Alumni Notes

- Charles W. Myles (BS '69) is enjoying his research and teaching now that he is no longer Chair of the Physics Department at Texas Tech.

- Michael J. Mochel (BS '76) is a Lt. Col. in the Air Force. Last August he moved to Virginia, where he joined the faculty of the Defense Systems Management College.

- John W. (Jack) McGuire (MS '69) is now teaching mathematics at Indiana University Southeast and at Bellarmine College.

- Anibal José da Silva (BS '50) comments that retirees don't have vacations!

- Edward N. Sickafus (BS '55, MS '56) has a web page (http://ic.net/~ntelleck) describing his book on a new problem solving methodology called "Unified Structured Inventive Thinking." Ford Motor Co. is using his methodology to train its scientists and engineers.

- Mack A. Breazeale (MS '54) gave an invited paper on opto-acoustics in Poland in May and two papers on non-linear acoustics at the June 1998 International Congress on Acoustics in Seattle.

- Arthur L. Nickless (BS '65) wrote that he and his wife Joan became proud grandparents for the first time with the birth of Elizabeth Ann Haraburda on August 4, 1997.

- Harry F. Dreste (BS '51) has been enjoying retirement for several years now. He reports that he keeps busy working around the home and with several hobbies, including model railroads and Studebaker cars. He is a member of two old car clubs, the American Legion, and a volunteer worker at Veterans Hospital. His cancer treatment of the past few years is going well.

- Lewis K. Cappellari (BS '60) works with Hughes Aircraft Co. as an IR systems engineer for the AST aircraft flying out of Seattle, WA.

- Eugene A. Robl (MS '68) teaches meteorology at the University of Utah and teaches physics and chemistry part time at Westminster College of Salt Lake City.

- Terrence R. Ward (BS '70) is now Assistant to the Chairman, Director of Community Relations, and Director of Administrative Services for H & R Block. He writes that he appreciates the solid educational background from UMR/MSM that leaves him in a comfort zone whenever anything technical or mathematical is discussed, and helped him move into leadership roles. He also recalls that the least enjoyable thing about MSM/UMR was having to travel to Columbia for a social life.

- Dr. Franklin D. Schowengerdt (BS '66, MS '67, PhD '69) is currently Professor of Physics at Colorado School of Mines and Director of the NASA-funded Center for Commercial Applications of Combustion in Space.

- Ryne Raffaelle (PhD '90) and his wife Celeste are proud parents of a new baby boy, named William Otto. He joins Patrick and Ellen as their third child. Ryne was also recently promoted to Associate Professor of Physics and Space Sciences at Florida Tech.

- Steven M. Kovel (PhD '65) sends his congratulations to John Carstens (PhD '66) on the occasion of John's retirement from MSM/UMR.

- Brad L. Shaffer (BS '82) is a Major in the U.S. Army and is a Team Leader on the International Space Station project. He works with NASA and Boeing to produce major structural and adaptation devices for the International Space Station. He heads a team of 27 functional specialists that provides programmatic and contractual administration support.

If you wish to get in touch with any of these alumni, or any others, please contact the Physics Department at (573) 341-4781 or at physics@umr.edu. We can generally give you current phone numbers, along with postal and e-mail addresses. We would be grateful if you would take the time to fill out and return the alumni information on both sides of the last page of this newsletter.

John Baumgardner Awarded Professional Degree

John D. Baumgardner (BS '63) was awarded a Professional Degree in Physics during UMR's 125th annual Commencement on May 16. John received his bachelor of science degree in physics from UMR in 1963. He joined Donnelly Corp. in 1967 as Manager of Research and Development and later became Vice President of Technology. He received a Ph.D. in engineering optics from the University of Rochester in 1969 and worked in the area of optics for many years. John, who lives in Holland, MI, is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Donnelly Corp.

John also serves as a director for SL Industries, Walbro Corp., Westcast Industries, and Scanlon Plan Associates. He was awarded a Professional Degree of Physics at the May 1998 Commencement in recognition of his accomplishments.

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