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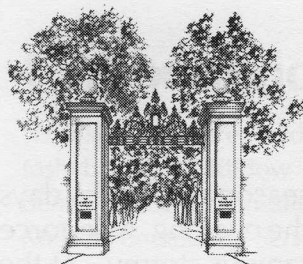
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Fischetti promoted to Professor

Vincent A. Fischetti, a microbiologist specializing in the study of group A streptococci, has been named Professor.

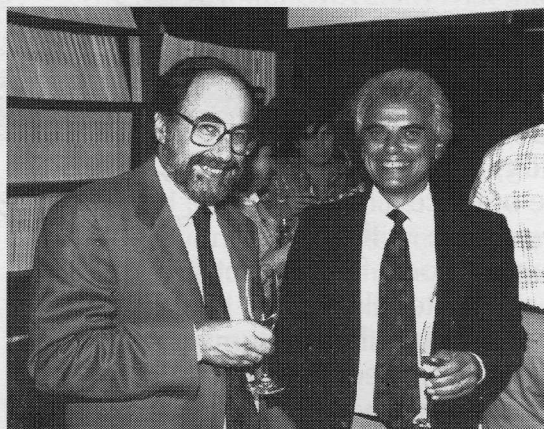
Fischetti's research on the "M protein," a surface protein on group A streptococci, is contributing to the development of a vaccine that can prevent strep throat infection and its potentially serious complications. The research is also leading to a better understanding of how these streptococci and other cocci cause disease, and how to prevent them from doing so.

Fischetti received a B.S. in bacteriology from Wagner College in 1962, an M.S. in microbiology from Long Island University in 1967, and a Ph.D. in microbiology from New York

University in 1970. He has been affiliated with Rockefeller since 1962, when he came here as a technician in Maclyn McCarty's lab. He left to pursue his doctorate, returning as a postdoctoral fellow in the same lab in 1970. He was a postdoc from 1970 to 1973, an assistant professor from 1973 to 1978, and an associate professor since then.

Congratulating Fischetti on his promotion, President Baltimore said, "It is a great pleasure to be able to recognize the extraordinary talent of Vincent Fischetti, which developed here at the university."

Fischetti is the recipient of many awards, including a 10-year National Institutes of Health Merit Award that began in 1987. He is also the Editor-in-chief of *Infection and Immunity*, and previously served as Assistant Editor of *The Journal of Experimental Medicine*.



David Baltimore celebrates with Vincent Fischetti



Professor Vincent A. Fischetti

University runners beat the heat

Despite temperatures in the 70s, runners from Rockefeller kept the pace during Sunday's marathon. Below is a synopsis of their successes.

Boudewijn de Jonge, Postdoctoral Fellow, ran this marathon in 3:34. He particularly enjoyed the music along the route.

Professor **Dino Goulianos** was determined to finish the race in four hours. His time: 3:58:57.

—by Susan Blum

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Painter **Ed Heuvel** developed a knee problem and had to drop out around the 16th mile.

Martha Kellar, Acting Director of the Press, had a great time during this marathon, her third. She finished in 4:03, 9 minutes better than last year.

Postdoctoral Fellow **Armin Klein** had a time of 4:24. Does he plan to run the race annually? "My goal was to run *one* marathon in my life," he said.

Harri Laitinen, Guest Investigator, felt the heat made this year's race tougher. Still, he was happy with his time of 3:15.

One thrill of the marathon for **Peter Matthews**, Postdoctoral Fellow, was being encouraged by friends from Rockefeller along First Avenue. His time was 3:32.

A time of 3:11:33 placed Development Associate **Martha Murphrey** 57th in the women's division. She also posted the best time of runners from Rockefeller.

Associate Professor **Angus Nairn** posted a time of 4:25. The best part of the race for him was the music, "especially in Brooklyn, where there were steel and salsa bands."

Postdoctoral Associate **Anita O'Connell** overcame stomach pains to finish in 4:23. "I began to feel better when I heard friends cheering for me along First Avenue," she said.

Jim Rubenstein, Biomedical Fellow, wore his Bart Simpson mask all the way to the finish line and a time of 3:49.

Assistant Professor **Barbara Sorkin** completed her first marathon believing the race is a great way to see the city. "It really makes you feel good about New Yorkers," she said. ➡➡

Harvey Society Lectures continue through May

Thursday, October 18 was one of those unseasonably balmy days we've enjoyed this fall. Then, around 8:00 in the evening, gale-force winds and sheets of rain turned the tranquil campus stormy. At the same time, about 300 hardy souls made their way to Caspary Hall. Some of them, caught unprepared, were soaked from head to foot. Others, armed with umbrellas, fared a little better and were drenched only from the ankles down. Nonetheless, there were lots of smiles and animated conversations as people gathered in the auditorium.

