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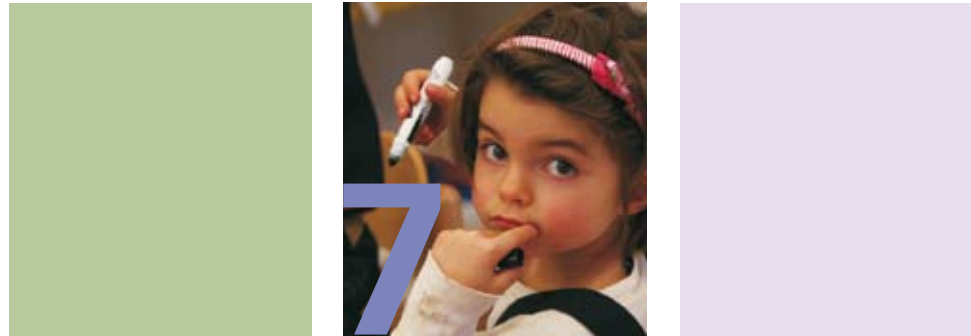
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Dear Alumni and Friends of TASIS



Greetings from Switzerland and a very vibrant campus which bursts with beauty in the spring. Recent In-Pros took our students to seventeen different destinations from Andalusia to Istanbul, Morocco, Rome, Bosnia, and Romania. International Week concluded, college acceptances have come - pleasing many and disappointing a few - and we have been enchanted by the musical production of Camelot, where all who want to perform from many different countries get cast. IB and AP exams are finished, Arts Festival and the Gala were a great success, and the year reached its inevitable crescendo with graduation at the end of May.

The Board of Directors is very grateful to Interim Headmaster Lyle Rigg, an old friend, associate, and a classic Headmaster. Lyle has brought professionalism, continuity, and stability this year, especially focusing on faculty needs and retention, and preparing a smooth transition for new Headmaster and TASIS veteran Michael Ulku-Steiner. All who know Michael from his years as a very fine Dean of Students at TASIS (2000-2003) are delighted that he is returning, after serving as Director of the Upper School at Durham Academy in North Carolina for five years.

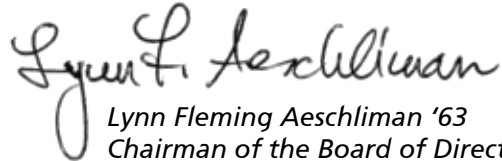
Much is happening at TASIS as we grow in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. We need to push out the walls as we constantly need more space. We have the highest student return

rate ever and double the applicant pool for boarding places, an unprecedented development that is a great compliment to the School's reputation. We are currently well over 500 students in grades Pre-K to PG, boarding and day, and expect over 550 students this coming year, as we head to 600, then 650 the following two years on our main campus and satellite campus in Gentilino.

In September we start construction of the John E. Palmer Theater and the new Poporino dormitory with 50 student beds (doubles with private baths), six faculty apartments, and an outstanding view overlooking the campus, Lake Lugano, and mountains. A construction road will cut across the hill mid way up to access the two building sites, which will be well fenced off so as not to disturb the smooth running of the School. Generous gifts from alumni and parents, including the great legacy gift from John E. Palmer '64 of two and a

half million dollars, will fund the new theater. Bank financing will fund the new dorm. The Elementary School is planning expansion in adjacent Gentilino or on a new campus.

These are exciting times at TASIS with wonderful challenges. We endeavor to manage growth while delivering high-quality education with a focus on moral formation for our young people from around the world, ideally future leaders in their communities. My mother's dream keeps coming true! She (at 98) and I send cordial good wishes to each and every one of our cherished alumni!


Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63
Chairman of the Board of Directors

It seems like only yesterday when Sharon and I returned to this beautiful part of the world and I was writing a "welcoming" letter for TASIS Today. Where has the year gone?!

Among the major goals I had for this year were: improving faculty retention, helping with the transition of the new headmaster, preparing the groundwork for the School's self-study for accreditation and new strategic plan, strengthening the relationship between day parents and the School, and helping to implement the School's relatively new governance structure—primarily the relationship between the headmaster and the Board of Directors. I am pleased to say that, with the hard work of many, many members of our TASIS community, much has been accomplished regarding all of these goals.

My wife Sharon's book, "Bloomability" (based somewhat on our time at TASIS 25 years ago) expresses many of our feelings about this remarkable place. Near the end of the book one of the young characters describes his thoughts about the road that brought him to a "fictional" American school in Montagnola. The young man states, "The point at which we turned down this road, to this school, has made—and will make—all the difference, because we will continue to affect each other's lives. ...We will take pieces of each other and of Switzerland with us wherever we go."

Sharon and I are grateful to have had the opportunity to return to TASIS. Although our time here was brief, pieces of the people we have had the pleasure of getting to know, of TASIS, and of Switzerland, will remain with us when we return to our quiet home on Chautauqua Lake in western New York State in June.

I wish incoming headmaster Michael Ulku-Steiner and his wife Beril many happy and successful years with TASIS. Our community is very fortunate to attract the Ulku-Steiners, and I know that they will nurture Mrs. Fleming's dreams and vision for TASIS and lead the School to even higher levels of excellence.




Lyle D. Rigg
Interim Headmaster

Those who have lived and learned at TASIS sometimes have trouble separating dreams from reality.


How many of us, as we attempt to describe TASIS to the uninitiated, find ourselves lapsing into impossibly dreamy imagery? We recall our perch on a Swiss hill of gold — snowy Alps to the north, Italian palms to the south, a crystal-clear lake below. We conjure images of young people from every continent, drawn by the beauty of the campus, the talents of the faculty, and the vibrancy of the community. We give thanks to Mrs. Fleming - that first and most prodigious TASIS dreamer - who planted a lovely garden in which civility, courage, beauty, and truth could take root in the minds and hearts of students. "Impossible!" say our friends. "No place can truly be what TASIS can sometimes seem!"

Indeed, alumni and veteran faculty who have lived the sometimes gritty realities of boarding school understand that not every day at TASIS is bathed in dreamy sunshine. In real life, there are chicken and potatoes to be eaten, breathalyzers to be blown into, and homework to be done. Dirty laundry piles up. Homesickness sets in. Even in Montagnola, adolescence can be hard. But the dream of TASIS is undeniably real. In both metaphor and reality, Mrs. Fleming still resides at the heart of the campus. She imagined the ideal school, and her daughter now pursues that ideal with relentless vigor. A talented and committed faculty strive to transform the actual into the ideal every day. And students really do come from across the globe to work and play with the ideas (and realities) of civility, courage, beauty and truth.

