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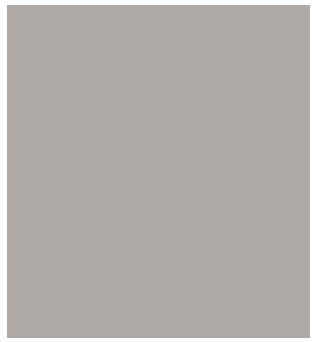
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## Mission Statement

TASIS is a family of international schools that welcomes young people from all nationalities to an educational community that fosters a passion for excellence along with mutual respect and understanding. Consistent with the vision of its founder, M. Crist Fleming, TASIS is committed to transmitting the heritage of Western civilization and world cultures: the creations, achievements, traditions, and ideals from the past that offer purpose in the present and hope for the future. Seeking to balance the pursuit of knowledge with the love of wisdom, and promoting the skills of lifelong learning, an appreciation for beauty, and the development of character, each school combines a challenging academic program with opportunities for artistic endeavor, physical activity, and service to others. Believing in the worth of each individual and the importance of enduring relationships, TASIS seeks to embody and instill the values of personal responsibility, civility, compassion, justice, and truth.

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*Lyle leans out of his De Nobili office window to say hello to students.*

# Dear Friends of TASIS

Greetings from beautiful Montagnola! After first arriving here in July, 1982, Sharon and I are delighted to be back. Not surprisingly, the question that I have been asked most frequently upon my return to TASIS is, "What has changed the most over the past 25 years?"

Among the many major changes that I would highlight are: the incredible campus developments (the MCF Library, the Palestra, and more), the addition of the elementary school and IB program, increased enrollments (double the size of when I arrived back in 1982), the tremendous growth in the number of day students (240 compared to 10), the change in governing structure (the creation of a Board of Directors), and the increase in the number of students who are not American (70% versus 40% in 1982).

I'm pleased to note, however, that the most important thing has not changed - the commitment to Mrs. Fleming's vision and the ethos of the School. TASIS remains a community that provides young people from throughout the world with an excellent education and with opportunities for artistic endeavor, physical activity, service to others, and understanding different cultures first-hand.

Sharon and I also were pleased to return to a community with many familiar faces: the Aeschlimans (Lynn, Michael, Mark, and Simone), Sarah Di Lenardo, Horst Dürrschmidt, the Eichners, Paul Greenwood, Steven Prentice, Howard Stickley, Cynthia Whisenant, the chefs (Elia Rossatti, Fabio Rossi, and Stefano Pelli) and of course, Angelo Piattini (former owner of Angelo's store and the snack bar). It also is a tremendous pleasure and privilege to be able to spend time with Mrs. Fleming on a regular basis.

Even with the many changes at TASIS over the past 25 years, it still feels like "home." It is an honor to have this opportunity to return and to play a part in the future of this amazing school. I hope that many of you also will have the opportunity to return home to TASIS this year. The "welcome mat" will always be out for you.



Lyle D. Rigg
Interim Headmaster



# Dear Alumni and Friends of TASIS

It is always a pleasure to be in touch with our alumni, to hear what you are doing, and to let you know what we are up to at TASIS.

Much has happened this past year as TASIS is an ever-vibrant and growing community made up of wonderful people from around the globe. We are well into the fall semester with record enrollments in all three divisions from Pre-Kindergarten to our Post Graduates comprised of over 55 nationalities and speaking 26 mother tongues. TASIS is a living model UN and has gone way beyond my mother's wildest dreams. We are doing important work in bringing so many nationalities, languages, and cultures together in an inspiring, collaborative, and harmonious learning environment, forging long-lasting friendships and mutual understanding that should serve the world well in the years to come.

My mother's parting words to our students in her yearbook message this year articulate her firm belief that individuals **can, should, and do** make a difference and express her fervent expectation that each TASIS student will imbibe this message and act upon it wherever they find themselves in their place in the world.

As my mother passes her legacy to the thousands of students who continue to cross the portals of TASIS, we carry on her legacy to touch and inspire the young people in our care. Through our many wonderful teachers and administrators past and present, we are "transforming lives", as so many alumni tell us. For this my mother and I are extremely grateful.

TASIS is at an important crossroad as it heads into the next half century. The new TASIS Elementary School is having a tremendous impact. Not only is it growing in leaps and bounds with 135 children in Pre-K through 6th grades in this its 3rd year, but it is also affecting the growth of the day student population in the middle and high schools. Many families are choosing to move to Lugano from around the world, attracted by the opportunities TASIS offers for their children and by the beauty and many appealing aspects of living in Ticino, to which our alumni nostalgically attest.

We are extremely grateful to deceased alumnus John Palmer '64 for donating his entire estate to TASIS. By supporting TASIS, his most generous gift will have a long-lasting effect on our students. The Board plans to use part of his gift to help build the new Performing Arts building as well as utilize a portion of his gift for faculty benefits in an effort to retain our good teachers, the heart of our school.

We are very pleased to have TASIS veteran headmaster Lyle Rigg (at TASIS England for 14 years and 25 years ago at TASIS Lugano) at the helm as Interim Headmaster this year. The Headmaster Search Committee has chosen three finalists from a very strong applicant pool. After their visits to campus, the Board will choose and announce the new Headmaster in December.

I am pleased to hear about so many TASIS reunions around the world and grateful that our alumni stay connected to their friends and to their alma mater. We count on your loyalty and on-going support. Together we will continue to make TASIS an ever-stronger school, of which you can be proud to be an alumnus and to which you will send your children and grandchildren!

I send ever grateful and sincerest best wishes to each of you,

Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63
Chairman of the Board of Directors

## Postscript to the article *Abode of Snow*, TASIS Today, Spring 2006

**In 1998**, South African climber, Ian Woodall and his team came across **Fran (Yarbro) Arsentiev '76** as they were attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest. "It's fairly well documented where certain bodies are to be found on Everest, but according to the records, there wasn't supposed to be a body there," Ian said. "Then she moved. Once we knew she was alive, everything changed. We did everything we could for her but everyone knew she didn't really stand a chance."

Ian and his climbing partner, Cathy O'Dowd tried for more than an hour to keep Fran conscious and see if they could move her before deciding it was hopeless. When she slipped into silence they abandoned their summit attempt and descended towards Base Camp, knowing that they could not raise help in time to save her.

"We went back for the summit a year later and we could see her body perfectly clearly when we began to come down," Ian says. "I was a little startled to see her still there... until it dawned on me that the mountain would never really consume her. It would always keep her there like that. At the back of my mind, I hoped someone would eventually do something for her. But of course, the only reason anyone would be up that high is if they're on the way up to the summit or on the way down. It needed a dedicated mission by someone like me, who's been to the summit a couple of times already and isn't focused simply on getting to the top."

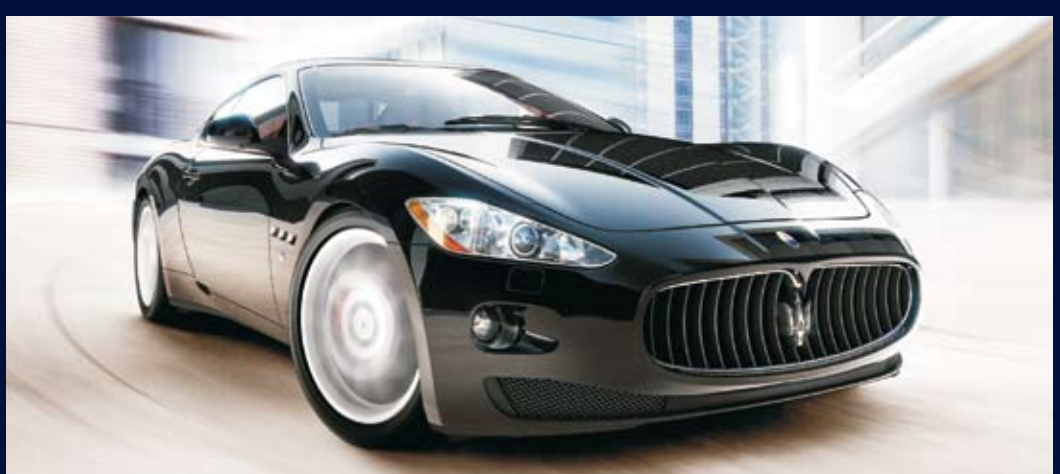
**In May 2007**, the climber who had to leave Fran nine years earlier went back to Everest to bury her, and bring to a close the promise that he and Cathy O'Dowd made that day to do everything they could for her. Cathy chose not to go on the burial expedition but said: "I think covering over the body is as much about the living as the dead. There's an enormous lack of dignity in her circumstances. It's almost like a road sign on the mountain - when you get to Fran, turn left. That's not good for anybody."

At 1 am on May 20th, Ian and Phuri Sherpa left their camp on the upper reaches of Everest for a 7-hour climb through heavy snow to reach Fran's body. The snowfall had changed the look of the mountain and the position of the body, and made the top slopes of the North Face of Everest dangerously avalanche-prone. Ian and Phuri had to dig through 3 to 4 feet of snow to get to her body. The original plan had been to bury her in a mound of loose rock, but snow conditions made this impossible. Instead the two men wrapped Fran in the American flag and left with her a small stuffed bear holding a red heart, given to Ian by his wife when he left on the expedition. They had a short ceremony, with Ian passing on to Fran a message from her son, Paul. Then they lowered the body to the end of their ropes and dropped her down the North Face of Everest. She now lies well away from the curious eyes and shuffling feet of the summit climbers, free to rest in peace and dignity on the mountain that she loved.



*Fran at TASIS in 1975*

Fran died after securing a place in the record books as the first American woman to conquer Everest without supplementary oxygen. You can read a daily account of the recovery expedition at: www.taoofeverest.com. She graduated from TASIS in 1976.

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# Around Campus

## New Faces

### Giorgia Di Lenardo '98



Director of Alumni and Parent Programs

Dear Alumni, Friends, and Parents,

I' am delighted to join the TASIS team as Director of Alumni and Parent Programs.

After attending a Swiss local school through 9th grade, I joined TASIS in 1995 and graduated in 1998. I moved to Geneva to start my studies at Webster University and received my BA in Management, with an emphasis in Human Resources and Psychology, in 2002. Immediately after graduating I was asked to join the admissions team of Webster University in Geneva for the recruitment of new students, concentrating on the regions of Europe, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. After 9 year of living in Geneva, I decided to return to my home canton of Ticino, my Italian mother tongue, and southern Swiss sunshine.

I'm enjoying this exciting new position which enables me to combine my European background (three passports and three languages) with my international-American education to develop and expand even further the network of TASIS alumni, friends, and parents.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all personally at our traditional international reunions.

Keep in touch.Ciao,
Giorgia Di Lenardo '98

### Laura Porter Jones



New Head of the TASIS Elementary School

Until recently our family lived outside of Minneapolis, MN, but we consider Phoenix, AZ to be home. The position as Head of the TASIS Elementary School was recommended to me by two staff members from the Core Knowledge Foundation who knew of my background and experience and thought that it would be a good match. What "sealed the deal" was that my husband is able to pursue his life-long ambition to work towards ordination as an Anglican priest here in Lugano.

For nearly two decades I have worked in public and private education as a teacher, administrator, and consultant. I have built educational programs from scratch and have been called on to repair educational systems with a variety of academic issues. While I am not a proponent of "status quo" education, I think it is crucial to collaborate with programs and people who can have a positive impact on a project. My first love has always been the classroom. I understand what teachers need to be successful and the kind of support and creative interaction that drives them to be their best.

The TASIS Elementary School has a bright future. My goal is to solidify the academic program and institutionalize the various pieces that will bring the School long-term success and a solid academic reputation. TASIS ES is still in its infancy. My job is to help define who and what it is and how that will manifest itself - taking it into early adolescence.

Laura Porter Jones, B.A., M.A. Kenyon College
and the Unversity of Phoenix

# Around Campus

## Gala Benefit Dinner

### May 2007

The 1st Annual TASIS Gala Dinner and Benefit Auction was a big hit, netting $102,000 to benefit the capital campaign for the new Performing Arts Building. A huge tent erected next to the Palestra was filled with candles, linen, crystal and 168 parents, teachers, staff and friends of TASIS. Thanks to Committee Chairs Giusi Braglia and Adriana Petrini the event was a big success. Students sang excerpts from ***Kiss Me Kate***, Ticinese wine flowed freely, and the auction was spirited. Dinner with Mrs. Fleming, a parking space on campus, and hotel and vacation home stays around the world were just some of the exciting auction items - everyone got swept up in the enthusiasm of bidding for a good cause.

Development Board member Rick Bell (PG '65, Parent '05) took to the stage to announce that TASIS will break ground for the theater in May of 2008. TASIS is nearly 90% of the way to the goal of $2.7 million. It is easy to do your part to make the new theater a reality – go to ***tasisgiving.com*** to make a donation.

The 2008 Gala will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008. For reservations and ticket information please contact the Development Office: hans.figi@tasis.ch or call +41 91 960 5301.



*Mrs. M. Christ Fleming with Todd Fletcher*



*Curtis McGraw Webster '75, Parent Marta Catemario, Lynn F. Aeschliman '63*



*Helga De Kant, Bill Eichner, Mrs Fleming, Menno De Kant*



*Sharon Figi, Danica & Jim Tyler*



*Dancers enjoying the music*



*Kathy Pitner '62, Lynn F. Aeschliman '63*



*Jan '68 & Birgitta Opsahl*



*Parent Jinny Blomberg*



*Parents Riccardo Braglia, Margherita de Morpurgo, Ariella del Rocino*



*Rick (PG '65) and Paulise Bell*



*Todd Fletcher, Adriana Petrini, Nilda Lucchini*



*Hans Figi '75, Mario & Anna Mantegazza*



*Steve PG '61 & Yvonne Maloney*



*Hans Figi '75 and auctioneer Laurent Belet*



*Parents Stuart & Joanna Brown*



*Parents Jane & Michael Grindfors*



*Parents Sergio Ermotti, Paul Bright*



*Bill Eichner, Mrs Fleming, Curtis McGraw Webster '75*

# Al Focolare Pre-K - 2nd grade

Since its opening in 2005, the Elementary School has grown from just over 40 to more than 135 students. To help accommodate this influx of students, an additional facility was purchased and renovated – Al Focolare, former Villa Rita in Gentilino. This beautifully redesigned building provides spacious classrooms and a protected garden for outside play.

The heart of the academic program for the entire Elementary School is the Core Knowledge program – a sequential, content-rich curriculum based on a conception developed by Dr. E. D. Hirsch, Jr. TASIS is part of a large network of schools all over the world that use Core Knowledge and find great success as measured both by standardized testing and by students' enjoyment of learning.

Parents are pleased to see how enthusiastic their children are about learning. No matter what level of ability students start with, they experience a sense of achievement as knowledge and skills are mastered. The Core Knowledge curriculum encompasses language arts, history & geography, mathematics, science, art and music, and is complemented by the addition of Italian, physical education and a strong after-school activities program.





*Al Focolare, TASIS's new Elementary School facility*

# Around Campus

## Graduation 2007



*The 102 graduating students from the Class of 2007*



*Valedictorian Damian Kastil '07 & mother Johanna von Stauffenberg. Damian is now attending Stanford University.*



*Commencement Speaker Ambassador Hon. Peter R. Coneway, & Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63*

## New Fountain Sculpture



*Fountain dedication*



*Sibyl of Cumea Sculpture*

Mrs. Fleming commissioned a statue for the fountain in the M. C. Fleming Piazza by one of the finest young classical sculptors in America, Andrew Wilson Smith. This bronze sculpture depicts the Sibyl of Cumea, described in the Aeneid as Aeneis' counselor and guide. It depicts the Sibyl as a woman of wisdom seated on Mount San Salvatore, the mountain that rises above the School. The Sibyl is seated, dispensing water from a jar, and surrounded by two genius figures. One genius supports a book, symbolizing knowledge, and the other presents a lamp to indicate wisdom. It celebrates the beauty of Lugano's lakes and mountains while indicating the commitment of TASIS to educating young people in the liberal arts.

# Cathy Clark Award winner



*Katie Howell '08*

# Pritzlaff Leadership Award winner



*Robin Gilli '08*

# International Week













**In 2007-2008 the TASIS student body, Pre-K - 13th grades, comes from 52 different countries**

United States 98; Switzerland 91; Italy 54; Brazil 30; Germany 27; Japan 17; Saudi Arabia 16; Russia 16; Spain 13; Turkey 12; Mexico 12; Ukraine 10; United Kingdom 10; Serbia 9; Taiwan 7; France 7; Bulgaria 6; South Korea 5; Azerbaijan 4; Albania 3; Kazakhstan 3; Sweden 3; Netherlands 3; Antigua and Barbuda 2; Cambodia 2; China 2; Iran 2; Kyrgyzstan 2; Thailand 2; Finland 2; Georgia 2; Belgium 2; Czech Republic 2; Denmark 2; Angola 1; Austria 1; Belarus 1; Bosnia-Herzegovina 1; Colombia 1; Estonia 1; Fiji 1; India 1; Latvia 1; Montenegro 1; Nigeria 1; Norway 1; Paraguay 1; Poland 1; Romania 1; Slovenia 1; South Africa 1.

# Around Campus

## New chairs and tables at De Nobili



The outdoor dining chairs that snagged clothes for 45 years were recently replaced.

## New Gazebo

The new gazebo has been long awaited and will at the entrance to campus be a convenient waiting place for parents and students, summer and winter, rain or shine. Benches will be added, as will a notice board. TASIS Parents Association generously donated half and the Annual Fund the other half of the cost.



## Casa Italiana



Just below Hadsall the Casa Italiana offers a cozy space for Italian instruction to both native speakers and to those just learning the language for the first time. The Elementary School schedule was designed to provide as much integration as possible between the Italian and English Sections to maximize learning potential and greater cultural understanding.

## Snack Bar & Common Room



Rosa's snack bar has been conveniently relocated from the Hadsall basement to the Palestra Common Room where students and parents enjoy a coffee or pizza.





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# Unprecedented Gift



## Bequest from John E. Palmer '64 is the largest in the School's history.

Before TASIS alumnus John Palmer died in April 2007, he told Mrs. Fleming that he intended to remember the School in his will, but we never dreamed he would pass away so unexpectedly soon or that his generosity would be so profound and enduring. The over $2.5 million that John left to TASIS is a remarkable legacy that will impact the School in many positive ways.

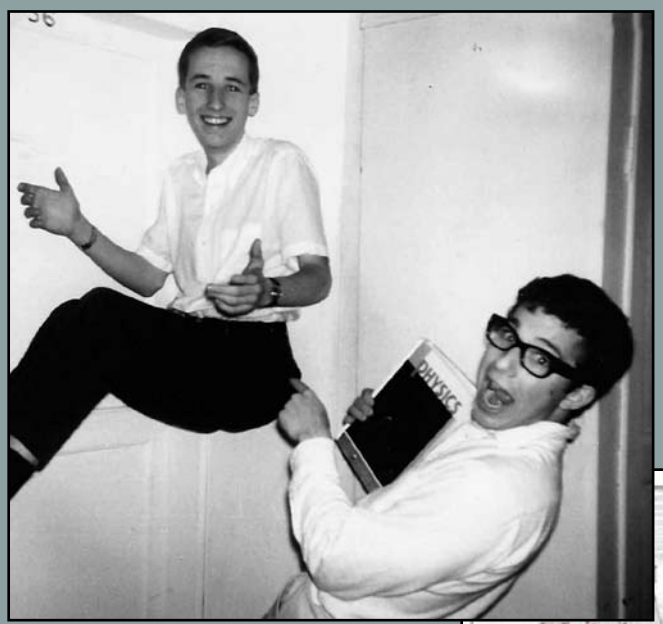
$1,000,000 of the proceeds of the estate will go toward the Capital Campaign for the new Performing Arts building, enabling TASIS to begin construction on the aptly named **John E. Palmer Theater** next spring. The ground-breaking ceremony will take place during the 2nd annual Gala Benefit Dinner and Auction on Saturday, May 17th, 2008.

The remainder will be used to help assure the financial security of the School in the future and used when unique opportunities to benefit the School and Faculty present themselves, such as scholarships, program enhancements, curriculum enrichment, and faculty-life improvement and career development.

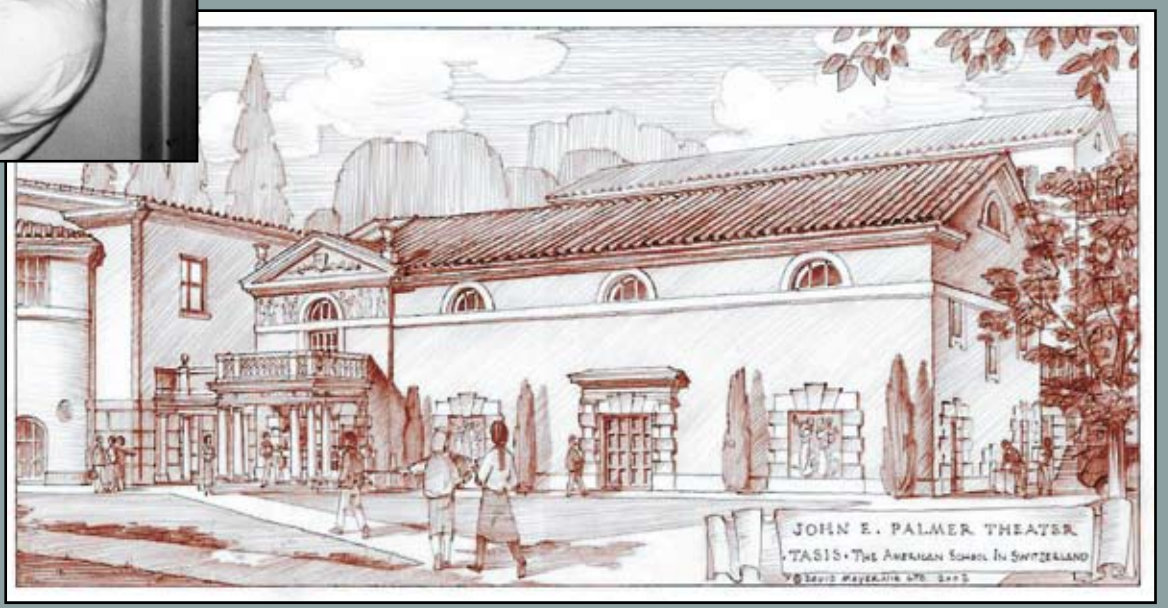
John was an unassuming, gentle soul. He gave of himself through many charities during the course of his life and always fondly remembered the three years he spent at TASIS.

His generosity is an inspiring example of the impact that an estate gift can have on the School. We are thrilled with the many opportunities his gift makes possible to help TASIS reach its greatest potential. Thoughts of "If only we could…" have become "*Just think what we can do*!"

Thank you, John. And thank you also to the members of the **TASIS Legacy Society** who have indicated that they, too, are remembering TASIS in their estate planning. What a remarkable difference it makes.




*John (levitating) and friend at TASIS in 1963*




**To donate to the Theater Campaign or join the Legacy Society, please contact Development Director, Hans Figi '75 at hans.figi@tasis.ch or give directly at www.tasisgiving.com**

# Haiti Project



*Story by Aimee Heckel - Photos by Jennie March-Aleu*
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## Editors Note:

***Leslie (Lishon) Sosnowski '74*** *lives in Boulder Colorado with her husband and two daughters, Chelsea and Sara (ages 15 and 10). Fortunatly, for the Colorado Haiti Project, Leslie generously volunteers her time creating liaisons between the children in a village called Peiti-Trou-de-Nippes with children in Boulder and beyond. Leslie serves as a spokesperson and translator. She specializes in networking with companies to secure goods and services for Haiti. Leslie has arranged with American Airlines and a humanitarian group known as "airlines ambassadors" to have Peiti-Trou-de-Nippes receive new school kits, hygiene kits, powdered milk, Nike shoes, and newborn kits. The Project also works with Croc's, the Boulder-based footwear company, to explore ways to make shipments to this small remote village in Haiti possible.*



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*"TASIS changed my life. When I arrived there, I was angry and confused. It was disturbing to leave the creature comforts of the U.S. and have my habits and thinking challenged on every level. I am eternally grateful for the seeds of change that were planted in my brain during my senior year. TASIS opened my eyes to the world."*

*Leslie (Lishon) Sosnowski '74*

Leslie Sosnowski is done with fear.

