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Until the tragic events of Tuesday, September 11, we could simply have said that this last year was outstanding for the department. That horrible day has changed all of us forever, and our hearts go out to families across the nation and the world who have been affected. To the best of our knowledge at press time, all of our alumni and friends in the affected areas are safe and doing as well as can be expected. We hope to be able to continue reporting that fact for a long time to come.

In the meantime, life goes on for this department and for all of us. Among the other items of note this year (many of which are covered in greater detail inside this newsletter) are the following:

- Two senior faculty members received recognition as Presidential Professors: Narayan Hosmane for research, and Chhiu-Tsu Lin for teaching;
- A new endowed scholarship, honoring the memory of Rosalie Reynolds, was established within months of the announcement of the campaign;
- Two faculty members have just received recognition from the university for their outstanding records in acquiring external research grants: Elizabeth Gaillard and Narayan Hosmane; and
- Approximately 40 alumni and friends of the department attended an evening social event held in conjunction with the 222nd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society this fall in Chicago.

Although it is unfortunately the case that we probably won't see him in Faraday as often as we'd like, we are pleased to welcome NIU's new executive vice president and provost, J. Ivan Legg, to the department's faculty. Most recently at the University of Memphis, Legg received his B.A. degree from Oberlin College, and his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Michigan. We are also still looking for a synthetic organic chemist (seems like everyone wants to hire them these days!), so if you or anyone you know is job-hunting, please look over the position announcement on our web page, www.chembio.niu.edu/organic-search.html.

This is now the third year running in which annual giving to the department has exceeded \$10,000. We can't say this enough: we are sincerely and deeply grateful to all the alumni and friends who have generously contributed this past year. In addition to funding a new endowed scholarship, your contributions make any number of things possible that our regular budget from the university won't stretch to cover. The printing and distribution of this newsletter is one such benefit from your contributions. Also, this year we were able to assist 18 graduate students with travel expenses for attending five different professional conferences. This is an important part of our graduate students' education, but one we could not provide if we had to depend solely on university funds.

Again, we thank you for your generosity. If you are in the Chicago area (permanently or just passing through), please do pay us a visit. We would be happy to show you around and talk about new developments in the department. As always, you can keep current with what's happening here by visiting our web pages (www.chembio.niu.edu). Or consider signing up for our once-a-month electronic newsletter during the academic year.

Sincerely,

Jim Erman
Professor and Chair

Charles A. Achilles (B.S., '68) is engaged to be married this October to Ann Pellegrini. His daughter, Amber, is a commercial litigator for a Chicago law firm after receiving her law degree from Notre Dame University. His son, Brylan, graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in mechanical engineering despite his dad's best efforts to get him to major in chemistry, and is employed by Storage Networks. 📖

Virginia Best Bender (B.S., '67) recently e-mailed us to say that she's still a professor in the computer information systems department at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine—this, despite the fact that her husband recently took a position in New York. “We've joined the ranks of those that have commuter marriages,” she says, and adds that they plan to see how it goes, perhaps for as long as four years. Her son is now with Ballet Austin in Texas, “so I now have three places to travel.” (This is the same son who, in his younger years, found former faculty member **Gordon Kresheck's** research equipment absolutely fascinating.) 📖

Robert L. Boone (B.S., '75) writes that he went to medical school at the University of Illinois after leaving NIU. He now practices at the Frances Nelson Community Health Center in Champaign, which he says provides care to the “under-served popula-

tion of Champaign-Urbana.” 📖

Ph.D. student **Catherine Check** was among the winners of the CCG Excellence Awards recognized at the 222nd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago this August. The award, sponsored by Montreal-based software firm Chemical Computing Group, was created in 2000 to stimulate graduate student participation in the ACS Division of Computers in Chemistry. The paper for which Catherine was recognized was titled “Augmentation of the LANL2DZ Basis Set Under B3LYP and MP2 Models to Improve Calculated Results for *p* Block Elements.” 📖