As I prepare to leave North Carolina and begin my service on the TASIS leadership team, I cannot help but think that I am stepping into a dream. Can TASIS truly be what it seems? Can we fully actualize the potential of this incredible school?

I feel privileged to rejoin a community that has, since its founding, had the highest possible aspirations for itself. I look forward to visiting, working, and learning with you as we strive not just to seem, but rather to be, the TASIS of which Mrs. Fleming dreamed.




Michael Ulku-Steiner
Incoming Headmaster

Around Campus

International Week... a Success! April 7th - 12th

International Week is already a memory, but the week was one of TESIS's spring highlights. Students and faculty celebrated the 52 countries represented by the TESIS community. Traditional clothing from each student's country of origin was donned throughout the week and each meal in the dining hall was created to represent cuisine from a different country.

The Parade of Flags kicked off the week, followed by Tuesday's Cultural Talent Show. This year's show had some spectacular events beginning with student Tracy Lin's colorful Taiwanese dance. Other acts included dances from Brazil, the United States, and Venezuela, instrumental and singing acts including a performance by 2007 graduate, Gaby Sforza.

The Thursday night International Fair surprised faculty and students who had never been part of this somewhat chaotic, but very special event! The De Nobili dining room was transformed into a loud international food market with students working as vendors preparing and serving some of their country's specialties. The variety and quality of the food was overwhelming. It is one of the favorite evenings of the year and certainly a highlight of the week.

Students and faculty will agree that International Week is a fun departure from the norm and a great way to experience a piece of the many other cultures represented at TESIS.



Brasil



Spain, Senegal



Turkey, Lebanon

Star Students

Three students among many who embody the energy of TESIS were selected by their Deans to be highlighted and honored here in the pages of TESIS Today.

Billy Tyler - Sophomore, USA

Billy Tyler moved with his family to Montagnola two years ago from Houston, Texas. While Billy has made the most of his TESIS experience, he has remained faithful to his Texan roots. Every day after classes, Billy puts on his orange Texas Long-horns cap and heads off to one of the many sports or activities that he is involved in. During his free periods, Billy can be found on the basketball court shooting hoops with his friends; in spite of his many commitments, he makes time for this ritual, and it reflects his incredible commitment to those things which matter most to him.



Billy's teachers applaud his exceptional work ethic, intellect, and self-discipline. He has earned High Honors every term for his outstanding academic performance. Billy's dedication to every endeavor is evident, and he consistently earns a place on the Dean's List for his commitment to excellence.

His stellar qualities shine brightest in the athletic arena. Billy is a gifted athlete, and he plays on the rugby, basketball, and lacrosse teams. His coaches appreciate his determination and positive attitude while the other players rely on his skill and leadership to lead the team to victory. Last year, Billy received the Coaches' Award for his sportsmanship throughout the season.

In addition to his impressive academic and athletic record, Billy participates in several extracurricular activities. As a ninth grader he was awarded a spot in both the Model UN and Model Congress delegations from TESIS. This year he helped initiate a chess club at the Elementary School, and he is a big brother to a Middle School student. Billy also assists his grandfather with neurological research, and he recently accompanied him to an international health and science conference in Lucerne. He enjoys developing his various areas of interest, and demonstrates characteristic dedication in everything that he does.

Courtenay Mastain, 10th Grade Dean

Christian Jose Griman - Junior, Venezuela

Christian Griman is a "star student" at TESIS. His outstanding personality and friendly demeanor have made him an integral part of the TESIS community. As a proctor, he has managed to lead by example. He is a responsible young man whose teachers, advisor, and dorm parents respect. Being able to serve the community is an attribute that is beneficial to TESIS, and while Christian highly succeeds in this area he also maintains a respectable GPA and participates in after-school sports. Proud of his Venezuelan roots, you will often hear Christian greeting friends and teachers in his native language.



Keith Reimer, 11th Grade Dean

Chingiz Aliyev - Senior, Azerbaijan

Sociable, competitive, and principled, Chingiz Aliyev is an exemplary leader in the TESIS community. Strong communication and interpersonal skills have earned Chingiz the respect of the student body in his role as Vice President of Student Council. In social situations, Chingiz sets the tone and in an indescribable way the spirit of the conversation hinges upon his enthusiasm. In professional situations, students routinely defer to his confident leadership. This was most recently demonstrated when the Board of Directors at TESIS, as part of the process of hiring a new Headmaster, asked the Student Council leadership to convene a committee of students to interview the final candidates. Chingiz's enthusiasm combined with his intellectual confidence played a key role in making the interviews with both Headmaster candidates their toughest while on campus.



Jeremy Birk, 12th Grade Dean

Around Campus

VF Corporation

Executives from VF International present a facsimile check for \$100,000 to a very grateful TASIS Board Chairman Lynn Aeschliman, representing the company's contribution to the John E. Palmer Theater building campaign. From left to right are Karl Heinz Salzburger, President, VF International, Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, TASIS Chairman of the Board, and Scott Roe, CFO of VF International. VF is the holding company of The North Face, Van's, Lee and Wrangler jeans, Napapijri, Nautica, Eastpak, and several other brands and has their overseas headquarters in Lugano.



Camelot



Senior Edward Haschke '08 as King Arthur

Inspired by veterans Kay Hamblin, Drama Director, and Jonathan Morris, Music Director, TASIS international thespians produced a magnificent *Camelot*. Throughout the campus students and faculty alike were often heard humming tunes from the charming musical. With almost a full week of performances, many faculty, students, friends, and family went to at least one performance. The leading roles were double and some times triple cast and so the play was quite different depending on the night you attended. With the ground breaking of the new theater now under our belts, fingers are crossed that next year's musical might be in the new theater! More images from the play can be found at the tasis.com website, Media Gallery, and the Smugmug site.



Highlights from the Elementary School



This academic year started with the opening of a satellite campus, Al Focolare, for the Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 2 students. This beautiful facility includes a music classroom, art studio and library, open and inviting classrooms, as well as a fenced garden and play area. Thanks to parent support and volunteers, library spaces have been created at each campus and shelves are being stocked with many age-appropriate books.

During the course of the year, students have presented a wide variety of concerts, performances and special events

including: the Medieval Faire, Chinese New Year, Olympic Celebration, Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, American Gospel Music with Lea Gilmore, and two other all-school musical concerts. Most importantly, the heart and soul of any excellent school are its teachers – and TASIS Elementary is fortunate to have a gifted, compassionate, and dedicated faculty.

TASIS Elementary School students exhibit an incredible thirst for knowledge and understanding. They are passionate, creative, and engaging young people who are poised to become the "movers and shakers" of the future.



