Chemistry/MatSci 5223W

Wednesday, March 29

Assignment 18

Due: In Lecture, Wednesday, April 5

1. In Lab 5, you synthesized both P*n*BA and P(*n*BA-*co*-S) by ATRP. What percent polymer yield did you determine for these polymerizations? What effect did styrene have on your polymerization yield?

2. How did *F*_S in your P(*n*BA-*co*-S) product compare with *f*_S in your starting reaction? Based on the data posted to WebCT, how does your data compare with your classmates'? Do you recognize any trends?

3. Technically, the (free-radical) propagation mechanism in Lab 5 is the same as for the copolymers you prepared in Lab 2, and the relationship between f_S and F_S in your P(*n*BA-*co*-S) might likewise be governed by r_S and r_{nBA} for a free-radical polymerization. What are r_S and r_{nBA} ? Is the class' polymerization data consistent with these values?