Debashis Das (Ph.D., '01) is working for Endo Pharmaceuticals in Long Island, New York. 📖

Norm Dovichi (B.S., '76), described in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as “a renowned professor of chemistry” and co-inventor of the machine that helped speed up the sequencing of the human genome, left the University of Alberta in December 2000 after 14 years to accept a position at the University of Washington. 📖

Jeanne Fourier Garman (B.S.Ed., '68; M.S.Ed., '71) wrote us last fall, just after *Northern Chemist* had gone out to the printers. She says, “having taught chemistry for 28 years in District 155, I am still enjoying it very much!” She teaches at

Crystal Lake South High School in Illinois, where she's also chair of the science department. The most recent addition to that department, she adds, “is **Terry Heil** (B.S., '00), who was my student teacher last spring.” She and her husband, Ed (who, she writes, proposed to her at the fountain by Faraday Hall in 1967), have two children: Karl, working on a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at Purdue, and Kris, who graduated with her B.S. in crop sciences last May from the University of Illinois in Urbana, where she is now pursuing a master's degree. 📖

Nick Hankes (B.S., '97) writes that he's currently doing contract work for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago. His work is “based on FDA regulations requiring the pharmaceutical industry to document and validate all of [its] manufacturing processes.” For those of you who may be job-hunting, Nick also says that there are “always many jobs open at Abbott,” and he encourages fellow NIU grads to apply. 📖

Ronald P. Hennis (M.S., '69; Ph.D., '72) is now director of quality control at Cambridge Major Laboratories in Germantown, Wisconsin. 📖

Pam Keating (Ph.D., '01) has accepted a postdoctoral position with the Food and Drug Administration in Cincinnati, Ohio. 📖

Mark Kolody (Ph.D., '01) just left DeKalb for the warmer climes of

Coconut Beach, Florida, where he has accepted a postdoctoral post with NASA. 📖

Carmen L. Muñoz (M.S., '00) is an analyst for Northview Laboratories in Northbrook. 📖

Geri Haner-Nelms (B.S., '90), after six years as a research associate at Quest Diagnostics in San Juan Capistrano, California, is now a sales representative at Bio-Tek Instruments, where she sells microplate instrumentation in southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii. She has a 3½-year-old son, Joshua, and writes, “If I had a choice to relive my college years, I would not change a thing. I would recommend NIU to everybody!” 📖

Katrina Nizzi (M.S., '00) won second place in the 2000 NIU Distinguished Master's Thesis Award competition. Her thesis, “Flowing Afterglow Energy-Resolved Mass Spectrometry: The Thermochemistry of Polyhalide Ions,” won her a plaque and a cash award. 📖

Tony Viscomi (Ph.D., '89) is an analytical chemist with the Army Corps of Engineers, but his recent e-mail had more to say about his “second career,” as the television handicapper for Lebanon Raceway. Alumni in the northern Illinois area, he writes, can see his “smiling visage and mellifluous voice” at OTB parlors and race-tracks in Chicago, which simulcast his broadcasts on Tuesdays. 🌸

Send us your news! We love hearing from our alumni, and your friends would probably appreciate it, too. Use the “Alumni Update” form on p. 7. You can also e-mail news to mspires@niu.edu, or fill out the update form on our web page, at www.chembio.niu.edu/alumni-form.html.

This just in...

Literally just before press time for this issue, we received word from Germany that Presidential Research Professor Narayan Hosmane had received the prestigious Forschungspreis (Research Award) from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn, Germany.

The foundation makes no more than 150 such awards in any given year, and recipients must be nominated by German scholars. Only 42 U.S. scientists received the award last year. Twenty prior American recipients of this award went on to win Nobel Prizes.

Hosmane will travel to Germany both to receive the award from Johannes Rau, president of the Federal Republic of Germany, and to do research with colleagues there next fall. The award carries with it a stipend of 150,000 deutsche marks (about \$70,000 at today's exchange rates) and travel funds to enable recipients and members of their immediate families to travel to and from Germany.