TASIS Students take memorable "In-Pro" trips throughout Europe

By: Natalie Philpot



Andalusia Trip

Outward Bound, Germany



Rome, The Colosseum



This spring students complemented their education by participating in one of TASIS's most treasured and memorable programs – In-Program Travel. The entire Middle and High Schools were divided into 18 groups to make Europe their classroom. In-Pro's goal is to complement classroom learning through direct exposure to the culture, beauty, and traditions of Western civilization. These programs also offer the opportunity to build community, teach civility and personal responsibility, as well as offer a venue for helping others through our service trips. How many times have we heard students or alumni say that In-Pro was one of their most memorable experiences during their stay at TASIS?

This year, our 9th graders went to Andalusia and Rome to improve their understanding of the Moorish invasions of Spain and the Roman Empire, themes they are learning in their history class; our 10th graders participated in their annual outdoor leadership course in Germany, Outward Bound; our juniors were split up into four groups and visited Paris, Prague, Greece, and Malta; AP and IB Art History students went to the Amalfi Coast to discover the treasures of Naples, Pompei, and Capri, among others; the seniors visited Morocco as well as Istanbul, the only city that was a capital of three empires. We had students attend cooking in Tuscany and mountaineering in Chamonix, and two of our service club trips went to help refugees in Bosnia and to meet with TASIS-sponsored HIV-afflicted young women in Romania.



TASIS Master Plan Progress

In 1999 the first phase of the TASIS campus Master Plan was completed. The Palestra (P) houses the student commons room, dance, fitness, and music studios, and the magnificent multi-use gymnasium that has one of the only sprung hardwood maple basketball floors found in Switzerland. The Palestra is the centerpiece of the hill-town village concept.

The Palladio-award-winning M. Crist Fleming Library (L) was made possible in 2004 through the generous donations of former students and parents. Besides the library, the building contains two classrooms with dormitory rooms above and a large faculty apartment. It is situated to the left of Monticello and shares a tree-lined piazza with a beautiful fountain.

Plans are in place to begin construction in September on the large Poporino dormitory (E.1) above the Palestra with faculty apartments (E.2) and classrooms (E.3) incorporated into the complex. Completion is scheduled for fall 2010.

Lastly, the generous legacy gift from John E. Palmer '64 has allowed us to conclude the \$3,900,000 capital campaign for the aptly named John E. Palmer Theater (T), which is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2009. Over 250 alumni, parents, and friends of TASIS have come together to make this project a reality.

As the School expands, future plans are to build a second practice gym with classrooms above (G), a six-laboratory science building (S) with public spaces on the ground floor, and another dormitory (D) to replace the current art building, Ca Gioia. An expanded Casa Alba (A) will serve as the Headmaster's residence. And yes, as soon as we can move Admissions, IT, and the infirmary out of Ca Pietra, that building will come down and we will build an all-weather practice field in the middle of the campus. Major fundraising needs to continue, along with launching corporate funding through debentures. We are well on our way to completing a most beautiful TASIS Global Village, of which our alumni can be proud and from which current and future students will certainly benefit.

Commencement



A Palestinian Arab Muslim of Israeli citizenship, Dr. Ali Jabareen gave this year's TASIS Commencement Address. Dr. Jabareen was educated in Hebrew, Arabic, and English at Tel Aviv University in Israel and took his doctorate at Boston University. He has helped build Al-Qasemi Academic College in Baqa Al-harbiyya, Israel, from two rooms, four faculty members, and twenty male students into a thriving institution of 1600 students, 90% of them Arab women, with 120 faculty members, 20 of them Jewish, providing a unique model of ecumenical cooperation and pioneering educational opportunities for Arab women in the Middle East.

Valedictorian Emily Gammoh gave an appreciative speech to her classmates and hundreds of graduation guests about the exchange of experiences that pass between each of us, imprinting new knowledge and memories that ultimately make us who we are.



Class of 2008

Gala Dinner Benefit Auction 2008



Lynn Aeschliman '63 Board Chairman with Board member Stefano Borghi

The 2nd annual TASIS Gala Dinner and Benefit Auction went off without a hitch on May 17 despite a torrential rain that pounded down all evening. 220 parents, alumni, administrators, and friends came together in the shelter of a huge tent set up next to the Palestra to share in elegant dining, dancing, and live and silent auctions and celebrate the groundbreaking of TASIS' new John E. Palmer Theater. Bulgari was one of the main sponsors, along with VF International, who make their European headquarters in Lugano. The auction included vacation packages in Aspen, Turkey, and Mexico, wines, books, and jewelry, among many other items. The over \$80,000 net raised completes the fundraising for the theater building.

Mrs. Fleming, TASIS Board Chairman Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Dr. Michael Aeschliman, TASIS Board member Curtis Webster '75, and Director of Development and Alumni Relations Hans Figi '75, braved the rain to direct a large backhoe in digging the first hole for the new theater.



Parent Dianne Roe



Parent Claudio Fiorentino



Mothers Mireille Misrahi, Nancy Laasraoui, Minnie Rosso



Parents Peggy and Tom Glaser



Parents James and Rosi Babbitt



Parents Armando and Charlotte Zanechia



Margherita de Morpurgo, Adriana Petrini, Vanna de Lorenzi, Giusi Braglia



Parents Gabriella and Andrea Pesaresi



Katia Gründt, Rosemarie Schrank, Herbert Mohr



Parents Rachael and Paul Atherton



Father Luciano Nessi and daughter Angelica



Jan Opsahl '68 and wife Brigitta



Ground breaking for the new John E. Palmer '64 Theater

Making It Reel

by Sharon Figi

For Chad Oman '82,
making movies is about more than just entertainment.

Chad Oman '82 is the President of Production for Jerry Bruckheimer Films by day, and a husband and father of 5 handsome children by night (and on the weekends). His work takes him to stimulating parts of the world like Morocco, London, and the Bahamas. He counts many famous actors among his friends. But most important to him in his work is that he has the opportunity to choose to make films from incredible stories that interest him. He learns about real events from the people who lived them, digging deep into the most incredibly riveting and often unknown facts, and then recreating the events in the form of a film for all the world to fall in love with, suffer along with, and understand life by.

Born in Wichita Falls, Texas, Chad felt like its small town ethos made life a bit too cozy and confining for him. As early as the 8th grade he realized he needed to expand his horizons. It took him three years and encouragement from his older brother Brady, but eventually Chad convinced his parents to let him spread his wings and head off to boarding school.

Once he got the go-ahead, Chad sifted through brochures from a multitude of boarding schools to find the best fit. His main criteria were getting as far away from Wichita Falls as possible, the opportunity to immerse himself in culture and history, and readily available skiing. Even at this young age, Chad knew that he was destined to be in the movie business. To accomplish this dream he instinctively knew he would need to experience some of what the rest of the world had to offer. TESIS became his window.

