

ASL 1951–2011 Celebrating 60 years

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1951 portrait of ASL founder and first head Stephen L. Eckard (ASL 1951–71)

Back cover: Gregory Dray '15

London, 2011

Greg used famous landmarks in the capital to create "London" on the back cover. He joined ASL two years ago in Grade 7; he has a brother, Owen '19. Greg's favorite subject is science. This summer, Greg and his family returned to their former home in Connecticut. He says of his time at ASL, "Joining the School turned out to be a lot of fun. It's been a great experience and I'm grateful for the opportunity. It's been cool to live in a city for two years."

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Our mission is to develop the intellect and character of each student by providing an outstanding American education with a global perspective.

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Letter from the Head of School

Sixty years. Starting in a flat in Knightsbridge, flourishing at 13 Grosvenor Square, growing near Regent's Park, settling at One Waverley Place, we celebrate the founding and growth of our very special school. "To keep the lamp of learning alight and both flags flying" was the School's motto in 1954, and British and American flags were on full display at the entrance to the American School in London for many years. Today, it's "Welcome" in 15 different languages and more than 50 flags in Lower School Reception. Thus, the identity of ASL has deepened and our mission has expanded: experiential education ("A field trip every week," said founder Stephen Eckard), global perspective, international humanitarian concerns, London as a classroom. And yet thankful we are that ASL bears testimony to the adage that "the more we change, the more we stay the same."

Welcome to the fall 2011 60-page issue of Accents, filled with evidence of new things and old, striking evidence of our history and our modernity, our roots and our today. From glorious commencement speeches at Westminster Hall to pictures of alumni events all around the globe, ASL thrives. Our students benefit from the extraordinary talents and training of the faculty, our families enjoy the excitement of new adventures, and together we create the kaleidoscope of friendships and adventures and learning that characterize our school. The pictures say it all.

More than ever in the last year, we expanded our campus with service learning partnerships that were new and meaningful; more than ever we sought to connect with our global alumni, nearly 13,000 strong; and more than ever, we sought to vivify our mission, dedicated to student learning and growth. These 60 pages tell the story, and we welcome you to enjoy the memories and to let us know your connection to what you see here. And come visit!

Warm regards,

Coreen R. Hester

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Alessandra de Costanza '11 Alessandra starts college at Mrs. Hester, 2011 NYU, she'll miss her favorite

Alessandra attended ASL for Grade 5 and returned to complete high school three years ago. She missed the School from the day she left until she started back in Grade 10. Alessandra says, "Coming home to ASL was exciting and kind of familiar." She adores living in the city and enjoys walking around London finding new places to eat, shop and photograph. Photography is

her passion. This fall, as Alessandra starts college at NYU, she'll miss her favorite place at ASL, the photo lab.

Below: Lauren Brantley '20 Self Portrait in Cubism.

2011, mixed media on paper Lauren created her painting after studying Picasso's life and his stylistic periods. Each student in the class produced a self-portrait in Picasso's Cubism style.

Lauren started school at ASL in K1. She has an elder brother, Graham '18. Her favorite activity at school is PE—she loves gymnastics. Lauren thinks London is a cool place to live. She enjoys shopping and eating out with her family.



The American School in London Accents Fall '11

The history of this exceptional school reveals an amalgam of exceptional people, a team of diverse individuals that has ASL is People composed the exemplary reputation that ASL enjoys, and deserves,

There follows the obvious postulation that the School's future

- From Stephen Eckard to a young faculty member beginning an
- From staff members whose daily work is largely hidden below deck, to the trustees who volunteer cherished time for setting
- From parents, alumni, family and friends... all dedicated to

It is the human element of the American School in London that has provided both a foundation and a vision for the future. Any nas provided poun a roundation and a vision for the future. And celebration of the School's 60th birthday is a tribute to the thousands of dedicated individuals who have provided commitment, courage, talent, and optimism to the thriving enterprise that

Looking at a photo of Stephen Eckard on the steps of #17 Hans Place, I am confident he would be very proud of the is today's ASL. school he founded.

Congratulations to Stephen and to ASL.

Bill Mules ASL Head of School 1998-2007

Once at ASL, always at ASL

The past 60 years have provided the School with a wealth of history. For all those connected to ASL, the experience has been a highly personalized one in a truly global community.

Where else could I have joined the second grade American Thanksgiving feast in 1994 and sat next to two students for whom English Was their third language? Where else could I have heard young Voices sharing the excitement of the culinary moment with the

Where else could I have heard British journalist and Member of Parliament Matthew Parris, in his commencement address to the Class of 1995, speak of his own obstacles as life's most teachable moments that fashioned his long-term personal and professional accomplishments? The only thing better than Mr. Parris' words was the sheer enthusiasm with which our students received them.

Where else would the dynamic relationship between student and teacher be more aptly highlighted than in the Middle School tribute this past spring to beloved faculty member Sunny Neutze?

Where else would the intellectual growth of each student be shaped by educators who challenge them to formulate their own views, to live beyond the familiar and engage on a daily basis with peers from 50+ nations and a wide variety of cultural and historical

ASL holds many indelible memories for all of us; and for most we

Judith Glickman ASL Head of School 1992-98

Former ASL heads of school William C. Mules and to share their thoughts on ASL as the School celebrates its 60th birthday.

Judith R. Glickman were invited

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three new members, appointed at the final meeting of the 2010–11 academic year: Paige Jernigan P '18 '20 '25, Dwight M. Poler P '14 '15 '25 and Thomas J. Tiernan. At the same meeting, the Board bade a fond farewell to departing trustee and parent of alumna Hassan Alaghband P '11 after 13 years' service; and to Pat Clappé, secretary to the Board, who retired after 20 years at ASL.

The Board of Trustees welcomes

Paige Jernigan and husband Kenton moved to London in 2000 from New York City. Parents at ASL since 2006, they have three boys: Cole '18, Shep '20 and Miles '25. Her career began as a professional ski instructor before moving on to corporate advertising sales at the New York Times and later to mobile telecom equity analyst at Goldman Sachs, a role she left in 2002. Paige says, "Joining the Board of Trustees at ASL is my way of giving back to the School that's given so much to my children." Paige has a BA in English and history from Hollins University and an MBA with a major in accounting from Kellogg at Northwestern.

Dwight M. Poler joined ASL in 2005 with his wife, Kirsten, and children Colin '14 and Greta '15. Their daughter, Elsa '25, joined K1 this fall. Dwight has worked for Bain Capital since 1994 originally in Boston and in London from 2000. His charitable activities have included seats on the boards of The

Private Equity Foundation, the NSPCC, Right to Play UK, and Camp Dudley. On his appointment to ASL's Board, Dwight says, "ASL has transformed our experience in London, both as a school for our children and as a community for our whole family. I look forward to the opportunity as a trustee to support ASL's impact and sustainability for the future." He holds a BA from Amherst and an MBA with distinction from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth, where he was a Tuck Scholar.

Thomas J. Tiernan is Minister-Counselor for Management Affairs at the US Embassy, having joined the Foreign Service in 1982. Prior to this, Tom taught English and American government in Chicago, where he grew up. He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown sons. Tom says, "ASL has enjoyed a well-deserved reputation for excellence for many years, and has been one of the main draws for many US government employees seeking an assignment in London. Therefore, I am honored to serve as a trustee and experience ASL first hand." Tom holds a BS in political science from Loyola University, an MS from the University of Illinois in educational administration, and an MS in national security resources from the US National War College.

Departing Trustee Hassan Alaghband joined the Board in 1998, although the Alaghbands' association with the School stretches back to the early 90s. In that

Left to right Thomas J. Tierman Paige Jernigan Hassan Alaghband Dwight M. Poler



Trustee news

time, Hassan has been a cabinet member for both the SchoolWorks and Great Expectations capital campaigns, and served on numerous committees. He and his wife, Farah, have been leadership supporters and volunteers for the Annual Fund, active in myriad school events, including the International Festival and Middle East Night, as well as hosts of countless gatherings in support of the School. Their daughter, Roxanne, graduated from ASL in June.

Of his leaving, Hassan says, "I strongly believe that serving on the Board at ASL has been both a privilege and a chance of a lifetime. Resigning was one of the most difficult decisions of my life; I feel like I'm leaving behind a child. My departure is in no way a sign of diminished passion for ASL or its mission. I wish the school and its community every success for the future."

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STORY BY TIMOTHY C. JACOBSON OF THE WINTHROP GROUP

INTRODUCTION BY JOHN G. CLARK (ASL 2008-11)

Home broad

The following excerpt was written by **Timothy C. Jacobson of The Winthrop Group as part of a narrative proposal** for the writing of a history of the American School in London. Represengames and swim meets, school plays tatives of Winthrop spent time at ASL in 2010 examining our archives for accessibility and thoroughness, and taking close to 30 oral histories from faculty and staff, mostly retired from the School. This excerpt, entitled "At Home Abroad," is the third of three dimensions proposed by Winthrop to tell the history of ASL. The first, "Teaching and Learning," would examine what happens at ASL every day. The second, called "Institutional Evolution," would tell how the School as an organization has evolved and changed. "At Home Abroad" proposes to explore the ideas and issues outside the walls of the physical school and that in turn have played back into it. Jacobson is the author of Charity & **Merit: Trinity School at 300 (University** Press of New England, 2009).

T the American School in London, students learn how to read, write, speak and count. Through basketball and variety shows, they find a sense of community far from home. They also learn how to be comfortable in the big wide world.

Gaining comfort is an idea that links ASL's 60-year history to parallel histories —of American and British business, of popular and high culture in London, of other American and international schools in other great cities, of the nature of expatriate life in a shrinking world. Great schools are defined by more than the education they deliver and the outcomes they achieve, as measured in test scores and college admissions. They also judge their value by how they relate to their surroundings and how they teach their students and, indirectly their students' families, to interpret, contribute to, and learn from their environment abroad. Over the course of ASL's history, three distinct expatriate experiences have shaped the experience of its faculty, its students, and its families.

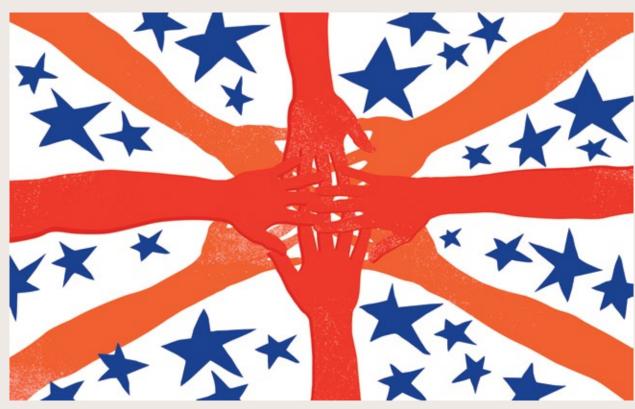
Being "foreign"

For an American to come to live in a European capital, including London, half a century ago was to be confronted with the hard fact of "foreign." Chances are one would have come not by air but by

sea, the voyage alone reinforcing the sense of distance and giving time to anticipate what might lie ahead with the new assignment, or in the new school, in some new-but-old place. Stephen Eckard would have made such a voyage.

ASL's story is almost coterminous with the reign of Elizabeth II, who ascended to the throne in 1952. Her coronation in 1953 was proclaimed as the dawn of a New Elizabethan Age. In fact, it proved to be a time of great decline and great achievement, when just about everything changed in Britain—except the Queen. When Eckard opened up shop, Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime savior but a Victorian clearly out of step with post-war attitudes, was once again prime minister. The Lord Chamberlain still censored stage and screen. Private homosexual acts between adults were illegal, divorce was difficult and often farcical, and Lady Chatterley's Lover was deemed pornographic. Most of Britain was still poor, broken by war and straitened by rationing. Foreign travel was rare, domestic food execrable. Housing was scarce and bathrooms scarcer. There are ASL teachers who remember these sacrifices first-hand: cold-water basement flats, gas fires metered by the sixpence in lieu of central heating, the luxury of a telephone.

This Britain has vanished. But it was this Britain against which ASL and the rest of the American expatriate community



in the early years of the School defined itself. The post-war boom did not take hold in Britain until the early 1960s, and if one came to London in the immediate post-war years it would likely have been as part of a small and relatively privileged group of diplomatic, senior military, corporate, and professional families. Eckard claimed at first to have seen no need for an American school at all, believing Americans should integrate their children into British schools. But whereas Eckard stayed on, most of them would not and so needed schooling that could be easily translated to systems back home. Like other expatriate communities richer than their hosts, these Americans were able to enjoy London without ever needing to become part of it. The "special relationship" was in full force and filtered down to street level: Americans were warmly remembered for their wartime solidarity and admired for their generosity and know-how.

At Sixties and Seventies

The late 1960s brought a new prosperity and openness to Britain, and with it a very different life for Americans in London. The American expatriate community swelled, as more and more US corporations set up subsidiary operations in the UK and brought executives in to staff them. The oil boom introduced a whole other kind of newcomer, too: Americans from outside the Northeast, technicians

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and engineers on short assignment. To them, London was both a prosaic job-posting, perhaps the first outside of their home state, and an exotic vacation. Living there afforded them the opportunity for travel, though because their stays were so brief, few took full advantage. Culturally, London was as rebellious as any major city during these years, as evidenced by the long hair and sloppy dress (of teachers as well as students) pictured in ASL yearbooks from the time. The Vietnam War strained the special

relationship, and Americans in London now found their neighbors, or just the man next to them on the bus, chillier than usual.

The excitement of London in the 1970s occurred against the background of economic and labor strife across Britain. As inflation roared out of control and Britain looked to be becoming ungovernable, the stage was set for the Thatcher revolution, which hammered the unions into submission and once again opened Britain for business.



"Big Bang"

Margaret Thatcher (who as health and education minister in the government of Edward Heath had opened ASL's new building in 1971) became prime minister in May 1979 and, like her American soulmate, Ronald Reagan, sought to shrink the role of the state through lower taxes, privatization, and deregulation. The business to be most deregulated of all was banking and finance, which happened at a swoop in the so-called "Big Bang" of 1986. For both good and ill, the Big Bang reshaped life far beyond the financial sector. While much of the old City of London passed from British ownership, London at large re-invented itself as the world's financial capital and filled with knowledge workers from around the globe to take up jobs in the web of new information-intensive, "financial services" firms.

If one came to live in this London in the late 1990s, he or she would have found a city unrecognizable to Stephen Eckard. After 18 years in office under Thatcher and her successor John Major, the Conservatives finally made way in 1997 for a Labour government under Tony Blair. Rescuing the party of Attlee, Gaitskell, and Wilson from the "Loony Left," Blair made "New Labour" once more electable and fit to govern. He spoke idealistically about a "third way" between capitalism and socialism, but he would only temper many of the Thatcher reforms. Blair's Britain, rebranded with slogans like "Cool Britannia," floated cheerfully upward on what appeared to be endless waves of new wealth and globalization.

For Americans living in the midst of all this, the expatriate experience differed markedly from past ones. While many disparities of wealth between Americans and their London hosts had disappeared, and while global brands available in any large airport took over storefronts on high streets once famous for elite British marquees like Jaeger, Dunhill, and Aquascutum, the English remained, much as they had always been, polite but diffident and not easy to make friends with, at least not as quickly as Americans were accustomed. Americans in the financial services industry, unlike their oil company predecessors, tended to stay abroad longer, and when they moved it was likely around a circuit of other financial capitals outside the United States.