At least that's what the letter says. She reads it to the sounds of the growling airplane engine as it carries her to Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. She reads it there, in the darkness of night when she can't sleep after she swears something crawled across her neck. She reads it when she wants to scream.

The loopy handwriting of her 10-year-old daughter, Sara, strings together the pieces of Sosnowski's heart every time she sees a Haitian child lugging water instead of studying, and every time she silently wishes she was home and comfortable in Boulder.

Before leaving for Haiti on Feb. 16, the 50-year-old full-time mom thought she'd prepared for the end of the world — and, in a way, that's what she would find during her week in Haiti. She packed a fan, face creams and a yoga mat. Yet the one thing she didn't pack herself, something her daughter had scrawled in Sosnowski's journal the night before, was everything she needed.

Sosnowski carries another note from her daughter, too. But it's sealed in an envelope and not addressed to her.

Sosnowski doesn't know what it will say.

Sosnowski sits on the cool cement outside a classroom at St. Paul's Mission. This is Colorado Haiti Project territory: A tiny oasis of hope wedged between poverty in every direction. Four buildings, a school, church, a guest house and rectory, represent nearly 20 years of fundraising and construction.

The stillness here is jarring, surrounded by chaos. In this country, mothers swathe their infants in plastic bags so they can place them on the sewage-smothered ground while they cook and try to clean their huts. In the finest straw homes beyond St. Paul's, residents alternate sleeping on their one mattress in one- or two-hour shifts, hoping not to be joined by malaria-laden mosquitoes.

Sosnowski thinks the half-built school looks like a prison.

But it looks like freedom to the Haitians.

But this is not a story about buildings. It is about rebuilding. It's what happens inside the buildings.

And inside, St. Paul's buildings bring education, spiritual support, medical care — a pyramid of rebirth for a nation that appears, by all standards, long dead and decayed. The island floats just an hour and a half by plane from Florida, but it's 200 years behind. Eighty percent of the country lives in abject poverty.

Haiti's problems are complex, tangled in a history of slavery and political instability. The lack of solid government has resulted in near anarchy. So most nonprofits take on one task, such as running a school or offering free medical care.

But the Colorado Haiti Project is trying a comprehensive approach for this one village, near Petit Trou de Nippes, 80 miles south of Port-au-Prince, the capital. The Boulder group is the only nonprofit ever to attempt such a vast reincarnation



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for Haiti, even on a small scale. As they see it, all aspects of what they are working on — education, medicine and spirituality — weave together.

The humidity sneaks through the barred windows at St. Paul's School. The air is so heavy that it steals Sosnowski's breath. Or maybe the entire island leaves her breathless, because it's desolate enough to take anything it can get. By American standards, St. Paul's grounds look blighted. The cooks shoo chickens out of the kitchen. Rice and beans are cooked in an outdoor cauldron over a fire. The showers entail a pipe sticking out of the wall, a knob, the force of gravity and a water tank on the roof.

Sosnowski is one of four Boulderites on February's mission trip, designed to check on the program, assess community need and help determine direction. Sosnowski is active in the scholarship program to help the children get an education, since Haiti has no free schools.

But really, Sosnowski's trip can be defined by two letters. She hopes if she reads Sara's letter to her enough times, it will become true: "Mom, you are done with fear. ... You will learn a lesson, and be the best."

Sosnowski decides now she must be done with fear, now that she's seat-belted in Father Kesner Gracia's Nissan. She locks the doors. Extra safe for the ride through the city.

The car stands between her and a city that looks like a disaster zone that forgot to wear its yellow "Police line: Do not cross" banner. It's alive, a city that does not breathe, but pants. Every turn is punctuated by mountains of trash, open sewers, desperation and sporadic but proud political graffiti marking the 1-year anniversary of one of the country's first democratically elected presidents.

Beyond Sosnowski's windows, people burst with every gesture. The echoes of their words reverberate in a hollow hum from tin roof to tin roof.

Sosnowski jumps. A weathered hand slaps her window. It's connected to an old woman, who loses footing as she wades through the crowd and crunches across glass and wrappers that float through the streets like fall leaves back in Boulder. The old woman balances a rusty metal tub of bananas on her head. The threads that cling to her bones clash with her poise and her noble jaw. Her



eyes hit Sosnowski's. She looks away first, too quickly to see the woman's glare melt into a toothless smile. The pride of Haiti.

Sosnowski is not done with fear.

Sosnowski wonders if the car is symbolic of her life in Boulder: a false sense of security through physical separation.

Just one rock or flat tire away from havoc.

One week earlier, the United Nations sent in extra forces to Port-au-Prince. Kidnappings for ransom are common. One teen was recently kidnapped and murdered, her eyeballs gouged out.

"They say that Haiti has collapsed," Sosnowski says. "It has."

Her other daughter, 15-year-old Chelsea, wants to go to Haiti this summer. The youth group from St. John's Episcopal Church in Boulder wants to build a playground here, pending approval from church elders. Chelsea signed up. Sosnowski isn't sure her girl can handle it.

## In her words:

"It is clear to me that this program has so much potential, for our children here, for the children there, and for connection between the two."

"It is my belief that there are a lot of frustrated, well-educated, burned out 'at-home moms' in Boulder wondering 'Isn't there something more to life than carpools, dinner, laundry and nagging?' For me, it took going to Haiti... to see that the world's concerns, and the opportunity to make a difference, somehow makes the every-day chores easier to tackle."
— Leslie Sosnowski '74

Ten-year-old Sara carries a photo of her Haitian pen pal, Rosemie Fleory, 5, and shows it to her friends at the Boulder Country Day School. Sara's enthusiasm inspires others to sponsor Haitian students. Before Sosnowski left, her daughter watched the Colorado Haiti Project's documentary on repeat.

"The level of poverty she sees in 'Haiti Calls' either doesn't register with her — or deter her," her mom says. "I think she hears Haiti calling in her heart."

So does Sosnowski.

Well, she hears something. Only right now, it's muddled in fear and the swirl crinkling paper and voices. Sosnowski perches on a splintered bench outside St. Paul's Women's Resource Center. The center opened in the fall with 60 students, young women eager to improve their cooking and sewing, and hopefully, their lives. This fall, the center will offer them business classes and micro-loans to start their own shops.

Sosnowski's white skin glows in a crowd of Haitian children, like the Haitian's white teeth glow against their lips. The children hover over pages from a coloring book that Sosnowski packed, stroking the pictures with markers as carefully as if they're performing surgery. Any kind of education is their life support. Fewer than half of the nation is literate. Education will help bring the nation back to life, Sosnowski says.

More than half of the country's population is younger than 20. Of these 4 million youth, fewer than half attend school. But around St. Paul's, 88 percent of girls and 85 percent of boys are enrolled in school, a survey found. In 2005, the Haitian government recognized the St. Paul's School as one of the best primary schools in the nation based on its exam scores. Then, the school had no classrooms. Classes were held under trees or in corners of the church.

St. Paul's School is out this week for Mardi Gras, but children still buzz around the classrooms. The school provides more than 600 children lunch — sometimes their only meal. A quarter of Haitian children suffer from chronic malnutrition.

Look, there's Rosemie.

Sosnowski told Sara she could sponsor the Haitian girl if Sara worked to earn the $300 it would cost annually. Sara's household chores put Rosemie through school, buy books and a uniform and provide her with lunch. When Sara doesn't want to empty the kitty litter, Sosnowski reminds her of Rosemie.

It always works.

Sosnowski snatches up Rosemie's envelope and crackles across the white gravel. The child stands barefoot, awkward and tiny in the courtyard. Rosemie's face is empty. She wears her gingham uniform with her name sloppily sewn on the pinafore.

The crowd slides back as Sosnowski passes, her steps narrow and abrupt under her long khaki skirt. Bodies turn to watch, like sunflowers craning their hungry faces toward the sun.

Today, Rosemie is the sun. Or better. Rosemie is a movie star getting her first Oscar.

Sosnowski hears the engine of the Nissan choking closer toward the mission site. It's time to go to the village. Her exchange is quick. Anticlimactic, even.

Like the school facility from the outside, it seems simple. But look closely; this is about what happens inside.

First, Sosnowski translates Sara's letter into French: "Rosemie, your eyes twinkle with pride. Your smile is as pretty as the sky."

Then it happens. Rosemie's eyes twinkle. Her cheeks stretch toward the clouds.

The Nissan rumbles up next to Sosnowski. The other volunteers beckon to her through the glass. She's standing on the outside, separate, and for the first time since she landed, she can hear the calling that drew her to Haiti.

It's unsettling and transforming. It is beauty borne of chaos, not just for this country, but inside her. It's the love underneath Sosnowski's fear. Sosnowski is done with fear.

Chelsea will love it here.

Sosnowski waits a minute before climbing in the car, savoring one moment more of the incongruent anxiety.

For more on the Haiti Project go to: www.dailycamera.com

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# Snack Pack

By Leslie Sosnowski

We sat in the back row of the jumbo jet to Port au Prince. We were hungry and tired. The flight attendant handed us a neatly wrapped snack pack. There was a miniature candy bar, a small bag of peanuts, two crackers and a tiny tub of cheese spread. "Wheel of Fortune" was playing on the movie screen overhead.

We were walking back from a voodoo ceremony. We were tired and hungry and a little freaked out. We were relieved they hadn't sacrificed the goat in our presence. Our shoes were caked with mud. We were eager to return before dark. Bugs nibbled at our necks and ankles. We weren't smiling.

We encountered a young barefoot boy on his way back from the fresh water spring. His donkey was carrying old plastic water jugs filled with drinking water for his family. He wore a rag shirt that was torn and dirty. His shorts were old and dusty, held up with a rope. His eyes were wide and he had a smile on his face. We said "Bonjour" and took his photo. We handed him our American Airlines snack pack. He looked at it like it was from a different world.

It was.

We are back on the jumbo jet from Port au Prince to Miami. We are tired and hungry. The flight attendant hands us the coveted snack pack. On the screen overhead, a glamorous lady in an evening gown turns huge letters. A man spins a large glitter roulette wheel. People jump up and down and clap as they guess what they see. Sometime someone is going to win a lot of money.

We are in a different world.

We wonder what the boy's mother felt when he returned from fetching water with an American Airlines Snack Pack.



# Welcome to Ticino!

*Lugano, Parco Ciani, © Remy Steinegger*



**The Swiss canton of Ticino has many advantages, from its ideal climate and geographical location to its status as an international business and financial center.**

In this area of Mediterranean influences and sub-alpine surroundings, the inhabitants benefit from a high standard of living, and high-quality financial services have always been extremely important. Due to its strategic position within Switzerland and the European Union, Ticino is the meeting point between the two entities, culturally and politically. The most direct route linking northern and southern Europe runs through Ticino via the famous St. Gotthard pass. Modern and efficient road and rail networks, and the close proximity of the international airports at Milan, Lugano, and Zurich mean that Ticino can be reached easily from anywhere in Europe and beyond.

The city of Lugano is an important international business and financial center. This success story is the reward of a long tradition, which over time has seen small medieval villages transformed into modern towns, bringing significant openness and progress. European headquarters of many multi-national companies have located here.

Ticino is also the home of a number of international research organisations, such as the ***Institute of Biomedical Research*** in Bellinzona and the ***Cardiology Centre*** in Lugano, and of academic institutions, such as the ***Università della Svizzera Italiana*** in Lugano and the ***Architecture Academy*** in Mendrisio.

## Ticino: Mediterranean climate, strategic position and high standard of living

Thanks to its geographical and environmental advantages and excellent infrastructure, Ticino has always been a very welcoming place, attracting diverse and multicultural communities. It has a large English-speaking community and many educational organisations, such as TASIS. The new TASIS Elementary School has attracted companies whose employees want an English- speaking education for their younger children.

## High-quality financial services

With all these benefits, Ticino has developed a strong entrepreneurial culture and standards of excellence in the banking and financial sector. Ticino is aware of the importance of this sector for its image and for the local economy, and for the positive way it impacts tourism, commerce and construction. There are also positive effects for the population of the entire region, owing to the higher standard of living and the support that the major banks give to cultural initiatives.

## BSI: the oldest bank in Ticino

A leader in high-quality financial services is BSI, the oldest bank in Ticino. BSI was established in 1873 as *Banca della Svizzera Italiana*, and has been wholly owned by the Assicurazioni Generali group since 1998. They offer private and institutional clients tailor-made asset management services using efficient and sophisticated products.

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BSI has recently created the *Global Assistance Desk*: a skills center offering its clients a full range of services. It co-ordinates **tax planning**, the administrative procedures involved in obtaining a **residence permit**, the approval procedures for lump-sum taxation and other services as part of a full-range of assistance offered to clients. BSI can help navigate the often complex process of relocationg families and businesses to Switzerland by **searching for a home**, assisting with **insurance and legal matters**, providing advice on **schooling opportunities**, and providing support in the **social sphere**, too, by offering an ongoing and 360 degree service.

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# Horst Dürrschmidt - 32 years - Through

Images, images, images! Our world is filled with them - they bombard us; and yet an image can still have a powerful effect. Like many old clichés, "a picture is worth a thousand words" still proves true. Our humanity - in all its joy and woe, its pathos of good and evil, in moments of glory or sadness – can and has been captured in the lone image. The well-caught and well-composed scene seizes our imagination.

Through thirty-two years of inspiration, TASIS photographer and teacher Horst Dürrschmidt has taught his students to catch powerful images and create beautiful photographs of our campus and its magnificent vistas. Horst's students have fashioned photographic works of art while exploring our extended campus of Ticino and Italy, on travels around the world, and at home on the continents of Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

TASIS students from around the world arrive with talent and an "eye" that is developed and cultivated by our beloved photography teacher Mr. Dürrschmidt through his borderless world of the photography studio. Compelling student images abound around campus and at Arts Festival. Over the years many of Horst's students have gone on to pursue the profession of photography, contributing their talents in catching images that delight and move us, and that have the ability to change the world.

On behalf of the thousands of TASIS students who have studied with him, I thank Mr. Dürrschmidt for all he has given to each one of them.

Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63
TASIS Chairman of the Board

*What you see is not nearly as important as how you see because vision is not a property of the eye alone.*

*Ben Helprin*

**(Horst's first TASIS yearbook quote)**



*1988*



*1975*

# Their Eyes



*1979*

Horst Dürrschmidt began teaching at TASIS in 1974, and it is amazing what he has accomplished. He has created the finest art and photography department of any school in Europe, and he has enriched the lives of 100s of students during his time at TASIS.

As word of his retirement began to spread, TASIS alumni sent in letters and e-mails with messages. Here is a small sampling...



*1981*



*1982*

*Dear Mr Dürrschmidt, I hope you remember me, because I sure remember you. From the day I first met you, you always treated me with dignity and respect (even if I was a punk). You accompanied several students and myself to Florence and Venice and taught me about my favorite artist Botticelli. You listened to me when I was having problems, even though you were not my student advisor. You were and always will be my mentor, friend and somebody that I look up to.*

*Chip Gimse '95*



*I am a Mr Dürrschmidt fan. Although I was never a photography student of his, he changed my life and enriched it in ways that I'd never have imagined 21 years ago. He is the one who introduced me to Opera, which I enjoy immensely to this day. It is remarkable the impact he has had on my life. I am deeply grateful for the layers of color he has added to my life.*

*Vicky Hsu '86*

*1984*

*At graduation, Horst presented me with the photography award. During the past fifteen years I have used skills taught by Horst to have photographs published in various magazines. I now sit in an apartment in California with photographs of children and sand dunes hanging on the walls, taken in Angola, Namibia and Malawi while working in Africa. Taking photographs with Horst and living on the Collina d'Oro instilled into my life a genuine, deep-seated love for wandering off well-traveled pathways and stalking images. Horst was always a good-hearted man. The students all liked him.*
*He was an energetic, passionate, bohemian instructor.*

*Tom Mullen '81*



*1986*



*2006*

*Herr Dürrschmidt was always a helpful and fun teacher. Not only did he understand what he was teaching, but he also understood the students. I assure you that the thought of him retiring saddens me. However, whether it is through his gardening hobby or his enthusiasm to show others the wonders of art, he will surely bring joy to many more lives.*

*Phillip Astein '06*

*Mr Dürrschmidt was very inspiring and definitely a huge part of the school for me. I will always remember his encouragement and he always made everyone feel important with regards to his or her own artwork. I was never very good with art and his non-judgmental way of teaching made it fun and a great learning experience.*

*Toddie Horne '81*



*1985*

*1989*



*Many thanks for the memories and for inspiring the artist in me. You were always very kind with your critiques and always able to find something positive to say about my questionable creations. I have always loved art and you were instrumental in developing that side of me. I will be forever thankful for a teacher like you.*

*Lucy Carolina Roman '78*

*I remember so well the start of the 1974 school year when you first arrived at TASIS. You took control of the entire Art Department of the school. You were a master of your domain, and you quickly reorganized the art curriculum and improved upon it immeasurably. The art studio was always buzzing with activity, both day and night.*

*Robert Winer, faculty member from '73 to '77*

*I always remember Horst as being such a laid back guy. Always very positive and encouraging.*

*Linus O'Brien '90*

*1988*



*2007*





2006

*I want to express my congratulations and gratitude to the man who made a lasting impression on my life. I attended TASIS from 1992 to 1994 as a chubby but artistically inclined middle schooler who spent countless hours finding joy and inspiration in the photo studio. I will always remember Herr Dürrschmidt as the man who taught me about F-stops, depth of field and the incredible beauty of silver gelatin. What I learned from Herr Dürrschmidt more than 12 years ago has remained with me to this day as I pursue a career as a fashion photographer.*

*Nadya Wasylko '99*

*I just wanted to thank you so much for getting me into photography! It really changed my life. Now I'm a junior at Parsons School of Design, on my way to being a photographer. Unlike my other schoolmates, all 3 years of learning photo from you definitely made my life here much much easier!*

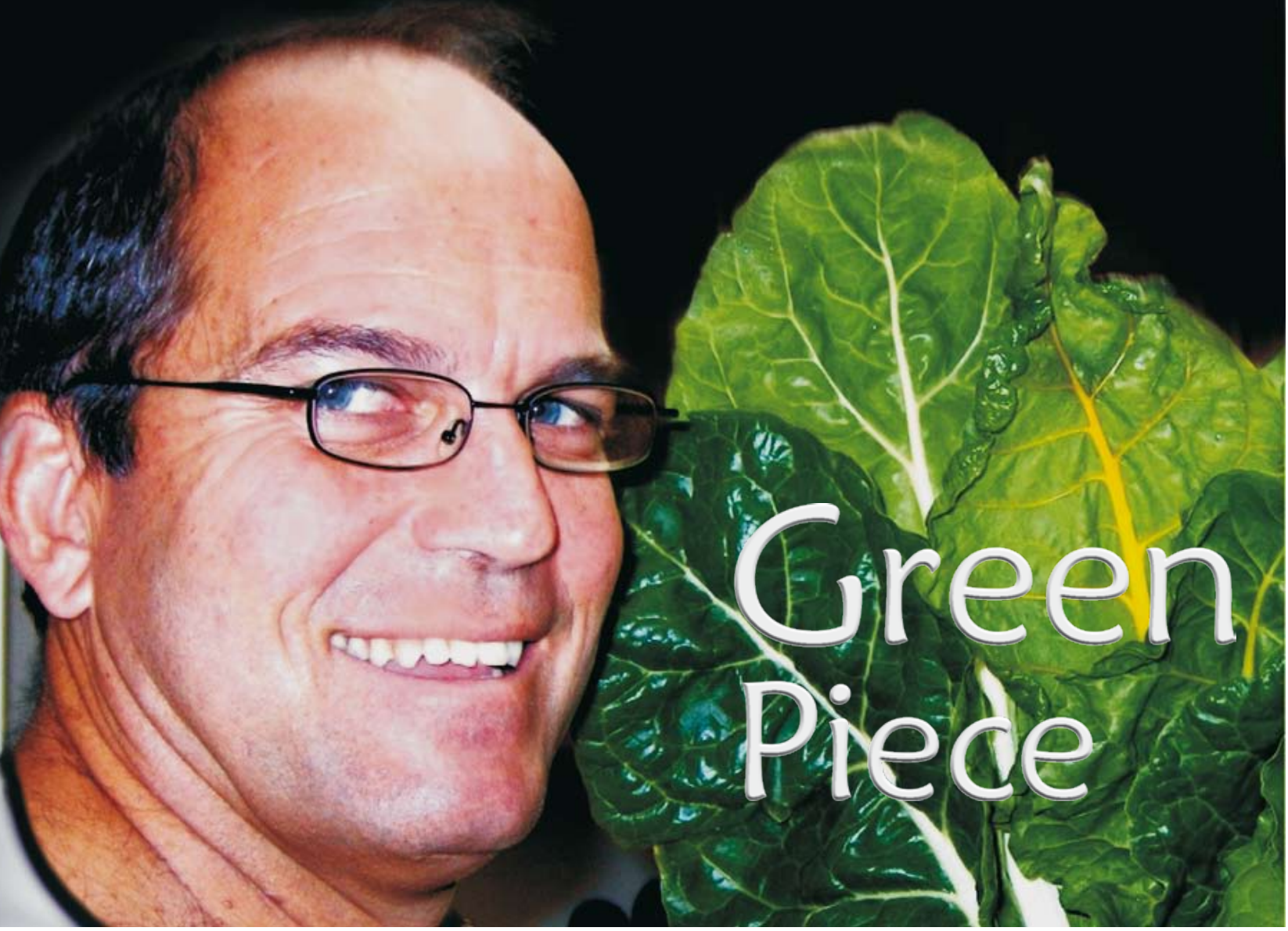
*Kelly Hau '04*



1990

2004






## Moving Towards a Sustainable Lifestyle

*by Bob '76 and Camille Armantrout*

The term "Sustainable Living" has been so overused, it's hard to say what it means. To me it means taking only what you and your local ecosystem can replenish. This applies to everything from trees, to water, to topsoil, to fuel. Unfortunately, much of our culture in the industrialized world is dependent upon taking more than our share. We are basically living well at the expense of the less developed countries and future generations, and that just doesn't feel good.

I gave a lot of thought to the meaning of sustainability while my wife Camille and I were living in Berthoud, Colorado. Berthoud is a traditional main street town designed for walking so we rarely drove anywhere. Instead, we walked and talked or walked and thought about stuff.

Five days a week, I walked 300 yards across the railroad tracks to work at the Biodiesel plant regardless of the weather. It was a short commute, about five minutes, albeit a bit longer when negotiating snow drifts. My path took me past the police station, town offices, the old depot, grain elevator and a large field populated by a family of foxes.

We often ran into someone we knew and stopped to chat. Sometimes Camille would show up at work with bread she had just pulled from the oven. In the summer, a good deal of our food came from our container gardens at work or from the Farmer's Market a couple of blocks from our apartment. During this time, we found that "staying close to home" had many unforeseen rewards that contributed directly to our quality of life.

My job involved the community-scale production of renewable fuel by turning used cooking oil into biodiesel. The people who bought our fuel tended to fall on the more environmentally conscious side, which was an added benefit.

Unfortunately, sustainable or renewable fuel is beginning to look like an oxymoron. Growing fuel crops in an effort to try to sustain the car culture that underlies much of our economy is wrong on many levels. It is responsible for increasing the burden on our diminishing topsoil, increasing the price of foodstuffs, particularly in more impoverished



*Berthoud, CO's grain elevator and depot-two of the sights on Bob's daily commute.*

rural areas, and increasing the destruction of rainforests to plant oil palms. Further, the transportation of vegetable oils from south east Asia to produce biodiesel in North America (and often shipping the fuel on to Europe) can hardly be seen as a step in the right direction.