Once at TESIS, Chad's appetite for culture, history, and architecture was fed by school trips to Venice, Milan, Florence, and Monte Carlo. His love for skiing was fueled by ski week in St. Moritz and weekend trips to nearby slopes. Through these experiences, TESIS helped define who he was to become. By the end of his junior year, Chad was begging his parents to let him stay, but they wanted him to finish high school at home.

After high school, Chad made a deal with his father: as long as he studied business in college he could also pursue his true passion, film. He worked as a production assistant, took a screen-writing course in Los Angeles, and studied film production at New York University.

When asked what Chad loves most about the movie business, he reflects on a film he produced called *Enemy of the State*, which delves into the government's use of technology, GPS tracking

surveillance, and the effect the government has when listening in on people's private conversations. The research and realism that goes into making a picture like this is incredibly fascinating and thought provoking. The messages that can then be communicated to millions can be revealing and enlightening.

Chad is passionate when he speaks of the in-depth research he did for *Black Hawk Down* (2001). This remarkable film portrays events that took place in Mogadishu, Somalia, on October 3, 1993. U.S. Army Rangers made an assault on the Olympic Hotel in search of General Aidid, resulting in a 17-hour battle in which 18 U.S. soldiers were killed and 84 wounded during an intense urban ambush. "In a period of 1-2 years I became an expert - studying night and day, learning the screenplay, learning everything about everyone who was a part of this story, and its political context. To make the best movie possible I had to know when and why certain decisions were made."

Oman worked on *Black Hawk Down* with respected Director, Ridley Scott, who to his credit found "neutral ground to tell an objective story". In order to provide an accurate portrayal of the events of that day, Chad points to the fact that they had advisors on the set such as the Lead Commander, General William Garrison, pilots from 160th SOAR (Special Operations Aviation Regiment), and Army Rangers, who were on the ground and in the air in Somalia during the real events. These men guided them through the entire movie production process. As much as possible, stunt and background characters were people who had actually lived through the events of the day.

To honor the men who experienced the battle in Mogadishu it was imperative to Oman and Scott to give the film authenticity. "There were people who didn't want to be involved in the film", said Chad. Dealing with sensitive topics and true stories can be tricky, and "if you don't get it right everyone is going to say so." In one memorable gesture, General Garrison, the Army officer who had commanded the Mogadishu battle, one day quietly dropped a note in Chad's lap. It was a heartfelt letter about the excellent job Oman and his crew had done to make the movie authentic. They had "gotten it right". The general even commented that his Delta Force soldiers were using the movie as training for close-quarters urban combat.

Oman also produced all three of the action-packed *Pirates of the Caribbean* blockbusters for Jerry Bruckheimer Films. How did Chad get involved in this super-successful movie franchise? He was pitched an idea he couldn't resist. "Imagine Johnny Depp fighting skeleton pirates", he says. That's all he needed to imagine the rest of the movie. The result is box office history.



Top to bottom:

Christmas Card photo 2007 with Oman's children
Nicholas Cage, Justin Bartha & Chad Oman
Chad Oman and Nicholas Cage
Chad Oman, Jon Turteltaub, Jerry Bruckheimer

Chad is currently working in New York on *True Confessions of a Shopaholic*, starring Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy, Krysten Ritter, Joan Cusack, and John Goodman. Destined to be another box office hit, it is due out in 2009. At the same time, he is in pre-production on *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*, based on the video game with the same name. It follows the story of an adventurous prince who teams up with a rival princess (I sense a romance...) to prevent an angry ruler from unleashing a humongous sandstorm that will destroy the entire world. Whew! The big scoop – you heard it here first - is that that hunky Jake Gyllenhaal will star in the film. It will be shot in London and Morocco starting in July. And, if that's not enough to make a normal mortal's head spin, soon Chad will be filming a PG-13 movie with Nicholas Cage based on The Sorcerer's Apprentice from the Disney classic, Fantasia.

Chad Oman has a personal interest in exploring and telling true stories about real people. He loves inspiring his audiences and revealing important issues such as overcoming racial prejudice, as he did through the films *Remember the Titans* (2000) and *Glory Road* (2006). *Titans* is also the movie most close to his heart for other reasons, as its theme and message reflect why he felt compelled to leave Wichita Falls. Chad is passionate about teaching children history through film as he has with *National Treasure I and II*, an exciting new genre of "treasure hunt" infused with as much American history as he can pack in. Along the way, his movies like *Pirates of the Caribbean* have thrilled and entertained us, and put a little icing on the cake.

Chad Oman: Producer Credits

G-Force	(2009)
National Treasure: Book of Secrets	(2007)
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End	(2007)
Deja Vu	(2006)
Glory Road	(2006)
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	(2006)
King Arthur	(2004)
National Treasure	(2004)
Bad Boys II	(2003)
Kangaroo Jack	(2003)
Pirates of the Caribbean:	
The Curse of the Black Pearl	(2003)
Veronica Guerin	(2003)
Bad Company	(2002)
Black Hawk Down	(2001)
Pearl Harbor	(2001)
Coyote Ugly	(2000)
Gone in 60 Seconds	(2000)
Remember the Titans	(2000)
Armageddon	(1998)
Enemy of the State	(1998)
Con Air	(1997)
The War At Home	(1996)
Dumb & Dumber	(1994)
Love, Cheat & Steal	(1993)
Double Trouble	(1992)
Driving Me Crazy	(1991)



Top to bottom:
 Chad Oman
 Jon Voight, Chad Oman working on *National Treasure: The Book of Secrets*
 John Voight, Justin Bartha; Chad ; Helen Mirren
 Chad with parents, wife and children

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What Are They Doing Now?

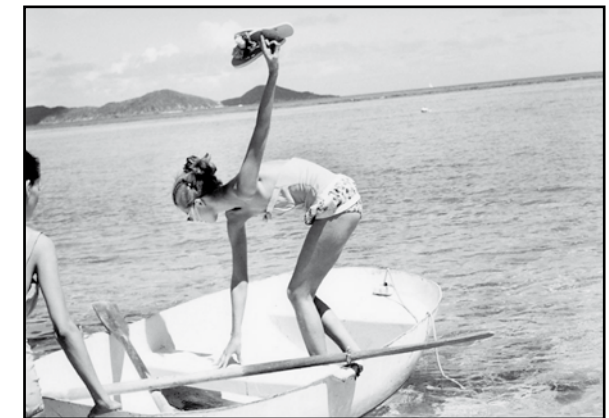
Pamela Hanson '72 New York City Fashion Photographer

With over twenty years experience in the fashion industry, Pamela Hanson '72 is a world-renowned photographer whose work has been regularly featured in *Marie Claire* (English, American, Australian), *Vogue* (English, French, American, German, Italian), *Glamour* (English, American, Italian), *Vanity Fair*, *GQ*, *Allure*, and many other publications. Some of her corporate clients include Tommy Hilfiger, L'Oreal, Lancome, Lancaster, Halston, Max Mara, Giorgio Armani, Ann Taylor, Biotherm, Pantene, Victoria's Secret, and Les Copains.