Moreover, Americans were no longer the only large expatriate community in London and thus in the School. As more and more wealthy expatriates of different nationalities flocked to London from the mid-1980s, and as elite American universities continued to "To learn to be comfortable in the big wide world describes the true value of an ASL education."

distance themselves from their peers, ASL developed an increasingly diverse, non-American student body seeking an American-style, college preparatory education. How in these circumstances did one bridge gaps of understanding and build ties beyond home and office, beyond one's own national kind? Was it desirable, or even possible? How, in London, could ASL help?

A common language presents obstacles as well as opportunities for Americans and other English-speakers living in Britain. It is easier to get around, easier to understand and be understood, easier to appear to blend in. But ease can deceive. At ASL, there are two commonly recurring terms that suggest the problem: "field trips" and "bubbles." "The trips, the trips, the trips:" this, it is said, is what students remember the most, whether they are exotic and far away, such as the Grade 7 trip to Greece, or just down the high street or to a museum or theater in town. Dogma is rare at ASL, save for this one: it is good to get out of the house. It is sound dogma because of the countervailing reality of the bubble, where expatriates find themselves in but not quite of their surroundings.

To learn to be comfortable in the big wide world describes the true value of an ASL education. As that world grows ever more open, networked, and democratic, the challenge for the School is to prepare American students (and even some parents) to engage more deeply with their surroundings, in London and beyond. ASL's straightforward and constant value is to provide an American-style education in an international context. For all young people who in future will also choose lives far from home, it will be a vital preparation to have had.



HE Class of 2011 saw their commencement exercises take place at **Westminster Central Hall** on Friday, 17 June. The sun was shining as members of the ASL community crossed Parliament Square to take their seats for the most auspicious occasion in the academic calendar. Continuing a tradition begun last year, the Class processed to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, played on two pianos by four faculty members— Doug Poggioli (ASL 1999-present), Keith Montgomery (ASL 2001-present), the world?" Gordon Graham (ASL 2005-present) and Julia Wallin (ASL 2009-present).

In her welcome, Head of School Coreen R. Hester P '02 '04 (ASL 1995–97; 2007–present) reflected on the School's position in the heart of London, stating that the UK's capital has been the place to be, its vibrancy being an inextricable part of the Class's high school years. In addition, Mrs. Hester encouraged the Class to think about how we measure authentic success, which begins with evidence of intellectual growth and the development of character. In summary, she noted that it's impossible to develop the requisite muscle without encountering obstacles for when the difficult times come.

Board Chair Lori E. Fields P '08 '10 '14 acknowledged the Class's considerable

contribution to the dynamic fabric of ASL before welcoming Lord Mayor of Westminster Councillor Susie Burbridge. Then followed the High School Concert Choir, including many members of the graduating class, with John Carter's *My Wish For You*, conducted by Lorraine Davis (ASL 2002–present).

After an introduction by High School Principal Paul Richards P '20 '22 (ASL 2009–present), Salutatorian Lorenzo Aversa gave an impressive speech on the importance of expanding our horizons and exploring our surroundings. "If we can't engage locally, how can we engage with the world?"

Following another fine performance by the High School Concert Choir, Valedictorian Charles R. Marsh told the story of his battle with clinical depression, and how, with the help of his family, friends, teachers and classmates, he found the strength to live his life freely and without fear. Charlie left the stage to a standing ovation.

The commencement address was given by Wade Davis, explorer-in-residence with the National Geographic Society. Encouraging the members of the Class to put themselves in the way of opportunities, Mr. Davis said, "If you place yourself in situations where you have to move forward, you create momentum to new levels of engagement... Orthodoxy is the enemy of invention." He urged the students to give as much thought to the

people they will become as they do to the vocations they will pursue. He concluded that the greatest challenge in life is to be the architect of your own destiny.

In his address, High School Principal Paul Richards thanked the faculty for their dedication to the graduating class. He willed the students to become cultural natives; to have empathy and learn what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes gives us a global perspective—an integral part of the School's mission. "Go off the beaten path and listen," was his parting advice.

There were nine 'lifers' in the Class, who attended ASL from Grade 1 or earlier: Roxanne Alaghband, Katherine Anderson, Jesse Bandeen, Elena Brush, Kathleen Gould, Vivek Jois, Michael Phippen, Shivansh Rastogi and Christian Segars. Special mention was given to Emily Greenwald for her 100 percent high school attendance record.

High school diplomas were awarded to the 119 members of the graduating class, followed by closing remarks from Mrs. Hester. She described the ceremony as a singular event, before asking the Class of 2011 to keep in touch and visit often.

To listen to the speeches from Commencement 2011, visit www.asl.org > Academics > High School > Commencement 2011.

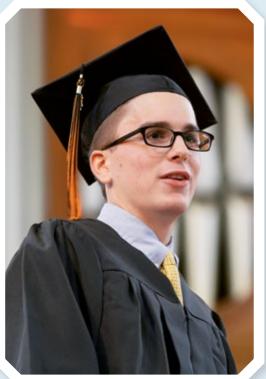














Life after ASL for the Class of 2011

Amna Al-Khalifa	Undecided
Roxanne Alaghband	Brown University
Juan Albanell	Princeton University
Nicole Allain-Stockton	Georgetown University
Katherine Anderson	Pace University, NYC, Gap Year
Joshua Andrews	University of British Columbia
Dara Arad	University of East Anglia
Elizabeth Asher	University of Wisconsin,
Louisa Ashford	Madison Callege
Louisa Asirrora Lorenzo Aversa	Kenyon College Princeton University
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Jesse Bandeen	Duke University
Richard Bartoldus	American University
Kristin Bergeson	Princeton University
Divya Bhasin	Tufts University
Sarah Bilbrey	College of Charleston
Stephen Bowman	Miami University, Oxford
Madeline Britvec	Smith College
Bethany Brooks	Albion College
Elena Brush	Kenyon College
John Carmody	Emory University
Patrick Cirenza	Stanford University
William Collins	University of Notre Dame
Madeline Craig	McGill University
Scott Cress	Muhlenberg College
Olivia Cumming	Glion Institute of
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Alessandra De Costanzo	New York University
Alexandra De Luca	Georgetown University
Tessa Duale	Tulane University
Ryan Eagan	Georgetown University
Frances Edwards	University of Richmond
Madelaine Elwing	University of Miami
Melisa Erginbilgic	Colgate University
Joshua Ezickson	Brown University
Caroline Fegelman	Northeastern University
Conor Fitzgerald	Carnegie Mellon University
Kate Frydman	Ithaca College, Gap Year
Parker Gilbert	Dartmouth College
Todd Gilbert	Duke University
Cordelia Glynn-Davidson	Colorado College, Gap Year
Yannis Goulandris	Georgetown University
Kathleen Gould	Vassar College
Evalyn Grant	Colorado College
Joseph Grathwohl	University of Notre Dame
Emily Greenwald	Emory University
Mitali Gupta	Syracuse University
Kayla Hain	University of British Columbia The University of Texas, Austin
Nicole Halliday	Loyola Marymount University
John Hampson Christina Hans	Pennsylvania State University,
Christina Hans	University Park
Marea Hatheway	Middlebury College
Tegan Henderson	University of Southern
regaii Henderson	California
Jessica Hennessy	University of Vermont
Spencer Hodge	Northwestern University
Samantha Hoilett	The George Washington
	University
Laura Holtze	Northeastern University
Mariel Hooper	University of Colorado at
	Boulder
Alice James	Wake Forest University
Kathleen Jamison	Virginia Commonwealth
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History in the Making

This article, written by
ASL founder and first head
Stephen Eckard, appeared in
the January 1951 edition of
Anglo-American News,
just prior to the founding of
the American School in
London. It appears here
unedited from the original.

"The idea of establishing a school for American children in London has met with a warm welcome from many individuals and organizations whose help is sought in finding schools for newly arrived American families."

STEPHEN ECKARD

AN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN LONDON

N this article, Stephen Eckard discusses an educational problem facing many American parents, in Britain for a few years, and having children of school age with them.

The writer, Princeton Class '34, and formerly a teacher in the Allen-Stevenson School in New York City, is already teaching a small group of American boys. Later in the year, he plans to have something more comprehensive to offer. His address is 8 Sloane Street, London, S.W.I.

With the ever-increasing numbers of American families coming to London on business or official or service jobs, it's about time something was done to help them with the problem of suitable schooling for their children. Most families arrive with the idea that there is no problem, that England is the land of schools, and that at least there is no language difficulty. Well, we don't speak the "same" language, good schools in England don't have vacancies on short notice, and without going into the question of whether the English system of education is superior or not, at least the two systems are vastly different.

A child of eleven, say, entering school here, would find himself about eighteen months behind his fellows in his accomplishment in certain subjects. He would have had no Latin; probably no French; he will have no knowledge of how to juggle arithmetic problems in pounds, shillings and pence; he will know little or nothing of English history. The school has a problem too; they won't want to place him too far behind his own

age-group, but they'll have to place him where he can do the work of the class. and it will probably mean private tutoring. Let's suppose this child is quick and intelligent, he catches up quickly; he's still odd-man-out, and children are conformists—they like to be just like all the rest. And having made this adjustment, what good will it do him when he gets back to his school in America? It's very likely he'll lose another year in that change back, for he won't have kept up with the American system. That's two adjustments for one child, fraught with possibilities of unhappiness and the consequent behaviour problems.

This all pre-supposes that the child has been accepted in a satisfactory school, which is the parents' big problem. It's not that English schools don't want to take American children; the well-established ones are full of children who have been registered there for years before entering. These schools would welcome the establishment of an American school; they don't like turning down applications from Americans because it seems unfriendly. But the alternative is to displace an English child who's been on the list for years.

Most American parents come over here looking forward to the many interesting opportunities of living for a few years in another country, both for themselves and their children. If the children have to adjust to new ways, it's good for them. But isn't this perhaps sacrificing the child to an adult point of view? He has no choice in the matter. And won't he gain the same advantages from living in another country by going to the kind of school he's accustomed to, where he can carry on happily in his usual pattern while seeing and learning about all the new and interesting things around him?



The cover of Anglo-American News magazine

from January 1951

The idea of establishing a school for American children in London has met with a warm welcome from many individuals and organizations whose help is sought in finding schools for newly arrived American families. Of course it is recognized there are many cases where American schooling in England might not be desirable. Very young children just starting school would have no difficulty fitting into any given system—it's all new anyhow. Much can be said of the older children—high school age—being given the opportunity of learning to mix with another nationality, if they are well-balanced and sufficiently mature to gain these advantages. Certainly if a child is to spend the bulk of his school years in this country, he should go to the schools of the country, if only from the social necessities. But for children of eight to fourteen who are only here for a few years, there should be no need for them to take these confusing hurdles, and the author has plans well under way to open an American school centrally located in London, by Eastertime. Reader's views on this question would be much appreciated.

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Recollections of Studying at ASL

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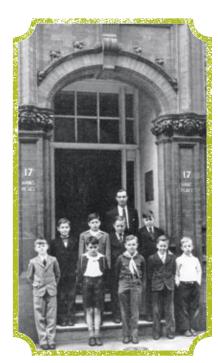
to two students from the early years of the American School In London.

SOME MEMORIES NEVER FADE— EVEN AFTER SIXTY YEARS.

After seeing the picture on ASL's website of Stephen Eckard on the steps of 17 Hans Place with students in the 1950s, I got to thinking about where those students might be today. On the whole, they seem a smart, happy band. What hand have the intervening years dealt them? And what might they recall of those early years of ASL? With the help of the School's advancement office, and as a journalist and ASL alumna, I took it upon myself to track down some of those early students. I had success in finding two of those boys who received an American-style education under the keen eye of ASL founding headmaster Stephen Eckard all those years ago.

Alumnus Bob Crawford '58 vividly remembers attending the American School in London during the post-war period when he was only nine years old. In the photograph, he stands proudly in front of the school's first building wearing a cub scout uniform with a buckled belt and tied bandana. He's one of the original thirteen boys who started school in April 1951 in the Knightsbridge flat of the school's founder, Stephen L. Eckard, an American journalist and former teacher.

Crawford recalls arriving in London just before Christmas 1950. His parents, who were with the military, enrolled their son in a British boarding school in Kent, because at that time they weren't aware of an American school. The French teacher hit students with a ruler, and Crawford was lonely. He'd never lived



away from his parents nor did he like how he couldn't visit them on weekends. "It was not a good experience," says Crawford, 70. "There was a different mindset about learning than what we have in the US."

At an embassy party, his parents found out that Mr. Eckard, who worked for the North American Service of the BBC, was starting a school that followed an American curriculum. Bob begged his parents to allow him to enroll. During spring break, his parents picked him up from his British school and he never returned. Thus, Crawford began three years study at ASL, starting with Grade 4.

That April, he and a handful of elementary and middle-school students

sat around Eckard's dining room table to learn the essentials: reading, writing and arithmetic. Mr. Eckard, who lived in the apartment, also set up card tables to accommodate students, who initially didn't use textbooks and instead relied on paper and pencil to complete lessons. Several grade levels were taught simultaneously. That first year, all students learned French. "It was like the classic one-room schoolhouse," Crawford said.

Like Crawford, Rocco MacAllister '57 also transferred from a British school to ASL; he couldn't get used to taking notes in a notebook, a mainstay of the British educational system. Both remember walking past destroyed buildings, one just up the street from their school at 17 Hans Place. "This was 1951 and there were still bombed-out sites that hadn't been fixed since the war," said MacAllister, whose father worked for the Air Force.

All around them was the devastation of World War II. "London was tremendously damaged during the Blitz, and there was still evidence of that," Crawford said, who lived within walking distance of the School at 100 Lancaster Gate, near Hyde Park. During the Blitz from September 1940 to May 1941, the Germans bombed London and other British cities, targeting populated areas, factories and dockyards.

Even in 1951, six years after the war ended, food rationing was the norm. Crawford recounted how it was difficult to get cheese, butter, eggs and milk, which were all in short supply. "We forget what the British went through during the war, and that they were still recovering from that. Lunch at school was a challenge."

During our interviews, both Crawford and MacAllister reminisced about their days in London, and fondly remember taking field trips to the British Museum,



Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. Crawford was impressed by the Rosetta Stone at the British Museum; he liked how the stone, dating from 196 BC, exhibited three scripts—hieroglyphics, demotic and Greek—so that the priests, government officials and rulers of Egypt could read what it said. It also fascinated him how the stone, discovered in 1799 by the French in a small village in the Delta region of Egypt, was used to decipher hieroglyphics and other ancient Egyptian writings.

"It made history come alive," said Crawford.

MacAllister recalls viewing King George VI lying in state at Westminster Hall in February 1952. The King, who's depicted in the award-winning film *The King's Speech*, never recovered from a lung operation and died at the age of 56. His daughter, Elizabeth, was crowned Queen in June the following year.

"The event made quite an impression on me with the casket in the middle of the hall and the guards in big helmets with their rifles bowing their heads to the King," said MacAllister, 72. "It was very impressive."

The Tube and buses in London made an impact on Crawford and MacAllister. The youngsters didn't worry about safety on public transportation, and took the subway to get to school and around the city. "In fact, I got in trouble with my parents for going off exploring on my own using public transport. Nowadays, one would be reluctant to do that as an adult, much less as a child. But London in the early 1950s was a very safe city."

The men, who don't remember each other from their ASL days, also talked about the School's surge in enrollment and its subsequent move to a row house on Grosvenor Square. There, a handful of instructors helped Mr. Eckard run classes; each grade level had its own classroom. The Spanish teacher, Mr. Poole, made a particular impression on MacAllister, who attended ASL in Grades 7 and 8.