What made them brave the weather, and in such good spirits? It was the second of this year's Harvey Society Lectures, a series of eight talks given throughout the academic year. The series is presented by the Harvey Society of New York, founded in 1905 to promote the "diffusion of scientific knowledge in . . . anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology, pharmacology, and physiological and pathological chemistry."

In modern terms, the lectures are designed to "enlighten the biomedical community in the New York City area about advances in basic research," said Professor David Luck. As this year's president of the society, Luck is continuing a longstanding tradition of Rockefeller scientists who have served as society officers. This tradition extends back to 1905, when Simon Flexner served as the society's first vice president and, later, as its president.

The lectures are open to all who are interested. Each talk is held on a Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. in Caspary Auditorium.

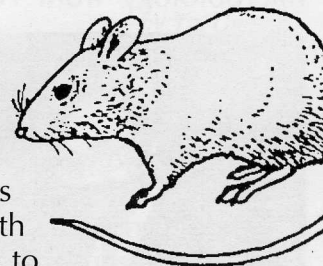
The two Harvey lectures that have been held so far discussed the structure and synthesis of telomeres, and cell-division regulators known as cyclins. The next lecture, on Thursday, November 15, is entitled "The Adrenergic Receptors."

—by Susan Blum

Mouse molecular biology and genetics club forming

A mouse molecular biology and genetics club will begin meeting once or twice a month in early 1991. The club's purpose will be to encourage communication among Rockefeller scientists, providing a forum in which information and materials may be exchanged.

Guest speakers from outside and within the university will address the club's informal gatherings. Lectures will be open to all Rockefeller personnel; announcements will appear in the Calendar of Events. Those interested in participating in or helping organize this club can contact Andrew Plump or Jonathan Smith at x7702. ➡➡



Campus-wide e-mail debuts

(This story was prepared on a Macintosh by Alfred Kildow in the President's Office, transmitted to Rachael Kolb in Computing Services by electronic mail for her review and editorial changes, then transmitted by e-mail to Rob Brown at *News and Notes* for inclusion in this week's edition. Total time elapsed from preparation to receipt by *News and Notes* was 10 minutes.)

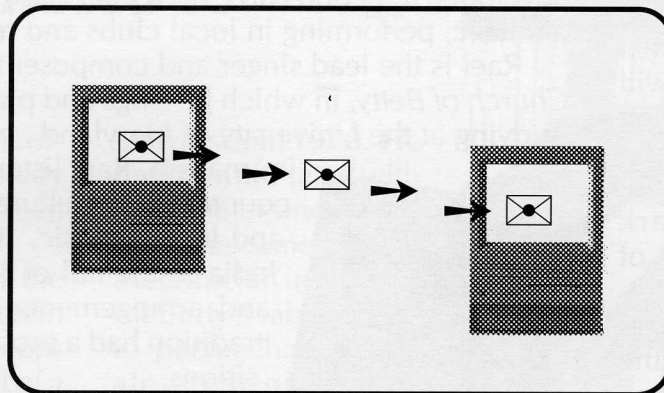
It's possible to send electronic messages across campuses—and worldwide, too—even if your prose style isn't electrifying. It's called e-mail, short for electronic mail (as opposed to "snail mail," its nonelectronic counterpart), and it has been embraced with enthusiasm by the new university administration.

The reasons seem obvious:

- Messages get to where you want them quickly, reliably and

accurately (although one gets the occasional *etaion#\$\$%^+*).

- Messages seem to gain a certain urgency when sent electronically. (Easy enough to bury a memo in a pile of paper, but where do you hide an electro-



gram? It keeps popping up everytime you log on.) For non-computer hackers, there seems to be a feeling that the electronic message will disappear unless a response is made immediately.

Computing Services has made it as easy as possible to use

e-mail. For one thing, the price has been dropped to \$20 a year. And, if your computer is a PC or Mac, a handy one-page flyer tells you more than you ever wanted to know about getting an account and how to use it.

To get plugged into the system, just dial x8940. That's the number for the computer consultant hot-line. The consultant will have all the answers you need.

To use e-mail, it's necessary to have an account—and access to a terminal that's hooked to the system. The consultant can advise about that.

But if you're looking for a rock-bottom-line reason, consider this: If everyone you know is attending meetings you wish you had known about, or spouting facts that have escaped you, try tuning in. And remember, e-mail is a two-way circuit. ➡➡

RockMUG meets Wednesday

The Rockefeller University Macintosh Users' Group (RockMUG) will hold its November meeting on Wednesday, November 14, from 12:00 to 1:00 in Caspary 1B. The meeting, entitled "What's all this in my system folder?," will be an introduction to Macintosh enhancements such as fonts, desk accessories and start-up files. The meeting will also discuss common utilities like screen savers, menu bar clocks and text-editing tools.