Community scale endeavors, including the production of liquid fuels from locally available recycled cooking oil, are much closer to meeting the "sustainable" muster. But, given the need to use natural gas based methanol in the process of making the fuel, it still falls short.

We ended up leaving Berthoud when the Biodiesel plant went out of business. If we were still there, we'd likely be trying to help restore the passenger train along the Front Range and so help the community further reduce their dependency on oil.

As we move forward, we seek meaningful work close to where we live and aim to invest our time, energy, and money into our local community. Towards that end, Camille and I are putting together a small business plan to produce tempeh and mushrooms on a community scale. We are currently working on joining an "un-intentional community" of like-minded folks in rural North Carolina, as we continue on our journey towards sustainability. (see http://www.biofuels.coop/ )

## Green House
*by Sharon Figi*

**Michael Arny '69**, is Founder and President of the Leonardo Academy in Madison Wisconsin. Leonardo Academy helps companies, organizations, buildings, events, families and individuals achieve sustainability. For "greening" buildings, Leonardo Academy supports implementation and certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Michael's most high profile project has been the Clinton Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Leonardo Academy assisted the Clinton Library, which opened in November 2004, with "greening" its ongoing operations. They assisted the project in attaining LEED for New Construction Certification, based on sustainable design and construction of the building. A major on-going component of this work has included helping the Library apply for LEED for Existing Buildings Certification.

Actions they promote to help existing buildings qualify for LEED Existing Building Certification include: (1) Green cleaning (green cleaning chemicals and increased recycled content for paper products), (2) Waste reduction (increased recycling and source reduction for paper, light bulbs, aluminum, etc.), (3) Climate neutrality (all carbon emissions from energy use not addressed by additional efficiency actions and onsite renewable energy offset with renewable energy credits).
See their website at: leonardoacademy.org



*Michael Arny '69*

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Terrazzo Grande $100,000
Piazza $100,000
Stage $100,000
Entry Foyer $100,000
Technical Booth $100,000
Lights & Light Board $100,000
Backstage $50,000

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# TASIS Reunions 2007

## Turkey May 5-6



*Tracy Fossum, Mustafa Karakaya '00, Cemil Sonmez '01, Ali Murat Küçükel, Taylan Kaynar '01, Bugra Modoglu '02, Resat Onur Imamoglu '99*



*Sertan Üntut '98, Bugra Modoglu '02, Ali Murat Küçükel ,Cemil Sonmez '01, Taylan Kaynar '01*

## Washington, Class of '87 September 28-29



**Front Row (L-R)** *Jenn Wraspir, Erinn Collier, Patricia Andreu, Vicki Furr, Susie Reiber, Stacy Clark, Risa Griffith* **Back row (L-R)** *Tanya Baumberger, Rona Lascano, Kristen Norton, Shelly Butler, Julie Greenseid, Jacki Cooperman, Michele Jordan ('88)*



*Domenico Casolari, Iskender Besen ('88), Chris Muncy, Nicolas Bruneau, Brett Radmin, Kurt Abrate, Carlos Munoz, Alistair Smith, Geoff Ecker, Jay Dempsey, Paul Stamm, Mike Greene, Mike Jordan, Alex DeBruin*



**Front row sitting (L-R)** *Domenico Casloari, Kurt Abrate, Alistair Smith, Jay Dempsey*
**Middle Row sitting (L-R)** *Rona Lascano, Jenn Wraspir, Erinn Collier, Patricia Andreu, Vicki Furr, Susie Reiber, Stacy Clark, Risa Griffith*
**Back Row standing (L-R)** *Alex DeBruin, Iskender Besen ('88), Mike Jordan, Chris Muncy, Tanya Baumberger, Nicolas Bruneau, Brett Radmin, Shelly Bulter, Carlos Muncy, Julie Greenseid, Mike Greene, Jacki Cooperman, Geoff Ecker, Michele Jordan ('88), Paul Stamm*

## Las Vegas June 15-16



*Travis Belgard '98, guest, Soren Hughes '97, Ho-San Kim '97, Veronica Muhlhofer '97, Ava Klein '97, Michele Josue '97, Cynthia Violet Cabrera '97.*



**bottom row from the left:** *Alexandria Yarra '97, Kevin McMenamin '97, Ava Klein '97, Travis Belgard '98, Alyssa Feener*
**middle 2 from the left** *Cynthia Violet Cabrera '97 and Patrick Matta ' 97*
**top row from the left** - *Soren Hughes '97, Veronica Muhlhofer '97, Gen Ichino '97, Michele Josue '97 and Ho-San Kim ' 97*



**From the left**:
*Travis Belgard '98, Ho-San Kim '97, Soren Hughes '97 and Russell Lee '97*

# Chicago October 13



*Karin (Torres) Knutson '85, Holly Counter '85, Glenn Solheim, Juliana Solheim '07, Brad Solheim '05*



*Amy (Ziegler) Lamb '83, Stephanie (Niblock) Cohen '83 and Jim Bayles '83*



*William ("Homer") Hargrave '75 with Marta Babson '64*



*Linda Mack FC '69 and Elaine (Mack) Timbers '68*



*Ginny Gaynor '75 and her sister, Ann Gaynor McNichols '74*

# San Francisco June 23



*Michael Nelson '70 and Catherine Steele '71*



*Matthew Campbell '85, guest, Linda Bassett '80, Kathy Nicholson '91*



*David Liff '71, guest, Catherine Steele ' 71, Michael Nelson '70, Linda Henke '65*



*Boris Anthony Bakoic ' 85, guest, guest, Cambron Henderson '82*

Amy and John Gage SH '62 had a wonderfully thought-out reunion at their home in San Francisco on June 23, 2007.

Amy comments the following:

"Dinner was in honor of Mrs. Fleming: antipasti, roasted chicken and potatoes, chard, salads, cheese cakes, fruit, and of course a Prosecco toast started it all off. Conversations where going on all over our house, with folks gathered in all corners. It was a beautiful time together. TASIS provided "party favors", and literature about the School which were most appreciated by all."

"It was a gathering of great importance for John and me, the feeling of TASIS was all around, and we eagerly await the next opportunity to get together."

Many thanks to John and Amy Gage for their expert hosting!

# Aspen, Class of ´77 September 28-29

We arrived on Friday the 28th of September into Denver and made our way up to Aspen. Karen, Amy, and Michelle had their flights to Aspen cancelled for weather and they were picked up by Rick, Kelly, Ed, and Dennis who were all driving up from Denver in an SUV large enough for 8 people. We had an iPod with a play list of memorable songs from our years at TASIS playing in the background throughout the weekend. We stopped for pizza in Idaho Springs and then met up with Jenny and Suzi Price, Greg Goldstein and Mark Moller and his wife Cari at the Cantina restaurant in Aspen. Dennis Barr and Mark Moller had only gone to TASIS in 9th grade in Vezia, so for some of us, we had not seen them for quite a long time. In the case of Mark Moller, no one had seen him for 33 years! So, it was an emotional get-together re-connecting very strong bonds that were forged for some of us at age 14!

It was a full weekend with some physical activity and plenty of intimate time to tell stories and re-live some of the wonderful moments from many years ago. Pete O'Neill, who had also been at TASIS only in 9th grade unfortunately had to cancel prior to the trip but sent along an emotional and hilarious soliloquy that was read to the group by Dennis Barr. Pete's ability to perfectly capture imagery and tomfoolery from 33 years prior had everyone in stitches and with teary eyes. The weather is Aspen was beautiful and the Aspen trees were perfectly timed to golden fall perfection. We did a bike ride on Saturday along the Rio Grande to the Woody Creek Tavern, an old Hunter S. Thompson hangout. On Sunday we hiked from Maroon Lake to Crater Lake under the majesty of the twin Maroon Bell peaks. It was a wonderful way to recapture our memories of Valle Versasca and the Alps. We went out to several great restaurants including a memorable dinner at the spectacular Pine Creek Cookhouse in nearby Ashcroft on Saturday night. Every night we stayed up until 2 a.m. reminiscing, laughing, and telling stories from days of old.



*Class of 77 during a break at the Maroon Bells in Aspen:* **Left to Right***: Karen McArn, Michelle Pagnotta, Greg Goldstein, Jenny Price, Dennis Barr*



*Mark Moller and Suzi Price*



**Class of 1977 at the Woody Creek Tavern**
**Left to Right:** *Dennis Barr, Mark Moller, Rick Mullen, Ed Fletcher, Karen McArn, Kelly Bouwens, Greg Goldstein*



**Class of ´77 at the Hotel Jerome in Aspen:**
**Left to Right Front Row:** *Karen McArn, Michelle Pagnotta, Jenny Price, Rick Mullen, Suzi Price, Amy Eilers*
**Back Row:** *Dennis Barr, Mark Moller, Kelly Bouwens, Ed Fletcher*

# Tokyo
October 25

東京同窓会

次はあなたも参加して友達に再会しよう！



*Group Shot*



*Bill Eichner, Mana Morita '97, Hans Figi '75*



*Chia-Ming Hu '94, Kina (Yachi) Osawa '95 and Bill Eichner*



*Group Shot*



*Rumi Nataami '06 and Bill Eichner*

# Coming Up

## Calendar 2007/2008

**New York City**
Friday November 16, 2007
All class reunion
New York Racquet and Tennis Club
370 Park Avenue (between East 52nd and 53rd Streets)
Register at www.tasisreunion.com

**London**
Saturday December 8, 2007
All class reunion
The Lansdowne Club
9 Fitzmaurice Place
Register at www.tasisreunion.com

**Washington DC**
Date and location TBD
All class reunion

**Aspen**
March 2008
All class reunion

**Las Vegas**
February 8,9,10, 2008
70's class reunion
Contact Kathy Pilugin Gamble at dulcinea_q1@yahoo.com or ask to join the Yahoo Group – TASISLugano 1974

**Class of '68 40th year reunion**
Date and location TBD
Contact Pamela (Stevie Springer) Bryant at ohsaycanuc@cox.net

**1983 PGs 25th year reunion**
Spring/Summer 2008
Contact Kate Lewin Shamblott at kshamblott@yahoo.com

**Class of '88 20th year reunion**
Date and location TBD
Contact Laura (West) Presnol at lpresnol@starbucks.com

**Class of '98 10th year reunion**
Date and location TBD
Contact Giorgia Di Lenardo at giorgia.dilenardo@tasis.ch

**2nd Annual Gala Dinner and Benefit Auction**
Saturday, May 17, 2008
TASIS Campus, Montagnola, Switzerland

For more information or questions please contact the Alumni office at alumni@tasis.com




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**59** An unexpected and delightful class reunion took place in North Carolina with 100% attendance for the class of 1959! **Gai (Fleming) Case** and her husband, Mark, relished a sumptuous dinner at the home of **Frederick Sears** and his wife, Mary Hugh. After almost 50 years of no contact, they discovered their proximity in Western NC. Too many memories to recount demand a repeat reunion! 1

**61** **Rick Mayne** has been retired for one year now and loves it. He has four lovely daughters and five grandchildren (four girls and a boy), with one more on the way. Rick still plays competitive tennis and skis when he can find someone who still does. He'd like to hear from old alum friends - fhmayne@optonline.net.

• **Jan (Beuttell) Cook** writes, "After graduation from TASIS in '61, I went to Northwestern, where I completed undergraduate and graduate degrees. Carey Orr Cook and I were married in June '66. We have three sons and four grandsons who live in the Bay Area (CA). I taught high school French and then tutored French, English, and History for more than 14 years. In 1997, Carey and I developed a free educational website: www.vocabulary.com which is used by more than 17,000 schools and teachers worldwide. It offers free, interactive vocabulary development and enrichment featuring Latin and Greek root-based puzzle activities at grade levels. It is a Self-paced resource, based on state standards, with printable word puzzles and exercises. It includes 60 calendar/thematic content features, SAT/ACT-type puzzles, 170 "A-Z" subject word lists, tips/suggestions for usage, 130 assigned reading vocabulary lists and ROOT-A-WEEK. Universal Press-uclick nationally syndicates our daily puzzle, Rootonym®. It is a joy to work together."

**62** **Suzi (Smith) Lynch** says, "I was so thrilled to hear from **Susan (Sheldon) Hargrove**, **Fred Morris**, and **Wayne Moore**. I am hoping that more from my class and the other grades as well, have relocated to Florida and I would love to hear from you. Perhaps we can all meet for a reunion! I spend my time teaching comedy improvisation and conducting seminars on brain exercises to seniors through various programs in this area. I also teach creative writing to seniors at assorted living communities. I write non-fiction short stories and probably will put together a book of them for my daughter. I am having fun doing the project. My husband, Tom, owns a seafood business and he offers free delivery so he is on the road much of the day. But we both feel that work keeps us young. I am quite anxious to reconnect with **Nancy (Sanderson) Beresh**, if anyone knows how to reach her I would be grateful for the information. I think back on my one year at TASIS with fond memories and still think it was an enriching experience for me. I was so closed-minded as a teenager and being in a foreign country opened my eyes to the world. Hoping some of you out there will connect with me, I would love to relive the past as we rush into the future!" • **Kathy Pitner** and her husband, Bob, enjoyed another wonderful visit to the TASIS campus in May 2007. As a member of the TASIS Development Board, she comes every May for a board meeting. She and her husband spend half of the year in Denver and the other half in Aspen, Colorado, where they both work for the Aspen Skiing Co. during the winter. After a long career in management and conflict resolution training and mediation, she's enjoying being a ski instructor and using a skill she first learned in Andermatt while attending TASIS.

**63** In May, **Judy (Callaway) Brand** and her daughter **Kelly Reynolds TESS '80**, **'82**, visited the Lugano campus while vacationing on the Collina d'Oro, Lake Como, and Lago Maggiore. They were delighted to have the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Fleming and **Lynn (Fleming) Aeschliman**, Judy's former classmate. 2

**64** **Lindsay Green** is pictured with Max Man at the Art Fair on the Bristol Common June 10, 2007. Max Man is the recycling wizard from the RI Recovery Recycling Center in Johnston RI, which is Rhode Island's only landfill. She says, "A few of us organized a recycling info booth for people to enjoy along with their art viewing. We gave away 100 green "Stop and Shop" shopping bags and 200 Ace Hardware compact fluorescent low energy light bulbs as well as recycling bins. People loved the giveaways. I also am involved with several advocacy groups helping to keep Narragansett Bay clean from nutrient pollution, excess sewage, over fertilized lawns, and stormwater run-off. I do graphic design for a living and designed a button to help save menhaden from commercial over-fishing in Narragansett Bay. Menhaden are super filter fish (four gallons per minute) and take care of all the polluting high nitrogen plankton and sewer run off in the Bay by simply eating it!" 3 • **Sheri Romine** is temporarily living in Atlanta near her younger brothers and daughter, Dana.

**65** **Heidi (Cole) Stanfield** has been living in Austin, TX, for two years now and is getting back into the art scene. She shares with us a photo with her two sons, Shane and Cole Stanfield, at the latest show at which she sold all three of her paintings! She is excited to be back in a city after 22 years in the country. She bought a dog, Maya, and also has a horse that she rides three times a week. 4 • **Peggy (Johnson) Cannell** is working in electronic publishing at

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the moment and spending time with her 6 grandkids whenever she gets a chance. Peggy would love to hear from some "old-timers!" Her email address is cannell747@aol.com.

66 **Sally (Stine) Rockholt** says "My husband and I are still enjoying retirement in Angels Camp, CA. We host friends from our travels and friends from our 'working life.' It is always fun to go wine tasting at our local wineries. We continue to love traveling, also. This year we cruised from Buenos Aires to Santiago and around Cape Horn. It was the first time I had been to South America and we loved it. My daughter and I are going skiing at Portillo, Chile, in August. My husband and I are staying in Paris for a month in November, celebrating a 'significant' birthday and have another cruise planned for next February to New Zealand and Australia. I play enough golf, so I should be improving, but I find it just a good excuse for adults to play in the park. I enjoy reading about TASIS and alumni and I hope more people keep in touch."

67 **Claire (Ingalls) Baur** graduated from the University of California, Davis. She has been living in Boulder, Colorado since 1973, working as a civil engineering/land planning designer/drafter at a Boulder firm for almost 29 years! Her husband, John, is a structural engineer and owner of a small consulting firm. They have two children: Lauren, a senior at the University of Washington, Seattle, and David, a junior at Cornell College in Iowa. They enjoy the outdoor lifestyle of Colorado, especially hiking and camping. She would love to hear from any classmates. cbaur@dtjdesign.com 5 • **Chuck Kitsman** says, "My recent activities have included a trip to Honolulu with my longtime friend and historian, Georgia, just before Christmas and prior to that, in the summer of 2005, a ten day jaunt through Scotland, which was great fun. In Scotland, we were able to meet John Buchan's granddaughter, Lady Deborah Stewartby, and see castles and distilleries while being impressed with the friendliness and kind nature of the Scots we encountered. We hope to go back before long and play a little golf and have a single malt whisky or two."• In December of '06, **Anne (Griffin) Lynn** published a book of poems. She continues to paint as well as do collage and mosaics. Her son, Greg (24), is continuing his film education at The San Francisco School of Digital Filmmaking.

68 **Pamela "Stevie" (Springer) Bryant** says, "*Class of '68, where are you?* And more importantly, would you be interested in getting together for a 40th reunion next year? I would be happy to organize something if enough of us are interested. I am now in the DC area, but I could arrange something either in the States, Europe, Caribbean or wherever. Just, let me know. I can be reached at ohsaycanuc@cox.net or (703) 781-0665." • **Didi Watters** writes, "I am going to be child-free for the first time in 20 years, so a new era is beginning, I would, of course, love to hear from any of my old classmates from 1968. I am still working as a Realtor in Fairfield - going on 23 years now." • **Peter Havas** tells us he is, "still in Paris, and likely to remain so. The roof of the house in Maine blew off during the Patriot Day storm, but is being put back on. The apartment in Paris will close its fourth year of renovation this September 3rd. Hopefully, the kitchen will be in by then, or we'll be roasting turkey on forks over matches. My latest book will be out in August. It is about leading figures in Saudi Arabia. My next, on the history of terrorist groups, won't be ready for another 24 months. Writing lies continues to be profitable, and I continue to remain anonymous. My wife, Coco, has just finished a triumphant run as UMP press secretary for Mr. Sarkozy's party, and can now get back to putting her law practice to work again. Nicholas (our youngest) is rounding out his career in Chinese fast food delivery, in anticipation of the impending takeover before returning as a junior to continue his advanced studies in beer at UMaine, Orono. Zachary (our eldest) will enter his fourth year at the Beaux Arts in Paris, plus matriculate at Diderot next spring in psychology. Fangio, the mutt is 11 this year, Gizmo, the Cocker Whatever, is 4. Also, I finally got my Vincent motorcycle. Only took 35 years…If anyone knows where Pam O'Neill is, please advise: zaphod@noos.fr." • **Jan Opsahl** was recently appointed to the TASIS Development Board. This Board is involved with the strategic planning and coordination of all fundraising efforts at TASIS. He and his wife, Birgitta, were on campus in May for the Board meeting, Spring Arts Festival, and Benefit Gala for the Performing Arts Building. They had a great time and danced well into the night. He reflects, "During my many trips to TASIS over the last few years while visiting my parents, I have been amazed by the tremendous expansion of activities at the School since the time I was there. I would encourage all alumni to visit TASIS if they can. The best time would be during the Arts Festival when the products/results from this great institution clearly can be experienced first hand. I would also encourage my classmates to make a contribution towards the Performing Arts Building. It makes a difference."

69 **Rick Matters** let us know he has accepted a new position at All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel, California. **Peter Boynton** and he are now neighbors and are enjoying spending time together. He says, "The beach is beautiful and the ocean soothing. The parish has a K-8 day school of which I am also the rector. Our temporary housing is a small redwood cabin that feels Swiss, so Andrea and I call it our chalet." • **Susan Perry** has been working as an administrative assistant in Big Sur at probably the tiniest unified school district in the US, Pacific Unified School District and its only school, Pacific Valley. It has 13 students in grade K-12. They generate their own electricity as well as pump and maintain their own water system. They're very rural and isolated, dealing with frequent road closures whenever there's more than a few days of steady rain. She moved from Big Sur a few years ago, after remarrying in 2001. Her second husband, youngest of 3 daughters (16), and she live an hour south of the school in Cambria, CA, on the central coast, in the land of artists, wine, Hearst Castle, surfing, and elephant seals. Her two adult daughters (29 & 24) live farther north in Santa Cruz. The younger one is married to a former Moroccan with a 7-year-old daughter and is expecting one of her own in November. My husband has been teaching for 30 years under various credentials and in various fields. He moonlights as a small tour business operator and as teen director at the local teen center." • **Peter Boynton** is organizing the Class of 1969's 39th reunion as a June/July '08 10-day walk through medieval and pre-historic sites in the Dordogne Region of Southwest France. Glorious gastronomy! All welcomed! • **Gordon Kirkpatrick**


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writes, "We are all doing well. My daughter, Emily Simone, was born in 2005, on August 5th (my birthday!). Emily is 18 months now and talks all the time, but we're not sure exactly what she is saying. Stephanie (21) is majoring in business marketing at Cal State Northridge. Drew is an engineering major at UCLA. David (3) is mastering English, Spanish and potty training. Natalia is working full time producing those pesky travel ads we all watch on the airplanes and is going full time to get her M.B.A. in international marketing at Pepperdine. I am learning to watch and relax." • **Cindy (Grimes) Craig** and her family are still in Carson City, NV, and were bracing themselves for another cold winter. The older boys, Kelso and Alex, are away most of the time, in college in the Midwest and Northwest respectively, leaving Des, Cindy, Meghan, and Kevin in Nevada. Des still works at the Commission on Economic Development and travels extensively throughout the state and beyond. In July 2006, they took a few days by themselves and traveled south and west into California, and then back into southern and central Nevada to see some of the areas where Des works. In August, Kelso and Alex drove the 1800 miles cross country from Nevada to Dubuque, Iowa, where Kelso attends university. In late September, they went north to Corvallis, OR, and settled Alex into his freshman year at Oregon State. Meg and Kevin attend local high school and Cindy stays in touch with their education through PTA


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meetings and other voluntary positions and activities. • **Pamela (Carrillo) Jackson** writes, "My husband, Michael, and I have moved our company that makes metal detectors for the aggregate industries from Orange County, CA to Jacksonville, Fl. We love it here. There is so much to do and people are so friendly. I do keep in touch with some of my classmates and apparently we will be reuniting for a trek in southern France next summer with **Peter Boynton**. We love to have company, so if anyone is in Jacksonville please call 904-619-3395. Our last reunion up in Lake Tahoe was a blast!! I also went to the L.A. reunion in 2005 which was great." • **Colleen (McDougall) Heater** is updating her book, ***The Pilgrim's Italy: A Travel Guide to the Saints***, which is taking longer than expected. She wishes she had learned more Italian when she was in Lugano so she wouldn't have to look for Italian speakers to help her. Colleen, with her husband, J.T., will be starting their next book, ***Yogananda's India: A Travel Guide to the Sacred Sights of the Indian Master***. After five wonderful weeks in India this past October, she is anxious to get started. Then after that they will do the "Pilgrim's Spain." So, life is keeping her very busy with many inspiring projects. She welcomes anyone to come visit her in Nevada City, California, and she hopes to make one of the reunions that **Peter Boynton** plans. They are too much fun to miss! • **Wendy (Jester) Garling** recently took a trip to Tibet. She traveled with a small group for almost a month. Mostly they camped and stayed at monasteries in remote areas, though they did occasionally pass through a city to enjoy the hot water in a nice hotel. 6

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**Erika (Grush) Goodell** is building a wine-themed bed and breakfast inn. While her husband has worked at wineries and she has worked in marketing, they are actually just growing the vineyard right now for their guests to enjoy! • **Sarah Spitz** writes, "I just bought a new Prius. Also, during a 13-week course through the University of California/Cooperative Extension program to become a master gardener volunteer trainer, I learned University-approved research methods for growing food crops and flora. I then, in turn, will be teaching others in volunteer service to community gardens, VA gardens, women's shelters, etc. The program teaches us to teach others. There are master gardener programs in every state and county, each with a mission that matches their community's needs. In Los Angeles County, the mission is to work with low income urban communities that don't have access to fresh produce in their areas, so they can grown their own healthy fruits, veggies, and herbs. I've earned my master gardener badge, which involves volunteering for 50 hours and 15 hours of continuing education. I graduated from the class in May 2006, and earned my badge by February 2007. Right now I have a zillion tomato plants growing in pots as I don't have a garden but instead, a brick patio. I have become an avid composter and even have a worm composting bin. I have grown all these plants organically in soil that I created from garden and kitchen scraps, including the all-powerful fertilizer, "worm tea," that comes out of the worm bin. I dream of finding a small piece of land to build a pre-fab green home on, and a yard to grow in. My newest passion is sustainability, and I am working toward educating myself, and perhaps, after retirement in a few years, focusing the second half of my career on that issue. In May, I celebrated my 24th anniversary at KCRW. I'm still a parental caregiver. My mom, who is legally blind, lives next door to me in Santa Monica and will be 89 this year. That's about it." 7 • **Laura Snook** and her husband, Jonathan, were very busy in 2006, traveling widely and getting established during their first year living in Rome. Laura's ten-year measurements of mahogany trees on experiments in Quintana Roo took them to Mexico. There were also visits to Laura's family in Texas and Connecticut. They wined and dined their way through a three-day, 25-year reunion in Oxford with Jonathan's then colleagues on the Jonglei Canal, Sudan, eco-impact team and spent several days in Madrid. Laura traveled to Morocco, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Brazil for work and Jonathan visited Kenya twice to help in the renovation and renewal of the National Museum in Nairobi. Laura's work proved demanding in 2006 as the program she leads was being reviewed and the institution for which she works went through a 'rebranding' exercise. As of December, it was Bioversity International. Both she and Jonathan hope to have more time for relaxed travel this year and she hopes to catch up with old Lugano friends. • **Doreen (Mosher) Louderback** is still residing in Richmond, Virginia, and is employed as Director of Marketing for Thomas Hamilton & Associates (Architects * Interior Designers) She has been happily married for 23 years to Terry Louderback, whom she met when they were flight attendants with TWA. • **Dan Dietsch** says, "After four years of formation and study, I was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago! You can visit www.posjhomewood.org and see photos of the first Mass in which I assisted, and listen to my first homily, shared with my wife of 33+ years, Thelma. Hope all are hale, hearty and happy." 8 • **Robin Zabel** wrote to say, "I now live in Santa Fe, NM. I am married, the second time around working as a realtor and also an attorney specializing in consumer law, real estate, tax and estate planning. I continued to travel extensively since my time at TASIS - mostly in SE Asia. In face, I did a couple semesters in Florence at Stanford. I have been in touch with **Peter Boynton '69** and **Edward Mitchell '71** but still hope to hear news about others from my class."