In September 2001, Pamela released *Girls*, a 200+ page photo book filled with personal and professional work, color and black & white images, that has garnered worldwide acclaim. In Spring 2006, Pamela followed up by releasing *Boys*, this time featuring outstanding personal and professional images of "boys being boys" at all stages of life - a powerful companion to *Girls*.

Besides her still photography success, Pamela has directed several television commercials. In June of 2003, she directed a series of television spots to raise funds to find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. Pamela's prints have raised innumerable funds for charitable organizations in New York and across the United States.

Pamela Hanson was born in London, grew up in Geneva, and attended TASH from 9th through 12th grade. She later attended the University of Colorado where she pursued her studies in fine arts. She lived in Paris and London for 15 years before moving to New York in 1998. Pamela has two sons, Nicky and Charlie.



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Nina Sander '98 Brazil Urban Vinyl Shop

Nina recently opened the first "urban vinyl" store in Brazil. She sells designer toys and other cool limited edition products. On the second floor of her shop she has a contemporary art gallery. What a fabulous combination! Nina tells us her new venture has been a big success. One look at the photos of Nina's shop and you can see that its colorful, well done, hip look is very inviting. A trip to Brazil with Urban Vinyl on the itinerary seems a must!





Jack Savoretti '01
London
Singer-Songwriter

23-year old Jack Savoretti was a "late bloomer". He didn't pick up a guitar until he was 16. Half Italian, half English, Jack moved around Europe as a child, and wound up at The American School in Switzerland where he picked up an accent he describes as "trans-Atlantic mutt". The only thing that interested him was poetry. "I was writing all the time. It was the thing to do - sit under a tree with a notebook, go somewhere else in your head. I was in the clouds." Then Jack's mother gave him a guitar and suggested he try putting some of his words to music. "I was surprised how much more people listen to you when you are singing than if you read a poem," he admits. "After that, I couldn't stop. It was constant writing, every day; it became almost a form of conversation, the way I interact with the world."

Jack bummed around for a couple of years, composing "a reggae song one day, a country song the next. What I sounded like depended on what kind of mood I was in." He rarely wrote the songs down. "If I don't remember it, it's obviously not worth finishing," is his theory. He was playing, "two or three hours a day, just walking around with a guitar, finding who I was in music. I'm always looking for the moment in a song. It should be a great read, not just a three minute shot but a whole movie with an incredibly complicated twist that leaves you thinking for days."

In one of the least likely signing stories you will ever hear, Jack was getting his hair cut, just making conversation, when his hairdresser told him she also cut the hair of Anne Barrett, Natalie Imbruglia's manager. "I didn't really think anything about it. Then she said 'Would you like me to give her something?' Well, it's not like you take your demo to the hairdresser but I said it would be nice to get some advice." Invited to the De Angelis Management offices, Jack went along with a guitar and no expectations. They signed him on the spot. Anne said, "I knew within minutes of meeting Natalie Imbruglia that she had something about her. I got the same feeling from Jack. He has charisma and soul. He is just one of the most exciting raw talents I have ever come across in this business."



Signed to London-based independent label De Angelis Records, Jack headed into the studio to record his debut album *Between The Minds*. His first single *Without*, released at the back end of 2006, garnered excellent reviews and Radio 2 support. The video, filmed over four days in Palma, is directed by Oscar-nominated director, Bobby Garabedian. In addition to playing several solo shows – including a packed media showcase at Ronnie Scott's - Jack was invited by Shawn Colvin to support her on her European tour in 2006.

2007 started with a flurry with Jack's second single *Dreamers* added to the Radio 2 "A List" followed by an invitation to perform on TOTP2. A part-animated video directed by Ben Foley (nominated for 4 MTV awards) on behalf of Collision Films was played across the TV channels. Jack received further good news when Corinne Bailey Rae invited him to be the special guest on her European tour.

The release of his album *Between The Minds* earned Jack glowing praise across the board with comparisons to Nick Drake & Damien Rice (*Classic Rock Magazine*), Ray LaMontagne (*Word Magazine, Independent*) and John Martyn and Van Morrison (*Rock 'n Reel*). Yet Jack's distinctive storytelling and husky voice ensured that he was able to take his place in his own right alongside these respected artists. His standing was further enhanced when Q awarded the album 4 stars and declared that Jack "stands out from the current glut of soft-lad singer-songwriters" and Mojo placed Jack at number 2 in their playlist, saying



"folk troubadour Savoretti has a voice to warm romantic hearts, but he also has enough edge to maintain interest beyond the norm".

More information:
www.jacksavoretti.com / www.myspace.com/jacksavoretti
Jack's CD's are available through Amazon.com

Kate Heyhoe '72
Texas
Chef, Writer, Editor



Kate Heyhoe is editor and author of a slew of successful gourmet cookbooks and, launched The Global Gourmet website at globalgourmet.com in 1996 making her one of the longest, continuously-running food blogger/columnists on the web. As Executive Editor she currently writes a monthly food column about culinary topics.

Appearances in two national television satellite tours, CBS' The Early Show (Chef on a Shoestring segment), and other stations have kept Kate busy. Hundreds of articles have been published about her in media such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Time*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Parade*. In addition, she writes for *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Saveur*, *Cooking Pleasures*, *Chile Pepper*, *Great Chefs*, and other magazines.

She is currently working on several books exploring ethnic foods, one on sesame seed and sesame products. You can always find Kate's writings at globalgourmet.com where you will find tips and recipes from exciting places ranging from Argentina to Zaire.

Great Heyhoe reads: - *Great Bar Food at Home* - *The Stubbs Bar-B-Q Cookbook* - *A World Atlas of Food* - *Macho Nachos: 50 Toppings, Salsas, and Spreads for Irresistible Snacks and Light Meals* - *Harvesting the Dream: The Rags-to-Riches Tale of the Sutter Home Winery* - *A Chicken in Every Pot: Global Recipes for the World's Most Popular Bird* - *Cooking with Kids for Dummies*

Kate Heyhoe's next book is *New Green Basics: Greener Ways to Cook, Shop, and Clean*, to be published by Da Capo Books (Perseus Books Group) in January 2009.