"He enjoyed the kids," said MacAllister.
"I kept up with the work and moved up with the rest of the students in the class."

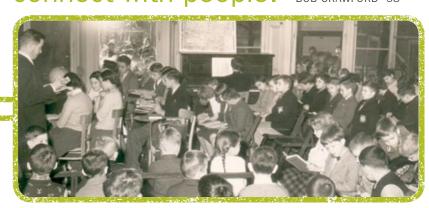
MacAllister admits his memory of those times is sometimes cloudy, nevertheless, some youngsters he won't ever forget. "The students were all Americans, and a boy called Bruce was my best friend," he

said. "I used to talk about going to West Point, and Bruce was going to go to the naval academy at Annapolis. I don't know if he followed through with his plan, but I followed through with mine."

In 1963, MacAllister graduated from The US Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, he devoted his career to the Air Force. Every three years, he moved to such places as Germany, Canada, Vietnam, Colorado and Washington, DC. In 1982, he retired, and now works part-time at H&R Block, a tax preparation company.

Crawford graduated from the US Naval Academy. Since 1963, he has worked in Washington, DC, for various companies, including his own information technology firm. He now helps companies win a slice

"There's a certain amount of insecurity, which is inevitable because you're not able to establish roots and build long-term relationships. The other side of that is that you learn to cope. You can go into a new situation and immediately connect with people." BOB CRAWFORD '58



of the \$28 billion pie the federal government awards for information technology contracts.

Similar to many students at ASL today, Crawford's childhood was largely transitory. For him, this included stays in Washington, DC; Copenhagen; and London. "There's a certain amount of insecurity, which is inevitable because you're not able to establish roots and build long-term relationships. The other side of that is that you learn to cope. You can go into a new situation and immediately connect with people."

Needless to say, Crawford pondered on how much London has changed over the past 60 years. No longer is it the quintessential British city inhabited mainly with English residents; now, it's become more cosmopolitan and bustles with people from all over the world. "I remember how British London was at the time. It was a much friendlier city—not so overwhelming. You can't walk on the sidewalks now because there are so many people. That wasn't true back then."

Both men rave about the education at ASL. "The education was fine—it never held me back on what I wanted to

do—and as a small school, I got to know many people there," said MacAllister.

Nor did MacAllister forget Mr. Eckard. On a layover at Heathrow airport in 1961, he called ASL to chat with the easy-going principal who knew all the students. Unfortunately, Eckard wasn't available since he was traveling to New York to visit his sick mother. The airport was fogged in and the planes delayed even longer. MacAllister returned to the passenger lounge, and to his surprise sitting in the first chair by the door was Mr. Eckard. While they waited for the fog to lift, they talked about how Eckard was still running ASL, which by then had celebrated its first high school graduation, prom and yearbook.

"All I could think of was 'What a small world!'" said MacAllister. "I've never had an experience like that before or since."

Jennifer Nelson '81 is currently pursuing an MFA in creative writing at Vermont

College after spending many years writing

for newspapers and magazines, and

teaching French. She has three teenage

Classroom studies, early 1950s Boys with a policeman, 1950s

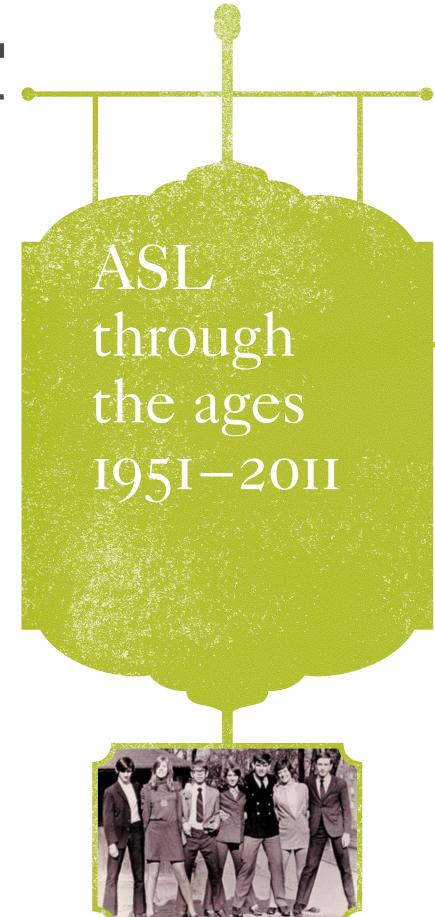
Stephen Eckard leads assembly, 1950s

School dance, 1950s

children and lives in Hopewell, New Jersey.
Since Jennifer wrote this article,
Frederick Killgore '62 shared a memory on
the website. He has similar recollections
to Bob and Rocco:

"I believe I am probably the barely visible boy (with a long-sleeved white shirt and hands in the pocket) on the far right-side of the 60-year photograph you have used showing Steve Eckard and the original school. I have never noticed this before. I remember going to school with the facades of bombed-out buildings and rationing still remaining in London. I also remember the happy sports afternoons with trips to the grounds of Winfield House... And I remember the morning that Steve Eckard came on the school's public address system announcing the death of King George VI, and how ASL students needed to be quiet and respectful in public during this especially sad period."

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 Stephen L. Eckard opens a school for 13 students in his flat on Hans Place in Knightsbridge

'52

 Facilities move to Grosvenor Square as the School grows to 135 students and 10 teachers

'55

 US President Harry Truman addresses students

'57

 High School (Grades 10–12) added as the School moves to two Regency houses at Gloucester Gate



'60

- First High School graduation (12 seniors)
- First yearbook
- First prom (at Manettas)
- The eagle is chosen as the School mascot

'63

- School moves to 38/41 York Terrace
- Teacher Paul Morton begins 34 years of perfect attendance

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- ASL becomes an educational trust
- The School expands and is housed under 12 roofs

'68

- The International Sports League (ISL) is started
- York Gate opens for Middle School
- Ground breaking for the new building in St. John's Wood by US Ambassador David K.E. Bruce

'69

 The High School moves to the Working Men's College for two years while the new building is finished



'70

 The cornerstone for the new school building is laid by the Rt. Hon. Michael Stuart, CH, MP, British foreign and commonwealth secretary, in the presence of US Ambassador Walter Annenberg and ASL Board Chairman Albert F. Lager

'71

- The new building is dedicated by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, secretary of state for education and science
- First graduation in the new building;
 Lord Hailsham is guest speaker
- First championships in ISL Tournament—boys soccer, girls volleyball
- Jack H. Harrison chosen as the second head of school (1971–86)

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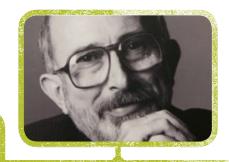
 The Faculty Sabbatical Policy is established; Harry Hurtt is the first recipient

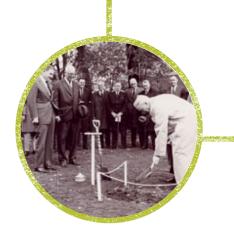
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- DoDDS Sports League begins
- The Student-Teacher Mentor Program is established



Sixties style at ASL
Eagle!
Harry Truman
ASL badge from 1950s
Prom 1963
Margaret Thatcher
Paul Morton (ASL 1963–97)
Jack Harrison (ASL 1971–86)
David K.E. Bruce breaks ground on the current site





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- First Music Tour: Stage Band goes to The Hague
- The American Memorial Collection is established in the Mellon Library to commemorate ASL families killed in a Paris plane crash
- International Schools Sports
 Tournament (ISST) is started

'75

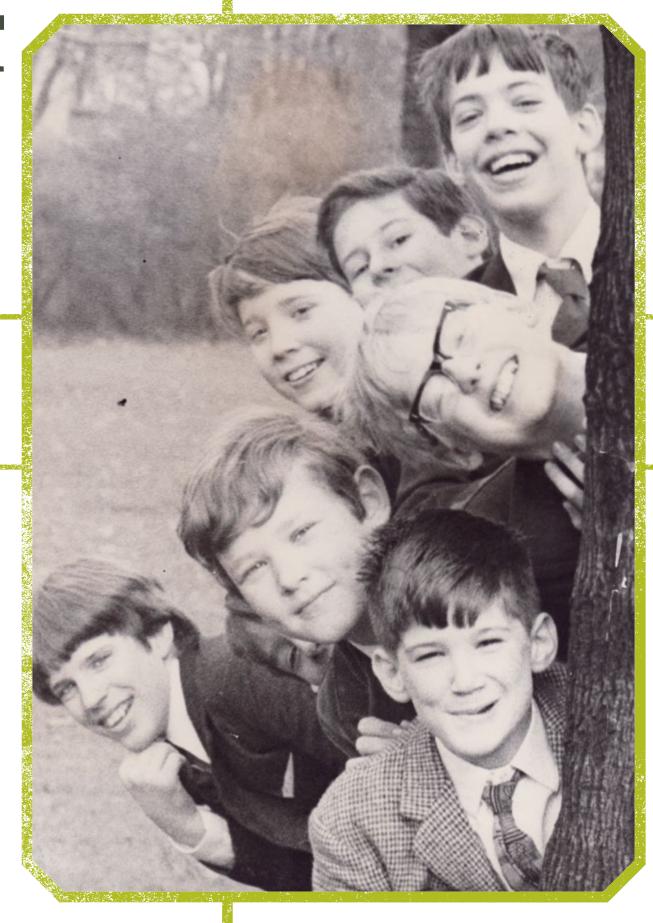
- International Honor Band and Choir are established by ASL faculty
- The HS student newspaper, the Standard, is started

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- First High School Alternatives trips

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- Death of ASL founder Stephen L. Eckard







Left to right, top to bottom

Relaxing with a good book in the library
Early computer at ASL
Judith Glickman (ASL 1992–98) and students
on Abbey Road
Bill Greenham (ASL 1991–92)
Band members, 1980s
Baseball at Canons Park
Bill Harris (ASL 1986–91)
Seussical, Jr., MS play in the School Center, 2011
Sports in the Farmer Family Gymnasium
Bill Mules (ASL 1998–2007)
Al Gore







'81

- First computer lab is built

'84

 Concert Band plays for President Ronald Reagan at Winfield House, residence of the US ambassador

'86

 William E. Harris is chosen as the third head of school (1986–1991)



'91

- Death of William E. Harris, third head of school
- William H. Greenham is chosen as fourth/interim head of school (1991–92)

'92

 Judith R. Glickman is chosen as the fifth head of school (1992–98)

'94

 Canons Park playing fields are purchased

'96

 Schoolwide computer network is installed

'97

- Facilities Master Plan is approved

'98

- William C. Mules is chosen as the sixth head of school (1998–2007)

'99

Ground breaking for the School's renovation and expansion



'00

 Completion of new gyms and the High School humanities wing

'01

- Completion of the SchoolWorks project
 ASL celebrates 50 years of providing quality education
- '06

 Ground breaking for the new School Center for Education and the Arts

07

- Coreen R. Hester is chosen as the seventh head of school
- School Center completed

'08

 School Center opening—special guests include the Honorable Al Gore and actor Kevin Spacey







'10

- Strategic Plan 2010 adopted

'11

 In April, Founder's Day was celebrated on the 60th anniversary of the founding of ASL

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 ASL makes the 2011–12 academic year an official celebration of its founding in 1951





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1 Students celebrate Founder's Day in celebratory T-shirts in April

Founder's Day: 21 April 2011

SL Founder's Day took place on Thursday, 21 April 2011. The event marked the day on which ASL founder and first headmaster Stephen L. Eckard (ASL 1951-71) opened the doors of his Knightsbridge flat in April 1951 to start the American School in London. In the ensuing years, the School has moved many times before settling in its present building at One Waverley Place in 1971. We hope to make Founder's Day an all-school tradition to reflect upon and celebrate the institution of ASL as well as to educate the community about the School's rich history.

In April, the day was celebrated with our Eagle mascot greeting students as they arrived for school. Seventh Head of School Coreen R. Hester made an announcement to welcome everyone to Founder's Day.

Mid morning, students, faculty and staff gathered on the playground for an all-school photograph to mark the occasion and sing Happy Birthday to ASL. Check out *Accents'* Spotlight on London picture on pages 26–27 to see the result. During the day, cupcakes, and commemorative stickers and T-shirts were distributed to students.

The T-shirts were designed by four member of the ASL community from a selection of more than 40 submissions by students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents. The designs of Andrew Bentley

'83, Anya Mer '13, Thomas Cassidy '18 and Becca Goldrup '20 were printed on the 60th commemorative T-shirts.

Going forward, the day will be celebrated every year on 21 April (or on the third Thursday in April) with an all-school assembly and festivities.

On the big day, an electronic birthday card was sent to everyone in the ASL community—students, faculty/staff, parents, alumni, parents of alumni, and former faculty/staff—inviting them to submit memories of their time at ASL.

The School Memories page has proved an enormous hit. There have been hundreds of wonderful ASL memories shared. Here are just a few:

Eric Childs '97

One of my fondest memories was creating and decorating Mr. Higgins' lab coats at the end of each semester. He was an amazing teacher and mentor and his classes really sparked my interest in math and science.

Courtney (Mellon) DuBois '95

I have a million ASL memories that are all wonderful! Every year on Superbowl Sunday I'm reminded of ASL. We always had an overnight Superbowl party in order to watch the game live from London. We were are allowed to bring pillows and come to school in pjs the next day. The commons would look like a bedroom. The friendships I formed at ASL have lasted through many years. We still get together and talk often. ASL was by far my best school experience!

Katharine Holabird Haggiag P '97 '01

I remember the first time I came to read Angelina Ballerina books in the Lower School library in 1985. I was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and imagination, and came away thinking this would be a great school for my own kids. That's how Alexandra Haggiag '97 and Adam Haggiag '01 became ASL students—and I became an ASL parent.

Margaret (Reid) Haines '75

Elton John before he was famous playing for us in the auditorium...outrageous.

Sally Webster (ASL 1974-99)

The most wonderful school full of fabulous folks. I loved my 25 years teaching at ASL. Thanks to all who were part of my ASL life. The students and parents are awesome.

John Ehrlich '63

Miss Bradley's 12th grade English class—I've never worked so hard in my academic life! She was the best teacher I ever had—Thank you, Miss B.

Sophie Ong '08

Going to Malta for Music Tour. It was so nice to visit and explore a new and warm country. We traveled by ferry to one of the Maltese islands and performed at a festival celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome.

Bill McCalmont '73

Open classrooms, IRA bomb scares, coal miner strikes, electricity outages, Elton John, Sir Robert Carter coaching soccer, Kevin Hanick coaching baseball in Regent's Park...Fablisimo!

Wendy Portermain Hiatt '79

Loved the field trips to all of the interesting historical sites. All of my teachers taught me life lessons that I still hold on to today.

Alice Lippincott Dorman '82

A fabulous High School choir trip to Madrid. It was led by Mr. & Mrs. Bassett and, besides multiple performances, included a visit to El Prado art museum, paddle boating in Retiro Park, and a side trip to Segovia to see its Roman aqueduct.

Colleen Denney '77

Of course the two Elton John concerts in the gym, as well as seeing Vincent Price with sword in hand in 1973 (?) in the lobby when he was making a film in the School. And seeing Julie Andrews saunter in one day in 1973 as (I swear) "The Sound of Music" was playing on the radio; and the Morocco trip with Mr. Jesse (1974).

Nadia Kazolides '03

I remember my first day of kindergarten. Everyone was so friendly!



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"Too many to count—crew, senior ski trip, music tour, alternatives... but most importantly, great lifelong friends!"

