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chemistry & biochemistry  
departmental newsletter

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## Chairman's Corner

*Computer Facilities, West Wing Renovation, History Project Underway*

Greetings to all our friends and alumni of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UT-Austin. We announced last fall our intention to publish the departmental newsletter on a semi-annual basis. This particular issue of the newsletter will have a greater focus on our students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

First, I thank all of you who sent us comments concerning our newsletter, *Chemical Compositions*. Many of you took advantage of our homepage on the WWW to send us your information via e-mail, but whether you opted for e-mail or "snail-mail", we appreciated hearing from you. Because of your input, this newsletter has a substantially larger alumni section than that in the fall issue. Please continue to keep us informed of highlights in your activities so that we can share them via this newsletter.



Marvin Hackert

**Departmental Changes** - I mentioned last fall that there were several changes on the horizon that will allow us to improve on what is already a very strong program in Chemistry and Biochemistry at UT-Austin. For example, the new 500 MHz NMR facilities are now fully operational, and this spring we are adding a new image plate X-ray detector system with flash-cooling capabilities for collecting diffraction data for macromolecular crystallography. We have also made major advances to capitalize on the use of the Internet and multi-media in our classrooms. A new network design for rewiring Welch Hall has been approved, with work scheduled to begin by early summer. We also have plans approved to install two computer laboratories in Welch Hall by this fall that will allow our students and those of the College of Natural Sciences to have more ready access to the latest in PCs and PowerMacs, all of which will be connected to the Internet. The committee working on the plans to address health and safety issues in the west wing of Welch Hall has been very busy, and we are expecting final regental approval this summer to proceed with the current design for that project. Hopefully, the work can begin later this year. I am also asking your help with a project that we have started. We want to gather a complete, historical record about our department. I am putting together a chronological list of all our faculty,

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