In addition, there will be a general Mac question and answer session. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch to the meeting; soft drinks will be provided. Those wishing to receive utilities to install in their system folders should come at 11:30 and bring a blank floppy disk.

New members are always welcome. To receive announcements of meetings, contact Rachael Kolb at x8933, or send electronic mail to *rachael*. ➡➡

Graduate Fellow Fong-Ying Tsai to present thesis

Graduate Fellow Fong-Ying Tsai will present her thesis at 3:45 on Tuesday, November 13 in Caspary Auditorium. The title of the thesis is

"Plant Asparagine Synthetase Genes: A Paradigm for the Molecular Dissection of Negative Regulation of Gene Expression by Light."

A tea will precede the presentation at 3:15. The campus community is invited. ➡➡

Students collect for Oxfam

Oxfam is an international organization dedicated to helping poorer people of the world become more self-sufficient. Each year, Oxfam sponsors a *Fast for a World Harvest* during the week before Thanksgiving, and Monday-Thursday of next week students at Rockefeller will support this endeavor by setting up a table to collect donations in the Tower lobby.

Graduate Fellow Mark Forman of the Laboratory of Cellular Physiology and Immunology is organizing the event at Rockefeller. He said that the idea is to fast for a meal (or a day) and contribute the money saved to Oxfam—or make a donation without fasting! For information, contact Forman at x8209. ➔

Dancin' the night away

On Friday, December 7, the university will hold its Annual Dinner Dance on the 17th floor of the Tower Building. The dance, a campus institution, dates back at least twenty years, according to Margarita Campbell, this year's dance organizer. The campus community is invited to the festivities, which will feature the David Keyes Band playing everything from swing to rock.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from Angie Dohnert, the Faculty & Students' Club, and the Mail Room. Students may purchase tickets from the Dean's Office. A flyer will be mailed soon detailing specific information.

—by Patricia Sadiq

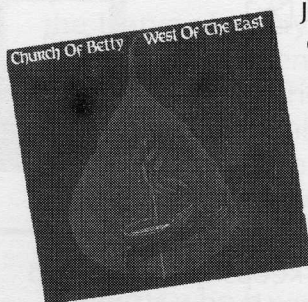
Rael rocks

Chris Rael of The Rockefeller University Press could be said to be leading a double life. Since joining Rockefeller in 1986, he has served as copy editor for several publications, and he is now Production Editor of *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*. However, Rael has also

developed a second career as a musician, composing his own brand of music, performing in local clubs and recording an album.

Rael is the lead singer and composer for the four-member band *Church of Betty*; in which he sings and plays guitar and sitar. While studying at the University of Maryland, where he earned his B.S. in

journalism, Rael listened to the sounds of other countries and cultures, such as Reggae, Latino and Indian music. He spent three months in India in the fall of 1988, and the instruments and arrangements of that country's musical tradition had a profound effect on his compositions.

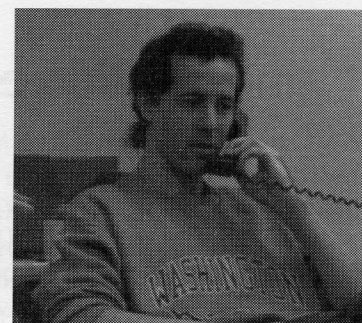


The sound of *Church of Betty* is an unusual mixture of Indian music and progressive rock. The combination of guitar, sitar and Eastern percussion proves to be sometimes haunting, other times simply thrilling. It is a combination hard to imagine but very easy to enjoy.

Since 1988, Rael has been running his own record label, "Fang," which he describes as "an uphill struggle," though a promising endeavor. *Church of Betty's* first album, *West of the East*, is now available at record stores.

In the meantime, Rael continues with the Press, coordinating copy editors and authors to organize the journal. For those interested in something a little different, *Church of Betty* will be performing at CBGB's (315 Bowery) on Tuesday, November 13.

—by Taj Carson



Chris Rael

Taj Carson

Holiday Flea Market

The Rockefeller University Childrens' School will hold a "Holiday Flea Market" on Wednesday, November 14, from 10:00 to 3:30 in the Tower Lobby. On sale will be antiques, household goods, silver- and glassware, china, foreign dolls, and Christmas items; most of these have been donated by Rockefeller Librarian Sonya Mirsky. Proceeds will go to support the Childrens' School. ➔



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