JOHN FOGLESONG '98

Tori Robertson P '08 '10 '12 '14

Mr. Wilson before or after a bike ride! His riding gear was the absolute best!! Mr Elliott shouting, "Hot coffee, hot coffee, coming through!" as he made his way through crowded halls—without a cup of coffee...Dr Mules explaining the merits of roundabouts to new parents...Ahmed always smiling and asking how I am.

Danielle Auckerman '92

Prom at the Savoy and then a party boat on the Thames. How awesome can prom night be!?

Karen (Sconiers) White '82

Mr. Morton's ties! Mr. McGovern's enthusiasm for Hemingway and Fitzgerald. Mr. Fecher's patience in tutoring me for my calculus exam—even though I was already a freshman in college. Mrs. Bassett and seven years of music tours

throughout Europe. Of all of my memories, I remember the superior and dedicated teachers I had at ASL. Thank you!

Ricki Weiser (May Doris R. Weiser) '62

There are WAY too many things I remember that make me smile. I started there in 1955 on Grosvenor Square, and I remember the gym in the back alley, the changing room under the stairs, the classrooms (art/crafts) in the basement, the dances on Friday afternoons in the Library, the movie theater at the Embassy (old), the frozen water pipes so we were sent home early, and the pea soup fog where you couldn't see 5 feet in front of your nose. I remember Miss Bradley and Mr. Eckard with a smile always; Mr. French (custodian) who brought milk to us in the library at lunchtime and who lived above the School with his family: the assemblies held every morning in the

exploration, innovation and
excellence, we encourage you to
take 60 seconds to share a memory,
and learn about ASL's history.
Visit asl.org > About us > History >
Share a memory/Fun facts.

As we celebrate 60 years of

library; and Mr. Truman (past president) coming to visit. At the school in Regent's Park, I remember the bus/tube rides to and from the School, and the "playing field" in Regent's Park. It held a very special time for me. I ended up in a British girls' school the last two years we were in London and came back stateside in February 1962.

Donna '73

I loved living there and the friends I made, however, my fondest memory is when Elton John came and performed at the School. March 24, 1973. I still have the ticket:-)

David Post '67

Miss Bradley, Mrs. Tranoy, Miss Yusedjian, Peter Waller, Harry Hurtt, Stephen L. Eckard, Capt. R.B. Kail, Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. Schleppi...the finest faculty and staff...

Sarah Gough Schwarz '91

The giant chocolate chip cookies sold in the tuck shop.

Tom Turnbull '74

Thank you, John Lockwood and Bob Carter for the huge impact you both had on me in sport and life. I am grateful to both of you all these years later, and think of you often. Our athletic contests and travels representing the School were tremendous times! My favorite soccer pitch we played on in Regent's Park was the one on a 30 degree incline, right outside the wolf cage at the London Zoo. We really enjoyed it when they fed the animals! All of us were happy the wolves never ate an "eagle!"

Reilly Cirenza '17

Even though I only went to ASL for one year, and that was in 2009 and I was in 4th grade, ASL has changed my life in so many ways. I LOVE IT AND MISS IT SO MUCH.





- Bob Carter (ASL 1969–present), Roger Corrigan (ASL 1971–2010) and John Lockwood (ASL 1967–2007)
- John Lockwood (ASL 1967–2007)

 4 Mary Bradley (ASL 1953–71)
- **5** Georgia (ASL 1974–95) and Dick (ASL 1974–96) Bassett
- 6 Ethan Higgins (ASL 1979–09)









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PCA Masquerade Auction: 4-5 March 2011

Gamely led by PCA Auction co-chairs Marci DeClaris P '10 '14, Rasha Elmasry P '12 '14 '16 and Susan Philips P '19 '21, and PCA President Maria Driano P '14 '18, the 2011 PCA Masquerade Auction was an enormous success. Drawing as its inspiration the grandeur of Venice and the fun colors of Carnival, the two-day community-building extravaganza of events kicked off on Friday, 4 March, in the Farmer Family Gymnasium, with a brunch and silent auction, and a fabulous raffle followed by a kids' party with games and treats. On Saturday, 5 March, the celebration continued at the Guildhall with dinner, live and silent auctions, followed by dancing in the Crypts.

The biennial auction is the PCA's main fundraiser and finances new and ongoing projects at ASL. The Masquerade Auction raised funds to support improvements to the School's playing fields at Canons Park, including the refurbishment of the pavilion and an improved environmental garden and play area. Funds also go to new programs in each division, and increased endowment funds for faculty

and staff support. The PCA relies on the generous support and enthusiasm of the ASL community to make the auction a fun-filled event.

Hundreds of items were up for grabs, including a gorgeous wool rug designed by students in Ms. Lituchy's Grade 3 class. She commented, "The children drew pictures of places in London as part of our social studies project. A class parent took the drawings to a company that turned it into a rug. It's really beautiful." Also available was a Thai feast for 10 with Masterchef contestant and Grade 7 aide Sean Ross, a trip to a fashion show in Paris, kids' sports parties, baskets of treats, and so much more.

The PCA Masquerade Auction co-chairs write, "Thanks to all our wonderful parents, volunteers and donors. Without you, Masquerade would not have been such a tremendous success. Friday was spectacular! We raised £97,000 from the silent auction, class basket raffles and tombola. At the kids' party, hundreds of students enjoyed the magician, the stilt walker, the games, and tons of cupcakes. Saturday's auction gala at the Guildhall was a beautiful evening and raised in excess of £800,000. Thank you to everyone who played a part."

From the proceeds of the Masquerade Auction, the PCA donated £633,356 to the School.









The two-day festivities of the PCA Masquerade Auction were a huge success











Community partnerships near and far

2010–11 saw another very active year in the ASL Global Center. Following ASL's relief efforts in early 2010 to help the people affected by the Haitian capital's earthquake, which rendered more than 1 million people homeless, the School responded immediately to the ensuing disasters in Pakistan and Japan, with students planning the lion's share of activities.

For Flood Relief for Pakistan in summer 2010, National Honor Society students took the lead, partnering with students at the International School of Islamabad, who helped distribute contributions and funds in the disaster zone. Students were eager to help and across the divisions wristbands were designed and sold, bake sales were organized, and a call for help was issued to fill hundreds of life boxes to help those in the stricken areas.

When the tsunami hit northern Japan in March, ASLers again rallied to help. Once more partnering with a local school, this time The American School in Japan, in the words of Madeleine Briggs '14, "ASL launched a flurry of efforts to help Japan." High schoolers Kay Hasegawa '13 and Ariko Kurono '13 created a Facebook page to raise awareness. Kendal Fass '19 initiated the sale of ASL for Japan wristbands, "To give people a memory of the cause," she says. Middle schoolers sold badges and T-shirts, and the entire



community came together to fold more than 2,500 origami cranes, a symbol of hope, luck and prosperity in Japan.

Partnerships closer to home continued to flourish. 2010–11 was the pilot year for the high school Community Opportunities program. By the end of the school year, former Director of Global Studies & Community Partnerships Annabel Lucy Smith (ASL 2009–11) reports that 187 students took part, along with 22 faculty/staff coaches working with 12 local partner organizations—quite an achievement for a pilot program.

There were four middle school service-learning projects, a lower school Sharing Spring project, two community-service days, the SHINE program continued to benefit children from local schools, and there were partnership trips to Mexico and South Africa—and so much more.

Read more about the fabulous schemes under way in the Spring 2011 edition of *Perspectives*, asl.org > Community/login > Community partnerships.

New Director of Advancement

We are pleased to announce
William Vaughan's appointment as
the new Director of Advancement
at ASL. William is a native of
Mississippi and a graduate of
Milsaps College and Columbia
University. He began his career in
New York as a fundraising consultant and later as a development
officer at the New York Philharmonic.
William was the first director of
development at the American School
of Paris and subsequently served as
vice president for international
development at the New World
Symphony in Miami Beach, a
leadership academy for conservatory graduates from the
US and abroad. Later, William joined
the fundraising team at the Museum
of Fine Arts, Boston, securing
leadership gifts for a \$500 million
campaign to build endowment and
fund a major new American Wing

William comes to ASL from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was vice president for institutional advancement. He brings to ASL a deep experience in fundraising for educational and arts organizations as well as a heart for community building with an international emphasis. William joined the School on 1 July. He is an anglophile, having majored in English literature, and is thrilled to be living in London and working at ASL. He is also a downhill skier, with a fondness for the slopes of Colorado, though he is ready to give the Alps another go. Please join us in welcoming William to the ASL community.



Dedication of the Alaghband Library

During the SchoolWorks campaign, 1999–2002, Farah and Hassan Alaghband (P '11) made a significant gift to name the Lower School Library, but chose to postpone the formal dedication until after their daughter, Roxanne, graduated.

On Thursday, 23 June, a dedication ceremony was held to formally name the library in the Alaghbands' honor. In her address, Mrs. Hester described the extraordinary generosity and modesty, typical of Farah and Hassan, who have been part of the fabric of the School since the early 1990s.

Mrs. Hester referred to a library as a place of sharing—the beating heart of any school.

She went on to say, "It's hard to imagine any ASL activity, gathering or initiative without some form of thoughtful involvement by the

Alaghband family. And for that, ASL has become a better place."

Mrs. Hester read good wishes to the Alaghbands that had been sent to her from former head of school Bill Mules (ASL 1998–2007) and former board chair John Farmer P '91 '94 '97.

In the Alaghbands' response, Roxanne was keen to point out how important the library has been to her from her early years in school to the present day.



- Two generations of ASLers: Phonathon volunteer Kyra Kentopp '89 P '17 '19 '22 in Regent's Park at the ASL Reunion
- 2 Still high school sweethearts (and loyal donors), after 50 and 25 years! Susan Savage Cavenagh '61, Bob Cavenagh '61, Head of School Coreen R. Hester, and Marty Cornelius '86 and Danielle Renaud Cornelius '87 P '18 '20
- 3 Board Chair Lori E. Fields and Head of School Coreen R. Hester with 2010–11 Annual Fund chairs Kenton Jernigan P '18 '20 '25, Kirsten Poler P '14 '15 '25, Paige Jernigan P '18 '20 '25, and Dwight Poler P '14 '15 '25



Groundbreaking at Canons Park

Head of School Coreen R. Hester, Board Chair Lori E. Fields P '08 '10 '14 and PCA President Maria Driano P '14 '18, along with school personnel and project architects, pose with Steve Murphy of RISE Contracts Limited as work on the pavilion at Canons Park officially commenced on Tuesday, 31 May. Work on the project, which includes enhancements to the lower school environmental area and playground, was completed this fall. The PCA was a significant contributor to the project thanks to its successful Masquerade Auction in March.



865 donors

88 volunteers

3 phonathons

2 pairs of high school sweethearts

One Annual Fund £1,440,125

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2010–11 Annual Fund! Gifts and expertise come to ASL from all over the globe, and we are grateful to the members of our community—parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends—whose contributions ensure ASL remains innovative and outstanding. We couldn't do it without you!







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Farewell, Mrs. Neutze!

Thursday, 31 March, saw ASL bid farewell to long-serving teacher and much-loved colleague Sunny Neutze. Mrs. Neutze first arrived at ASL in 1984 and she reports of having loved every second of her association with the School. Before her departure, the MS grade reps organized an evening reception in the Mellon Library in Mrs. Neutze's honor, where she was presented with a book of memories contributed by colleagues, students and parents, past and present. At an assembly in a packed-to-the-rafters School Center, the Middle School said their goodbyes to their assistant principal in true ASL style.

In her departing speech, Mrs. Neutze thanked everyone for such a wonderful send-off. She reminded students that being an ASLer is very special. She promised to think of the School often in her new life in Florida.

Sunny Neutze came to ASL as a substitute teacher in 1983 after her family moved to London for her husband's don't know what jobs they are going to US naval career. After a year subbing, Mrs. Neutze was offered a position teaching Grade 6 and then moved to the Lower School where she taught Grade 2. In 1986, her husband was stationed in San Francisco so Mrs. Neutze and her family moved back to the US. But when another London assignment popped up for her husband in 1989, she returned to ASL. Mrs. Neutze was offered the Grade 5

team leader role and she's been in the Middle School ever since, barring the period that Grade 5 was part of the

In 2001, Mrs. Neutze became assistant principal and while she missed being in the classroom, she realized what an enormous and meaningful role she was playing in the School. Describing herself as a firefighter, Mrs. Neutze said, "I'm always putting fires out. I can come into school in the morning and have maybe two meetings the whole day but when I get here, I am busy every minute of the day. No paperwork will get done. I will be putting out fires all day long. It's seeing to the every day running of the Middle School."

Following her retirement, Mrs. Neutze took time to explore London before spending two months traveling in Spain and Italy with her husband. In June, the Neutzes moved to the US to be closer to their daughters.

Speaking of their move to Miami, Florida, Mrs. Neutze said, "After London, you can't just go anywhere. I think you need some place that's going to have a cultural, international community. If we don't like it, we'll move! But I think Miami is a good jumping off point."

Although retired, she hopes to find some volunteer opportunities in a local school. When asked what she will miss most about ASL, Mrs. Neutze said, "ASL is not like any other school. ASL is this vibrant, growing thing and you get sucked into it. You want to do more. You want to do your very best. It invigorates you. I've always said if you're doing what you love you never work a day in your life. I never said I have to go to work. I never felt I was going to work. I always said I was going to school."

Having worked under every head of school except Stephen Eckard, Mrs. Neutze saw major changes at ASL over the years from the building renovations through the SchoolWorks capital campaign to the laptop program in the Middle School.

"The programs at ASL keep advancing. We keep trying to put more things in to make it a better educational experience for kids of the 21st century. The students be doing because those jobs aren't there yet. We need to be able to give the students the right education so they can move into fields that are going to open up in the future. I think ASL keeps changing to do that. We try to keep up with the times."

With a big smile, she added, "People at ASL have always been top-notch though." We couldn't agree more, Mrs. Neutze.



First recipient of the **Sunny Neutze Prize**

To honor Sunny Neutze's years of dedication to ASL, the Sunny Neutze Prize has been created and will be awarded annually to a member of ASL's faculty or staff who exhibits exceptional commitment to excellence in the furtherance of education and in support of the mission of the School. At the Recognition Luncheon in June, Head of School Coreen R. Hester announced that the first recipient of the Sunny Neutze Prize is High School science teacher Bill Kenney P '03 '22 (ASL 1990-present).



Kathleen Benz '03 honored with scholarship in her memory

Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 and will be awarded to a Differences (SLD) program. After the tragic loss of Kathleen in May 2010, members of the ASL community created this scholarship in her honor. During her time at ASL, Kathleen excelled as a student and contributed to numerous community projects and art programs. Everyone remembers her for her warmth, kindness and contagious smile. Kathleen's family praises the SLD program for supporting her students will continue to flourish in the program. If you wish to contribute to the fund, please contact the



The Learning Institute at **ASL** goes from strength to strength

The Learning Institute at ASL entered its second year this summer with a successful week of interesting courses, collaboration and discussion, which took place 20-24 June. Four courses were offered and teachers descended on ASL from across the globe. Joining ASL faculty were educators from St. Petersburg to San Francisco. Participants engaged in a weeklong

examination of their own practice with a special emphasis on applying new understandings to their work.

The mission of the Learning Institute at ASL is to inspire excellence in teaching and learning through innovative, research-based professional development opportunities for educators world-wide.