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**Bruce Kirchoff** was in China for two weeks this past June consulting and giving talks at the South China Botanic Garden, Beijing Normal University, and the Institute of Botany in Beijing. Bruce is an academic botanist working at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has an innovative new computer program to teach plant identification about to be published by Missouri Botanical Garden Press, and is a finalist in the Thacker Hoffman Smith Creativity Prize. • **Robin (Hamilton) Brooks** says, "My husband, Michael, and I really enjoyed the '71 reunion in San Antonio in May 2006 - **Judy (Hallock) Charlton** and **Brenda (Moore) Etlinger** did an outstanding job . . . and we are ready for the next gathering . I am still in NC. Michael retired March 1st and is living the life of leisure (not really). It truly is wonderful having him retired! I'm not there yet – still enjoying working half time in early childhood intervention. Now that Alex, our youngest, is in college and we are empty-nesters and we are hoping to hit the road and travel some! I stay in touch with **Nancy (Hubbard) Carty**, who lives 'down the road', **Hilarie Horne** in Chile (via email), and **Carol (Wuerthele) Garbarino** in CT. I heard from **Terry (Banning) Michiels** in January. She was excited to hear about the next reunion – 'San Moritz revisited (in CO)' - and wants to attend. If anyone is traveling through Raleigh, NC – stop in for a visit!" • **Ingrid Arnesen** writes, "I am now teaching at the Weill Cornell Medical School in Qatar, no I haven't gone into medicine, I'm teaching English writing in the pre-med program here for one semester. I was having lunch with colleagues, and I found a fellow alum -- an Iranian-American woman physician here. We had had dinner at an Iranian restaurant the week before and hit it off. As we were chatting at lunch later, I asked her where she went to boarding school, she said Lugano, and I said, 'YOU WENT to

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TASIS!!!' You can imagine the shouting in the cafeteria--she's younger than me, graduated in 1981, and lives within walking distance of where I live here--we were able to reminisce about Max, Peter Page, Angelo, St. Moritz, and it felt I was at home out here in the middle of the desert! Everyone here calls her Nunu but her name is **Nounou Taleghani '81**. We are contemplating going back to Lugano together--we'll see. But, one of the advantages of living here is that you're not far from anywhere, Paris is 6 hours, Sri Lanka is about the same I think, and Turkey is a skip and a jump. Do any of you happen to be in this region? Last I heard, **Ed Mitchell** was in Turkey, and perhaps **Robin** is in Greece? If so, let me know, it would be great to try to meet. **Kevin Haug**, are you out here? (He and I tried to meet in Shanghai last summer, but that fell through." • **Stan Sehested** and his wife Joan live in The Woodlands, Texas, just north of Houston. They have a one-year-old white German Shepherd pup (85 pounds) named "Glory." Stan is the General Manager of Corporate Communications for Chevron Phillips Chemical Company. He travels to the Middle East, Asia, and Europe often. Stan and Joan's son, David, is an attorney and partner with KL Gates in Seattle, Washington. He is an appellate lawyer and represents Microsoft and many others. David has two young sons, Oliver and Finley, and they refer to Stan and Joan as their "Grand Stan" and "Gransie." Stan is still a very active tennis player and his USTA team has finished as high as 3rd place in national competition. • **Rebecca (Boynton) Norton** and her husband, Jeff, will be grandparents in the spring. Their daughter, Laura, lives in the Czech Republic with her husband, Radek Kolarik, and they are in youth ministry and teaching English there. • **Charles Hodgkins** writes, "Well so far, 2007 has been a very busy year for me. Last November, I moved up from Rear-Commodore of the Encinal Yacht Club to Vice-Commodore and I became Commodore in November. That has kept me very busy managing races here in the San Francisco Bay Area. I was the Race Chairman for the Coastal Cup which starts here and finishes in Santa Barbara. This year we had a very windy race with wind speeds between 35-44 knots. This caused some damage in the fleet such as broken equipment and one dismasting but fortunately everyone managed to get to Santa Barbara without injury." • **Chip Arnold** greets us from Nevada. "All is well and we hope the same for all of you. We are blessed with our jobs, health, and family. Especially proud of our grandchildren Kody (5), Joshua (4), and Keenan (2).If you're ever in the Lake Tahoe/Reno area, give us call." 9

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• **Dennis Cockrell** says, "This year, in addition to Mount Hood, I climbed Mount Rainier last July. I have successfully climbed Mount Rainier twice from the south side. This year, we climbed on the north side - a new route to try. I am still the HR Director at Gritman Medical Center and love living in Moscow, Idaho. Unfortunately, we recently made the news due to the sniper shootings here. The wounded were treated at Gritman. I also continue to teach management courses at both Washington State University and the University of Idaho and thoroughly enjoy that. I would love to see any of my old classmates if anyone is traveling through the area." 10

• **Jo-Anne (Principato) Morley** writes, "As my husband Kevin and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary, our youngest son, **Dylan (TSSP '05)**, graduated high school. Our oldest son Andrew, 23, who graduated from Lafayette College in 2006, is now working in New Jersey as a mechanical engineer. Our middle son, Keith, is 21 and will be entering his senior year at Syracuse University. For now, I substitute teach occasionally when I need a change of pace. I have not practiced law in over 15 years and am not sure I want to go back to that. I have also resigned from the Board of Trustees at our sons' school. We will be empty nesters when Dylan heads to the University of Richmond, but we are ready to begin a new chapter in our lives. Any suggestions? My sister **Lynne (Principato) Noceti '73** is coming soon from her home in Italy to help us celebrate our sister, Angela's, 50th birthday. 11


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73 **Marilyn (Hrobar) Hayes** tells us, "So many wonderful things have happened in my life since my 1973 TASIS graduation! Family, after Jesus, takes the #1 spot though! My son, Jaison, and I first vacationed for one week on Hilton Head Island, SC, in 1988. Within 4 months, I had sold my North Carolina photography studio and our home and moved here. It was that appealing! I continued as a professional photographer on the island until I married my husband, John, in 1995 and moved back to NC (where he practiced orthopedics). Jaison married Traci about the same time that I remarried -which worked out perfectly in all ways- and they remained on Hilton Head. They now have four absolutely, totally, wonderful children! Upon my 1995 return to NC, need dictated and I was quickly transitioned from a professional photographer to a medical office manager and maintained that position until John retired. We have since left NC and moved back to the Hilton Head home I had before we married. Now my official title is 'Grandmommy.'" 12 • In May 2005, **Randi Allfather** and her husband, Carl Borchert, visited Denmark to view offshore wind farms in Nysted and Blavand. Carl is the chapter director of Clean Power Now Nantucket, a citizen's grassroots organization based in Hyannis, MA with 6,000 members advocating viable clean renewable energy projects. A private developer, Cape Wind of Boston, has proposed America's first offshore wind park in Nantucket Sound 6 miles from Cape Cod and 14 miles north of Nantucket, their home. The trip to Denmark was to see how that country, which is a leader in wind power and has no reliance on foreign oil, was handling it. They were impressed how the Danish people have embraced wind power. What the locals were worried about: avian impacts, aesthetics, property values, tourism, and sailing and fishing, never materialized. Denmark gets 20% of their electricity from wind are is planning for 50% in 20 years. Randi comments, "The Europeans have been very successful with wind energy for over 10 years. It is the fastest growing form of energy production worldwide. We are fighting an uphill battle because the oil, coal, gas, and nuclear industries are very powerful in the US. But there is hope and it is a fight worth fighting for our children and grandchildren to have a cleaner and safer world to live in. We enjoyed our trip and learned a lot. We sincerely hope that Cape Wind will be built and launch America's renewable energy revolution." • **Carlos Vela** writes, "Teena and I are changing our entire life style this coming month. We have started a retail wine store in Fernandina Beach, Florida. This new start-up is called the

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"InterCoastal Wine Company". Go to ICwine.com or intercoastalwine.com to see the store. The kids are doing great! Lisa is working for Dartmouth Press as a production editor and living in Philadelphia. Dan is living in Cambridge, MA, and working for Cell Press as an editor as well. Justin is at Akron University and working on his respiratory therapist degree. I am still a working grunt - IT director for Pecoll - and always looking for more fun in life." • **Leslie Trapp** reports, "Today we spend time raising kids, working harder and making less, marveling at the digital age, walking to fight off weight, fly fishing, struggling at golf, shooting skeet, boating on Lake Cumberland, trying to say it less and do it more, fighting Bible-belt wing nuts, praying for a Democrat in the White House and peace 'n quiet in our house, and forever looking forward to the next trip out of Kentucky! A shout out to grand old roomies and teammates, **Shahin Rezai** and **Ken Koch**! One has to long for the late nights under the stars on the hill in Montagnola, singing out of key at the juke box, debating Mr. Busey, afternoon sandwiches at Angelo's, flirting with and chasing **Ann Burnham**, **Sue Fonseca** and **Donna (Minden) Stryker**, racing home late in flat light as the sun falls behind Mount Blanc; Europe was our playground; Oh woe is me!!" 13 • **Alan Coogan** spent the summer cruising on his boat in Washington and British Columbia. • **Wendy (Barton) Benson** shares with us, "Life is great in Atlanta! We moved into our new English Manor home that Marion built just down the street from where we live in Buckhead. Also we have been spending many relaxing hours at our ranch with two gorgeous lakes, swans, and homes in addition to the main house which is an original sprawling log cabin decorated in Navaho motif. We had a wonderful American Indian woman from Santa Fe paint traditional Indian symbols throughout the house and on many of the beddings and furniture. Mostly we are spending time with our collection of over 500 horses, including many miniature horses. They are like puppies and follow you around. They especially like following around our American Eskimo dog, Rex! The ranch is a little bit of heaven for us. For spring break 2007, we went to a family villa in Cabo. In the summer, we made our annual trip to Seaside, Florida, a bit of Nantucket in the South. As always, Caroline and I have continued our work at the Atlanta Food Bank and also City of Refuge, an organization that strongly supports the victims of hurricane Katrina. Caroline is following the family tradition of giving back to those in need since she has been so blessed. She has been a volunteer since she was 6 and she is now 14! We will also make our annual Christmas trip with our dog to several nursing homes in Atlanta. I keep in touch with many alums. **Debra (Clason) Rollins** is doing fantastically and she is still a fabulous caterer.... watch out Rachel Ray! **Dave Blocker** is living in California and continues to be a terrific film producer. **Andrea Simitch**, her husband, Val, and children are busy going back and forth from Cornell to Milan, Andrea's real home. **Rodney Haug** is doing fabulously in the financial world in California. He keeps in touch with **Pat (Murtha) Greenfield** but would LOVE to hear from **Robert Kim**, and so would I!" 14 • **Elizabeth (Sager) Yates** is living in Texas and Montana. She has been plotting various things to do with her time when she becomes an 'empty nester.' Traveling is definitely on her list of things to do. Her son, **Eric Yates '07**, has graduated high school and will be attending Hofstra University. 15 • **Laurie (Rodarty) Ehrich** visited TASIS in February '06 with her husband Tim and daughter, Isabel (12). This was her first trip back since graduating in 1973! She's been living in Corydon, Iowa, for the past 10 years, having moved there from California to raise her daughter in the wholesomeness of the Midwest. She works at the local hospital, as the director of Marketing and Planning and her husband is the County Engineer. 16 • **Lynne (Principato) "Potty" Noceti** is still living in Modena, Italy with her husband, Nanni. Last winter they managed to make it to St. Martin for a week. Her two sons, Alessandro and Massimo moved out recently and are now attending business school pursuing masters degrees in marketing and management. Meanwhile, the empty nesters are hard at work running two companies. Lynn says life in Italy is wonderful and friends are welcome to stop by anytime!! Lynn can be reached at lynnenoceti@libero.it or at lynne@allergoline.it. 17 • **Sean Butler** is now in California, living in Santa Monica and practicing law in the Los Angeles area. He still hears from some of the TASIS classmates who are in the area from time to time. He likes living near the ocean, and enjoys travel and scuba diving. 18

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**Diana Putman** and **Kathy (Gamble) Pilugin** had a lovely evening together in Virginia in early June when Diana was in DC for work reasons and attending a federal government retirement seminar. Diana met **Barry Iverson** briefly in Cairo in early January when she was vacationing in Egypt with her husband, Adam, and daughter, Clarissa (9). Barry is married with 3 children: twin girls and a boy. His children attend a French school and are trilingual. Ironically, neither one had a real camera with them, but at least Barry had one on his phone so they have documentary proof of meeting over thirty years after they finished TASIS. Diana and family will be leaving Amman, Jordan, after less than two years. She has been selected as one of six civilians per year to attend the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, at government expense and on full salary. She will be in a graduate program focused on strategic studies and how to avoid going to war. Then, hopefully in summer 2008 she will go overseas again with USAID. Diana can be reached at kiboko@earthlink.net. 19 • **Renell (Swartz) Bourne** recently attended an Aramco Brat reunion that was held last Memorial Day weekend, in Asheville, North Carolina. While there, she bumped into **Eileen (Mc Donald) Helms '73**, **Gary Barnes '73**, and **Linda (Richardson) Rednour**. 20 • **Avery (Moore) Hartrampf** says, "I am still here in Atlanta. Carl and I are empty-nesters (with the exception of a dog and two cats). **Myle (Jackson) Walsh** and I get together about once a year and I have been trying to catch up

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with **Sunny Bates** in NYC since my son is in school there. We would welcome any Class of '74 visitors to Atlanta - ya'll come see us!" • **Zarina Reinhard-Charlesworth** is now two years into her doctorate and hopes to submit it this year. It's not been an easy journey and even though all members of her family have been very supportive. They are probably looking forward to her finishing up as much as she is! Elder son, Chris (20), spent several months in Thailand after obtaining his baccalaureate diploma and was preparing to head to Mumbai to join the family in India for Christmas for 3 weeks. Charlotte (18) is working towards a bilingual French-German baccalaureate, and Valerie (14) is in the process of deciding what to do next year in terms of her education. JF is still with the Lausanne Hotel School and took a cutting edge course on molecular gastronomy this year. • **Kent Oztekin** shares with us a photo of his family. The are at City Stages, a music festival in Birmingham. 21 • **Anne (Arnold) Guthrie** writes, "Things here in New Orleans are moving slowly along as we approach the second anniversary of hurricane Katrina. There is so much red tape for so many who want to come home and rebuild. But it is happening. We are seeing businesses doing well and the tourism that we so desperately count on, returning. I've been in touch with **Chele (Wollert) Clark**, **Annie Moorman**, **Kelly McQuilliams**, and recently **Marge (Bainbridge) Stauffer**. There are others still I've been meaning to write but we all know how that goes!" • **Ethel (Burns) Shockley** is still living in Marietta, GA, teaching accelerated science and traveling to Australia each summer to play with grandkids. She is also working on a specialist degree in technology which may lead to a doctorate. 22 • **Larissa Shmailo** is currently on MySpace.com where she lists five audio tracks from her recent CD, *The No-Net World*, at http://www.myspace.com/thenonetworld. She recently hit the MySpace Top Artist charts in the categories of a' capella and lyrical. 23 • **Leah Morss – Betsy Byrne** sends greetings from beautiful Boulder, Colorado! She says, "My name at TASIS was Leah Morss; my married name is Betsy Byrne. Very confusing I know but it is what it is. **Kelly TE '01**, my eldest, graduated from Boston College and in January, started nursing school at University of Colorado in Denver. **Andrew TE '03**, my youngest, graduated from CU in Boulder as an English literature major. He has been coaching his old local high school's soccer team, Alexander Dawson, in Lafayette. The whole family, David (my husband), Betsy, Kelly, and Andrew celebrated my 50th (I can't be 50?!?!?!) with a gathering of 22 close friends and family in Las Vegas for some huge fun. **Leslie (Lishon) Sosnowski**, and her husband, "Stosh", who were celebrating their 16th anniversary, joined us for the fun in Las Vegas. They have 2 daughters, Chelsea and Sara. They also live in Boulder." 24

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75 **Alex Bermudez** wanted us to know that, "not much has changed in our lives but here's a brief update. Lisa and I had our 27th wedding anniversary May 25th. We are getting close to the empty-nester stage with Alexa graduated from college and the two boys, Steven and Peter, in their freshman and junior years, respectfully. I continue to be a professor at the Veterinary College and now also am the director of the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Lisa continues to be a French teacher and one of the side benefits of this is that she periodically takes her classes on tours of France. We anticipate the next tour in summer of 2008. We are active members of the International Community Church on campus and enjoy the fellowship with students and visiting scholars from all over the world. We recently bought a new house. It still is in the city but backs up to a wooded area so we are becoming avid bird feeders and deer watchers." • **Marcia (Jordan) McIlvain** has been married now for 28 years to her husband, Gordon. They have three grown children, Weld, Jordan, and **Fell '04**. Her sisters, **Louise (Jordan) Beales '77**, and **Beasie (Jordan) Patterson '64**, are both fine. Weezie (Louise) is in touch with several of her old classmates as well. • **Linda (Jaekel) Avery** writes, "Doug and I were just at a 60th birthday party for a friend this past year, in the little town of Norwood, Colorado when we discovered another guest was a TASIS Lugano alum. This was **Phillip Astein '06**, and he was there with his parents, Christiane and Heinz Astein. They live in Steamboat, Colorado. We had a great time chatting, and plan to visit each other in the future. What a small world!" • **Joey Husband** shares a picture with us. 25 • **Michael Brus** and his wife, Julie, will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary next year, and their two daughters, Jessica (27) and Ashley (22), are doing very well working for Costco Wholesale. Ashley is working hard to become a deaf interpreter. Michael is Dean of Students at Spring Valley Middle School, and his wife is also in the retail industry. They are blessed to live in San Diego, as they enjoy the best climate in the country. • **Cindy (Fletcher) Rothstein** says, "In 2003, my youngest son, Ben, started college and I decided that with two children in college (Adam was beginning his junior year at Grinnell College in Iowa), I had better find a full-time job. During my 20-year hiatus from full-time employment, I kept myself busy in various aspects of education - from teaching preschool to working as librarian in the start-up international school my kids attended in Munich. I even published a story in a children's literary magazine and had my own personal organizing business on the side for awhile! But something was lacking, and after 20 years I decided to go back into engineering. Ironically I ended up at the same company I left 20 years prior - Pratt & Whitney, a major manufacturer of jet engines. I am currently a project engineer for one of the module centers at Pratt & Whitney, working specifically as an industrial planner, making sure that newly designed hardware is available on schedule for commercial engine production and for airline overhaul. It's often frustrating working to a deadline, but a real satisfaction when everything comes together. Adam received his M.A. in philosophy from The New School University in May, and moved out to Portland, OR, to seek fame and fortune (or at least a job and some income). He is currently working construction until he can find a job in publishing. He has self-published a couple of literary booklets. Ben just completed touring with Stevie Nicks as an audio engineer, and is now on tour with Aly and AJ, a Disney-created sister duo. He's hoping to squeeze in another tour before the end of the big summer concert season. My husband, Marcus, recently left Pratt & Whitney after 27 years, and is working for UTC Power, a fuel cell company owned by

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the same corporation. We have been in the Hartford area of CT for twenty years now, off and on, and still love it, particularly the summer and boating season. In fact, I'm sitting on our boat as I type, enjoying a beautiful weekend on the CT River." • **Trudy Catterfeld** shares this picture reflects back on her time at TASIS. "The impressions I came away with from TASIS were life changing. Those impressions wove themselves into the tapestry of my life perspectives, interests, international curiosity, and sense of adventure. I would wish this experience for just about anyone." 26

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**James O'Meara** is living south of Chicago, Illinois, and owns an architectural and design company. He has a twenty-year-old son who graduated from junior college and began attending Northern Illinois University this fall to pursue a degree in structural engineering. James married an attorney for Kane County, Illinois, this September and is planning another visit to Lugano. • **P.K. Fields** reports "After living in Aspen, CO, for six years I am moving to **Shauna Morrison's** in New Jersey until I figure out where I want to live in the Northeast. I loved Aspen; my skiing improved as did my hiking and biking but my mind was turning to mush. No, I never saw any of the **Wrides** while I was in Colorado as I really didn't know where they were. Wish I had! I am currently working on a new start-up having to do with senior resources. I have two sons. Zachary (20) graduated from Salisbury in CT. In June '06, he headed to Ohio Wesleyan then left to enlist in the Marines. He is currently at Camp LeJeune training for Iraq. After 3 years at the Gunnery, Montgomery (17), left to attend Beverly Hills High. I have attended the last two reunions in New York with Shauna. Last year we were happy to see more of our friends. We saw **Sydney Roberts**, **Gigi (Guenther) Sheldon**, **Karen McArn Assante '77**, **Greg Goldstein '77**, **Curtis Webster '75**, and **Hans Figi '75**. We all went to a great Tapas dinner in Soho thanks to Curtis; it was a rather late night!" 27 • **Bob Armantrout's** work with Biodiesel Industries prompted a move to Texas with his wife, Camille, in April. They are renting a cute stone cottage on a wooded acre and enjoying the nearby hiking trails on the weekends. Bob's oldest daughter, Emily, is a sophomore at the University of Colorado at Boulder, which is where Bob received his undergraduate degree in environmental conservation. His daughter, Amy, graduated from high school in May and has been accepted to the University of San Diego. His daughter, Molly, graduated from high school. 28 • **Robert Henry** says, "I was recently licensed to practice law in California and, since my wife Sara is a California licensed M.A., M.F.T., we decided to return to CA so we may both practice our respective professions. Our son, Frazar, is 19 months and off the charts in height ... over 36 inches!" 29 • **Jay Gillis** is in Beijing, China, where he will be starting a new position with his company. So far, he has gone to see The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City. He hopes to visit TASIS soon. • **Kate Mulroney** writes, "I am still living in Newtown, Pennsylvania, with my husband, Geoff Wall, and our three kids. Tim (15) will be a sophomore at the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ, in September. He is a day student there, although many aspects of the school remind me of my 4 years at TASIS. Twins Alison and Megan are 12, and will be in 7th grade. All the kids keep us very busy with various activities: competitive swimming, basketball, water polo, crew, and piano lessons. I work for Novo Nordisk, a Danish pharmaceutical company with US headquarters in Princeton, NJ, but I only get over to Copenhagen once in a while thanks to teleconferences and email!" • **Daisy (Bilbao) Guevara** is in the real estate market, and is doing well. Her daughter, Ashley (19), is at the University of San Francisco majoring in sports science. Her son, Andrew (18), will be going to Tallahassee in the fall as a freshman in college. • **Sydney Roberts** is currently working as a costume designer at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and as a freelancer in Atlanta. The Alliance theatre in Atlanta received this year's regional Tony Award and as one of their regular designers, she was included in the accolades. She also recently went to New Jersey to hang out with **Shauna Morrison** and **P.K. Fields**. 30

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**Kevin Murphy** tells us, "My wife, Alicia, and I are staying busy with our independent film production company in Britain and the EU but are turning our sights on programming in the US. We suspended work for most of 2005 following the death of our 15-year-old son in an accident, however we are now moving forward and are building a new studio in Arizona. I always look forward to hearing from alumni, drop me a line at kmurphy@efilms.tv" • **Rick Mullen** lives in Malibu and is married to **Jenny Ball '79** with two kids: Marshall (13) and Tatiana (5). He is now a Colonel in the Marine Reserves and still flying helicopters. He was a squadron commander in Afghanistan for seven months in 2004 and his squadron was recognized as the Marine Corps heavy helicopter squadron of the year for that deployment, which is a unique distinction for a reserve squadron. In his civilian life, he works for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department at Zuma Beach in Malibu. Jen and he bought her mother, Joyce's, house in beautiful Ramirez Canyon in Malibu where they now live. Life is good and they are just trying to spend as much time as they can with their two wonderful kids before they grow up – which is happening way too fast! His brother, **Tom Mullen '81**, lives nearby in Laguna Beach, California.

