

# Horton McCurdy      Berry High School Class of 1963 Berry College Class of 1967

After reading all the bios, I thought I would throw in my 2 cents worth of a bio. It looks like we've all done pretty well as a group, which is no real surprise to me. After graduating Berry College in 1967 with a degree in Chemistry, I went to the University of Mississippi School of



Pharmacy where I obtained a Ph.D. degree in Medicinal Chemistry. I then accepted a position

at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Division of Forensic Sciences (AKA "Crime Lab") as a Forensic Toxicologist where I've been ever since until retirement last year. I started a consulting company in the early 80s and have been doing much consulting work for attorneys and the government on matters of interpretation of drug levels, drug policy and drug testing. My consulting work has sent all over the world including recent trips to



Australia, Japan and Korea. The work I've done for the Department of Defense since the early 90s has sent me to their Army drug testing facility in Hawaii at least once a year, and sometimes twice a year. In 2003, I was presented with the Rolla N. Harger (inventor of the Breathalyzer) Award by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences for outstanding contributions to the field of forensic toxicology. Since retirement, I have since been called back to GBI-DOFS to work half-time as a Research Scientist. The picture is me using our newest analytical instrument that was purchased from a \$400,000 dollar grant I applied for and was recently awarded from the National Institutes of Justice to development new methods for the analysis of drugs in biological fluids. I owe much of whatever I've been able to accomplish to Berry, particular the valuable work ethic that has faithfully followed me all these years. I am looking forward to the reunion.



*You can take the boy out of Berry but you can't take Berry out of the boy.  
Berry Academy 1963 to 2004 & 41 years later*