Next year, the Learning Institute will offer a course on recent brain research, Emotion and Cognition, presented by esteemed researcher, professor and former middle school teacher Mary Helen Immodiano-Yang; and wellrespected international educator and professor Carol Ann Tomlinson will deliver a course on differentiation. In addition, there are plans afoot to offer a course in math to support the work of the Math Review.

Former Director of Curriculum and Instruction Robyn Chapel (ASL 2009-11) thanks everyone who supports the Learning Institute at ASL. For more information, visit asl.org > Academics > The Learning Institute at ASL.



Long-serving member of the community depart ASL

In June, ASL said goodbye to four long-serving staff members. With 65 years of collective service, Faculty Recruitment Manager Marion Cider (ASL 1989-2011) and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Pat Clappé (ASL 1991–2011), pictured, and Director of Capital Giving Patrick Mahany (ASL 1999–2011) and Associate Technology Director Tony Bonnaud (ASL 2000–2011) will be greatly missed. Marion, Pat and Tony are now retired; and Patrick has moved on to Norwood School in Bethesda, Maryland, as director of advancement.

We are grateful for the many contributions all four have made to ASL and wish them all the very best for the future.



Speakers Series

Entering its eleventh year, ASL Speakers Series forges forward with an Olympics theme for the 2011–12 year. In anticipation of London 2012, an interesting and varied array of speakers is planned for the year ahead. To kick off the year, professor of classical studies at the University of Pennsylvania and ASL alumnus David Romano '64 presented a history of the Olympic games. In early December, sports media expert Phil Hersch visits the School to talk about sports coverage. Two panels are planned for 2012: one to discuss Olympic architecture and another to include Olympic athletes. Speakers Series is open to all members of the ASL community, who will be notified of specific dates and times nearer to the events. For more details, visit asl.org.



A very special meeting

After the end of school in June, a group of high school students, led by Roger Smith (ASL 2003–present), Gwenndolyn Williams (ASL 1991– present) and Michelle Gerken (ASL Africa to work with two of ASL's ongoing community partnerships, the Amy Biehl Foundation in Cape the group had an extraordinary opportunity. Roger Smith takes up the story, "Faisal, our liaison with the foundation, told us of a morning church service regularly presided over by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Faisal knows 'the Arch,' as he refers to him. Would we like to go? We didn't need to think twice! It was a 7_{AM} service in a small side chapel of the Cathedral of St. George which would be over by 8 since 'the Arch always ends on time.' There we wanted to meet the Arch and maybe get a photo. The group was scheduled to catch the boat to Robben Island at 8:45, and we weren't sure if we could make the it, the inclement weather meant there were no boats going out to the Archbishop for coffee up the had changed his clothes! The service itself was attended by a small congregation of about 30, and he greeted everyone in the chapel during the sharing of 'the peace.' It was an awesome experience!'



'61

In addition to attending this spring's London reunion, our 1961 class couple **Susan (Savage)** and **Bob Cavenagh**, shared a terrific photo, of their family including their three children and six grandchildren.

'64

Bob Ledingham wrote in on behalf of Tim Blick, who recently visited ASL but claimed that no one would remember him. Bob responded, "Well, I do! Tim played the drums and had a neat Maerklin trainset that I coveted. So there!"

'65

Executive director emerita **Susan Ball** captured the history of arts organizations in her recent publication, *The Eye, the Hand, the Mind: 100 Years of the College Art Association.*

'69

Wendy (Vorhees) Lippold lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico with husband John. Wendy keeps herself busy as a travel agent and John has a large auto repair business.

Jerry Post, traveled to North Carolina from his home in California to visit fellow classmates Carol (Charlton) Hancock, Dave Richards and Virginia (Striplin) Dollahite, who all live in the area.

Class notes

'70

From London to Iowa, friends reconnect at the Grinnell 2010 reunion,

Tosh Lee P '83 (ASL 1975–98)

Grinnell College alumna class of 1955, and Avram Machtiger Grinnell College alumnus class of 1974.

'72

Sue (Michels) Conway P '03 '05 reconnected with longtime friend Pam Vernegaard P '03, during Pam's recent visit to London. Sue and Pam enjoyed catching up with Middle School Assistant Principal Sunny Neutze (ASL 1984–2011). Sue has vivid memories from her time at ASL both as a student and parent. Sue and her husband live in London while Pam and her family are in Texas.

Margaret (Windham) Heffernan is the proud author of Willful Blindness: Why We Ignore the Obvious at Our Peril, a book that explores the cognitive limits of the brain and how we filter what we take in.

'73

Fraser Brown has lived in Dhahran on the shores of the Arabian Gulf with wife Kathy and family for 11 years. His children attended an international school in the area that he notes is "extremely similar to ASL. I'm positive that some of the teachers were the same ones that we had in St. John's Wood." Fraser enjoys sailing a 1965 vintage Minisail with sliding seat that was rescued from under an advancing sand dune.

Albert Cambata, wife Celia and two daughters Altaire and Victoria visited ASL, Albert came to the School from the Singapore American School with his family for senior year and graduated from ASL in 1973. He lived in Belsize Park with his family at the time and his fondest memories of ASL were being on the swimming and gymnastics teams. Albert now runs their family aviation company in India called Cambata Aviation and lives in Switzerland.

Richard Phillips is a patent attorney in Houston and plans to retire in five or so years to a very nice cabin in beautiful maple woods on a semi-wild lake in Northern Wisconsin. Richard and wife Carol have three sons, ages 20–25. When not working or at the cabin, Richard cycles and remains semi-active in Scouting, "though the boys are long past it," he notes.

774

Nathan Birnbaum reunited with Suzanne Brooks (ASL 1972–99) during their visit to campus.

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Bob Curry stopped by ASL while visiting London. Bob lives in California where he works for NASA as an aerospace engineer.

Pam (Rowton) Dyer wrote in to wish everyone a happy fourth of July. She is living in the Seattle area and working for a software company in Redmond, WA.

'76

Kendall (Newman) Ellington Pease,

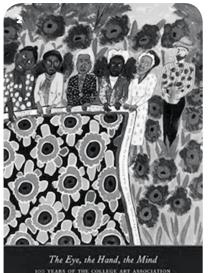
and her husband, Aaron, visited ASL during their trip to see Aaron's sister, who is living in London for a month on business. Kendall had not been back to ASL or London since leaving the School in 1974 and her husband had never been to London. After leaving ASL, Kendall attended and graduated from a school in California. She and Aaron now live in Maryland, 70 minutes outside of Washington, DC, where Kendall works as a nurse.

Mike Mendes wrote to ASL to report his recent engagement to Carol and that his children are doing well. Son Marc is a junior in Mechanical Engineering at Colorado State, and daughter Carolyn attends Fort Lewis College in Durango.

'78

While she returned to ASL as a parent this fall, **Maureen (Schumacher)**Fossum P '14 felt as though she was







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back in the classroom. Maureen attended a lecture entitled How We Discovered the Universe: from the Babylonians to the Big Bang given by her former physic teacher Joe McEvoy P '81 GP '11 (ASL 1975–85).

Terri Williams, returned to London for her friend's 50th birthday. Terri lives in California with her two children both age 11. "Not twins," she notes, as one child was adopted. While she has elected to home school her children, Terri exclaimed that she would send them to ASL if she could. Terri had very fond memories of her time at the School mentioning her Alternatives trip to Spain, and her teachers Michele Elliott (ASL 1971–84) and John Wilson (ASL 1971–2009).





- Susan (Savage) and Bob Cavenagh '61 with family
- 2 Susan Ball '65's recent publication, The Eye, the Hand, the Mind: 100 Years of the College Art Association.
- Jerry Post, Carol (Charlton) Hancock, Dave Richards and Virginia (Striplin) Dollahite, all '69
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- 7 Albert Cambata '73 and family
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- **9** Kendall (Newman) Ellington Pease '76 and husband
- **10** Maureen (Schumacher) Fossum P '14 and Joe McEvoy P '81 GP '11 (ASL 1975–85)
- **11** Terri Williams '78







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- See Steve Seligson '82
- Dan Rhodes '79 and Matt Rhodes '80
- Tim Coughlin '82 and family
- Maureen (Burghouwt) Weeks '83 and family
- See Marty Cornelius '86
- Chris Scheeval '85 and family
- Julie (Galun) Cashon, Sary Menashy, Tasha (Soudah) Irvine, Jillann (Rothwell) Mathers and Gabi (Yagupsky) Dech, all '88











Kathi (Clotheir) Angeroth has her own music and art school in Nebraska and teaches violin at Wayne State University.

As a dean at Frederick Community College, **David Croghan** lives in Maryland with his wife of 22 years and two children, one just graduating from college and the other about to enter.

Dan Rhodes, who had visited ASL last year with his children, returned to ASL with brother **Matt Rhodes** '80. Dan enjoyed showing his brother the gymnasium where they played basketball. Matt remembered that a horror movie was filmed at the School because the producers needed a gym for one of the scenes.

Jill (Witherspoon) Fair and her husband, Steve, visited ASL as part of their trip to London and Rome to celebrate their 25th



wedding anniversary. Jill is the controller for Wayne Gretzky Estate Winery in Ontario. Jill attended ASL briefly for part of Grade 7 and returned for Grades 9-11. Her family then moved to Denver. Jill recalled volleyball coach Cathy Adams (**ASL 1974–2005**), and a trip to Paris with the team, including Jill's sister **Debbie Witherspoon '78.**

A'Jalynn Oram lives in Nevada and works for an RAC auditing company in Las Vegas.

Lynn Rubier-Capron visited ASL and exclaimed that she "loved seeing the



pods, the pit and St. John's Wood, even though it's completely different now." Lynn lives in New Jersey and is eager to reconnect with other ASLers especially if they live in the area.

Crediting ASL for introducing him to theater technology, David Clothier is the director of theater lighting for Princess Cruises.

Robb Hamina lives in Colorado where his oldest son is attending college.

Graeme Menzies came back to ASL this year both to reminisce and for business reasons. Graeme serves as the director of prospective student marketing, communications & social media at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He visited with members of the college and academic advising office. After his visit, he wrote in to say that, "the School looks great, and I am very proud to have been a student there once upon a time."

Tim Coughlin, his wife, Julia, and daughters Tiara and Brianne, stopped by ASL while visiting from Canada. As a Canadian government official, Tim's father took the family all over the world, ASL being one of the international stops where Tim and his two brothers attended Middle and Lower schools. Tim carried on in his father's footsteps having served the Candaian government. In fact, his daughter commented on how this brought back memories of the American school they attended in China, just outside Hong Kong, when their family moved there for three years.

Amrou Dalloul visited ASL with his wife and son.

Joe Liles lives in Charlotte, NC, with wife of 21 years Dawn and children Jake (18), Abby (15) and Mason (10). Joe works for Merrill Lynch as a portfolio specialist.

The Wall Street Journal featured ASL alumni in a recent story about the rising popularity of "mancations." After reconnecting on Facebook, **Steve Seligson** has taken several skiing and snowmobile trips with fellow ASL classmates **Ted Sickinger, Bill McCarrick, Steve** Seligson, Neal Coble, and Rich Tunnah. Not to be confused with bachelor parties, the mancation is a pop culture term coined for male-only bonding trips centered around a whole host of activities including extreme sports, poker, and spa treatments. Long gone are the days of golfing weekends as the mancation becomes a travel industry trend that rivals all-girls getaways. Steve also went on a great white shark diving trip in Guadaloupe, Mexico, last November with brother **Dan Seligson** and brother-inlaw Jeff Redfield, married to Julie (Seligson) Redfield '87.

While on business in London, Stephen **Crain** visited ASL. He is a partner at a law firm that represents energy companies. His firm actually has a connection to ASL as one of the founding partners is the father of Joe Jaworski '80. This commonality is only one of many cross-overs these two have experienced. Stephen, who went on to attend Duke University, ran into Joe while visiting Davidson College where he attended. Five years later, Stephen found himself sitting near Joe during their first lecture at University of Texas Law School. Stephen lives in Houston with his wife and daughter, who is a freshman at St. Johns. She is planning to join her brother in a year at Philips Exeter where Stephen's son is a sophomore.

Maureen (Burghouwt) Weeks, her husband and three daughters made ASL the first stop on their European tour. Maureen traveled a lot of the world with her family as her father was on the international finance curcuit. Before coming to ASL, she and her brother attended St. John's in Brussels. Maureen attended Colorado College after ASL and later received her MBA from Duke University. Her family heads to Spain next where her daughters are participating in a language immersion program.

Mike Corpuz came by to see the School with his younger daughter, Natalie. The two were celebrating Natalie's 10th birthday with a trip to London and France. Mike and his family all live in Los Angeles, but Mike comes back to London, and ASL, whenever possible.

Chulbeom Kim returned to ASL while on holiday with his wife and two daughters. The Kim family live in South Korea where Chulbeom works as the managing director head of research for KB Investment & Securities.

Michal Mrozek, his wife, three children, and family friends stopped by ASL during their visit to London from Warsaw where

Shelly (Walthall) Runyan visited with her daughter Graycen (Grade 6), Colton (Grade 9) and Peyton, a university student, from their home in Austin, TX. They traveled to Barcelona and Madrid, and were passing through London on their way to Ireland. In 1983, Shelly was a boarding student at Marymount in Kingston, when she met some ASL students. Shelly's parents were based in Saudi Arabia, and with their permission she transferred to ASL. She remained with her boarding family and traveled close to two hours each way to attend ASL and graduated in 1984.

Alexander Smolka happily reports a sixth addition to his family, who arrived safely on 26 February 2010 to join the others age 18, 17, 14, 12 and 4 years.

Andy Dacy P '19 is back at ASL! Andy, wife Dina and their two children moved to London in order for Andy to accept a position at JPMorgan's London offices. Andy can now add current ASL parent to his alumnus status as his son Isaac is enrolled in Grade 4 and a proud member of the class of 2019.

Chris Scheevel and his family visited ASL while on holiday in London. Chris had

a remarkable memory for what the building used to look like. While her son only attended the Middle and High schools, Chris's mother had many memories from the Lower School as she volunteered in the lower school library. Chris now lives with his wife, Janel, and daughter Emily in Knoxville, TN.

In addition to dancing the night away at this year's reunion gala, Marty and Danielle '87 Cornelius took their children and current ASL students Ryleigh '18 and Russell '20 to the American Football League's London match featuring the Denver Broncos against the San Francisco 49ers. They not only saw a great game but also managed to meet Tim Tebow, the Broncos quarterback.

Tom Hayes wrote in post-reunion to say, "I enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion. Marty, I still can't keep up with you. Lot of fun getting the 'band' back together for one show with Kevin Bell and Ben Pettit '87. If anyone gets to Atlanta, give me a call."

Jeremy Arnold visited ASL after a trip to Vienna with his mother and extended travel in Germany, Sweden and Finland. He attended ASL for Grades 7 and 8 as his father worked for the US Embassy. Jeremy was reconnected to ASL through his longtime friend from Vermont summer camp, Dano Weisbord, husband of Annie Leonard (ASL 1996-97; 2010**present**). They were astounded to discover the connection. Jeremy enjoyed looking through the MS and HS yearbooks and finding some familiar faces. Jeremy lives in Los Angeles.