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**Parviz Shahrokhi** recently took a trip with his family to Kish Island in the south of Iran and had a wonderful time. They visited many historical sites and took many, many pictures. He shares one with us. 31 • **Carolina Roman** would like to tell us she is doing well. Her daughter, Monica, finished her freshman year at the University of Arizona. Her son, Ian, continues to play soccer at premier level and is hoping to play in college (3 years from now). Her husband, Tjerk, travels extensively in the US and Europe and wherever else they want him to go. Carolina is working part time at a small construction firm, primarily administrative work. The hours are good, and she is able to be home at 2 pm to shuttle Ian to wherever he needs to go. They still live in Westchester County and recently enjoyed a long awaited summer holiday. • **Carolyn Mulroney** is an oncologist at the University of California at San Diego. She lives in Carlsbad, California, with her husband, Jon Schleimer, and her 4 kids: Daniel (15), Billy (13), Rebecca (9), and Susannah (6).

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79 **Amr Abdelmoneim** now lives in Cairo, Egypt. Amr thought it was time for his two sons (aged 12 and 15) to get a taste of their mother culture. He sends love and greetings to all his TASIS friends, and hopes to visit soon. • **Brenda (Danforth) Fleckenstein** will have been married 27 years in December. Her daughter, Kristin (24), graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in interior design. Brenda's son is currently doing a study abroad program in Grenada, Spain. It's an extension from the University of Texas. • **Jennifer (Mathiesen) Ito** shares the following, "My family is doing well here on the Islands. I will probably enter the work force again in the fall after being home for 15 years taking care of my three girls, now 15, 12.5, and 8. I am not sure what area I will go into as my former responsibilities in the hotel industry do not go well with my first full time job as a parent. We will see. I continue to keep busy renovating this old Hawaiian home and running the kids here and there. My husband's law practice is doing well. We have traveled several times to Las Vegas in the past few years as my parents have retired to Henderson. Not a bad place to play! I continue to keep in touch with **Corina (Kiefert) Chester** in Canada and **Liz (Lustig) Beer** in Minnesota. This year I also have had several e-mails from **Parviz Shahrokhi '78**. He has a daughter and a son who are close in age to my oldest and youngest so they have also exchanged a few notes via the Internet as well. They are all so busy with studies and the like that it is difficult to write often. I wish I knew where the rest of the Class of '79 is. Seems not too many have kept in touch. Maybe after the busy 'kids' years they will write in." • Things are going well for **Corina (Kiefert) Chester** and her family. She has an art show coming up in November and had a successful solo exhibition of recent work in May. With the children becoming more independent, it allows her more time for her art work. Her husband's art career continues to flourish and he is represented by galleries across Canada and into the US. Her son, Pierce, is in grade 8 and her daughter, Katie, is in grade 11. Corina continues to correspond with **Jennifer (Mathieson) Ito** and they want to plan a long-awaited reunion with **Liz (Lustig) Beer** in the near future. Corina's thoughts often return to her most memorable years here. She looks forward to news from her fellow classmates. Corina also gives this kind tribute to **Mr. Durrschmidt**, "it is with great fondness I remember my art classes with Horst. Some of my most precious memories at TASIS are times I spent in the studio working on various paintings. It was like a sanctuary. Horst taught me things I still draw upon today, as an artist. At times I resisted his assignments, as he pushed me out of my comfort zone, making me aware of what abilities I had locked away, to express emotion and to interpret what I saw, instead of merely copying, to make a painting truly my own. This has stayed with me all these years and grown with experience. I want to thank Horst for being an integral part of my artistic career. I don't think I realized what an impact he had upon my creative thinking until I left TASIS and entered the 'real' world. For these lessons, I am truly grateful. Thank you, Horst, and enjoy your many creative, productive years ahead, for as we know, a true artist never 'retires!'" 32 • After college, **Robert Hill** went to Washington, DC, in 1983 to work for then-U.S. Senator John Glenn's presidential campaign. Afterward, he spent five years on the staff of the Democratic National Committee. Robert attended law school and later obtained an L.L.M. in international law and for two years served as general counsel to an international labor organization based in Rome. In the early 1990's, he ran a side business with his wife, Denise, importing and training sport horses from Denmark and Germany, while also competing himself on the circuit until he had back surgery. Robert has spent most of his legal career as a prosecutor, and currently specializes in the prosecution of economic crimes, specifically complex theft and fraud cases. He still lives in the Washington area with his wife who works as a lobbyist in the horse racing industry, and their 8-year-old daughter, Linden Joan (Lindy) who is about to enter the third grade. The photo depicts a father's proud moment with Lindy and Robert competing as a team on "Clicquot" and "Indigo" last month at the historic Upperville Horse Show. He would love to hear from old friends. His email is: robert.hill@montgomerycountymd.gov." 33

80 **Alexandra Heumann Wicki** reports, "Andreas and I are still happily living in Zürich with our three kids and are now hosting a young man from Nepal. I would love to hear from old friends and anybody involved in humanitarian work. Visit www.jhs-foundation.org sometime and let me know if you come through Switzerland!" • **Rick Coker** is a Senior Mechanical Designer at Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers and is currently leading the mechanical design on a 6-story forensic laboratory in Albuquerque NM, where they do autopsies and have a variety of biological and chemistry laboratories. He lives in Belen, New Mexico, with his wife, Dianna. His son, Brandon (22), is attending the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. 34 • **Allison (Kirby) Pryharski** writes, "My daughter, Christina, loved seeing her picture in the TASIS update [Winter 2007]. It's hard to believe it was almost a year ago already since that trip. Since then, she has finished her freshman year towards becoming a teacher. She turned 18 and we celebrated by taking a 4-day cruise where she and her boyfriend could gamble. For Christmas, we cruised to Puerto Vallarta, Cabo San Lucas, and Mazatlan and enjoyed snorkeling the day after Christmas! This summer we are sailing from Los Angles, round-trip to Hawaii and Mexico. The total trip is about 7,000 miles. We did it before a few years ago, but are so looking forward to doing it again. Other than that, it's been a busy year. I have tried searching a couple of people that are not listed on the alumni section, so I'd love to hear from you."


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81 **Tom Byron** is presently flying as a Captain on the B747-400 for Emirates based out of London. He lives on the Jersey Channel Islands with his wife and 2 children, Myles (5) and Alia (7). He says, "I am busy flying the world when I am at work. I wrote a book called Elimination Theory which is available on all websites and plan on sending a signed copy to TASIS soon. It's based on my time working for the US and South African secret services. I hope everyone will check it out." • **Nounou Taleghani** is the Associate Dean, Clinical Curriculum, at Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar, and plans to return back to Stanford in the near future to resume her position in the emergency department. The experience of working as a senior administrator of an Ivy League school and being involved in the implementation of a new medical school overseas has been extremely fulfilling for her. Nounou misses her friends and family in California however, and looks forward to being back home soon. (see more under Ingrid Arnes on, '71)

82 **Julia Thompson-Galletly** has been married for 21 years now. She has 3 kids: 19-year-old twin girls and a 17-year-old boy. Her girls are in college now on sports scholarships, one for softball and one for volleyball. Her son is still at home keeping her busy. Julia is also working at San Francisco General Hospital as an acute care nurse practitioner with the NeuroTrauma service. She graduated from UCSF with a masters in nursing and looks forward to getting

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her Ph.D. in the future when the nest is empty. She has lived in San Ramon for the last 21 years raising her children, going to school, and working towards this career goal. She's managed to make several trips back to Spain over the years, and with technology the way it is, is able to keep in touch with family over there quite regularly. Julia would love to hear from old friends! 35 • **Tiffany (Tedesco) Baumann** writes, "I live in Sonoma California, with my husband Robert and 2 boys, Garrett (9) and Matthew (6). We enjoy living within an hour of San Francisco, but we're very much in the country. Robert is an architect and designs homes and commercial properties, including some winery projects. I keep myself busy with the boys' activities and part-time work in the office with Robert. We love living in the wine country and have our own small vineyard. This will be the first harvest year of our Sangiovese grapes! **Kelly McGrath** still remains a close friend and I see her every few months when I get down to LA. I also keep in touch with **Davide Berruto** and **Maria Lennon '84**. I receive great e-mails from **Ihab Abdelmoneim** and **Karin Knolle**. I would love to hear from anyone and have often wondered about **Mara Melera**. If anyone knows where she can be found, pass it on!" • **Lisa Tyerman** has been living in the Bay Area for about 7 years now, after 18 years in Santa Barbara. The Bay Area is fun but she really misses Santa Barbara. She's currently working at Apple as a design manager of one of the Apple web sites. She was married shortly after college but that ended amicably 4 years later. • **Tania (Shetabi) Nordstrom** says, "My son was Student of the Year at his school last year. He is excelling academically, which is just wonderful. My husband is Controller at UCLA which gives us access to lots of fun UCLA events like the UCLA/USC football games! I was recently promoted to Vice President, Client Services, at Bernard Hodes Group, which is part of Omnicom, a global ad agency conglomerate. I have been there for 13 years and love it. I work with our top Fortune 50 clients and it is a fulfilling, interesting, and more importantly, fun job. I have a very flexible schedule so I get to spend lots of time with my son. I see **Iman (Sahebdivani) Salehi** frequently. She is also finishing up her master's degree in art history with hopes of getting a job with one of our top museums in LA. She is married to a wonderful man who owns a chain of Subway restaurants. Other than Iman, I have corresponded with **Bijan Fouladi** who is married and living in the Bay Area. **Elke Rudloff** sent me an e-mail a couple of months ago. She was meeting **Heidi (Solan) Brondmo** in Portugal; she tells me they hook up once a year somewhere in the world! How wonderful is that? **Barry Begoumian** is a home developer in State College, PA. **William Foster** is teaching at the University of the Redlands and living in Del Mar, CA. He is married to an attorney and has a daughter." 36 • **Dan Burgess** shares this news: "I have been leading a project for our company that has resulted in receiving the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award for the past three years. The awards recognize companies (GE, Home Depot and Marriott among others) that have helped promote ENERGY STAR and extend the benefits of the ENERGY STAR services into the commercial and residential sectors. For each award, two of us attended the awards ceremonies in Washington, DC, with Sam Bodman, Secretary of Energy as special guest. Several clients that we work with also won similar awards for their efforts that we support. One client has reduced enough energy since 2000 to power 457 supermarkets resulting in over $100 million in energy savings. The combined efforts of all the companies involved with ENERGY STAR helped Americans save $14 billion in 2006 and was the equivalent of taking 25 million vehicles off the road. It's feels great to be part of the solution to the energy issues we all face. I am bringing the message to my son Evan (8) and daughter, Olivia's (6), school, where we are installing a solar array. Over 72 kids in the program will learn about taking care of the environment with a real hands-on project. The students will see how each other's contribution to a whole makes a big difference when added together and the project will also hopefully instill a sense of stewardship and service to others." • **Jill (Ruedy) Welch** is working for Johnson and Johnson in NJ. She is living in Long Valley, NJ with husband, Rich, son, Richard (11), and daughter Mary (8). Jill would love to hear from **Cambron Henderson** and **Tasha Glenwright '83** (so would **Ric Ruedy '83**).

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**Carolyn (Reiter) Polvi** says she and her husband, Steven, (brother of **Sioux Polvi**), have 5 children: Matthew (15), Michael (13), John (6), Jacob (3), and Daniel (2). They currently live in Washington. • **Jen Haldeman** and a couple of colleagues have started a new pharmaceutical company in San Diego called Zogenix. They are developing a migraine headache treatment delivered in a new needle-free injection system. It is very Star Trek! Jen is enjoying the sun, sand, and surf of the San Diego beaches this summer. • **Ric Ruedy** was recently appointed Vice President in Regulatory, Clinical and Quality Affairs for Cardica, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRDC). Cardica is a medical device company specializing in automated anastomosis systems used in coronary artery bypass graft surgery. Ric is still living in San Jose, CA, with wife, Linda, and dog, Steve. Ric would love to hear from **Irene Smith '82**, **Karin Knolle '82**, **Michelle Lazar '82**, **Jim Bayles**, **Andy Rusnak**, and **Anoush Boghraty**! 37 • **Matt Anderson** was married in September of this year in Northern Virginia. • **Tom Silberberg** is seeking an advanced degree in horticulture from Norfolk State University. When not attending classes, he is a stay-at-home dad who enjoys gardening, deep sea fishing, and macramé. Tom also likes to volunteer his time at the local senior center. • **Hector Jimenez** wanted to share with us this picture. 38 • **Susan (Simon) Ilcyn** is a stay-at-home mom with 4 kids in Michigan. Her family still lives in Lugano and she tries to go there for the summer. Susan would love to get some news from others at frozen@chartermi.net and especially wants to hear from **Alicia (Brauns) Favius '82** and **Tracy Harris '84**.

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**Ed Lavish** is, "currently living in Hong Kong, heading up Deloitte's M&A Transaction Services practice for Greater China. Life is good and I enjoy traveling around Asia, just miss not getting my hands on any Feldschlosschen and having to settle for Tsingtao… If anyone still remembers me or is ever in the neighborhood, please send me an email at edlavish@deloitte.com.hk. Hope everyone is doing just great!"

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**Bettina Mortarotti** admits, "I am not sure what had happened to me since the last time I had written. So I will tell you that we have moved to Palos Verdes which is just south of Los Angeles, on the ocean. My husband, Jeff, is a lawyer and I take care of our 2 daughters: Raffaella (7) and Ilaria (3 ½ ). Raffaella is a competitive ice skater, so this keeps me very busy. Ilaria is my entertainer; she loves to sing. We go to Italy at least once a year and when we have a moment we drive to Lugano to see TASIS and some old friends. I would love to hear from **Pietro Vago '86**, **Alice Felice '84**, and **Fabienne Wingstrand**." • **Jo Ann (Thompson) Gallagher** put her artistic ability to work for herself and now has her own business "Gallagher Designs" where she specializes in custom painting of

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murals, businesses, home interiors, automobiles, motorcycles, etc. She's been married for 18 years and has two children, ages 16 and 17. They live in Tracy, CA, on a ranch with four horses and many other animals. When Jo Ann's not busy painting and being a mother, her family and she spend weekends on a ranch in Flourny, CA, where they ride their horses, motocross bikes, and ATV's. 39 • **Jacqueline Del Val** reports, "All is going well still. Work is great. Luciana and I are still doing wonderfully. We took a 4 day business/vacation to Orlando in April and had a blast at Disney World and Epcot. Luciana is going home to Brazil for 10 days soon and I will have to adjust to not being with her for that time! We are planning on going to the reunion in NY in November. Lu has not been to NY and my sister, **Diane Pethtel '83**, is still in Jersey City so we thought we'd visit her and husband, John, and my niece. I haven't been to a reunion at all so I am looking forward to this one. Still hoping someone out there will have news of where **Kim Crumley (TASIS faculty)** is living. Last I saw her was in NY years ago and I'd love to reconnect. Also wondering where **Gillian Raney (TASIS faculty)** might be. If anyone has news on these folks, please let me know. My email is jdelval@hccfl.edu." • **Susanne Adahl** lives in Helsinki with her partner who works as an Executive Director and publisher of a peace organization. She has been working as a researcher preparing her PhD thesis on medical anthropology at the University of Helsinki and gave birth to a baby this summer. Susanne also has plans to collect information for a photography exhibition and book on trotting horses of the indigenous Finnish breed, a breed which is celebrating its centennial jubilee this year. • **Suzanne (Peterman) Whetstone's** daughter (8) was excited to attended summer camp last summer. It was her first time away at camp and she had a great time! Also, Suzanne's son turned 13 recently. He hasn't reached his Dad's 6'3" height but will come close before too long. Suzanne enjoyed her summer, and hopes they all continue to be as wonderful. • **Dominic Mauriello** writes, "**Diane (Herman) Mauriello '84** and I still live near Vail, Colorado, where we enjoy skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. Diane is Assistant General Counsel for Vail Resorts Development Company. I have my own land planning and entitlement firm, Mauriello Planning Group, and specialize in entitlement work for resort oriented development and redevelopment projects. I had lunch with **Tony Khoudary** a few months ago. Tony now lives in Denver with his wife Sarah and his seven children. Tony still has his contagious laugh and sense of humor. He gave me a 'monster wedgie' when I saw him to remind me of the years we spent living in Prato. If any old friends want to come out for some skiing or playing in the Rocky Mountains, we have lots of room and maybe even some free ski passes." • **Michelle (Harto) Caldwell** is currently working as a Development Director for a small private school in Eagle River, AK. She has three children: Cailee (17) will be a freshman at UR this year, Jordyn (14) will be a freshman in high school, and Collin (5) was a surprise! Michelle and her husband, Jim, are living in Alaska and loving it. Jim has retired from the Air Force after 23 years in the service and they are quite settled. • **Jonathan Radin** has moved to Colorado from Northern California. He and his wife love it there. They hope to go to Europe for their 10th Anniversary. 40 • **Chip Mattfield** is still employed with OmniHotels in Irving, TX. He has lived in Flower Mound, TX, since July 2003. His wife, Connie, two daughters, Hailey and Sydney, dog, cat, and two birds are all doing well. Hailey is a senior in high school, working and driving her own car. (yikes!) She's an excellent musician and a leader in the high school drumline. Sydney is entering 8th grade. Like her sister, Sydney is an accomplished musician. She was chosen to represent her school in the all region band last year (a huge accomplishment for a seventh grader!). Chip would love to reconnect. He says "It would be interesting to see other gray, balding and beautiful types like me. Drop a note if you get a chance cchsmatt@verizon.net." • **Sammy Eitouni** shares with us a recent picture. He sends everyone his best wishes. 41 • **Renee (Nalty) Neville** says, "I met **Sue (Bacheller) Dunne** and **Charles Dunne** in Orlando in July 2007. It was so much fun catching up with them and remembering the good 'ol days. Wow, I can't believe that we are 40! We were wishing that we had **Susie Peterman's** phone number, so Susie, if you are reading this, drop me a line and maybe we could get together the next time we make a trek to Orlando - which is more frequent now that Emily is old enough to enjoy Disney. rneville@thephil.org."

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**Julie (Stern) Woods** tells, "In the last year and a half, I got married in NYC and had a baby boy named Alexander. I met my husband, Ivan Woods, in Hong Kong during a sailing class. Although I have been enjoying my life as a stay at home mom, I am starting my own small business importing some lovely textiles from Sri Lanka and selling them to local shops. Hopefully this will be successful." 42 • **Karin (Hugosson) Hogberg** says, "I have had a masters of science in chemical engineering degree since 1994 and am now working for the largest pharmaceutical company in Europe, Sanofi-aventis, as a Clinical Trial Manager within Oncology. I love my work in the research field. Since I live in the south of Sweden, I have to travel to the office in Stockholm 2-3 times per week. This is the only negative part of the job. I am married and have two wonderful sons aged 7 and almost 4. Because I travel during the week, I want to spend the weekends with my family. I would love to get in touch with **Jeanette Del Valle** and **Annette (Roetger) Rossi**." • **Vicky Hsu** writes, "Life is going well for me and my

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family. TASIS is on my mind a lot lately. I am in the process of applying for private school for my daughter, Belicia. I keep thinking about my experience at TASIS. It was such a wonderful time of personal growth and enlightenment for me. I can but hope that Belicia will enjoy her school experience as much as I did at TASIS. Hopefully, when Belicia is old enough, I can send her to my alma mater!" • **Kourosh Araghi** runs a company that sells industrial painting equipment. He has two boys: Sam (6) and Kia (5). 43 • **Angela Shelton** exclaims, "I am the Activities Director for Salinas High School in Monterey County and I love, love, love my job! Every day brings new teenage dramas to solve! Also, nine years ago I got involved with a wild-life foundation where I work with lions and tigers. This is where you'll find me on weekends when I don't have homecoming, football games, or dances to supervise. I'm happily divorced, no kids, but my 2,700 students keep me busy." 44 • **Angela Gibson Eddleman** writes, "I continue to work in advertising. It has been almost 20 years now. But I also took some time and went through a post secondary education system and graduated as a state certified dog trainer and do that in my 'spare' time. My plan is to start my own business and do it full time, but right now I concentrate on private lessons and board training as well as completing my two Doberman Pinschers in the AKC obedience circuit. If I'm not working or training, Chris and I are avid motorcycle riders (Yamaha Road Star cruisers) and spend as much time as we can on our bikes. Chris is the president of our local Yamaha riding and touring chapter." • **Andy Lennon** shares with us, "We had a son, Joshua Alexander Lennon, on April 30 of this year and he has been a wonderful addition to our life. He was a process of IVF and a blessing to us and is healthy and a bundle of joy! Here is a link that anyone is more than welcome to go to for viewing pictures of our family, http://s97.photobucket.com/albums/l226/andylennon/?start=all. I also had surgery on June 8th to remove a brain tumor. It turned out to be a Stage 2 benign tumor and the prognosis is positive from this point forward. I am home in recovery and doing well." • **Maggie (Hammad) Boyle** wants us to know, "I had a great time planning our Class of 1986 reunion last year. I can't believe that more than a year has gone by already since we all got together in Alexandria, VA. Last fall I went to another high school reunion in NJ for the school I went to before TASIS. It was not nearly as much fun! It made me really appreciate the friendships we developed at TASIS. We still live in Katy, Texas, just outside Houston. **Jeff Boyle** is still VP of Information Technology with Disa, an employee screening company. Unfortunately, the office moved farther away from our house so he has a longer commute. He has been enjoying cycling more and more this year. Last year he and his brother, **Rob Boyle '84**, rode RAGBRAI, a bike ride of about 450 miles across the state of Iowa. He also did the MS150 ride again this year, which raises money for Muscular Dystrophy and is 180 miles from Houston to Austin. We took our daughter, Gabrielle, on her first distance ride this May from San Antonio to Austin. She is only 8 years old and rode 80 miles, helping raise money for diabetes! Gabrielle will be entering 3rd grade this fall. She is involved in soccer and loves to swim. She loves art and is a very sweet girl. She is a great big sister to her brother, Jacob, who is 6 years old and entering 1st grade. He did very well in kindergarten and loves gymnastics. He also loves playing video games of all kinds! I am still enjoying being a stay-at-home mom and am very active in the PTA, and spend way too many hours in the library and assisting in the classroom. I really enjoy it though and the kids love that their mom 'works' at the school. In a few years I'm sure they won't want me around, so I'm taking advantage of this time now! In May, our family took a trip to Greece. My uncle lives on the island of Naxos and we spent 2 weeks there. We took a day trip to Santorini, which was beautiful. We also took a sailboat to the small island of Iraklia where we saw dolphins jumping up around our boat! We had a wonderful time. After Greece, the kids and I went to Egypt to visit my dad who is living in Cairo now. We visited the pyramids and spent some time at the beach on the Mediterranean. I would love to update our class of 1986 directory, so please send me your current address, phone and email. If anyone is traveling to the Houston area, we would love to see you! My email address is maggie_boyle @yahoo.com." 45 • **Ron Estes** now goes by the name **Earle Monroe**, and works as an actor and comedian. He primarily does comedy, and many people who were at the 1996 reunion in Atlanta saw him perform with the improv theater that he helped found in that city. He moved to Los Angeles in 2000 to pursue work there. He appeared on "The Man Show", did a few independent films, and continued to work doing improv. He also began doing stand up comedy and writing comedy songs. In late 2004, Earle was in a bad auto accident, from which he had to learn to walk again. He moved in with family for a year while recovering, and since mid 2006 has lived in Bozeman, Montana. The condition of his leg improved, then worsened, and he had an artificial hip implanted. He is excited to get things back on track after this extended detour. He will be recording an album of comedy songs with a professional producer (who has worked with Sony and Geffen Records) and has begun making short comedy videos that can be seen on the Internet. He wants to hear from old friends. You can email him at em@earlemonroe.com.