John Luttrell '75
California
Musician, Composer

As a young man in high school, John Luttrell played guitar and keyboards in the rock group Chillum from 1974-75 in London. In the 1980's, he played guitar and sang in the Los Angeles-based progressive rock trio Helios with fellow rockers Dave Veirs (TASIS '75) and Tony Betino.

In 1989, Luttrell released his first self-produced album *Lost In My Dreams*. This album also marked the birth of OtterSong Records. OtterSong (www.ottersong.com) was formed by John as a medium for songwriting and composition of original music. "With the advent of the internet and streaming media technology, independent musicians are now able to reach an audience that was previously unavailable and even unknown," says John. "OtterSong Records is proud to bring some of the best atmospheric music to audiences around the world." John's compositions range from acoustic and progressive rock to ambient electronic soundtracks and solo piano. His recent releases include: *Underwater Flying Lessons* (2000) - *A Sense of Impending Levitation* (2004) - *The Corridors of Time* (2007)

Garden Hose Universe is the new project on which John collaborated with Moscow-based composer, Alex Tiuniaev (www.alextiuniaev.com). Songs were written and arranged by Tiuniaev with Luttrell providing vocals and guitar. Garden Hose Universe is a blend of eclectic modern rock and emotional ambience.

Their debut EP is called *Falling* and contains six tracks, including the soulful title track. Fans of Peter Gabriel, Robbie Robertson, Daniel Lanois, Coldplay, and Brian Eno will enjoy this 2007 release.

John's albums, including *Falling*, are available for purchase on-line at www.ottersong.com.



Why "OtterSong"? Do otters sing? According to ottersong.com,

"No, otters don't sing (or at least have never been recorded). The last name of our founding artist, John Luttrell, comes from the French *loutrelle*, which means young otter. No big mystery, just a bit of trivia... And, in case you were wondering, although many pronounce it Lut-TRELL, it's really LUT-trell, accent on the "uh". You can call me Ray, or you can call me Jay, just don't call me late for the jam."

TASIS grad takes delivery of the first Smart car in the USA



Sarah Wilson '01 and Nick Goddard '01 pick up his new Smart car.

by Sharon Figi

Here in Switzerland and around Europe those sassy little, highly parkable, scratch-your-head-and-wonder, "How do you fit a human old enough to have a driver's license in it?" Smart cars are seen all over the roads. But, on January 10, 2008 when the phone rang in **Nick Goddard's '01** Manhattan-based architect's office, Americans had only heard tales of the tiny four-wheeled phenomenon. "Congratulations, Nick! You're the first person to own a Smart car in the United States, and it will be ready for you to pick up at our New Jersey dealership in six days. The president of Smart USA, Dave Schembri, will be there along with a Today Show film crew". Huh?!

Nick had nearly forgotten that a year earlier he learned that Smart was going to begin importing to the USA, and that he had ordered a car on-line. While attending TASIS Nick had fallen for the free-wheeling Smart, and while on a trip to London he had the opportunity to drive one. He decided it was "cheeky and a fun car to be in", clearly two decisive factors in purchasing any vehicle.

A young man just starting out in New York has to use his imagination when it comes to acquiring gadgets. Relying on his ingenuity, Nick phoned Smart in March of 2007 and asked if the company would be interested in giving him a car. In exchange, he offered to drive it around New York City and "market it" for Smart. Unfortunately, the response was less than enthusiastic, and Nick was directed to Smart's on-line reservation service. Minutes later he reserved a red Cabrio model with a \$99 refundable deposit, scheduled to deliver one year later.

Surprised and excited about the news of his impending new car, Nick decided to go ahead with his purchase and claim ownership of the first Smart car in the United States. When he went to pick it up he brought along his good friend and TASIS graduate, Sarah Wilson, PG '01, for moral support. Smart's president gave them the lowdown on the car, taking Nick through all the different features. One of the unusual options of the car is that the outer shell can be shed and the color completely changed by the owner just by attaching new panels. For being the first to own a Smart in the USA they gave Nick a complementary set of silver panels. The car drove like a dream. He took it to Virginia and "blazed down the highway going at speeds of 85-90 mph with no issue". Everywhere Nick drove in his Smart he got loads of attention. People ran along side the car on the streets of Manhattan wanting to get a better look, while others offered large sums to buy it from

him on the spot. In the end, the temptation of making \$5,000 over the price he had paid for the car won out. He sold it back to one of the owners of the dealership where he had originally purchased the car. Goddard says, "\$5,000 - it's a lot for a little guy." And with that, you could say Nick is really smart.

Nick can now be spotted riding one of his two bicycles to and from work around NYC. He still keeps in touch with TASIS friends Merritt Gurley '01, Vanessa Cavallera '02, and his close friend Sarah Wilson '01, and professes that TASIS is the "best program anywhere". Goddard has a big project in the works with his web site, www.Americadelivered.com, where he reviews and sells specifically American-made products. But that's a whole 'nuther smart story.



Class rings

TASIS has commissioned these high-quality signet rings from Commemorative Jewellery to enable alumni, current students, and faculty to celebrate their achievements and remember their time at TASIS. They have the original TASIS crest from 1962.

Signet rings date back to pre-Roman times when they were used to stamp one's personal seal on letters and documents. Today, people wear the rings as a symbol of their family heritage or another important association.

The rings are beautiful and made to a very high standard, supporting the reputation and status of the School. They are offered in silver 9ct and 18ct gold but can also be made in white gold, platinum, or other gold standards as special orders.

For more details or to order, go to commemorativejewellery.co.uk





Lugano, Parco Ciani, © Remy Steinegger

Welcome to Ticino!



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 TESIS. The new TESIS 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.

The BSI Global Assistance for Global Taxpayers

BSI provides a special link with people who want to move to Switzerland, and especially Ticino, with service tailored to their needs. BSI offers a distinctive **asset management service** for "global" taxpayers, made possible by the **special lump-sum taxation** they enjoy. This tax regime is favorable for all foreigners who want to live in Switzerland and it is an excellent solution for optimising the tax situation. Depending on the circumstances, there can be substantial benefits in this type of tax regime, including no inheritance tax.

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 relocating 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.

