, Erik Rogers, Kathleen Coughlin, Omer Bitar.

### **Graduation Honors**

Departmental awards were given this spring to the following graduating seniors: Ashley Abilmona, the Ruskiewicz Prize; Erik Rogers, the ACS Award for Chemistry; Adrienne Kisailus, the ACS Award for Biochemistry and the AIC Award. Merck Awards for research were granted to Angelo Gambino, Lawrence Jenkins, Brian Pecoraro, and Erik Rogers. With her dual major in economics, Adrienne Kisailus received also the J. S. Murphy Award for excellence in that subject.

### **Class of 2004: Where are they now?**

Erik Rogers is enrolled in the graduate program in chemistry at Cornell University this fall. Tom Grill begins work in the medicinal chemistry

program at UB. Ashley Abilmona and Lawrence Jenkins have been accepted into the UB Medical School and Brian Pecoraro is enrolled at the Long Island School of Osteopathic Medicine. Adrienne Kisailus begins studies in the Roswell Park graduate immunology program and John Schueckler is enrolled in the Master's program in biomedical science at Roswell Park. Angelo Gambino is entering the Notre Dame Law School.

## Faculty Changes

Prof. Joseph Bieron is now retired completely after 38 years of teaching. He continues to maintain a presence in the department and to manage the Canisius College Press.

Mariusz Kozik has completed the first year of a 3-year term of service as Chair of the department.

## Departmental Briefs

Mary O'Sullivan gave an invited talk at the *Polyamines in Parasites* Conference at Pace University in June.

Larry Springsteen's new Honors course, *The Science Behind the Art*, received a favorable reception in its initial offering this spring.

Professors Schaber, O'Sullivan, and Szczepankiewicz expect to be finished with the preparation of a new departmental brochure in time for the Open House in October.

A new recruitment tactic of phoning prospective chemistry freshmen who were accepted but not deposited appears to have been successful in so far significantly increasing the number of deposits for the fall 2004 semester.

## Alumni Notes

**Ralph C. Gebauer**, BS(Biol/Chem) '48, MS(Ed) '60, is retired from the position of research chemist at Occidental Chemical Corporation.

**Anthony J. Montana**, BS(Chem/Biol) '54, is retired from the position of general foreman at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

**James Dillon**, Ph.D., BS(Chem) '64, is a research scientist in the Department of Ophthalmology, Columbia University.

**Richard E. Dulski**, Ph.D., BS(Chem) '73, MS(Ed) '75, MBA '88, is a Senior Adjunct Instructor at Medaille College, teaching international business and marketing courses in the MBA program. He also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses as an Adjunct Professor in the international business program at Daemen College.

**Matthew J. Golden**, J.D., BS(Chem) '86, after receiving an MA in chemistry from SUNY at Buffalo, obtained a doctorate from Fordham University School of Law in 1992. He joined the New York City law office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo about three years ago, where he practices primarily patent law and technology licensing, focusing on pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

**Kathleen M. Callaghan**, BS(Chem) '91, following her Master's from Yale University and a MS(Ed) from Canisius, took a position at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Connecticut. We have recent word from her father that Katie recently served as donor when her baby needed a liver transplant. At present, she is on leave from Pfizer in order to be home to care for her children.

**Margaret E. (Partridge) Colpoys**, MD, BA(Biochem) '91, likewise is taking a 2-3 year hiatus from her practice as general pediatrician in Chili, NY, to be a stay-at-home mom for her four children. She sends well wishes, with fond memory, to previous classmates and teachers.

**Kelly (Ruppel) Comstock**, BS(Chem) '91, is living in Nashville, TN, where she has a position as Senior Analytical Chemist with Testamerica.

**Amy (Forand) Barabasz**, BA(Biochem)'97, worked for five years at Harvard Medical School, during which time she completed her Master's in Biology. She is currently an Associate Biologist for Serenex, Inc., a drug discovery company.

**Anthony R. Dolan**, PhD, BS(Chem) '98, following completion in 2003 of requirements for his doctorate in chemistry from the University at Buffalo,

accepted a postdoctoral position in pharmaceuticals at that institution.

**Brian E. Neubauer**, BA(Biochem) '99, a third-year student at the University at Buffalo Medical school, served as President of the Medical School Polity. Brian is a 2nd lieutenant in the USAF Medical Corps, and will join active duty ranks following med school. He lives in Buffalo with his wife Michelle and 3-year-old daughter Jocelyn.

**Sarah A. (Smolinski) Bell**, BS(Chem) '00, following the reception of a master's in chemistry in 2003 from the University at Buffalo, was engaged as Senior Chemist at Emprexe Analytical, LLC. She was married to Aaron Bell in October 2003.

**Heather E. Pula**, BS(Chem) '01, is enrolled in the UB School of Pharmacy Pharm D Program. She continues to work as a chemist at Ecology and Environment, Inc., in Lancaster.

**Thomas Marinello**, BS(Biochem) '03, is enrolled in the MBA Program at Canisius.

### ***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 page 3, or email to the address given there, as is convenient.

### **Recently Reported Deaths**

*The passing of the following alumni has become known to us in the past year.*

Robert E. Stewart, BS '41	2004?
Walter J. Ziemba, BS '43	2002
Edward J. Kinsley, Jr., BS '49	2002
James T. Pfeiffer, BS '67	1994

#### ***Department Web Page***

We invite you to visit the department website at <http://www.canisius.edu/chemistry>

There are links to a variety of departmental information about facilities, programs, courses, faculty and recent graduates, with pictures.

## Canisius Chemistry/Biochemistry Alumni Information Form

You may use the form below for address changes and to keep us informed of your activities. Please provide us with this information even if you have already sent it to the Canisius Alumni Office, since we are making an effort to maintain an accurate independent database of all chem/biochem alumni. Return to: J. E. Van Verth, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Canisius College, 2001 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14208-1098, or send email to: [jvsquare@canisius.edu](mailto:jvsquare@canisius.edu).

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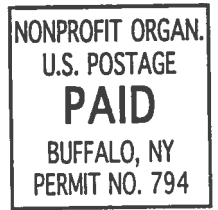
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What news do you have for the next issue of the newsletter? Keep us in touch with your activities, accomplishments, career or lifestyle changes, avocations, news of classmates, etc.

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