87 **Carole Gouel** writes, "I've been married for 14 years. My husband, Joe, and I live on the West Island of Montreal in a suburban part of town. We have two children, Mikayla (10) and Justin (7), and Winston, our English Spaniel. I run a gift basket business with my sister. We're on our 6th business year and really enjoying it. I also do marketing consulting on the side. Between my work and the kids' soccer, hockey, swimming, dance, and piano lessons, there isn't much time left for myself, but I'm enjoying every chaotic minute of it! I have beautiful memories of TASIS that I carry everywhere with me. I would love to hear from my good friend **Joo Joo Cheng**. If anyone has any news on her whereabouts, please let me know. All I know is that she returned to Singapore after TASIS, but my search to locate her has been unsuccessful to date." • **Julie (Greenseid) Levy** says, "I have been married for almost 5 years to Michael, who was my first kiss, back in the 7th grade. We have two beautiful sons – Jacob (3), and Eli (7 months). I work full time as a speech-language pathologist for Early Intervention, doing home visits. I am busy with children all day - someone else's during the day, and my own at night! If that wasn't enough, I also sell Tupperware and have fun doing demonstration parties. Check it out online (and, of course, feel free to order) through my website www.my.tupperware.com/jmlevy." • **Mike Greene** is still living in Mansfield, MA, with his wife and 2 boys (7 and 3). He is still working full-time with the Massachusetts Army National Guard, though he's recently changed jobs and is now a Brigade Training Officer. • **Jeanette Liendo** now lives in Paris with David, her husband, and Murphy, their dog. She runs Corporate Marketing for Microsoft Europe, which includes Advertising and Relationship Marketing, based in Paris. She travels frequently to Lugano as her parents now live there. 46 • **Jennifer Wraspir** wrote to say, "The past several months have been a whirlwind. I started a new job as a Senior Project Manager at a UK company with a US office called Content Master. We specialize in technical documentation for Microsoft. It's a very fulfilling job in that I get to work with a lot of people in the UK and other parts of the world on a daily basis. I just returned from a trip to the UK for work, but got a chance to have a little fun too. I spent the week near Bristol where the office is located, then the weekend wandering around London. This trip reminded me of the InPro travels we used to take...only on my dime. I'm currently planning a trip to Washington DC for the 20 year class reunion. I'm very excited to see everyone again after 20 years - my how the time

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has flown! I still keep in touch with **Michael Greene**, **Jenny Krestow**, **Todd Kruse**, **Claudia (Nielsen) Leavitt '88**, and **Andrea (Leventis) Arnone '89** on a regular basis. Other folks I'd like to hear from are **Marella (den Ouden) Verhagen**, **Jorga (den Ouden) Broekhuizen '88**, and **Martin Pearce '90**."

88 **Federico Stroppiana** is married and has 2 kids (twins), Lea and Vittorio, who were born April 12th, 2005. They still live in Montreal, Quebec. 47 • **Maurizio Stroppiana** was married May 26th to Laura. 48 • **Matteo Bizzini** lives in Italy and is EVP for Timberland Global Brands. He still enjoys Frank Sinatra records and sporting his collection of baseball caps. • **Caroline Herbert** is currently working for the Public Health Agency of Canada and had her second son in late September. • **Tiffany Griggs** and husband, Jon, were married in May at the New Sweden Church in New Sweden, Texas. She wanted to tell everyone, "Well, I'm in college again and now I will boast about my 4.0 average. For those of you who knew me as a student, then you probably don't believe me-and that's completely understandable!" • **Laura (West) Presnol** would like to announce, "**Katie (Reiber) Loughran** and I are starting the process of planning a 20-year reunion in 2008. Details and more information will be posted at a later date. Please ask classmates to contact me at Lpresnol@starbucks.com if they have an interest so we can get an initial count of who might attend. "

89 **Kay (Hamilton) Brinker** is married with three children: Cecilia, Adelaide and Luke. Her husband, Doug, is a stock market analyst and she is an oil painter. They live in Newport Beach, California, and enjoy traveling. Kay is very grateful for her time at TASIS and realizes how much of an impact her experience had on her. Cheers to **Mr. Eichner (TASIS Staff)** and **Mrs. Whisenant (TASIS Faculty)**. For more information you can check out her website at kayleehamiltonbrinker.com. 49 • **Marcello Sassi** lives in Chicago, owns 2 restaurants, 1 horse, 1 Ducati, and is EVP of an Italy-based ceramics firm. • **Consuelo Veri** balances time between Los Angeles and Italy, working as a photographer and fashion stylist. • **Necmi Sirer** enjoys walking his dogs and traveling. He lives in Istanbul and comes to Lugano twice a year. 50 • **Jay Killpack** says, "I joined the U.S. Navy in 1990 and later worked for Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and finally back to Boeing (Everett, WA) where I've been currently employed as a Technical Analyst for almost 7 years. I'm married to Cathy with a 12-year-old son, Alec. Although I've had brief stints in and out of college over the years, I'm not quite there yet. But I may have finally decided to give it a good shot and stay in and finish my first bachelor degree once and for all at the University of Washington!"

• **Danielle Fidler** married Casey Cichowicz in Provence with about 35 friends and family in attendance. She wrote, "Casey and I had the most amazing time wandering around the French countryside with our friends and family, tasting wine and touring the sights - it was truly a dreamy wedding week. We then went off to London, South Africa, and Mozambique for a couple of weeks on a crazed but thrillingly adventurous honeymoon. We were especially amazed at the pristine beauty above and below the water in the islands of Mozambique and hope to get back there again someday. We've settled back in Alexandria, Virginia, where we have our next project - an addition to our tiny townhouse. We're very excited about the project - if it ever gets done, that is. We're incorporating all kinds of energy-saving techniques, including a vegetated roof which will be our own private roof garden! I am still an attorney with the US EPA doing enforcement work on cases against major polluters and trying to make the world a little cleaner (which is no surprise to those who knew me in high school, I'm sure). I'd love to hear from fellow classmates and can be reached at dcfidler1@hotmail.com." 51 • **Tisha Illingworth** is busy with two children, Luca (3) and Matteo (1)! Since leaving her firm two years ago, she has managed to keep a few clients (international individual tax) which keep her in the legal world if she ever decides to go back full time. Tisha keeps in touch with **Beatriz Raguan** who is doing well with her two children, Pablo and Beatriz, and **Manuel Maisterra** who is running his own business in Guadalajara. They hope to visit TASIS next spring time! • **Genevieve Astrelli-Godson** was married Sept. 24 2006. After 7 years of being together, they are now enjoying married life. **Valentina (Bardawil) Powers '90** attended her wedding with her husband Christian and little boy, Sebastien. Genevieve still lives in San Francisco and feels very fortunate to have such a great home. Her art magazine, *CMYK Magazine* (www.cmykmag.com), is still going strong and she encourages anyone who is interested to check it out. She wrote to tell us about recent TASIS connections, "I bumped into **Kathleen Shanahan** and we happen to have the same mutual friends. Small world. It took awhile for us to figure out where we knew each other from as it's been years! And when we finally said "TASIS!" we couldn't stop talking about all our experiences. So I see her on a regular basis now. She recently reconnected with **Maria Henry '90** who is happily married and has a beautiful son, Micah. Maria is now pregnant again with a baby girl. Feel free to email me at genevieve71@comcast.net." 52

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newborns and are still doing very well in health and development. My daughter's name is Kaitrina Mi-Sun and my son's name is Kaiden Sung-Chul. They are fraternal twins and very different in characteristics and personality. Perhaps they'll become TASIS alumni also? Being a mother of twins is such a unique gift and an exciting exploration of life. I plan to resume my business in textile design in a few months."53 • **Gina (Jimenez) Moss** is currently working for eBay as an executive recruiter in San Jose, California. She has been married to her husband, Bob Moss, for 8 years and they have a son, Nathaniel Jimenez Moss. 54 • **Eric Amundson** reports, "A lot has happened since the last update. Our son, Ethan, just turned 2 in May! We've hung out a lot with **David Nelson** and his family as well as **Kevin Ghoneim** who came up from Georgia for a business trip recently. I also ran into **Patrick Nunley** who, like David, works just a block away- small world! We are also in touch with **Charlotte (Bushroe) Barney** and her husband, Keith, who recently moved near Harper's Ferry. I am working at a new project at the Pentagon while Fay is at the Department of Justice. In July we attended a family reunion in Norway with our distant relatives who live there and went to Prague for Fay's sister's wedding - quite an adventure with a 2 year old in tow! Stay in touch! eamundson@yahoo.com." 55 • **Franca (Marena) Gullett**, her husband, Chris, and their two children, James and Morgan, moved from Houston, Texas, to Athens, Georgia, in July. Chris completed his cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute in July and began his job at Athens Regional as a cardiovascular & thoracic surgeon in August. Franca will continue to run her event planning company now in its eleventh year, from Georgia. (www.atd-events.net) • **Linus O'Brien** married in September 2006. **Greg Cook** and **Ken Tobe** came from Las Vegas and Sapporo to attend. They had a great chance to catch up. Linus is also developing the next great breakfast cereal with Ken's food company in Sapporo. 56 • **Christina De Meglio** is happily married and enjoying all the new experiences along with it. • **Natasha Sandmeier** tells us, "On May 31, 2006, we had a baby girl named Stella Bella in London. She's British, Swiss, and American as her dad's from the States. She arrived just 3 days before we were scheduled to move! It was a busy time but has calmed down considerably. All is well and I am still enjoying teaching at the Architecture Association. I keep in touch with **Sarah Stothart '90** in Barcelona who has been successfully running her own restaurant for almost 2 years. She's had great reviews in magazines and newspapers all over the world. Sarah is busy but she really loves it. The address is www.tapioles53.com if anyone is planning a visit to Barcelona soon." 57 • **Daniel Szlapak** sent a picture of his family on their recent trip to Alaska- what an adventure! They returned to Kenya 4 years ago and are enjoying life and growing their hotel businesses: www.fairviewkenya.com and www.countrylodge.co.ke . 58 • **Greg Shields** and his wife, Erin have a daughter, Ashlin (3), and a new son, Tyler, who was born March 26, 2007. They live in Humble, TX, where Greg is a pilot for Continental Airlines. • **Robin Salant** has been living in Memphis, Tennessee, since 2000, working in photography, music, and social services while getting acquainted with Southern culture. . Robin is currently researching sustainable development and perma-culture opportunities near the East Coast and preparing for the move, while traveling often. Having just returned from a motorcycle tour which included Miami, FL to DC to Cleveland, OH, a tour of Arizona and archeology, and a trip home from Milwaukee, WI, the next journey is to her hometown of Seattle, WA. She'd love to hear from old friends and to catch up with **Christy Connors '89**, and invites communication from anyone in the fields of sustainability, alternative energy, or multi-use land development. Robin is ever grateful for the courage to communicate in foreign languages and cultures, and the wander-lust she developed during her time at TASIS. • **Cheryl (Grassit) Miller** and her husband, Mike, had their first child, Freya Danger, on 6/6/07. Her family is pictured including Freya, Mike, and their dog Tasha. She still lives in Everett, Washington, and between the new baby and her massage office, is quite busy. Cheryl would love to hear from any other TASIS alumni, especially **Cindy (Arnold) Whitaker**. 59

91 **Sonia Pasquali** tells us, "My husband, Chris Fraser, and I had a son, Damiano, on May 15th. He was born in San Francisco at 1:54am, weighed 8lbs and 4 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. More details and pictures can be found at http://www.juniorflav.com. I have submitted a picture with **Kathy Nicholson** and **Gina (Jose) Heydari**. Damiano is about a month old there. From the left are Kathy, Gina's daughter, Samantha, Damiano and I in the middle, and Gina with her son Matthew on the right. Hope all is well in Montagnola!" 60

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tasting event with his company was a success. • **Saeed Al-Shamsi** has been married for 3 years and has two children, Ali (2) and Alyazia (4 months). He works for the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, as Deputy Head, Retail Banking. • **Monique (Bushore) Ruyle** says, "I am celebrating 5 years of marriage with my husband, Edward. Alumni can contact me via this email monique_92@hotmail.com. Visitors to the Seattle area always welcome! As usual, I'm looking to get back in contact with **Tara Fallon**. I lost her when she moved from her Seattle apartment. If anyone is in contact, please send me her info. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Lugano reunion in May 2006." 62

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**Joanna Shook Randolph** and her husband of 5 years, Anthony Randolph, have recently purchased a vintage Airstream International Sovereign travel trailer that they are currently renovating and will be taking on the road. Joanna, a high school teacher at an alternative institute, is happy to be able to free her "gypsy-heart" and travel with her gorgeous husband and amazing puppy, Zoe, to all the un-known places of her wildest dreams. Joanna would like to wish all those from her TASIS past "peace, love, and happy trails!" 63 • **Sadrine (Currimjee) de Backer** has opened two shops in Paris which carry her own line of designer clothes for kids. The shops are called Maloup. (www.maloup.fr) • **Hiroko (Ogawa) Otsuki** married June 2006. She now has a baby boy, and hopes to visit TASIS soon with her new family. 64 • **Josh Miles** is still living in NYC, working as an importer/distributor of wine. He went to **Erica Engstrom's '94** wedding this past July and saw the entire Engstrom family. • **Dina Barrada** has been living in Cairo, Egypt for the past 3 years. She's working at the Four Seasons Hotel at Nile Plaza as a restaurant manager.

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**Erica Engstrom** was recently married last July and has moved to Lugano to teach at the TASIS elementary school. • **Erica (Rogers) Maggi** was married last February to Samuel Benvenuto Maggi, and they had a daughter on March 8, 2007. Her name is Sophia Moon Maggi. 65 • **Santiago Muguruza** met with **Mike Wilson** and **John Newman '93** in NY last May, and expects to see them often from now on since he will be travelling to NY at least twice a year. He met up with **Paula Quijano '93** a couple of summers ago. • **Winston Wolczak** sends us a picture from one of his travels in the Hovsgol region of Mongolia. 66

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**Chip Gimse** says, "I moved into a new house and had a beautiful baby girl Bonnie Catherine Gimse. She is loud and has a wicked mean red-headed temper. I guess it is payback. I would love to hear from my old friends. Contact me at lgimse@cox.net If you're ever in Las Vegas, NV and you need a place to crash after you lost your shirt at the tables let me know." • **Julie (Junker) Anderson** is still living near Charlotte, NC, and is staying home with her two boys. She had her second child on April 2nd, 2007. His name is Connor and he is doing very well. Julie's sister **Jocelyn (Junker) Hsu TE '87** and her family came down to visit shortly after he was born and Julie's brother **Eric Junker TE '90** and his family will be visiting soon. They are both still living in the northern VA area and doing well. • **Nicole Braun** is currently working in Vietnam. • **Margo McClimans** writes, "I am still exporting marble and granite from Italy to the US, UK, and Canada. (http://www.stone-resource.com). I have also completed my coaching certification and am doing leadership coaching at the M.B.A. program here in Asolo, Italy, and executive coaching for companies such as Siemens. I caught up with **Lizzie Jarvis** and **Sasha Crnogorac '97** in London in March of this year." 67 • **Lori (Gurley) Stein** relocated to the Atlanta, GA, area last year and is expecting her second daughter in November. • **Mathias Muhlhofer** took over the family business of renovating run-down houses and apartments in Vienna, Austria. On July 14, 2007, he married Ulli Pelzmann (now Muhlhofer) who is an orthopedic surgeon in Vienna. 68

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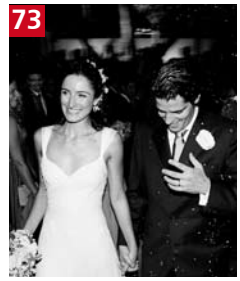
**Erica Cook's** recent big news is that she got married in June! She and her husband had a small ceremony near Bordeaux which was attended by **Becky Gebhardt '98** and **Karla Martinez '97**. • **Toshie Yamashiro** writes, "On May 12, 2007, I attended **Yumiko Yamada's '97** wedding in Kamakura. Unfortunately, flying in from Singapore on an overnight flight to attend the ceremony starting at 10:00 on a Saturday morning was too tight of a schedule (even without facing the trouble of my luggage not arriving with me and I even had my make up kit in the suitcase). I didn't make it to the chapel in time but I made it to the reception. It was a nice garden reception, outdoor on a nice sunny afternoon and we were all sipping champagne and beer. It's always good times when you're with family-like friends. The trip was definitely worthwhile. From my class **Eiji Tsuda**, **Gen Okasaki**, **Zentaro Sano** and his wife were there, along with **Mana Morita '97** who designed and made the beautiful wedding dress for Yumiko. After the reception, a casual party was set up for friends of the bride and groom followed by more good times with just few of the crew until the following morning. I hadn't seen Kyosuke-san since he graduated and Eiji since 1999 or 2000 so it's been a long time and thus lots to catch up in one night. **Dan Inamoto '96** should have been there too but he fell ill and couldn't make it. After almost a year backpacking around Asia he has decided to move back to US

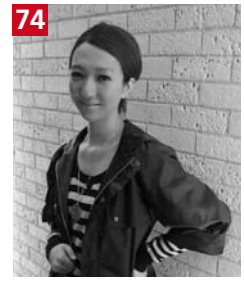

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and station in NYC (taking over Eiji's old apartment). I've also been back in touch with **Gen Ichino '97**. The following day, I met up with **Hiroko (Ogawa) Otsuki '94** who has just given birth to a baby boy, Gou. She invited me and my mom for lunch at her parents' place where we spent the whole afternoon talking and playing with the baby. On a more personal note, my brother **Yuki Yamashiro '98** got married last fall and is having 2 more receptions in Japan (had a wedding in LA in February) so I'll be going to both, one in Tokyo and the other in Okinawa." 69 • **Gina Van Hoof** writes, "In May, I was in NY. I had bartered a photograph in an exhibition in Brussels last November for a plane ticket to NY where there is a high concentration of TASIS alumni!! There I saw **Sally Akrawi** who was very pregnant and will have given birth by the time this is in print. She was doing well and her husband is adorable. **Sara Conklin** housed me in her wonderful loft in Brooklyn. She too is doing well, working hard for Cipriani. I had some time to catch up with **Kat Johnson** who is settled into her NY life. I also got some good quality time in with **Jenn Granville '94** who was then living in NY too; she has in the meantime moved to Los Angeles. I also got to catch up with **Neil Vaswani '95** who would love to hear from **Carmen Frank '95** if anyone knows of her whereabouts. **Masha Tivyan** was in town briefly so we managed to catch up too, she is now a stand-up-comic - look out for her gigs in the US! **Michele Josue '97** almost made it out, but had too much work, so we just had our phone time! I came back with photographs of a tugboat graveyard down at the bottom of Staten Island, and exhibited those in Brussels from June 15-July 22nd. 70 • **Christian Nagy** is about to move to Frankfurt, working for a specialist headhunting boutique. • **Sarah Huisentruit** and **Earl Hain** have remained best friends and are both living in Washington, DC. Earl has completed his masters in information technology and is currently exploring the real estate industry in DC. Sarah is pursuing dual master degrees in international management as well as an M.B.A. She currently works at George Washington University Law School's Creative and Innovative Economy Center (CIEC) as the Education Director. They would like to be reconnected with their old friends so please don't hesitate to send emails. • **Masha Tivyan** and her fiancé Ben recently took a trip to England. They had a wonderful time dining in London's finest restaurants. Ben recently wrote for and edited an animated show called "Creature Comforts," a show by Aardman, the people behind ***Wallace & Grommit*** and ***Chicken Run***. She received credit as an "Interviewer." 71

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**Renee Nesrallah** is living in Ottawa, Canada, and teaches kindergarten. She was married last August and had a baby girl this August. • **Alexandria Yarra-Feldman** has this report about the '97 reunion, "A group of us went to Las Vegas and had drinks at the Mix Lounge at the Mandalay Bay on Friday. On Saturday, we went to dinner at the Venetian hotel. Besides my husband, Ross Feldman, and me, these are the people that attended the reunion: **Michele Josue**, **Anna Josue '00**, **Kevin McMenamin** and his wife, Paige McMenamin, **Hosan Kim**, **Patrick Matta**, **Heather Johns**, **Violet Cabrera**, **Ava Klein**, S**hannon Callihan**, **Veronika Muhlhofer**, **Gen Ichino**, **Soren Hughes**, **Russel Lee**, and **Travis Belgard '98**." • **Yumiko Yamada** was recently married. She has been working in a container sales division at a shipping liner company and spends her weekends furnishing and decorating their new home. Last summer, she played beach volleyball and also volunteered as a cycling tour guide around Tokyo city for tourists from overseas. 72 • **Polat Gulman** has moved back to Istanbul from Miami. Currently, he is working on a new project to develop a shipyard for offshore supply boats and tankers. • **Maria Camila Giannella** was married April 8th, 2006. She's living in São Paulo and working for a branding consulting firm, Thymus Branding. 73 • **Brian Brown** is the assistant winemaker and production manager at a boutique winery in Rutherford, California which is in the heart of the Napa Valley. It is a brand new facility called Round Pond. He is also the consulting winemaker for two other wineries in California. • Dynamic sibling duo, **Alexander Wasylko** and sister **Nadya '99** are currently living in New York City. Alexander wears a suit and works in marketing for AIG. Nadya wears her light meter and works as a freelance photographer. Both Wasylkos live within walking distance of each other in Brooklyn, and would love to hear from their TASIS friends. Alexander can be reached by email at: aphex1979@hotmail.com, and Nadya at: nadya@nadyawasylko.com. • **Mana Morita** (see **96**) 74

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**Nick Baudains** wrote in to say, "I am now living just south of Houston, TX. A lot has happened in the last two years. I am now happily re-married, the boys are doing wonderfully, and am on the ever-lasting job hunt. I currently work as an investigator for CPS, and am thinking about switching to teaching, advertising, waste management, anything…"• **Molly Frost** (see Faculty and Staff). • **Nina Sander** recently opened the first urban vinyl store in Brazil. She sells designer toys and other limited edition products, and on the second floor she has a contemporary art gallery. 75 • **Nurit Einik** finished her masters degree in the history of decorative arts and design at the Bard Graduate Center in New York City and has joined the curatorial staff of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum. This was also a great spring for the Einik family in general as her brother **Eyal Einik '03** graduated from the University of

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Virginia's school of architecture, and sister, **Daniella Einik '02**, was accepted at the University of Maryland's School of Law. • **Bryson Berlin** is living in Houston with his wife and daughter. They are expecting another child and are hoping that it is a boy. Bryson has a new job working for Siemens E&A and loves it.