Commenting on the award, NIU Provost Ivan Legg said, "This is an outstanding achievement. It is an important recognition of Dr. Hosmane's work and a credit to both him and to NIU." ❁❁

This has been a very good year, all things considered, for the faculty and staff of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Associate Professor **Gary M. Baker** won the 2001 David W. Raymond Grant for Use of Technology in Teaching in April. This grant was endowed in 1998 by a former NIU trustee, to fund faculty innovations in computer-aided teaching. Baker's winning effort involved the CTIES (Chemistry and Technology Information Exchange System) program, launched in January 2000 and mentioned in last year's *Northern Chemist*, which allows pre-service chemistry teachers to design lesson plans that include molecular imaging and animation—essentially the same technology that pharmaceutical companies use to screen new drugs.

Associate Professor **Jon W. Carnahan** was elected national secretary of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. He has also received funding for his work with acousto-optic tunable filters from both Argonne and Los Alamos national laboratories.

Assistant Professor **Elizabeth Gaillard**, Presidential Research Professor **Narayan Hosmane**, and Distinguished Research Professor **John Mitchell** all received recognition from the NIU Graduate Council, in the form of the Award for Outstanding Acquisition of External Funding. This award was recently established by the university to recognize those faculty members whose strong external grant records have benefited students, colleagues, the university, and the region. Gaillard has also recently accepted a joint appointment in the Department of Biological Sciences, in recognition of her growing collaboration with the biology faculty in her research on how light interacts with human tissue.

As previously announced in our electronic newsletter, last spring's Graduate School commencement marked an extraordinary day in the department's history. At that ceremony, **Narayan Hosmane** was named a Presidential Research Professor, and **Chhiu-Tsu Lin** was named a Presidential Teaching Professor. Narayan joins a number of current and former faculty in the department to hold the research professorship, but C.-T. is our first teaching professor. This is also, we believe, the first time in NIU history that a department was recognized in both categories in the same year. Our nominee, H.C. Brown, was also the recipient of an NIU honorary degree at that ceremony (see related story on page 5).

We're pleased to welcome **Hüseyin Isci** (Ph.D., '74) back to the department as a visiting professor for the third time. On sabbatical from his post at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, he is doing some research and helping out teaching in the introductory chemistry sequence.

Distinguished Research Professor **Dennis Kevill** attended council meetings and meetings of the International Activities Committee at both the 221st and 222nd National Meetings of the American Chemical Society in San Diego, California, and in Chicago, respectively. Dennis presented a poster on his recent research at the San Diego meeting.

Coordinator for Recruitment and Public Relations **Michael Spires** returned safely (as if there were any doubt!) from a three-week pilgrimage trip last fall to Israel and Rome, and is seriously considering going back to Italy again soon. Michael was elected to the Supportive Professional Staff Council for a two-year term, effective this August. ❁❁

We can't say this enough: we are *enormously* grateful to all our alumni and friends who have given back so generously over the years. But it's also true that there's much more we'd like to do for our current students—and for that, we need even greater support from you, our former students.

Won't you please help us do some of those things? If you can give money, wonderful! There is a form on page 7 you can use to mail in a donation, or you can visit our web page at www.chembio.niu.edu and click on the "make a gift to the department" link there. As always, you can also give through the annual Huskie Telefund.

If you're just getting started in your career and money is tight, or if you want to give more than just your money, there are a number of ways you can make a difference for the department. Although money is probably the most common way (and a much-appreciated one at that, as we will discuss later), it is hardly the only one. You can help us by generously donating one or more of your "Four T's": **time, talent, ties, and treasure.**

Time. Did you know that you can help select the winner of one of our annual scholarships? Our agreement with the NIU Foundation for the Chemistry Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship requires that one member of the screening committee that awards the scholarship must be an alumnus. But this is just one way you can help by volunteering your time. We are considering hosting an annual science fair: but to do that, and to do it well, requires a lot of behind-the-scenes work that we simply don't have the personnel to handle on our own. Or you could spend an evening at a college fair in your area, talking to prospective students about your experiences as an NIU chemistry major. The possibilities are endless.