To learn how BSI can assist you, contact:

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New York November 16, 2007



Tatiana Mattar '07,
Denise Chiang '07



Alison Mirylees CDE '97 and
CDE Staff, Masahiro Yo '04



Elisabeth Baudains '00, Amanda Zirgulis '00,
Daniel Ciraldo '01, Pauline Bigombe '02



Damian Kastil '07, Michael Breed '07,
Charles Conroy '05



Front Gabriella DeSouza '07, Denise Chiang '07,
Tatiana Mattar '07, Aina Ferre Garriga '07, Umida
Khusainova '07

Back Michael Breed '07, Shien-Yuin Lai '07, Hande
Hanif '07, Jorge Kovacs '07, Zainab Tinubu '07



Lynn Aeschliman '63 speaks to alumni



John Pritzlaff III '72, Miles Prentice, Katherine
(Culbertson) Prentice PG'66



Sasha Neimeyer '05, Lauren Duttenhoffer '05,
Melanie Saltzman '05, Lindsay Eichner '04

London December 8, 2007



Mary Karst PG '84, William Eichner,
Jacqueline Kemper PG '84, Karen Piper '84



Hans Figi '75, Jacob Katzman, Denise Katzman,
Laura Katzman PG '05, Ned Lynch PG'66



Todd Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Elizabeth (Acer)
Crawford PG '66, Glendora Jones



Holly Cook, Andrew North '98, Carmen Armistead



Isabella Naef '04, Corrado Augusta '00,
Isotta Cleps '02



Jarrah Al-Buainain '06, Kelly Hau '04



Glendora Jones, Pauline Bigombe '02,
Elisabeth Baudains '00, Anna-Marie Josue '00,
Megan Smith PG '00, Amanda Zirgulis '00



Jacqueline Kemper PG '84, Stephen Mauro PG '84,
Ciara Bresnahan, Barry Bresnahan, IT Staff '03-'04,
Karen Piper PG '84, Mary Karst PG '84



Benjamin Temlett, Simona Simoncello '98, Erika
Cook '96, Rebecca Gebhardt '98, Giuseppe Brizi

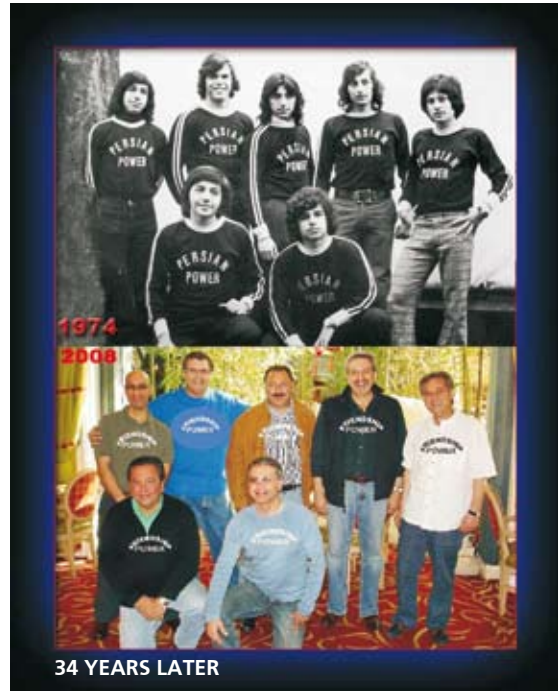


Patricia Schmidt '04, Constantin Sprengel '03,
Stephanie De Vos '03, Maria Romero Pons '04,
Dimitar Devedzhiev '07, Pascual Scavone Giagni '04,
Patricia Paoli Febres-Cordero '03

TASIS Reunions 2008

Las Vegas

February 8-10, 2008



Standing Row from left to right:
Hamid Malek-Madani '75, Ali Zoibi '75, Amir Rezai '75,
Roubik Aftandilians '74, Ali Massoudi '74
Sitting Row from left to right:
Bahram Solhjoui '75, Shahram Solhjoui '76



TASIS Las Vegas Reunion Group Photo



Houston
February 16, 2008



Jane Schaefer, Scott Taylor, P.K. Fields,
Ali Massoudi, Shauna Morrison



Liz, Ali, Avery, Myle and Roubik in the back



Lelina (Pugliese) Durette '88, Donald Anderson '88,
Caroline (Crawford) Vaughan '88, Dean Arnold '88



Anne (Hall) Billings '67, Bruce Billings



David Agerton, Mallory (Lawrence) Agerton
'74, Heidi (Cole) Stanfield '65



Angela (Cherry) Winslow and Kent Oztekin



Lorri Fein, P.K. Fields, April Stevenson,
Jane Schaefer, Shauna Morrison



Shauna Morrison, Ali Massoudi, P.K. Fields



Dean Arnold '88, Erinn (Collier) McMahon '87



Lisa Anderson, Debbie (Anderson) Rupert '86,
Donald Anderson '88



Lynn Bailey, Denise Mobley '86



Amir Rezai, Roubik Aftandilians and Shauna Morrison



Shauna Morrison, P.K. Fields, Sydney Roberts



Vahid, Amir, Roubik, Avery, Trudy, Myle,
Kent, Ali, Farid, Angela



Sandra Williams, Wyatt Williams '82,
John McMahon



William Reed '96, Samira Anne Salman '92,
Lief Nixon '91



Caroline (Crawford) Vaughan '88,
Lelina (Pugliese) Durette '88

TASIS Reunions 2008

Aspen

February 29 - March 2, 2008

TASIS held the 1st annual **Fleming Cup Alumni World Championship ski race** in Aspen Feb 29-March 2. There was a reception at the Elliot Yearly Gallery arranged by Christiana Wyly '99 and her sister, Kelly Elliot, a race on Aspen Mountain, a beautiful Swiss picnic at the Buckhorn cabin, and a closing banquet, awards ceremony, and dance at the Elks Lodge. There were over 50 alumni and their friends attending from all over the US.

The second annual event will be held in Aspen during the first week in March, 2009. Start planning now - details to follow via email (make sure the alumni office has your current email address by sending us a note at alumni@tasis.ch)!



"Fleming Cup Alumni World Championship" winners (L/R) Dominic Mauriello '85 from Avon, CO (Silver), Hans Figi '75 from Lugano, Switzerland (Gold), and Michael Nelson '70 from Belmont, CA (Bronze).



Cathy Steele Russel '71, Michael Nelson '70 and Debbie Billingsley Lichtenberg '71



The young alumni table at the Elk's Lodge dinner: (L/R) Nola Seta '07, James Eichner '07, Permele Doyle '05, Michael Foland '03, Sara Warner '91 and Courtney Pickus PG '03.



TASIS parents Jeanne Doremus (L) and Gretchen Greenwood (R) both of Aspen flank pro baseball agent-turned developer, Mike Croswell.



Jeanne Doremus (Aspen) and Joanna Brown (Telluride), both TASIS parents, share a glass of wine at the Elks Lodge banquet.



"I'm HEALED!" Alumna Darby Herrick '67 of Aspen tosses aside her crutches to join the dancing at the Elks Lodge. Bob Leatherman stands by just in case her cure is temporary.