99 **Nicole Baur** wrote, "It amazes me how the time has flown by! A quick recap of my life post TASIS: I attended Colorado College in Colorado Springs and spent 2 years of my undergrad in Germany. I majored in German, Spanish, and Portuguese. After I graduated from Colorado College, I moved to Vail, Colorado, and led the ski-resort life, while taking hotel management courses. Living in the mountains allowed me to snowboard 70 days a year, and I was a mountain bike guide in the summers. I worked at the Sonnenalp Resort for 2 years. In the summer of 2006, my uncle was diagnosed with acute leukemia, and I took care of him before he passed away. This time with my uncle made me realize my true passion in life: healthcare! So, I left the hotel management industry and applied to and was accepted at Johns Hopkins Nursing School in Baltimore, Maryland. I am currently enrolled in the accelerated BSN program and look forward to entering their masters nurse practitioner program in the fall of 2008. I have kept in touch with **John Procter '98**, **Ashley McKinney Taylor '00**, **Amanda Zirgulis '00**, **Andrew Wyly '98**, and **Andres Baez PG '98**. My brother, **Alex Baur PG '98**, has been living in Germany for 8 years now. He's happy and healthy. I would love to get in touch with fellow TASIS graduates!!!" 76 • **Christiana Wyly** and her daughter were in the New York Times and also re-published in the *International Herald Tribune* Travel Section (http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/04/12/travel/tree.php) highlighting their tree house retreat. She was also interviewed recently for an article in the magazine, ***What is Enlightenment?***, about her business, Zaadz.com. Christiana was in Europe to attend the Cannes Film Festival in mid-May. • **Patrick Ignacio** graduated from Purdue University in 2004 and is now the Hotel Manager for The Buckingham Athletic Club in Chicago. • **Chesa Caparas-Hardwick** received her B.A. in modern literature from UC-Santa Cruz this June, graduating with College and Department Honors. She will begin graduate school in the fall, continuing to study literature with an emphasis in critical theory. Her husband, Jimmy, is also studying at UCSC and their daughter Mina is now 2 and a half and cuter than ever! She shares with us a picture. 77

00 **Evangelina Cifliganec** has been very busy this year with the publication of the second edition of her novel ***HAPPY SOMETHING***. She is on the US promotional tour of the book at the moment and looks forward to seeing some TASIS friends on the way. She would like to let all TASIS friends know the book's website: www.happysomething.com where they can read more about the book, her where abouts, and drop by if in the area. She looks forward to the TASIS view of *HAPPY SOMETHING*, and thinks you will notice the international inspiration from the very start. 78 • **Sergej Dolezil** says, "I am still working at KPMG Croatia, and I just finished a 4 month secondment to our Moscow office a month ago. I was in charge of a nine-man team during their busy tax season, and it was an excellent experience - a lot of hard work, but also a lot of partying!" • **Julie Rammal** writes, "I am currently in Lebanon working and created my own firm, www.fitness-outlook.com. I have been thinking of possibly relocating to Switzerland and work in the sports and marketing industry. I would like to re-connect with everyone I knew in TASIS from the years of 94-98 I really miss TASIS and the amazing memories that were added onto my life's journey." • **Su-Yi Chao** and **Chia-Wei Yang** were engaged last October. They had met and fallen in love while at TASIS. They hope to visit Lugano while on their honeymoon. 79 • **Christina Miles** has been accepted as he Admissions Coordinator for SACI in the New York office. SACI, Studio Art Center International, is a Florence art school, catering to undergraduate and graduate students. Christina had two semesters there during her college years. It was time for her to have a new challenge.

01 **Josè Carlos Fonseca** will be graduating from a university in Brasília and is preparing to take the exams for entry into the Brazilian foreign service. His brother **João Marcelo Fonseca '04** is in law school, also in Brasília.
• **Merritt Gurley** writes, "I've been living in NY for almost 2 years now, after having graduated from UCSB with my B.A. in anthropology. Immediately following graduation, I went on an archaeological dig in Peru, which was all kinds of awesome. Then I moved to New York and got a job writing for an ad agency. I also pursue comedy on the side. I used to be involved with a video sketch group and we turned out instant classics. Lately I've been working on more standup comedy, doing open mics and shows around the city. I start NYU in the fall, getting my M.A. in journalism with an emphasis on documentary filmmaking." 80
• **Caroline Rothstein** says, "I just moved to New York City a month ago. After spending a year working and traveling around the United States writing and doing independent research for social activism work, I have settled in New York City for the time being. I work at a non-profit executive search firm and am learning a ton. I enjoy running into classmates and old friends all over the city - both accidentally and on purpose!"


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02 **Christian Staubach** wrote from the Starbucks at Istanbul's Attaturk Airport while waiting for his flight back to Barcelona after experiencing a great time with lots of TASIS friends. **Zeynep Bilgic** and **Mohamed Auf Hamada '01** were engaged at a spectacular location right by the Bosporus and invited many TASIS alumni, including: **Selim Bilgic '03**, **Tori Aaker '03**, **Nya Kariuki '03**, **Eyal Einik '03**, **Ahu Noyan**, **Aykut Noyan '04**, **Karina Kim**, **Mohammad Al-Issa**, **Serdar Altinbas '04**, **Taylan Kaynar '01**, **Bugra Modoglu**, and **Jamour, Gill Zahn '01**, **Asena Ustenci '03**, **Selin Turkmen '01**, **Selin Uncuoglu '00**, **Resat Onur Imamoglu '00**, **Ipek Kilimci '03**, and **Yagmur Unal**. 81 • **Isotta Cleps** shares with us the following; "Since graduating in Lugano in 2002, many things have happened! I graduated last summer (2006) from Goldsmiths College in London with B.A. Hons. in anthropology & communications, which I thoroughly enjoyed! Now I am still in London working, as the assistant to a shoe designer, which is not something I planned to do, but it is very exciting!! I know there are lots of TASIS people in London, but I have not really had a chance to meet up with many of them, so if there is anyone else I know, I'd love to catch-up. Or even if anyone I know reads this (and you're not in London), it would be great to hear from you! icrcleps@hotmail.com." • **Ashley Walhaug** moved to Montgomery, Alabama, in June. She is still working at East Alabama Medical Center as a registered nurse in the Renal Unit. • **Corey Hayes** just graduated with a degree in psychology from Union College in Schenectady, NY. She plans on going into social work after working on Cape Cod this summer.

03 **Masako Mizorogi** moved to Chicago for college and finished taking classes in November 2006. He worked as the president of Japan Club at DePaul for 2 years and majored in e-business and minored in Italian. He got a job offer, and started working with Microsoft Japan as a support engineer for a messaging team. He's been put through various trainings and it's been already 5 months since he came back to Tokyo. The work has been tough but also a challenge, and one that he welcomes. Masako keeps busy learning new skills and meeting lots of interesting people. He has not been back to Europe for 2 years now and hopes to visit some time soon. 82 • **Hiro Rupchandani** just graduated from university and is now residing in India. • **Alejandra Garibay** writes, "I moved to the United States from Mexico City to finish studying graphic design 4 years ago. I lived in San Diego, CA, for 3 years and a year ago I moved to Los Angeles where I am currently an advertising student at Art Center College of Design and I will be graduating in less than a year! I am also doing my internship at an award-winning Latin advertising agency in Santa Monica called Winglatino. When I graduate, I want to go to New York City or London. We'll see what happens... Ever since I graduated I have been looking for my best friend from TASIS, **Sarah Pozzi '02**. I would really like to be in touch with her." 83 • **Cristiana Theodoli** is in the last year of a combined psychology and sociology degree at Stirling University, Scotland, and is looking forward to taking a masters in forensic psychology either in Glasgow or Liverpool next year. She is having a great time, and a good life, and sends her best to everyone. • **Matea Prlic** is in Djibouti where she is working on an investment report for Le Figaro. After graduating from the American University in Paris, she moved to Africa. Her first destination was Togo and Djibouti is already her second project. If there are any TASIS alumni who would be interested in exploring the investment opportunities in under-developed countries for top magazines, feel free to contact Matea at mprlic@winne.com. 84

04 **Pascual Scavone** says, "I am currently doing an internship for Merrill Lynch at its global headquarters in New York City. **Isabella Naef** visited me in July. We saw several TASIS friends, including **Marina Negrao**, **Fabiana Saad '05**, **Lindsay Eichner**, **Jennifer Missoni**, and **Melissa Klein '03**. I live in London and still keep in touch with friends there. In London, I met up with **Gustavo Santos '04**, **Prisca Llagostera '03**, and **Patricia Paoli '03**. • **Kelly Hau** is currently living in NYC, majoring in photography at Parsons School of Design, pursuing her career as a photographer. She just finished an internship at Rolling Stone magazine and worked at Atlantic Records for the summer. • **Eduarda Queiroz** still lives in Recife, Brazil, where she's finishing the second year of medical school. **Caitlin Clay** went to Recife to visit. They spent New Year's together and visited lots of amazing beaches, like Porto de Galinhas and Tamandaré. Eduarda visited **Simi Serianni** in Milan, and **Nadine Weber** in Cairo. 85 • **Harrison Alger** is currently pursuing a B.A. in development economics and history at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. In between his part-time job at a sporting goods store he finds lots of time to ski and climb in the mountains that he love so much. He still has plans of returning to Europe, and more specifically the beautiful Swiss Alps, hopefully to participate as a guidance counselor in one of the summer programs at TASIS after he graduates from college. • **Cassio Beldi** was accepted to attend Bocconi University in Milan, but chose to stay in Brazil and study in a business school called FAAP and at the same time work in the family business and preparing for an M.B.A. in a top business school in the United States. • **Patricia Schmidt** just graduated from the Esmod Fashion School in Berlin and is now on her way to work in London. She has a collection she's

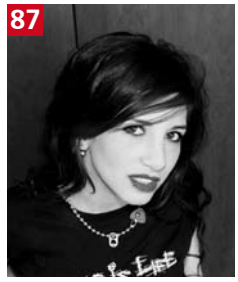
## Emails, please!

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been working on under the label name "Patricia Love." • **Stephanie Zirgulis** just graduated a year early from the University of Texas in San Antonio with a bachelor's degree in public policy. She took the LSAT in September and started applying for law schools for next fall where she would like to study to become a criminal defense attorney. Stephanie plans to travel for a few weeks to Costa Rica and Europe. After traveling, she may decide to move from San Antonio or stay, but until then, she is enjoying life. 86

• **Nicole Mandowsky** is attending the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and majoring in fashion merchandising. She is living at home with her mom and two dogs, Pebbles and Bam Bam. She works part time at Bloomingdale's in the lingerie department and volunteers for numerous fashion events, including local/international fashion shows, project runway auditions, and other interesting school functions.

05 **Aurea Agresta** would like to share that she went to The London School of Economics this past summer. She took the Financial Market course during Session 2 and had a nice experience in London! • **Ninah Mars** would love to share with all the TASIS community what she has been up to with her music career. "When I graduated TASIS in 2005, I went to college at Full Sail Real World Education in Orlando, Florida, which is an entertainment and media school. I graduated in November 2006 with a show production & touring degree. After that, I moved back to my home country, Venezuela, where I am currently working on my first album with my band, Ninah Mars & The Stickfaces. We are currently the band with the biggest online fan base in the whole country, with more than 46,000 fans signed up to the site. This gave me the opportunity to be in newspapers and magazines, and on television and radio continuously. You can find my music, pictures, tour dates, interviews, and news at www.myspace.com/ninahmars. It is very special for me to share my music career with the TASIS community since it was there where I started playing guitar, and it was at TASIS where I formed my first rock band SPILLED MILK (www.myspace.com/spilledmilk) with **Kira Yeomans**, **Darius Lerup '07** and faculty member **William Wilmot**." 87 • **Permele Doyle** and **Elliot Doyle '01** lived downtown together in New York City for the summer. Permele is interning at Estee Lauder and Elliott at a Greek shipping firm. They recently celebrated **Mark Hanson's '02** birthday at Cipriani Downtown with **Trevor Martin '01** and some other TASIS graduates.

06 **Hailey Parsons** writes, "I just finished my first year at Lewis and Clark College. I still have no idea what I want to study, but to make up for that I'm going to Greece for the fall semester to study! I also spent several weeks of my year on service projects: to Tijuana building a house, to Bulgaria working with orphans, and to a summer camp with special-needs kids." • **Floriana Bauer** and **Andrea Abad** are sharing an amazing apartment with a view of the Eiffel Tower and enjoying their life in Paris, partying all the time even though they are on the dean's list. **Olivia Llagostera** visited recently and enjoyed the quality time with her friends. She is studying in London. **Marina Alvarez PG '06** is in Santo Domingo. • **Jennifer Kirsch** and **Caitlin Grunbaum PG '06** recently met in Portland, OR. Jennifer has plans to go trekking in the Ladakh region of the Himalayas during her spring semester. • **Connor Hayes** graduated from Nauset Regional High School in North Eastham, MA and served as class president his senior year. He will be attending Rice University in Houston, TX in the fall to run track on a small scholarship. He and his sister, **Corey Hayes '02**, both loved their time at TASIS and always enjoy seeing a familiar name or face in the TASIS TODAY magazine. • **Phil Astein** (see Linda Avery, '75)

07 **Eric Yates**
(see Elizabeth Yates, '73)

## POST GRADUATE PROGRAM

62 **Allen Trask** had quintuple bypass heart surgery last year, and has recovered nicely.

63 **Elizabeth Thiele** wanted to communicate her new address:1350 North State Parkway #1S - Chicago, IL 60657. Elizabeth would very much appreciate receiving current addresses, phone numbers and email address from all PG63 classmates in hopes of updating contact information for the forthcoming reunion she is organizing. Elizabeth's email is: elizthiele@sbcglobal.net.

64 **Lois Erskine** says "Hard to believe we're now in our 60's! I've been living in Rome for the past many years. I'm married to an Italian radiologist. For years I worked as a showing artist and then at the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations doing computer graphics and art editing. I cast my own lost wax sculptures in bronze now. My son is an architect at RBB Architects in Los Angeles and my daughter is an interior designer who has her own firm in Victoria, B.C. After spending 6 months recently touring the West Coast and visiting family (my brother is Peter Erskine of jazz fame), I summered at our vacation home on the Island of Ischia and renovated the guest cottage. Life is good and I believe TASIS helped me to make it that way. I would love to hear from former classmates at loiserskine@mac.com." 88

66 **Kate (Culbertson) Prentice** is living in NYC with her husband, Miles. They have 3 children: one just graduated from Union College, one at Colby College and one in high school. Much of her time still revolves around kids and their schools but she does find time to paint. Kate went to Egypt this past summer. • **Mary (Kelton) Seyfarth** continues to live in her family house, designed by her grandfather. She took a recent trip to 12th Century Byzantine Thrace, Greece, and also exhibited artwork at the museum in Komotini, Greece. She shares with us a picture of her ceramic installation. 89 • **Paula (Minnick)**


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**Peterson** writes, "Our family is growing, with all three boys married. We now have two grandchildren. This year we have done a lot of traveling, mostly in the United States. Next year, we are planning a trip to Turkey. I would love to hear from classmates who may come out to the Hamptons!" • **Mary Anne (Creech) McIntire** moved back to Raleigh in 2001 after a divorce and 22 years in Manhattan Beach, CA. She now manages Wake County's investment portfolio and has been there for four years. Her daughter, Katie, is a sophomore at USC, where she is a film major. • **Cindy Crabtree** tells us, "I am currently a timeshare resort manager at the Club at Fountain Hills in Fountain Hills, Arizona, the beautiful red rock area just northeast of Scottsdale. **Kate Gonzales Woodard (TASIS, TE Staff)** owns a resort unit here also, so I get to see her almost yearly. Hey, if any of you old PG '66ers want to come for a visit I can give you a great rate! Email me at theclub@qwest.net. I am also a realtor for Century 21, the Scottsdale branch. I was at the 40th reunion bash last in May 2006 in Lugano with six other classmates. I was the only female, what luck! Right now, I'm planning a trip with **Charlie James** and his wife for July 2008. We are trading houses with a friend outside of London just 6 miles from the TASIS campus in Surrey. Any old PG alums want to connect somewhere in Merry old England?" 90

67 **Eric Schloen** writes, "I fear that what I write shall otherwise seem so minor as compared to the prominence of my other classmates...though truly the TASIS experience once lived and learned is always a part of one even should one believe otherwise. TASIS is a rush of memories fondly sipped of an ancient rhyton never to be set down, but always held firmly to be drunk from with warmth and never forgotten. For 27 years I have been a paralegal. My love of the law, its history, and mankind's always evolving attempts to govern themselves may not but amaze one. I wish all who have passed through the magic Mrs. Fleming brought, well and for those now on that journey or about to embark...*bon voyage*--for they are about to get as close to a magic carpet ride as is possible…"

83 **Kate (Lewin) Shamblott** lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Scott, and their daughter Rachel (5). Kate works from home, doing marketing and human resources work for Scott's dental office, Shamblott Family Dentistry. She has recently been in touch with **Jessica (Carroll) Balabanow** and is thinking about a 25 year reunion for the 1983 PG class – perhaps in LA, near Jessica. Most of their class is missing! Kate has fond memories of TASIS and Lugano and would love to reconnect with everyone. Please contact her at kshamblott@yahoo.com with your whereabouts.

84 **Brad Farwell** writes, "I have been living for four years with my wife, Kate, in Seattle and am still a professional stage actor. Kate and I are celebrating our fifth anniversary this year. I work on all of the stages in Seattle and occasionally travel to play roles that are important to me (although I try not to travel as much as I use to). In December, Kate and I are expecting our first child. I still think of my time at TASIS and hope sometime to get back and visit."

88 **Caroline Gamboa-Langner** says, "My husband and I have started our own product design/artisan company with a brand-new building in which to create various objects from home decor to one-of-a-kind architectural pieces. I am also teaching art classes which include ceramics, glass, metal-smithing, and iron works. I also teach at a local community college the various art classes required for graduating. I have two children, Flynn (8) and Emma (5). If you would like to contact me send me an e-mail at bluesden2@yahoo.com."

89 **S. Jason Prohaska** lives in New York City and is a managing partner of an interactive firm, www.bigspaceship.com. He continues to make photographs with old Polaroid cameras, publish photo books, and travel a lot. He keeps in touch with several alums. • **Jason Alan Snyder** is currently based in Philadelphia and is a global technology ideation consultant and innovator with over 100 patents and counting...and still enjoys the smell of new electronics. • **Courtney Daly-Pavone** tell us she, "recently accepted a new position as a Publicity Consultant for Hay House Inc., a publishing company in Carlsbad, California. I manage marketing and public relations for several authors, many of them are ***New York Times*** Bestsellers! Ben Stein, Suze Orman, Tavist Smiley, Montel Williams, Sylvia Browne, Dr. Oz, and John Edward are just a few of our authors. My husband, Maurizio, and I have been house hunting in San Diego. We finally decided to make it our permanent home. We love the perfect weather 365 days a year, the relaxed lifestyle, and living on the beach. We are very excited about returning to Italy in September to meet the Pope! When we renewed our wedding vows last year in Palermo, the Pope gave our marriage two blessings. We go to Sicily every year to see my husband's family and Vermont 2-3 times a year to see my mom. While on the East Coast we see many of our TASIS family. I stay in touch with many of my classmates including **Jane (Pollock) Wirch** who gave birth to a lovely baby boy Henry born April 27th, 2007, **Paul Cohen** who is the proud father of two boys, **Lynne (Farrell) Lyons** who is the proud mother of a lovely daughter, Gweneth, and **Andrea Kaufman** who is living in Newburyport, MA, and starting her own adventure tourism business. Fellow alumni **Celina Calvert** and **Greg Mauro** also live in San Diego, but I lost touch with them. Greg is in venture capital and has raised millions of dollars for charter schools in San Diego. I would love to see them for coffee and conversation. **Nina Ross** is doing great in the Big Apple, and **Annie Franzenburg** is living the dream in Maui, Hawaii. She has been there for over a decade. When we finally made the long voyage to the islands a couple of years ago, I fell in love with Hawaii. If you're ever in Maui, look Annie up (alohaitalia@yahoo.com)."

94 **Roberto Buono** is a special prosecutor in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. He is now an in-house counsel for several media companies in Puerto Rico, including *The San Juan Star*, a local English and Spanish newspaper.

98 **Andres Eduardo Baez** is currently in the process of moving from Philadelphia to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He has just finished his M.B.A. at Wharton and took a job offer from Polo Capital in Rio de Janeiro.

99 **Anne Rebecca Stinnette** works for VMDO Architects, specializing in educational and athletic design, and lives in Charlottesville, Virginia. She would love to meet other alumni living in Charlottesville, and hopes to see some other PG '99ers this coming year.

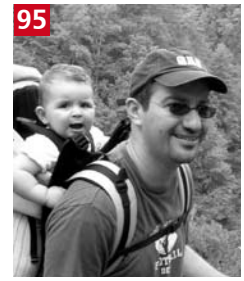
01 **Alexandra Levy** has spent the last year interning in Washington, DC and studying in Jerusalem. She's starting law school at the University of Chicago this coming fall.

02 **Beatrice Rivero** has been attending law school in Venezuela for the past five years. After she becomes a lawyer, she might be moving to Rome in order to get a masters degree in community law (of the EU). Since she will be closer to Lugano, she hopes to stop by and visit!!

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## FLEMING COLLEGE FLORENCE

74 **Lynn Mille**r, **Jr**., is a theatre arts teacher at a Houston public high school. He works with young playwrights in the summer at the ALLEY theatre. When he has time, Lynn visits his family in Colorado and spends time in a cabin he owns with his brother and 3 sisters in Alpine, Colorado. He keeps in touch with fellow alum, **Lisa Maxwell**. His email is: lynnmiller55@hotmail.com. 91 • **Melissa Ireland** is living just outside of Santa Fe, Mexico. She spent four months last winter in Phuket, Thailand, where she had the opportunity to create large sculptures for the Indigo Pearl Resort. When she is not sculpting, she is drawing or painting. • **Lisa Gates** writes, "I went back to China in May to adopt my second child, Zoey. Sophie, whom I adopted from China in 2000, and my sister, **Lori (Gates) East FCF '76** came with me. It was a great trip but it was all about Zoey. She is 21 months old, from the province of Jiangxi. She is very petite and so easy-going. Sophie is happy to have a baby sister! Sophie is 8 1/2, going on 18 and a delight every-day! She loves basketball and skate-boarding. I want to send her to Chateau des Enfants; I know she would enjoy it. I certainly did! I've spent a lot of time lately "feathering my nest", doing some remodeling projects and developing the huge backyard where we show movies outside with a DVD projector along with barbeques and kids' shows in the garden pavilion. I am still cooking away as a private chef to the celebrities and big-wigs here in LA and still enjoying it. I have designed my schedule so I am home by the afternoon to cook dinner for my own little family of three. We have a lot of fun, and now with Zoey we have an added dimension! I keep in touch with **Leslie Downes** and would like to hear from **Sue Bodine:** 1gates711@sbcglobal.net." 92

75 **Teresa (Castro) Harper's** daughter, Avelina, was recently married. Teresa is overjoyed and wanted to share the news with all her TASIS friends.