Gabi (Yagupsky) Dech shared this update with ASL's online community: "Most of us in the class of '88 hit a milestone birthday sometime this year (we won't mention which!), but we didn't lack celebrations. In May, a few of us gathered at Julie's house for a fun weekend of reminiscing, catching up, and enjoying some good food." Julie (Galun) Cashon, who works for AstraZeneca and lives outside of Philadelphia, is married to Scott and has sons Will (5), Eli (3) and Ben (born in April); Sary Menashy lives in New York City; Tasha (Soudah) Irvine lives in Seattle with husband Doug and sons Flynn (6) and Tate (2); Jillann (Rothwell) Mathers lives in Kingston, Ontario, and is married to David and has sons Ted (11) and Gordon (8), and works part time for

The American School in London Accents Fall '11 the Kingston Frontenac Public Library; **Gabi (Yagupsky) Dech** lives just outside
Charlottesville, Virginia, with husband
Michael and children Jason (8) and
Meghan (6), who can be sighted from
time to time playing the oboe in local
orchestras and chamber groups.

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A year ago, **Amy Hatch**, launched a website as a resource for moms in her hometown of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The site, chambanamoms.com, has proved a huge hit and has led to appearances on local TV news and radio. Additionally, Amy has appeared on the Dr. Phil Show and Fox News for her writing for ParentDish.

Michael Ogden, Jahan Bybordi '90, Hunter DuBose, Kyra Kentopp P '17 '19 '22 and Brandon Bakshi '91 held a mini reunion at the Pontefract Castle.

'90

Hilary Hayes writes in to say, "Much has happened in the past year; I got married to Michael E. Benevento in February 2010, welcomed our baby girl, Saoirse Lutra Benevento, in June 2010 (fun math problem) and have been living that whirlwind life."

'91

Heath Henderson was deployed to Afghanistan in December 2009 as the executive officer for 1st Battalion, 6th Marines and participated in the Marjah operation. Since his return in June, Heath has served for the Joint Forces Command and lives in Suffolk, Virginia, with wife Marissa and daughters Mary Beth, Caroline and Melissa.

'92

Jen Majka visited ASL from Ithaca, NY, where she works for Cornell University as house assistant dean.

Amy Swanson married Peter Sillan last December and is vice president of marketing strategy for Time Warner Global Media Group in New York.

'93

Creative director of *Diplomat* magazine

Jeannine Saba spoke with ASL high
school students during two graphic design
classes and a yearbook staff luncheon.

Jeannine provided a brief overview of her
own education and career path, illustrating
for students how one might pursue a
degree and/or job in the field of design
and magazine publishing. When she

joined *Diplomat* in 2008, Jeannine was charged with redesigning the entire look of the magazine. Sharing her redesign process was incredibly helpful to the yearbook staff as they update the look and feel of the yearbook annually to match the personality of the graduating class. Jeannine also caught up with classmate and ASL art teacher **Salma Raza (ASL 2005–present)**.

'95

Bali-based Chris Benz, spent time with **Axel Forrester's (ASL 2009-present)** high school design students. Chris came to the School to show students how he has been designing and working with craftsmen in Bali as part of the development of his custom furniture design business. Chris not only came to ASL but ASL has also flocked to Bali. High school social studies teacher Terry Gladis (ASL 1998-present) spent part of his 2009–10 sabbatical in Bali working alongside Chris. Dan Hughes '08 spent the summer in Bali learning firsthand about social entrepreneurship, microfinance and the non-profit sector. Additionally, students in the High School have created a club to support the non-profit efforts of Chris's organization. In collaboration with Chris, Terry Gladis and Patrick Benz '98, students raised awareness and funds to provide supplies and shelter for those affected by the eruptions of Mount Merapi.

Jacob Lief, spoke to ASL high school students who participated in past and planned trips to South Africa to work with Jacob's organization the Ubuntu Education Fund.

Melissa Rothe and Matthew McGuire
'93 reconnected in Washington, DC,
during the holiday season.

'97

Katie (Earlougher) Konold, husband Eddie and parents all visited ASL while on holiday in London. Katie had returned for the 2001 reunion, but was shocked by all of the changes to the campus. She was especially thrilled to see the new theater and remembered performing in a play for Stan Ratoff (ASL 1982-present) with a broken leg. As an ASL rower, Katie was thrilled to connect with her former coach, Meg Bailey (ASL 1990-present). Katie and her husband live in Texas where she works as a Grade 3 teacher and her husband is a psychologist.

Sarah Muir celebrated the birth of her son, Dylan Muir-Bailey, on the 7 June 2010.

'98

Liz Exton married Jason Kahn on 10 July 2010 in Topsfield, MA. ASL parents, former faculty and alumni attended the wedding. Liz currently teaches pre-kindergarten in an integrated program in Brookline, MA, and Jason is a research fellow at Children's Hospital Boston.

Gavin Heffernan's new film, Fraudster, was filmed in Toronto last summer. It tells the story of a disillusioned credit card analyst whose life gets turned upside down after he becomes involved in the criminal world of a fraudster.

Brock McCormack wed Gary Lowman on 19 June 2010 in Washington, DC. The couple lives in Shanghai, China. Brock and Gary work with the US Department of State.

As an accomplished software developer, **Jonathan McCracken** has written a number of .NET applications for a wide range of companies including Microsoft. Jonathan now adds book author to his titles with the release of his first book, Test Drive ASP.NET MVC, which provides an easy-to-use framework to building web applications and is available on Amazon.

'99

Adam Schwartz and his wife, Lindsay, stopped by ASL while visiting London from Philadelphia, where Adam works as an audio engineer, and Lindsay works in marketing. They met as students at American University. Adam was excited by the recording studio and new theater as he was active in the performing arts as a student and still pursues his musical interests evident by the guitar, bass, trombone, piano and other instruments that fill their basement.

Abby (Kantor) Smith and her husband Brandon proudly announced the birth of their identical twin boys, Aaron Gregory Smith, born on 23 July 2010 at 11:53 pm, and Adam Henry Smith, born on 24 July 2010 at 12:02 am. Abby points out, "Yep, they managed to get their own birthdays!"

'00

Kate Penrose and friend Marisa stopped by the School. Both live and work in Boston, MA.

Charlotte (Jarvis) Mellors '00 (ASL 2011-present) rejoined the ASL community in January 2011 as the lower school administrative assistant. In addition to starting her new job, Charlotte was married in fall 2011.





- L Amy Hatch '89
- 2 Michael Ogden '89, Jahan Bybordi '90, Hunter DuBose '89, Kyra Kentopp '89 P '17 '19 '22 and Brandon Bakshi '91
- Jeannine Saba and Salma Raza (ASL 2005–present), both '93Chris Benz '95
- **5** Melissa Rothe '95 and Matthew McGuire '93
- 6 Katie (Earlougher) Konold '97 and Meg Bailey (ASL 1990–present)
- **7** See Gavin Heffernan '98's new film *Fraudster*
- 8 See Sarah Muir '97

- 9 Doug Bieber P '97 '01, Debbie Hollar P '97 '01 '05, Paul and Debbie Parkins P '97 '00, Michele Parkins '00, Mona Bieber P '97 '01, Marcy Hollar '05, Caroline Bieber '01, Debbie Gatto P '97 (ASL 1995–98), Susan Graham (ASL 1995–97), Bill and Alice lacuessa P '82 (ASL 1979–2000), Jason Kahn (groom), Liz Exton '98 (bride), Joe Gatto P '97, Kristin Peterson '98, John Foglesong '98, Mark Dodson '98, Amy (Reep) Wartick '98, Jenny Moyers '98, Tom and Aletha Moyers P '95 '98 (Aletha ASL 1991–94), Chris and Barbara Exton P '98, and Sue and Bernie Ryan P '98 '01.
- 10 Matthew Kemper '98, Brock McCormack '98, Gary Lowman, Carl Fowler '99, Amy (Reep) Wartick '98, Keira Hart-Mendoza '98, Amy Vainieri '99, Erin (McCormack) Mand '93 and Bryna Brown '98
- 11 See Jonathan McCracken '98

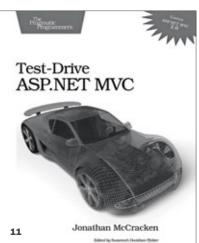
















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- 1 See Jessica Hartogs '00
- 2 Kate Penrose '00 and friend
- See Jill (Bottomley) Kunkes '01
 Bill Kenney P '03 '22 (ASL 1990– present), Carolynn Crabtree '02 and Judy Kisor (ASL 1994–present)
- 5 Llovd Sam '02
- 6 Tyler Hester '02
- **7** Elizabeth "Libby" Gaines '03 and Adam Brill '01
- 8 Mike Gibson '03's "new ride"
- **9** Benton '06, Ryan '04 and Greg Au P '04 '06
- **10** Kelly Klingseisen, Adam Bielsky and Sarah Rathman, all '04
- 11 Kayla Janssen '05
- 12 Kevin Benz '05
- 13 Ayaka Kato '06 and Sachiko Kato P '06
- **14** See Bryan Chismar '06





























Jessica Hartogs celebrated her engagement with a party filled with ASL guests.

'01

Jill (Bottomley) Kunkes married
Matthew Kunkes in New York City on 14
August 2010. There was a large contingent
from the ASL community in attendence:
Natalie Otero, Jamie Goldblatt, sister
Claire Bottomley '06, groom Matthew
Kunkes, bride Jill, cousin Suzanne
Brooks (ASL 1972–99),
Shane Kidd, sister Lisa Bottomley '03.

Megan McDonald married David Gilmore in May 2010. ASL alumni in attendance included Diana Verm, Hannah Kaska, Erin Feather and Carolynn Crabtree '02. Megan lives in Baltimore and is working towards her PhD in biophysics at Johns Hopkins University.

'02

Jeremy Dworken welcomed

Axel Forrester's (ASL 2009-present)
architecture students to Norman Foster's

architecture students to Norman Foster's London offices, where he works. Jeremy took the students on a tour of the space, gave them an overview of his portfolio of work and answered their questions about pursuing a career in architecture.

Carolynn Crabtree stopped by the School while visiting London this fall. She was thrilled to see Bill Kenney P '03 '22 (ASL 1990-present) and Judy Kisor (ASL 1994-present) as Judy "changed her life". After graduating from ASL, Carolynn attended Princeton University and majored in art history. She lives in Washington, DC, and works in the art world. Additionally, she told Bill how involved she is in outdoor activities and how grateful she was for his leadership in the OL program.

Tyler Hester teaches at the Leadership Public School in Richmond, CA. When his Stanford classmates and musicians Jack Conte and Nataly Dawn of the band Pomplamoose asked Tyler how they could help his high school students continue to improve their reading, Tyler suggested giving his school books. Soon, the Richmond Book Drive was created. Supporters of the book drive buy a book from the district's Amazon.com wishlist and in exchange the buyer receives a code to download Pomplamoose's Christmas album for free from iTunes and the schools receive the much-needed books.

Lloyd Sam, joined English Football Championship League club Leeds United in July 2010 after attracting interest from several Championship clubs. The

midfielder became Leeds United manager Simon Grayson's sixth signing this summer. In an interview with the Yorkshire Evening Post, Lloyd said, "This isn't just a change of scene or a fresh start, I wanted to get back into the Championship and to do it with a club like this is brilliant. Of all the options I had, this was the one that stood out." Lloyd, who was born in Leeds but grew up in London and Senegal, started his football career at Charlton Athletic where he made 134 appearances. Lloyd and his brother, Andrew '00, who plays for Dartford, both joined ASL in 1998 and graduated with their respective classes in 2002 and 2000.

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Elizabeth "Libby" Gaines and Adam Brill
'01 were married at Tappan Hill Mansion
in New York on 21 August 2010, The
bridal party included Matthew Gaines
'99, Carolyn Gaines '09 and Amy Brill
'05. Libby and Adam were thrilled to
celebrate their wedding surrounded by so
many ASL friends and families—some of
whom had been on the Alternatives trip
to Edinburgh where it all began.

Mike Gibson wrote in to share the following news: "Finally! Seven years after graduating from ASL, I've finished training and am a fully qualified Coast Guard Helicopter Pilot. I'm down in Houston, TX, now and will be for the next four years, flying search and rescue, law enforcement, environmental protection, and aid-to-navigation missions." Check out his new ride in picture 8.

Josh Brody directed one last play in New York before heading to San Diego in September to pursue a Master of Fine Arts.

'04

Ryan Au graduated from Washington and Lee Law School this spring. His father, Greg P '04 '06, and brother Benton '06 celebrated with him.

Kelly Klingseisen, Adam Bielsky and Sarah Rathman, stopped by ASL for the first time since graduating. Adam lives in London, but Sarah and Kelly were visiting from California and Texas, respectively.

'05

Guitarist and songwriter **Kevin Benz** released his first album with fellow musician Jess Bennett under the band name Parliament Hill. Kevin and Jess met during their time at Georgetown University and immediately connected due to their musical interests and England roots

echoed in their group name. Produced by John Jennings, best known for his work with Mary Chapin Carpenter, the acoustic rock album "Light the Dark" is available on iTunes and Amazon.

Teddy Isahaya stopped by campus with his mother, Miyako P '05. Teddy was at ASL for Grades 3–5 and Miyako volunteered in the lower school library. Teddy graduated from Waseda University's school of science and engineering and has been hired by Ricoh, based out of Tokyo where the Isahayas live.

Kayla Janssen toured the UK with Disney's Camp Rock 2 roadshow, teaching children dance moves to pass on to friends and family. Kayla was also featured in an article in the Daily Telegraph, about how parents can boost their child's confidence with dancing. Kayla, as well as Britain's Got Talent finalist Tobias Mead, showed the journalist a few simple moves and shared advice on how to overcome anxiety on the dance floor. According to Kayla, "No one should say they can't dance. The problem is that lots of children learn to dance to the words of a song, rather than the music. Listening to the beat matters more than listening to the lyrics."

John Leonard lives in Seattle and works for Microsoft.

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During his senior year at Georgetown University, **Bryan Chismar** won a silver medal in the Men's Four at the 2010 Intercollegiate Rowing Association's National Championship, center back.

Ayaka Kato and her mother, Sachiko P '06, visited from Japan where they both live. Akaya is in her final year at university in Tokyo and has already secured her first job at a hotel in the city. She is excited for the position especially because she will have the opportunity to use her English language as 75% of the guests are international travelers. Akaya attended ASL for Grades 5–9 until she left in March 2003. She enjoyed catching up with **Sue Lawrence (ASL 1991–** present) and Barbara Bailey P '85 '89 (ASL 1990-present) and seeing a picture of her playing the violin on ASL's history timeline.

Natalia Moreno visited Haiti just before the earthquake and was impressed by the work being done by an organization called Partners in Health (PIH), founded by Dr. Paul Farmer. In February, Natalia organized a fundraiser in Washington, DC, which raised \$35,000 to support the work of PIH.

Alyssa Blood appeared on NBC's today show this winter. She candidly shared her experiences as a student athlete both at ASL and Brown University to illustrate the frequency and severity of concussions among student athletes.

Tom Van Grinsven graduated from the College of the Holy Cross this spring and is interested in working with a number of service organizations in the US and abroad.

Tim Cirenza and his parents Peter and Lisa P '07 '09 '11 '14 celebrated his graduation from Emory University this spring.

Alisa Charkova caught up with Ruksana Murtaza (ASL 2005-present) and Morag Cooke (ASL 1996-present) during her visit to campus. Alisa lives in London and manages marketing for a finance firm.

Kevin Donovan was named a Fulbright Scholar and received a Fellowship for post-graduate research at The University of Cape Town, South Africa. Kevin graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and plans to join The World Bank Group in Washington, DC.

Anne Kelts graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University. Anne will be attending law school at Vanderbilt and hopes to focus on child advocacy law.