Talent. Your talents are a valuable resource for the department, and we hope you will be very generous with them in helping us meet our goals. You can give of your talent (and also your time) by volunteering for things like the huskie2huskie (h2h) program, run by the NIU Alumni Association. This program matches students interested in a particular career field with alumni who have experience in it. The program gives students the chance to explore their career options and also to begin developing professional networks that will become increasingly important as they move into the professional world. You can read more about the huskie2huskie program on the web at www.niu.edu/alumni/huskie2huskie.html. Also, the department teaches a graduate course, CHEM 590 (Applied Topics in the Chemistry Profession), each semester. Instructors for this course need guest lecturers with real-world

experience in the chemistry profession who are willing to share that expertise with our students. If that might be you, please contact Jon Carnahan at (815) 753-6879, or by e-mail at jcarnaha@niu.edu.

Ties. Perhaps even more valuable than time and talent are your connections—personal, professional, or both. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a chemist to fill an open position, *please* give us a call! Our students are always looking for internship and/or job opportunities, and alumni contacts have historically provided some of the best leads. Or if your company has surplus materials or equipment, and you think we might be able to put it to good use, let us know.

Similarly, if you know of a student with an interest in chemistry (at any level), encourage them to give us a look. Better still, tell the student about the department, and then tell *us* about the student (which you can do with the form on page 7 or from our web page at www.chembio.niu.edu/turn-in.html. We'll take it from there. Word of mouth has a tremendous impact in student recruitment, because it comes from people who have been there themselves. To paraphrase the famous line from *Field of Dreams*, if you recommend us, they will come.

Treasure. The response of the department's alumni to our fundraising campaigns has been truly outstanding. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised more than \$50,000 in the last four years. But let's put that figure in perspective. We report the results of the year's fundraising on a calendar-year basis (from press time for one issue of *Northern Chemist* to press time for the next issue). The university, however, runs on a July 1–June 30 fiscal year. On average, that means we have around \$6,000 to spend each fiscal year. That money gets used, among other things, to help send graduate students presenting papers to professional conferences, to pay for printing this newsletter, to pay for other student recruitment and alumni relations expenses, to cover emergency repairs at the end of the fiscal year when the regular repair budget has been spent, and so on. (There are also some gifts that are restricted; see the companion story on scholarships on page 5.)

If you can manage it, please consider giving something in all four areas. However you give, please be as generous as you can be. Rest assured, your gifts will be greatly appreciated, and the dividends they pay will be yours for a long time to come. ❀❀

It gives us great pleasure to report that the Rosalie Reynolds Memorial Teaching Scholarship has achieved endowed status. We had two years within which to raise the necessary \$10,000, but thanks to you, it took only six months after the scholarship's creation was announced in these pages last year. We hope to make the first award from the scholarship fund at our annual banquet next spring.

The continuing generosity of our alumni and friends, particularly as demonstrated by their support for our initiative in creating this new scholarship, is truly gratifying. All of our annual scholarship and award funds have now achieved endowed status. Yet while that milestone represents a significant achievement, we would prefer not to rest on our laurels: there is so much *more* we could do for our students—both current and future.

The money we raise for scholarships is invested by the NIU Foundation to promote long-term growth of the endowment. About 4 percent of the annual return on those investments is available for making scholarship awards.

Long-term stability is essential for an endowed scholarship, but let's be realistic: that kind of investing doesn't usually produce large returns over the short term. Meanwhile, we always seem to have more qualified applicants than we have scholarship dollars to give them, and college costs continue to rise.