## CHATEAU DES ENFANTS

83 **E. Burton Hathaway TE' 83, CDE '74 , CDE '72, CDE'71** won his first case before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, with the decision being handed down on June 5th, 2007. The Supreme Court affirmed the lower court's ruling in its entirety. The victory came almost a year to the day after Burton opened up his own law practice in Falmouth, Maine, which is continuing to grow. Outside of work, Burton has been coaching the Portland Women's Rugby Football Club. The team went undefeated in its first season under his tutelage, and won its divisional championship by defeating Suffolk, NY, by the score of 75-0. The team looks to make its presence felt in Division II this season. Apart from that, Burton still finds time to golf, ride his bikes, and kayak when the opportunities present themselves.

97 **Antonio Garcia Romero** is working on his masters in engineering, and is finishing his thesis in Beijing, China.

## SWISS HOLIDAY

59 **Ford Barrett (SSIF 64)** sent us his news: "My trip to Lugano for the 50th anniversary of TASIS in May 2006 whetted my appetite for more European travel, so in May 2007, I returned to Italy. This time, I spent ten days in Sorrento with a Trinity College alumni group. From Sorrento, we took day trips to the many interesting places around the Bay of Naples. Especially rewarding were the Greek temples at Paestum and the Abbey of Monte Casino. Trinity College, based in Hartford, CT, has had a campus in Rome for more than 30 years and has acquired a lot of expertise in travel within Italy. At the end of the Sorrento stay, I traveled on my own to Malta, where few Americans seem to venture, even though it has a lot to offer. Its capital, Valletta, is situated on top of a massive fortress constructed by the Knights of St. John, who had their origin in Jerusalem during the Crusades. The views of Valletta's magnificent harbor are extraordinary. The neighboring island of Gozo also has some interesting sites, including a beautiful red sand beach. After Malta, I returned to the Italian mainland and visited Pisa, Lucca, Florence, and Orvieto. Orvieto, located on a mountain top accessible by funicular from the railroad station, is a real treat. It is located about halfway between Florence and Rome and has excellent train connections to both. Check it out!!"

64 **Lucy (Hadsall) Hedrick** spent a wonderful three weeks in St. Thomas with various groups of friends during the winter and in June went on a writer's retreat in Provincetown, MA, which included five days of uninterrupted writing time plus group critique led by superb teachers. It was a wonderful experience. She suffered four months of sciatica, surviving on a cocktail of pain killers, but fortunately recovered in time for Christmas. In spite of her back problems, she went to Jasper, Lake Louise, and Banff with her literary agent and close friend; it was beautiful. Right after Thanksgiving, she and George flew to Costa Rica so that George could give away their church's sexton, a young Costa Rican woman, at her wedding. They had a fabulous time viewing the

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surfing beaches at Jaco and the volcano and hot springs at Tabacon, and after the wedding stayed at the beautiful Xandari Resort and Spa outside of San Jose. It was a spectacular destination. Son, Tod, now 28, is a very busy, independent, self-supporting bassist, playing classical, jazz, and even heavy metal (on his electronic instrument). He went to London and Zurich in late summer. Lucy finished up her last six months as president of the Greenwich Arts Council and looks forward to having more time for writing next this summer. 93

## PROJECT EUROPE

68 **Kate (Pool) Schmidt** lives in Fairfield, Connecticut, and has two children, Mary (26) and Peter (17). Peter just graduated from high school and hopefully will go abroad at some point in his college career. He is attending Widener University in Chester, PA. • **Michelle (Jackson) Dammeyer** writes, "My husband, Don, and I visited the TASIS campus in Montognola in June of this year. It has been 39 years since my days of being a student on Project Europe in 1968. We brought our daughter, **Kipley Pereles**, to the campus in the summer of 1994 to attend TSLP. It was a rite of passage to have her pick up where I had left off so many years ago. Both times, in 1994, and recently in June, it was a challenge to find the way up those twisty roads to Montagnola. What was even more challenging, however, was our attempt to find the Vezia campus where my Project Europe 1968 days were spent! We spent an afternoon driving around, finally standing on a corner and recognizing the still-magnificent Villa Negroni. What memories that scene brought back to me! We walked around to the soccer field, recalling the barbeques, special events, trips through Yugoslavia, Greece, Spain, and France. I recall and would like to say, hello to classmates **Gail (Peters) Beitz**, **Rick Disney**, **Linda Lyon**, **Judy Dixon**, **Brock Jorgensen**, **Chip Mead**, and to those endearing hardworking counselors: **Robin Leech PG '66**, **Ned Lynch PG '66**, **Kneeley Taylor PG '66**, **Reinhardt Koglin**, **Peter Ames**, and director, **Gerhardt S**. It's hard to think that a whole lifetime has flown by since 1968. I have had a full career as a banker, 28 years for Bank of America in Southern California, raised one daughter who graduated from the University of San Diego in 2001, and have retired and am now focusing on seeing as much of the world as possible. We just returned from Switzerland, Italy, Norway, and a voyage up above the Arctic Circle to 80 degrees North Latitude. We managed to get within 600 miles of the North Pole. What an experience the Arctic is! Next January, we are planning to explore the southern latitudes, Antarctica, Patagonia, Easter Island, and, later in the year, we hope to find our way to Dubai, Jeddah, and Petros. Thanks very much to **Hans Figi '75**, who gave us his time and energy in showing us around the Montagnola campus during our visit this past June. It is wonderful to see the growth and progress TASIS has made! Things have only improved and it was apparent how well the school has done in this world of changes."

70 **Sofia Lugo** is living in Puerto Rico and also has a second home in North Carolina. 94

## TSLP

82 **Annemarie (Kasper) Klett** says, "I still live in Stuttgart with my husband, Michael, and my son, Moritz (5). I teach English and German for international companies and I have a lot of contact with Americans. I'm still in contact with **Sabine (Güntert) Philippei TSLP '83**. I would be happy to hear from **Anouchka Warnier** or from any others who attended the program with me. My brother, **Martin Kasper**, is a lawyer and he lives with his family in Heibronn. My sister, **Barbara Kasper CDE' 82**, **TSLP' 83**, lives in Zürich and is a banker. My brother, **Clemens Kasper TSLP 90**, also lives in Zürich and he is a pilot."

84 **Mouhannad Budeir** was married in June 2003. He and his wife, Rania, relocated from Tampa, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, in June 2005. They had a beautiful baby girl September 23, 2005 named Tala Malak Budeir. Mouhannad has his own dental practice and this keeps him very busy. When he is not working, he enjoys his time with his daughter and biking with the family. He hopes to plan a trip to Lugano and visit TASIS. 95 • **Juan Planas** sends his regards to all his TASIS Friends. Especially **Mr. West**, **Daf Juzar TE '87** and **Ad Hanafiah TE '87**. He shares with us a picture with his kids Isabella and Juan Pablo. 96

86 **Mariam Idrissi** is in Salzburg, Austria. She is learning German and looking for a job in order to get settled down. She plans to visit Lugano soon.

94 **Gina McLean** shares with us, "Well, since I left TASIS a lot has happened in my life. I settled down in Barranquilla, Colombia, where, in 1997, I finished high school and went on to study speech, language, and hearing science at the Metropolitan University. In December 2002, I married Fabrice De Vizcaya and started a family. We now have two kids, Antonio (3) and Felipe (1). They are the reason of my life."

95 **Kemal Okten** was recently married in August. He misses everyone at TASIS and would like to get in touch. He says, "I want to say 'hi' to **Valerié Houart** and congratulate her on her performance in the French movie I saw last year." 97

96 **Luisa Gatti** moved to New York two years ago and after earning her L.L.M. degree from Columbia University she started working as an international associate for a prominent US law firm. She is moving back to Italy this fall and plans to stay there at least for the next couple of years.

97 **Matteo Tartaro** wrote in from Milan and wanted to share this picture with us. 98

99 **Jonathan Smith** is about to start his third year working and living in Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, on the JET Program (with a view of Mt. Fuji from his apartment!).

## TSSP

93 **Chris Landon** and his wife, Sol, were on vacation in Greece last September. While they were in Athens, they met up with **Nick Triantafyllidis TH '94** for a wonderful dinner. Chris is currently working as an emerging markets bond trader at Deutsche Bank in New York. 99

## Reunions in 2008

**It's 2007 but we're already thinking about next year. Class years ending in a 3 or an 8 (1968, 1993, 1988 - you get the drift), we're especially interested in you!**

**Whether it's your 50th reunion or your 5th, 2008 marks a special anniversary for your class and deserves to be celebrated. Recent reunions have been a great success and your reunion will be no different!**

**Please contact Giorgia Di Lenardo '98 (giorgia.dilenardo@tasis.ch) in the Alumni Office to get started on an event you and your classmates will never forget.**

# ALUMNI class news










## FACULTY AND STAFF

**Joyce Ball (TASIS CH Librarian)** wrote to update us on her lovely grandchildren, Marshall (13) and Tatiana (5). She is proud of both of them, but especially Marshall who is a big help to his mom, Jenny, while his dad, who is colonel with the Marine Reserve and works with the fire department, is away from home. 100 • **Chris Frost (TASIS CH Headmaster)**, and his wife, Anne, are pleased to report that their daughter, **Molly Frost '98** gave birth to Sepp Frost Zammuto August 30, 2006, in Bennington, Vermont. Chris and Anne met him when he was an hour and five minutes old and it was love at first sight. Sepp delights them constantly and has added a new and most wonderful dimension to their lives. • **Michael Horak (CH Faculty '91-'97)** wrote in to congratulate the Class of '97 on their 10-year reunion. He would have loved to attend, but he was just completing the building of his new home outside of Prague. • Former Lugano Headmaster **Dr. John Engstrom** and his wife, Alice, visited TASIS England in March along with a 60+-strong chorus from their school, Minnehaha Academy. The choir was absolutely superb and the performances were vastly appreciated by the divisional audiences. 101 • **John Stifler** and his family traveled to South America last year. John continues to find teaching at UMass excellent and wife, Louise, keeps elementary education standards high in Massachusetts, in spite of budget cuts. John's children, David and Julie, are thriving: David (21) is a junior at Swarthmore and is virtually fluent in Latin, adept at classical Greek and Chinese, fluent in Italian, and good in French. He's also the rugby team's starting hooker and sings in a Renaissance a capella group. Julie (18) is in her first year at Colby, fluent in French, studying Chinese, and running cross-country. She seems very much at home there. Louise has two daughters, Emily (12) and Becca (10). They are delightful additions to the family. 102 • **Robert Winer** has recently been serving as a homebound teacher, instructing kids who were asked to leave school for disciplinary infractions or who were unable to attend school for medical reasons. Most of them have gotten themselves into a lot of trouble and many do not have much support from their family. It's a rewarding, though challenging, enterprise. Son, Ari, was finishing up his last year of high school and doing college applications when Robert was in touch. Ari has done very well in his studies and has a keen sense of world affairs and social justice. He traveled for three weeks in Israel in the summer of 2006 and developed quite a balanced assessment of the situation facing all sides in the Middle East. He is interesting in joining the foreign service and majoring in political science. Older brother, Ben, is a senior at the College of William and Mary, majoring in chemistry and bio/physics (a major he designed for himself). He has presented at the American Chemical Association annual meeting, had dinner with the Director of the Peace Corps, and gone to Costa Rica on a medical mission sponsored by his school. In the spring, he plans to go to Nicaragua to establish a medical clinic in the hinterland.

## IN MEMORIAM

• **John E. Palmer, '64**, (see article p. 11)

• **Jon Fischbach PG'66** died on January 12, 2006, of heart failure, quietly and peacefully in his sleep. He leaves behind his two children, Rebecca (16) and Tom (9), and his wife, Elaine. He always spoke very fondly of his year at TASIS and of all his experiences in Switzerland.

• **Karen (Pratt) Saylor '79** died in a car crash in West Texas on January 3, 2007. She was 45. Saylor, was a popular teacher who worked at Bowie High School in Texas for nine years. Colleagues say that she was known for having high standards and for wanting her students to think and learn independently. Family members say that she will be remembered for her enthusiasm for life. Saylor is survived by husband Ronny, daughters Eng and Rachel Saylor, and sons Merrill Eng and Jacob Saylor.

• **James Arthur Derossett, '84**, died Sunday, April 8, 2007. He was born in Asheville, North Carolina and often remarked that he found comfort and peace in the mountains of his birth. James dearly loved his wife and three wonderful boys and truly exemplified the image of the devoted father and husband. He loved to laugh and had an incredible sense of humor. His quick wit and dry sarcasm would leave anyone in proximity rolling with laughter. He possessed the soul and sensitivity of an artist with the intellectual curiosity and discipline of a scientist. James is survived by his wife of 13 years, Christine and sons, Jacob, Garris, and Nolan; his parents, Ray and Anna Derossett; brothers, Greg Derossett and Marshall Derossett; sisters, Deanna Szpendyk and Janey DeNardo; brother-in-laws, Tony Szpendyk and Matt Denardo and many nieces and nephews.

• **Marjorie Rennick (Marge) Greene (CH faculty 1972-73)**, died on April 5, 2007. She was 81. Mom's life was one adventure after another. Our TASIS adventure started early in 1972, when Mom took a trip to Manhattan. That was not a surprise to me or Geoff, an older brother, because being a lover of theatre, Mom often visited New York. The real surprise happened when she came back home (Knoxville, Tennessee, USA) and told us we were going to school at TASIS Lugano and Fleming College Florence, respectively! She had been hired by Mrs. Fleming to teach English, so we packed up the house that summer and off we headed to Europe. Mom was the house mother in De Nobili and was thrilled to chaperone the trip to Russia during Spring break. She got to be good friends with Julia Breteuil, a former Pennsylvanian who lived in a beautiful villa up the hill from school, and with whom she often traveled to Florence, Rome and beyond. We house sat for Julia over the Christmas '72/New Year's '73 holiday and shared those holidays with fellow teacher **Gordon Heyd**, his wife Beverly and the handsome Heyd boys. TASIS Lugano ignited Mom's wanderlust. After Switzerland, she taught in private schools in Yemen Arab Republic, Mexico, Kuwait, Israel and, at the age of 78, in Casablanca. She molded many young minds over the years, including my own, and was loved and respected by her students and fellow teachers and, most of all, by her family. She will be missed.

*Written by Jennifer Greene '74*



# The TASIS Travel Connection

## Palazzo Sasso





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TASIS alumnus, **Aaron Kaup '92**, is the general manager of Palazzo Sasso - a stunning five-star deluxe hotel on Italy's famous Amalfi coast. The hotel is a 12th century Italian villa tucked away in the hill top village of Ravello and perched high on the cliffs, 350 meters (1,000 ft.) above the sparkling Mediterranean. Palazzo Sasso overlooks some of the coast's most picturesque fishing villages. Since its opening as a new hotel in 1997, Palazzo Sasso has been rated as one of the world's finest hotels and boasts two-star Michelin dining.

Aaron's hotel has received many awards, including: The "700 Best Places to Stay" in Condé Nast Traveler (Jan. 2007) named Palazzo Sasso "Best for Food" and "N°1 in Italy". Travel + Leisure (Jan. 2007) named Palazzo Sasso "Best Hotel on the Amalfi Coast". Condé Nast Traveler (Nov. 2006) "Reader's Choice Awards 2006" named Palazzo Sasso "N°1 in Italy" and "N°4 in Europe" with a score of 96,6%.

## Tapioles 53





TASIS alumna **Sarah Stothart '90** is the chef/owner of Tapioles 53, a popular restaurant set in a refurbished umbrella factory in the Poble Sec area of Barcelona. Sarah buys fresh ingredients from local markets daily. This she supplements with figs from her parent's garden, mushrooms she picks in the forests around Barcelona, and sea salt that she collects with her partner, designer Ricardo Feriche, from natural salt pans in Greece. Sarah's kitchen opens onto an intimate dining room that seats just 26 people. Sarah's father is a well know Australian artist and did the paintings in the restaurant. Tapioles 53 is hugely popular and reservations are suggested.

Sarah says, "I went to TASIS because my parents had moved to Barcelona from Sydney, Australia when I was young and at the time there was no good schooling there. I made many good friends at TASIS but sadly am only in contact with Natasha Sandmeier '90, who to this day is my closest friend."

"I traveled a lot while at TASIS and have continued to travel since. The food I serve is influenced by my travels." Sarah adds, " Even though I was only at TASIS for two years I finished my schooling on a high note, enabling me to study further - although my studies were in design and had nothing to do with what I am doing now." She says, "TASIS helped me to become a confident person. I had two fantastic years of fun with amazing teachers and friends."

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# TASIS Summer Programs



**TASIS The American School in Switzerland** offers a challenging college-preparatory academic year program on its Lugano campus to day students grades Pre-K-13 and boarding students grades 7-13. Boasting over 50 nationalities, TASIS takes advantage of its location in the heart of Europe to provide an outstanding educational program with an international dimension. In addition to a strong American college-preparatory curriculum, TASIS offers the International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and EAL courses, along with many travel opportunities. A winter highlight is the annual January Ski Week when the School relocates for skiing, snowboarding, and ice-skating to Crans-Montana, Switzerland.



**TASIS The American School in England,** frequently cited as the premier American school in the UK, offers an American college-preparatory curriculum to day students from Pre-K through 12 and to boarding students from grades 9 through 12. Located 18 miles southwest of London on a beautiful 35-acre estate of Georgian mansions and 17th-century cottages, TASIS England combines an excellent academic program with exceptional facilities for art, drama, music, computers, and sports. TASIS also offers the International Baccalaureate, a full ESL course of study, and Advanced Placement courses in all disciplines.

***Have your children or grandchildren live the dream of attending school or a special TASIS summer program in beautiful Europe. . . .***



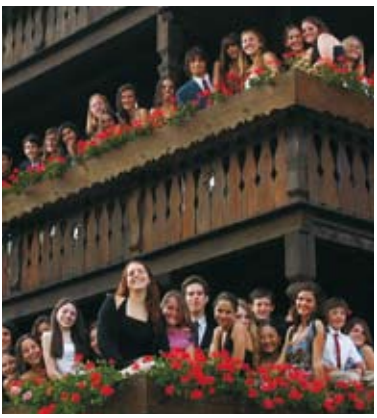
**TASIS Summer Program** (**TSP**) The TASIS Summer Program for Languages, Arts, and Outdoor Pursuits, based on the campus of The American School in Switzerland in Lugano, offers intensive language courses in English as an Additional Language, French, and Italian for 14 to 18 year olds. Students studying Italian may choose to spend an extra week at the home of an Italian host family. Besides language courses, the program offers courses in Engineering, Digital Photography, Painting Ticino, and a new course in Art History. The Program includes artistic activities, a wide choice of sports, alpine activities, and weekend excursions in Switzerland and Italy. Four-week and three-week sessions.



**The Middle School Program** (**MSP**), on the Lugano campus, **and new in 2008 at Château-d'Oex** is specifically designed for students aged 11 to 13 to study English as an Additional Language or French. The program provides appropriate academic challenges and recreational activities for this transitional age group within a warm and caring community. Students choose special workshops to attend two afternoons a week from Music and Drama, Art, Special Sports, or Tennis. During the remaining afternoons, students participate in other activities, sports, and excursions. Four-week and three-week sessions.



**Le Château des Enfants** (**CDE**) is a summer program of learning and fun for 6 to 10 year olds. Sharing the Lugano campus with TSP and MSP, but with its own separate living and dining facilities, the Program teaches English or French through lessons, games, activities, sports, and art in a close-knit, caring, family-style community specifically tailored to younger children. Picnics, excursions, and camping trips are also offered. Four-week and three-week sessions.



**The TASIS French Language Program** (**TFLP**) offers an intensive four-week session for students aged 13 to 17. The Program is based in Château d'Oex, one of the most scenic alpine regions of French-speaking Switzerland. During an optional fifth week students and teachers relocate to Nice to explore the French Riviera.



**The TASIS Spanish Summer Program** (**TSSP**) is an intensive one-month Spanish course for high-school students ages 13 to 17. The Program is based in the beautiful city of Salamanca, center of the historic kingdom of Castile and home of one of Europe's oldest universities. Six levels of Spanish are offered from beginning to advanced, and all classes have a small student/teacher ratio. The Program includes travel to Madrid, Granada, Toledo, and the Alhambra. All students and teachers relocate to the Costa del Sol for the Program's final week.



**The TASIS England Summer School** (**TESS**), based on the TASIS England campus, offers courses for students ages 12 to 18 in English Literature and Composition, Biology, Chemistry, SAT and TOEFL Review, High School Skills, Middle School Skills, and most high school mathematics courses which include IB Preparation components. Samples of course titles are: ShakespeareXperience, Architecture & Archaeology, Art Portfolio, Speed Reading, Musical Theater, Theater in London, Ensemble Theater, Movie Animation, and Lights Camera Action. Sports take place every afternoon, and weekends include trips to Wales, Edinburgh, and Paris. Six-week, four-week, and three-week sessions with an optional week at the Edinburgh Festival are offered.




**Les Tapies Arts & Architecture Program** offers an intensive 3-week design and cultural experience for students ages 16 to 19. It is a hands-on study of French vernacular architecture and the functional / aesthetic relationship it shares with the landscape. The Program is for mature students who have a strong interest in the arts or who are considering a career in architecture, art, or design. Les Tapies' ideal location just north of Provence provides extensive opportunities for excursions which draw on the cultural richness of this fascinating area.



**TASIS English Language Program** (**TELP**) is based on the TASIS England campus. It offers intensive English as a Second Language for students ages 12 to 18 along with sports every afternoon, and optional weekend trips to Wales, Edinburgh, and Paris. Students share accommodation with TESS students and consequently have many opportunities to develop their English-language skills in a relaxed setting as well as in the classroom. Four-week, three-week, and seven-week sessions with an optional week at the Edinburgh Festival are offered.

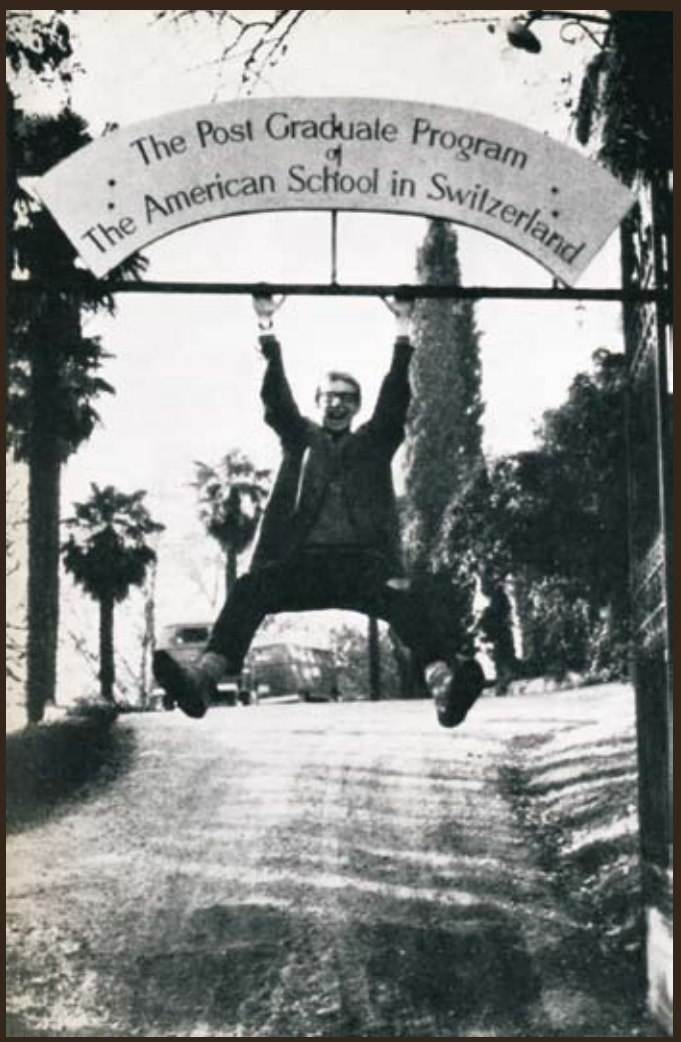
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