Jackie Wertz graduated from St. Lawrence University in New York. Her brother, Tim '10, parents David and Mary P '07 '10 '13, and sister Kristi '13 joined in the celebration.

Joe Ely, Perry Ryan and Meg Pengue frequently see each other as they all attend Hamilton College where they just

finished their junior year.

ASLers reunite in South Africa. Dan Hughes, Georgie Williamson, Scott Cohen and Stephanie St. Clair all spent their junior semester abroad in Cape Town this spring.

Mark Keenan attends Fairfield University and visited ASL while on break from his abroad program. Mark and three of his friends studied in Florence for the fall semester.

Sara Kushma and Margy Bertasi '10, are two of the four women who rowed Princeton to glory this year. The varsity four-person boat, along with three of

Princeton's eight-person boats, swept the grand finals at the Eastern Sprints, taking gold in every event for the first time in the school's history.

Reilly Bertasi is a sophomore at Dartmouth. This year, she is coxing the Dartmouth heavyweight varsity eight.

It is not surprising that "Living in London and traveling across Europe most of my life, I have been exposed to a great diversity of cultures and people", is the opening line of an essay written by an ASL graduate. J. Taylor Garner's essay "A Democratic/Muslim World" was ranked second among a number of essays submitted and published in the premiere issue of The New Islander, a magazine of literature, politics, cultural commentary and personal expression. Taylor's writing is certainly in agreement with the magazine's emphasis on the personal story and first-hand account of its contributors.

Elise Hoffmann is studying at Queens University in Canada.

Ona McConnell had another successful year at Yale University both academically and athletically. She served the Bull Dogs proud as a superb field hockey goalkeeper and role model. Inspired by Ona's bravery and perseverance, the Yale University field hockey team led the "Get a Grip" campaign to raise awareness of—and the funding for—research for mytonic dystrophy, as well as support their teammate and friend Ona, who was diagnosed with the disease in early 2010.

Mike Rabens is a political science major at the University of California, Davis.

Michael "RJ" Rushmore continues his success in reporting on the street art world. This year, his blog, Vandalog, featured a fellow ASLer. Creative director of Diplomat magazine Jeannine Saba '93 features a variety of artists on her covers including a number of street artists. When RJ gave a walking tour for ASL families during the International Art Fair, Jeannine and RJ met. Their collective enthusiasm for this form of artistic expression is apparent on RJ's posting featuring Diplomat's street art covers and highlights from his conversations with Jeannine.

Margy Bertasi, who just completed her freshman year at Princeton, made the US national team for a second year running. She rowed in a quad at the junior world championships in Prague, finishing sixth. ASL head crew coach Chris Clark (ASL **2003-present)** and HS English teacher Meghan Tally (ASL 2007-present) attended to cheer on the team.

Jonathan Schey, a freshman at Emerson College, is broadcasting to the world using skills learned and honed at ASL. Recently, digital music teacher, radio expert and crew coach Chris Clark (ASL 2003-present) caught up with Jon in Boston at his radio studio.

Patton Jones completed his first year at Stanford University with an outstanding performance on the track team having won the long jump title at a meet on 24 April.

Colleen Oberg attends Colgate University and plays for their varsity field hockey team. Colleen left ASL in 2008 and finished her high school career at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC, where she accrued 18 goals and 14 assists during her two short years on their field hockey team.

Ingrid Hoffmann is a student at IS Bangkok and visited with Head of School Coreen R, Hester (ASL 1995-97; 2007-present) and HS Principal Paul Richards (ASL 2009-present) during their fall trip to Bangkok.

Ben Kogan stopped by ASL during his summer tour of Europe. Ben graduated from Harvard-Westlake this spring and plans to attend Columbia University in the fall.

Jeffrey Fitzsimmons and his mother, Lisa P '12 '12, stopped by campus for a tour. Jeffrey attends the Salisbury School in Connecticut.

Sawyer Owens visited ASL during his school vacation from Kings Academy in Jordan. Sawyer was excited to see many of his former ASL classmates and reminisce about their 2009-10 Battle of the Bands win. Additionally, Sawyer caught up with his former teacher Colin Bridgewater (ASL 2000-present).



























Morag Cooke (ASL 1996-present) and

David and Mary Wertz P '07 '10 '13 and

Dan Hughes '08, Georgie Williamson '08,

Scott Cohen '08 and Stephanie St. Clair '08

Tim Cirenza '07, Peter and Lisa P '07

Perry Ryan '07, Joe Ely '07, and

8 Michael "RJ" Rushmore's '09 blog,

10 Sara Kushma '09 and Margy Bertasi '10

Alisa Charkova '07

3 Tim Wertz '10, Jackie Wertz '07,

Alyssa Blood '07

Kristi Wertz '13

Meg Pengue '07

Mark Keenan '08

Ona McConnell '09

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Letter from Alumnus Bruce Borror '78

"As juniors at ASL, Patrick Grogan '78 and I ran in the same crowd. We both enjoyed the same music, electronics and bicycling. At some point, we got the bright idea that taking a bike trip would be cool. Why don't we go to Belgium? There were bike paths throughout the country, we could visit Tracey Chandler '78 (former ASL'er who moved to Brussels) and we could stay at youth hostels so the whole trip would not be that expensive. We planned the route and presented it for approval of our parents. We agreed this was something we always wanted to do, but once we were done it would be off our "bucket list". In March of 1977, we did the trip and it came off without too many hitches. We rode 313 miles over eight days and persevered through some snow but came home satisfied.

The following fall, Patrick and I agreed that bicycle trips were still not out of our systems and we wanted to do another trip, but as busy schedules and high school graduation approached, the second trip never happened. Patrick went on to become a veterinarian in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and I went on to become an engineer in Lafayette, Indiana. We exchanged Christmas cards on and off over the years, but didn't ever get together.

About two years ago, I started to put two and two together. Why not do another bike trip with Patrick? There is a Rails to Trails bike path that goes most of the way across Missouri called the Katy Trail. This trail has a mostly level grade since it was an old railway bed, there is lodging along the way and we could meet up with mutual friend Kathy (Ketchner) Noble '79 along the way. I called Patrick and he was up for the idea. We agreed this was not going to be a hard core, lots of miles, macho trip, but instead it was to be a casual time to catch up with each other and share some memories. Between our schedules, my shoulder surgery and our physical training preparation, it took a while to get everything aligned. The benefit that Patrick's son is a meteorologist didn't hurt with planning the trip during the best possible weather. As I was passing through St. Louis, I was able to stop and have lunch with Linda (Patton) Walsh '78 and spend a couple of hours getting caught up.

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Faculty notes

ASL PE teachers past and present met at this year's ECIS PE conference in Helsinki. Brad Van de Meulebroecke P '16 '17 (ASL 2003-08) and Jay Haken P '20 (ASL 2006-07) now in Budapest and Zurich respectively were on good form and wished everyone at the School well. Stuart Fern (ASL 2007-present) and Mike Johnston (ASL 2008-present) kept up the ASL tradition of presenting at ECIS conferences; both addresses were well received. ASL PE teams past and present have developed great friendships all over the world. Regularly sharing best practice has ensured the School is a wellrespected educator in physical education.

Ed Ladd (ASL 1983–90) moved from the American School of Doha to become the Head of School at the American School in Japan (ASIJ) in August 2010.

Dick and Louita Clothier P '79 '81 (ASL 1973–80) wrote in to say that they are happy, healthy, and enjoying retired life in Lamoni, lowa. Their daughter, Kathi (Clothier) Angeroth '79, has her own music and art school in Nebraska and teaches violin at Wayne State University. Crediting ASL for introducing him to theater technology, their son, David Clothier '81, is the director of theater lighting for Princess Cruises. Richard and Louita want to thank those teachers who taught their children, and send their greetings to all faculty and staff who were at ASL between 1973 and 1980.

Former HS social studies teacher Linda Brandenburger (ASL 1969–73) was featured in Senior magazine. While the article highlights her family's four generations in the Sacramento Valley and Linda's countless contributions to the area, Linda's four-year stint at ASL is also mentioned. "It was a wonderful school," she recalls. "All of Europe was our classroom."

Not only is **Trevor Jones (ASL mid 1980s-present)** the director of the LS
After-School Program, and co-director of the ASL Summer Program, he is also a successful solo recording artist. Over the years, he has received rave reviews in the music and national press; his first solo

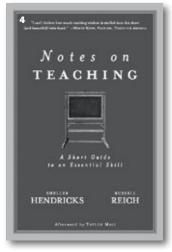






album received a four-star review in *The Sunday Times*. His latest album, Keepers, was released in October 2010.

Former HS physics teacher Joe McEvoy P '81 GP '11 (ASL 1975–85) gave a talk as part of ASL Speakers Series entitled How We Discovered the Universe: from the Babylonians to the Big Bang. There were many familiar faces in the audience including his former student and current ASL parent Maureen (Schumacher) Fossum '78 P '14. Dr. McEvoy has published two guides Introducing Stephen Hawking and Introducing Quantum Theory that have been translated into a dozen languages. His latest book and basis of his talk, A Brief History of the Universe, continues his celebration of the creative



individuals whose ideas have shaped humanity's understanding of the physical world. Joe and his wife, Pat P '81 GP '11 (ASL 1978–2003), split their time between London and Tuscany.

Many alumni and former teachers will remember Mr. Ross of Olympic Press on Boundary Road. Demi, as he prefers to be called, has printed a legion of ASL publications over the years, including year-books and homework diaries. Mr. Ross's association with the School dates back to when ASL was based at the Working Men's College, before its move to the current building in 1971. To benefit his health, Mr. Ross retired in August 2010. We are grateful for his dedicated service to the School over the years; everyone at ASL wishes Mr. Ross a well-deserved, long and healthy retirement.

Shellee Hendricks (ASL 1998–2003) released her first book, *Notes on Teaching*, this July. As co-author of the book, Shellee thanks numerous community members in the book's acknowledgments including Cory Zimmerman '02, one of her former students and Teach for America alumnus, who reviewed the manuscript. Shellee invites all teachers and people who care about learning to read their publication and join the conversation on www.notesonteaching.com, a space for those to share best practices.

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- 2 Demi Ross
- Trevor Jones (ASL mid 1980s–present)

 Shellee Hendricks' book (ASL 1998–2003)
- Jackie Fryer (ASL 1966–89), Mary Louise Barker (ASL 1977–2003), Mike McKeen (ASL 1973–97), Harry Hurtt (ASL 1957–85), Francette Foss (ASL 1965–91)

Not last orders! BY MIKE MCKEEN (ASL 1973–97)

We had a record turnout of ASL faculty and staff, past and present, at the Garden Gate pub in South End Green, NW3, on 8 March. As convener of the event, I decided to take attendance: Linda McKeen (1975-2003) with her camera at the ready, **Dave Crooks** (1972-88), Millard Shaw (1969-92), Hazel Simpson (1969-2006). David Sox (1974-93), John Wilson (1971-2009) who hasn't quite let go of ASL yet, **Alan Heath (1973–2007)** down from the idyll of Norfolk, Chuck **Dodson (1972–2001)** on his way from Reno to the basketball ISSTs in Paris with wife Nancy, **David Partridge** (1997-present), Lorraine Hoolachan (1990-96; 2001-10), Tosh Lee (1975-98), Anthony Linick (1984-2002) who has just published another book, Ruth Heuman (1970-2009), **Madame Francette Foss (1965–91)** who continues to teach French, Ms. Freddie Baker (ASL 1964-89), **Spencer Namyst (1974-2001)**, John Lutz (1971–2000), Jackie Fryer (1966-1989), Caroline Wagstaff Marriott (1977-82), Donna Hirsh (1974-2006) who divides her time between the south of France, London and the East Coast, Harry Hurtt (1957–85) who had just celebrated his 90th birthday, Mary Louise Barker (1977-2003). Buck Herron (1998-present), Margaret Grandy (1985-2009) and Alice Leader (1975-2010)



A small contingent of regulars suggested that we ban as topics of conversation all things medical and funeral insurance plans, and certainly no grandchildren chat. Topics allowed were microbreweries, wineries and sports. I am pleased to report that anarchy remained our theme and, therefore, 'no rules' was our only rule. Next to arrive were **Dave Sutherland** (1970–98), Alice and Bill Lacuessa (1979-2000), Roger Corrigan (1971–2010), Joyce Anderson (1980– present), Chris Siegfried (1961–98) and Cathy Adams (1974-2005). From the south coast of England, the east coast of America and the exotic hills of Mill and Primrose, the revellers poured in full of stories and blarney.

Then came the tardies: Dr. Mike Colloms (1972–2000) to add an air of gravitas, Karen Sellars (1968–2004), Joan Dyer-Westacott (1987–present), Lana Rossi Hodges Vaughan (1972–98) and Carlo Casiraghi (1968–94), formerly of accounts. He was a close runner up to Harry Hurtt for being the most 'experienced' person present.

As the pub filled up with the glow of the setting sun, we dispersed resolving to attend the next event for yet another good old chinwag.

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Harry Hurtt (ASL 1957-85) turns 90

CATHY ADAMS (ASL 1974-2005)

At the end of World War II, Harry Hurtt, courtesy of the US Army, found himself at midnight in Liverpool where he caught a train to Southampton to connect with a steamer to the United States. This was very frustrating for him because he had only been in England for a few hours and felt he was missing an important experience. Then, in 1949, when he was back in Akron, Ohio, he heard of a summer originally in a house at Grosvenor school in Dorking, Surrey. He took a six-week leave of absence from his job and went to England. There, he met a chap who invited him to stay with him in London. Here, he met his future wife, Pamela, who worked in the man's bookstore in Notting Hill. They returned together to Akron and were married in 1950 and their first child, Elizabeth '69, was born in 1951. When they were expecting their second child, Darrell, in 1955, Harry suggested that they move back to England saying to Pamela "After all you've been paying your National Health Insurance all these years. It is time to call in on this. What do you think?"

To support himself and his family, Harry got a job teaching with the London County Council. In 1956, he met Stephen Eckard, ASL's first headmaster, through a friend of Pamela. He describes the first meeting as, "We fell on each other's shoulders like old brothers." Stephen wanted him to work at the American school and Harry wanted to work there also, but Stephen couldn't pay him even the starvation wage of £65 a month he was receiving from the LCC. A year later, the school that was



"Please wish 'old' Harry a BY ALICE IACUESSA (1979-2000) AND happy day from 'old' Jack, still in the sunshine of San Diego...Harry, I will try to get over for your 100th."

FROM JACK HARRISON, (ASL'S SECOND HEAD OF SCHOOL 1971-86)

Square moved to Gloucester Gate where the enrollment almost doubled to 89 students. At this point, Stephen Eckard was able to match Harry's LCC salary and hired him. He was to teach Grade 5 and also, to Harry's surprise, be an aide to the high school PE department.

He is credited with organizing ASL's first soccer match with a British school in Regent's Park. ASL was soundly beaten, but ASL soccer had begun. By 1964, he was lower school coordinator and was leading ski trips to Norway and founding his summer camp in Cornwall. At some point, he was appointed assistant headmaster. Barring a two-year stint as high school principal, 1968–70, Harry took on the role of lower school principal from 1966 until his sabbatical in 1972, when he returned to the US to work in schools in Colorado. Stephen Eckard had created a new Trust Foundation for the School and Harry convinced him to establish a sabbatical program and volunteered himself as the first candidate! Returning to ASL the following year, Harry became director of student teachers until his retirement, having taken on the

duel role of director of summer school in 1979. In 1978, Harry's wife, Pamela (ASL 1978-88), began working in the library. Upon his retirement in 1985, Pamela was heard to comment, "I see Harry now as gainfully unemployed. Retiring is a state of mind."