Simple mathematics suggests that the answer to our dilemma lies in continuing contributions to the endowed scholarship funds: and that's where you come in. We urge you to continue your generous support of the department's scholarship funds, and increase it where possible. ❀

Nobel laureate H. C. Brown receives honorary degree from NIU

Last spring we had the very great pleasure of hosting R. B. Wetherill Research Professor Emeritus Herbert C. Brown of Purdue University (winner of the 1979 Nobel Prize in Chemistry). Brown, accompanied by his wife and several members of his family from the area, came to campus to receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the May

commencement.

Prior to the ceremonies, Brown met with faculty and students in the department, and gave a public lecture. He was also honored by a small dinner at the home of NIU President John Peters, in anticipation of his 89th birthday.

Although Brown's visit fell at the end of final exams for the spring semester, there

was a substantial turnout to hear him. In both his public lecture and his remarks at the commencement ceremonies, Brown discussed his life in science. Perhaps the most interesting anecdote was the story of how his wife went to a bookstore to find him a gift when he completed his degree. Since money was tight, she picked the least expensive chemistry book she

could find. Ironically, it was that very book that sparked Brown's interest in boron chemistry—for which, decades later, he would win the Nobel Prize. ❀

After getting their copies of Brown's evening talk autographed on May 11, students from David Hooper's (B.S., '68) chemistry class at Joliet Township High School pose with Herbert C. Brown (right) and Jerrold Zar (left), NIU's associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School.



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You have absolutely *shattered* previous giving milestones this year: way to go, alumni! At press time for this issue, individual gifts in the amount of \$21,315.16 had been received. A further \$6,692 in corporate gifts and matching funds brought the annual total to \$28,007.16. This is our fourth record year in a row, and the first time we've broken the \$20,000 barrier. In the listings on this page, organizations listed in *italics* represent matching gifts.

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We make every effort to acknowledge the generosity of our alumni and friends, but at times the paperwork does not arrive before press time for our annual issue. If you made a donation this year and are not listed, please be assured that your gift is appreciated and will be acknowledged in next year's *Northern Chemist*. If for any reason you wish to remain anonymous, please tell us on your contribution form, or when the volunteer from the Huskie Telefund contacts you.

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Imagine you're working in the lab late one Friday night. Now imagine needing something from your research group's walk-in freezer. Lastly, imagine finding a frozen lion in front of your chemicals.

Sound preposterous? We thought so, too—until it happened.

One Friday night last spring, graduate students from Elizabeth Gaillard's group went looking for some samples in the department's walk-in freezer

and found a tarpaulin-wrapped bundle lying in front of their storage shelves. Peeling back the tarp, they saw a limb covered in golden fur and immediately assumed the bundle was a deer carcass that someone had stashed in the freezer before taking it home.

When they pulled back the tarpaulin all the way, however, to their surprise they found the carcass of a

lioness (below). The students contacted Gaillard, who in turn spoke with department chair Jim Erman.

Erman reassured them that everything was on the up-and-up. The lioness had belonged to a Peoria zoo and had been put to

sleep after a long illness. The zoo had offered the carcass to zoologist Virginia Naples, an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. At the time of the offer, however, she had a large tiger in her own freezer, and asked if she could

use ours temporarily until she could make room for the lioness in her own facility.

The moral of the story? Be careful when you go into storage spaces and the like. You never know what may be lion around. ❀❀❀

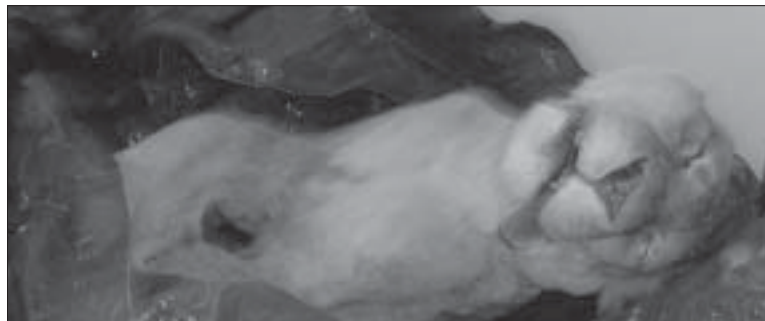


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