Sadly Pamela passed away in 2008, but their daughter Elizabeth '69 and son Darrell were on hand to organize a weekend of celebrations to mark the passing of Harry's nine decades, 19-20 February. At the two-day drop-in event at Harry's home, many old friends from ASL stopped by to say hello—the Marlows, Freddie Baker, the lacuessas, Cathy Adams, Mary Louise Barker, and many more.

After the weekend, Elizabeth wrote, "The bouquet of flowers from the School arrived just when the ASL contingent was at its strongest, so the timing couldn't have been better. Both days were great and Harry breezed through it all. In fact, I think it really energized him!"

Family notes





It is not surprising that a number of ASL parents and St. John's Wood residents banded together to nominate Paula Mitchell P '08 to carry the Olympic torch in 2012. This is an extract from their testimony: "Five mornings a week, Paula meets our running group to lead anyone who shows up on a run through London. She quietly encourages us to test our limits and takes us to places we've never been before (both physically and geographically). And, she always falls back with the slowest runner, empowering the self-doubter to make sure no one gives up or is left behind. She leads us out of her respect and love for community, friendship and running. Under Paula's leadership, couch potatoes have become runners, and casual runners have run marathons. Paula has truly changed lives on many levels."

going on here. The facility is unbelievable.

And the teacher-student interaction I

witnessed in the classrooms was

incredible to see. You're lucky to

work here!"

Ronald and Joybe Rabens P '09 retired from the Department of State after their last assignment in Tokyo. The Rabens now call San Diego home and Mike '09 is not too far away at the University of California, Davis, where he is majoring in political science.



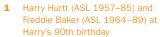
While Head of School Coreen R. Hester P '02 '04 (ASL 1995-97, 2007-present), Julie Ryan (ASL 1994-present). John Smithies P '13 '18 (ASL 2002present) and Paul Richards P '20 '22 (ASL 2009-present) traveled to Bangkok for a teacher recruiting fair, they visited with the Hoffmann family who are living there. Ron and Andrea P '09 '11 (Andrea ASL 2004-09), and Ingrid '11 all posed for a picture with Julie. However, Elise '09 was not in attendance as she is studying at Queens University in Canada. Ingrid is a student

Katie and Brent Gledhill P '15 '17 visited ASL this year with daughters Maddy '15 and Rachel '17. They report that everyone is doing well in

at IS Bangkok and Ron serves as the

Cambodia and Burma.

Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Laos.



- 2 Susan and Arnie Malamud GP '17 '19 '24
- **3** Julie Rvan (ASL 1994–present) with
- 4 Paula Mitchell
- **5** Julie Spurr (ASL 1998–present), Sue Lawrence (ASL 1991-present) and the Van Grinsvens





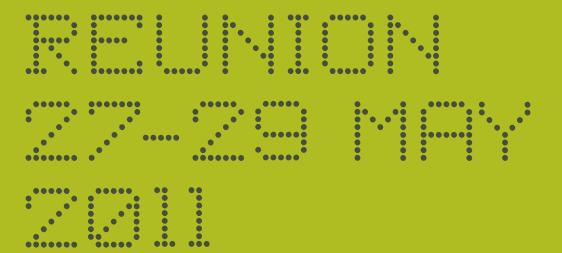
Chicago and love staying connected with ASLers both in London and the windy city.

Nancy and Mark Van Grinsven P '01 '04 '07 were thrilled to come back to London and ASL in the fall. The family is doing well and reports that Julie '01 is married and working as an attorney in Chicago. Pat '04 lives in Washington, DC, and works on Capitol Hill. Tom '07 graduated from the College of the Holy Cross this spring and is interested in working with a number of service organizations in the US and abroad. Nancy and Mark enjoyed catching up with Julie Spurr P '19 '22 (ASL 1998-present) and Sue Lawrence (ASL 1991-present).

Longtime friends **Dorothy Leonard** P '05 and Penny Rashin P '05 '09 stopped by ASL while visiting from New Canaan, CT.

Sue Conway '72 P '03 '05 and Pam Vernegaard P '03 reconnected after 15 years during Pam's visit to London. Sue and Pam enjoyed catching up with **Sunny Neutze (ASL 1984-2011)** and seeing all the additions to the School. Both women had wonderful memories of their children's experiences in the Middle School and wished Sunny well on her retirement

The American School in London Accents Fall '11



Cheers to all of the alumni, parents of alumni, and former and current faculty/ staff who celebrated Reunion '11. While special recognition was paid to the classes of 1960/61, 1986 and 2006, all alumni, faculty and staff were invited to join the festivities.

- A tour of London architecture with Axel Forrester (ASL 2009-present)
- Tours of ASL's campus led by Roger Corrigan (ASL 1971-2010) and Vivek Jois '11
- Observing high school classes and speaking with current students.
- Baseball ISSTs at Canons Park playing fields
- Class dinners. The class of 2006 caught up with each other and former teacher Doug Poggioli (ASL 1999-present)
- A tour of the Houses of Parliament where the Honorable Member for Broxbourne, MP Charles Walker '86 greeted fellow classmates and guests
- **7–10** Gala at Lord's Cricket Ground with dinner and dancing
- **11–13** Members of the class of 1986 relived their Battle of the Bands days by jamming with the current student jazz band
- Two ASL couples from the classes of 1961 and 1986/87 shared stories of how they met during their time at the School
- **15–17** Picnic and paddleboat rides and a tour of Regent's Park with
- Cathy Adams (ASL 1974-2005). A brunch at Bruce House hosted by Head of School Coreen R. Hester P '02 '04 (ASL 1995-97, 2007present).

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A golf tournament with **Bob Carter** (ASL 1969-present)





























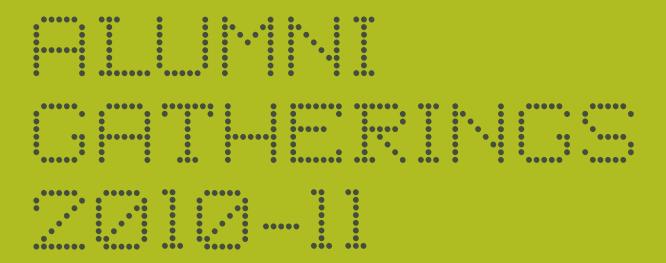








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Vineyard Gathering 12 August 2010

Karen Brush P '06 '08 '11 '13 and **Donna Lancia P '17** hosted ASL's first summer gathering in Martha's Vineyard, MA, in August 2010. New, current and past ASL families gathered along with former faculty/staff and alumni making this event our most eclectic grouping to date. While some prepared for their upcoming move to London, others reminisced about their days in the pods.



Head of the Charles 23-24 October 2010

More than 100 alumni, parents, faculty/ staff and friends joined us on 23-24 October for the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, MA. While ASL did not have a boat compete in the event, former crew coach Meg Bailey (ASL 1990present), current coach Chris Clark (ASL 2003-present), with the Van Voorhees family, and guests cheered on Kate Breña '09 who stroked for Tufts University during the collegiate eights heat. A special thank you to the Mellon family (picture 2) for hosting! James and Margaret Mellon P '94 '95 '98, their three daughters, **Gretchen Mellon Aubuchon '94, Courtney Mellon DuBois** '95 and Kathleen Mellon Cozzi '98, their sons-in-law and five grandchildren welcomed guests, cheered for the rowers and provided a reason for us

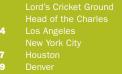


Lord's Cricket Ground 30 November 2010

Gabriele Marcotti '91, Josh Adler '91 and Bob Carter (ASL 1969-present), with Head of School Coreen R Hester P '02 '04 (ASL 1995-97, 2007-present), hosted ASL's London alumni reception at Lord's Cricket Ground (picture 1). Coreen relayed the rich history of the athletics program at ASL beginning with three sports teams in 1960 and growing to the 15-sport program on offer to hundreds of students today. Bob Carter shared memories from traveling to 10 different countries to compete in the ISSTs that resulted in numerous wins and even more brilliant stories.



























to congregate.



Los Angeles 9 February 2011

During this year's Los Angeles reception, ASLers gathered in the home of past parents David Spector and Bill **Townsend P '21 '21** and were treated to remarks by special guest former US Ambassador to the Court of St. James's the Honorable Robert H. Tuttle. Former ambassador Tuttle (picture 3), with Ellis and Shirley Fields GP '08 '10 '14 and Head of School Coreen R Hester P '02 '04 (ASL 1995-97, 2007-present), gave a brilliant description of the history of Winfield House and ASL's special relationship with the embassy over the years. LS Principal Julie Ryan (ASL 1994-present) made the trip with Coreen from London and enjoyed catching up with Mark and Betsy Kogan P '11 '13 (picture 4).



Washington, DC 23 February 2011

Loretta Sevier P '08 '11 (ASL 2000-2004), Anna Tsouhlarakis (ASL **2008–2009)** and Anna's husband. Daron Carreiro, (picture 10) dined with other current and former faculty/staff in National Harbor, MD, while in the DC area for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference.



NCAA in Houston 4 April 2011

Although some were disappointed that UConn prevailed at this year's NCAA men's final over Butler, everyone was elated to connect with fellow Texan ASLers including Karlyn Powell '94 and Stephanie Little '95 (picture 7). Special thanks to hosts **Steve Gangelhoff '69** and **Dave Hughes '06** and featured guests Joe Chodl P '22 (ASL 2001present), Chuck Dodson P '94 '98 (ASL 1973-2001) and Terry Gladis (**ASL 1998-present**), (picture 6).



Denver 7 April 2011

Veronica "Ronni" McCaffrey (ASL **1995–2006)** and **Barbara "b."** Frank (**ASL 1991–2006**) (picture 9) hosted one of our most inter-connected groups of alumni at their home in Denver. Guests included an alumna from the Gloucester Gate campus, a current sophomore at Graland (the school where Ronni McCaffrey 1995–97, 2007–present) addressed is Head of School), who attended K1 at ASL, current Graland parents who are ASL alumni, grandparents whose grandson is in Grade 11 at ASL and a young alumna Ashleigh Finn '01 who just accepted a fourth grade teaching position at Graland. Kara (Dukate) Yablon '96 and her husband, Ben, brought our youngest guest, daughter Charlotte, (picture 8).



New York City 25 April 2011

parents, faculty/staff and friends of ASL for drinks, canapes and a private viewing of the work of artists Jane Fox Hipple and Robert de Saint Phalle at her place of work, the DODGEgallery. Head of School Coreen R Hester P '02 '04 (ASL the crowd and caught up with numerous alumni, (picture 5), who remembered her as the HS principal when they were students.

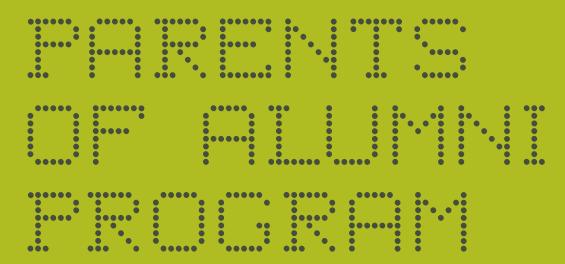
Patton Hindle '04, hosted 75+ alumni,



Alumni regional events 2011-12

Chicago alumni reception

Head of the Charles





Last year kicked off the Parents of Alumni Program. Thanks to steering committee members Beatrice Bengio P '10, Cindy Feder P '10 and Celine Lowrey **P '05 '05**, more than 100 parents reconnected with the School, some for the first time since their children graduated. at a variety of gatherings: a Bruce House reception hosted by Head of School Coreen R. Hester, a lunch at Iberica restaurant, a tour of Buckingham Palace gardens and lunch at Cindy Feder's home.

With Philip and Cindy Feder P '10 returning to California, we are sad to lose Cindy's creativity, enthusiasm and generosity in organizing fabulous events for the group. However, we are thrilled to welcome Farah Alaghband P '11 to the steering committee and hope that our newest members, the parents of the class of 2011, will join us at this year's gatherings.











Homecoming '11

Homecoming 5-6 Januray 2011

Six seconds on the clock and **Terry Gladis (ASL 1998-present)** shoots a 3-pointer, making this the second year in a row that the faculty and staff basketball team reigned victorious over the alumni.

But ASL's alumni proved far better in the volleyball game—a new addition to January's Homecoming schedule—and beat the faculty and staff team 2-0.

The great turnout of students from all divisions, current and past parents, alumni, faculty and staff held steady throughout the day's activities, which also included performances by the ASL dance team and cheerleading squad, HS band and, of course, Eagle (who managed to maintain his anonymity in true mascot tradition).

Homecoming attendees ended the night with a pub Quiz Bowl hosted by John Wilson (ASL 1971-2009) at the Salt House. Dave Partridge (ASL 1997-present), Anna Higgins '09, Bryan Stuart '09, and a guest pooled their knowledge of trivia to beat three other teams.

- 1 Alumni, faculty and students
- 2 Students of all ages joined in
- **3** The student band psych up the
- crowd and the players.

 4 The HS Cheer Squad and Dance Tear entertained fans in between games
- **5** Buck Herron (ASL 1998–present) "poses with Eagle".

 6 Fans donned beads and celebrated
- with other orange give-aways.













1 Planting a tree for Susan Wylie

A book in the Mellon Library

Collection was dedicated to each

whom we lost this year. For more

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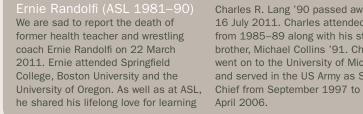
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In memoriam



Former LS and MS SLD teacher Susan Wylie (ASL 1995–2003) passed away in June 2010 in Providence, RI, surrounded by family and friends after a courageous eight-month battle with cancer. In memory of Susan, a tree-planting ceremony was held on 17 September 2010 to pay tribute to an amazing educator and friend. Lower School Principal Julie Ryan (1994– present) and former Grade 2 teacher Laura Bradshaw (ASL 1989–2003) led brother Thomas Oram '77 passed the ceremony and numerous current and former faculty/staff gathered both in person and in spirit—as memories were shared from those present, and read from those afar. For those who knew Susan well, a cherry tree was a very fitting selection as she always marveled at the sweet smell of its blossoms. John O'Toole (ASL 1991-present) passed out roses to everyone present as Susan always told brother Christopher Oram '84. His him "to buy flowers for himself every week as a reminder of today's beauty." At the end of the ceremony, everyone placed their rose in the soil of the newly planted tree as shown in the photo.





with students in Hong Kong, Cyprus, Grenada and the United States.

Ernie will be remembered for his devotion to family, friends and community. He is survived by his wife, Jackie: and their children. Jenna and Dominic; foster daughter RoyAna; mother Giuseppina; and sister Anna.

ASL was saddened to learn from A'Jalynn Oram '80 that her eldest away in October 2009 very suddenly due to cancer. Thomas worked in the hospitality industry for 27 years and enjoyed reading, history and hiking the Las Vegas landscape where he and many of his family members call home—including his son, Peter MacMillan Oram; father, Peter MacMillan Oram P '77 '80 '81 '84; sister, A'Jalynn Oram '80; and brother, Gregory Oram '81, lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Thomas was preceded in death by his mother, Sonya Oram P '77 '80 '81 '84.

ASL was saddened to learn that Charles R. Lang '90 passed away on 16 July 2011. Charles attended ASL from 1985-89 along with his stepbrother, Michael Collins '91. Charles went on to the University of Michigan and served in the US Army as Section



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