Kathy Grueter (spouse), Fritz Grueter '86, Diane Herman Mauriello '84, Dominic Mauriello '85, Seana Goddard Lee '84, George Harrison '86



George Harrison '86, Fritz Grueter '86, Steve Lee (spouse)



Pat West (spouse), Kristi Alger West '84



TASIS alumna Kathy Pitner '63, and husband Bob Leatherman both teach skiing in Aspen. Kathy was the local organizer for the event.



L/R Courtney Pinkus '01, Martha Meagher '62, Kathy Pitner '63, Andrew Doremus (TASIS parent), Hans Figi '75. Courtney, Martha and Kathy all currently teach skiing in Aspen; Andrew (Aspen) and Hans (Lugano) taught skiing together at Aspen Highlands in the mid-70's.



George Harrison and his manly thighs get respect.



Anita Thompson '91 with Sharon Figi, TASIS parent, at the reception at the Elliot Leary Gallery.



Debbie Billingsley Lichtenberg congratulates bronze medal winner Michael Nelson.



These TASIS alumni are all current ski instructors in Aspen: Courtney Pinkus '01, Martha Meagher '62 and Kathy Pitner '63.

TASIS Reunions 2008

Swiss Embassy Washington, DC

March 13, 2008



John Procter '98, Vanessa Procter, Giorgia di Lenardo '98, Hans Figi '75



Jessica Caparas-Hontiveros '98, Josh Landon, Kerry Murray '99, Hans Figi '75, Monica Dedich '00, Jason Nagashima '01, Pauline Bigombe '02, Eyal Einik '03



Ramin Jebrailli '81, Naznaz Jebrailli



Swiss Ambassador to the United States, Urs Ziswiler, Kearby Parker, Geoffrey Parker '67, Hans Figi '75



Jim Dougan, Rachel (Palkendo) Dougan '84, Ambassador Ziswiler, Vanessa Procter, John Procter '98

Paris May 9-11, 2008

A small reunion was held in beautiful Paris that included Miki Schroder '92, Terry Kraft '94, Beltran Alvarez de Estrada '92, his wife Luz and Sophie Desplaces '92. On Friday night the group had dinner at Sophie's home. Saturday May 10th they met up at noon, went for lunch near St Germain, and toured around Paris by bus and by foot. Unfortunately during the tour of Paris they all had ice cream at the bottom of the Eiffel Tower and got food poisoning! Even so they still managed to meet up for dinner at a typical Parisian restaurant.

The group reports that despite the food poisoning they had a great time and that it was good to see everyone. They are looking forward to another Paris reunion (hopefully with more alumni) sometime in the near future.



Sophie Desplaces '92, Miki Schroder '92



Beltran Alvarez de Estrada '92 and Terry Kraft '94

Alumni In-Program Travel

Gastronomic and Cultural Experience In Tuscany

September 12-18 2009

Join TASIS alumni in a spectacular all-inclusive trip to Tuscany. This wonderful adventure begins with 2 nights in Lugano and a special visit to the TASIS campus and Casa Fleming. We move on to 3 glorious nights at Castello di Garonza, a fortified village of the 11th century situated on the Tuscan hills between Arezzo and Siena, (for more details on this location, see www.gargonza.it).

There will be a focus on tasting the three main wines made in the Tuscan region; Chianti – Cantine di Brolio, Montepulciano – Cantina Dei, and Montalcino – Azienda Fuligni. A highlight of this trip will be dining in unique locations such as Michelin Star restaurants, La cantina del 30 and Castello Banfi, along with visits to marvelously picturesque sites such as Vertin, Castello di Broglio, Pienza, Montalcino, Abbadia Sant'Antimo, Castello Banfi, Florence Uffizi and Corridoio Vasariano (only open to private groups).



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Space is limited to 20 people – first come, first served.

For bookings and more information, please email to alumni@tasis.ch.

Coming Up Calendar 2008/2009

Istanbul

October 2008
All class reunion

New York City

Saturday, November 22, 2008
All class reunion

Aspen

March 2009
All class reunion
Fleming Cup Alumni World Championship Race

Lugano

May 2009
All class reunion

Tokyo and London

TBD. Please contact the Alumni office.

Class of '68 – 40th year reunion

Date and location TBD
Contact Pamela (Stevie Springer) Bryant at ohsaycanuc@cox.net

PG Class of '68 – 40th year reunion

Date and location TBD
Contact Nancy Brewster Fleming at flemingn001@hawaii.rr.com

Class of '78 - 30th year reunion

Date and location TBD - Contact the TASIS alumni office at alumni@tasis.ch

PG Class of '83 - 25th year reunion

Date and location TBD - Contact Kate Lewin Shablott at kshablott@yahoo.com.

Class of '88 20th year reunion

Sept 5th-7th 2008, Chicago, Illinois
Contact Laura (West) Presnol at lpresnol@starbucks.com or Katie (Reiber) Loughran at kloughran@gmail.com

Class of '98 10th year reunion

September 2008, Washington D.C.
Contact John Procter at jprocter@gibraltar-llc.com

Spring Arts Festival

May 14th-17th, 2009, Montagnola

Commencement

Friday, May 29th, 2009, Montagnola

Class of '84 reunion – 25th year reunion

August 2009, Los Angeles - Contact Kristi Alger West at kristi11222@aol.com, Seana Goddard Lee at familee@sopris.net or Taya Bascom Paige at taya@lereveoc.com

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

From the Board

Faculty Quality of Life TASIS Board moves to improve teacher retention



planning process in three months, a process which can normally take up to a year, to enable them to implement it in time for the next school year. The Committee built on the previous hard work of the Faculty Task Force and the extensive effort of the Faculty Advisory Committee, under the able leadership of Co-chairs James Lemmon and Blair Anstey. Four sub-committees – Academic Programs, Faculty, Facilities, and Finances – were asked to make recommendations to the Tactical Planning Committee so that we could set priorities and determine the costs. The Committee's report, including 10 specific recommendations, was presented to the Board at the January Board meeting and unanimously approved. The projected cost of implementing these recommendations is projected to be approximately 400,000 Swiss francs. Some of the key recommendations were:

- 1) Establish a clearly defined faculty salary band scale to provide consistency and transparency.
- 2) Provide disability insurance and a 1% increase in pension contributions.
- 3) Refurbish and upgrade faculty apartments and make them available year 'round, or provide compensation for those who must vacate for the summer.
- 4) Provide a financial incentive for returning faculty.
- 5) Commence an endowment fund to benefit faculty.
- 6) Develop a comprehensive Middle School Program with its own identity and Coordinator.
- 7) Create new staff positions for a Learning Differences instructor and an experienced counsellor.
- 8) Increase the Professional Growth budget to provide more educational opportunities for faculty.
- 9) Improve technology in classrooms and IT infrastructure.
- 10) Take steps to reduce crowding in classrooms, offices, sports/PE, dining, and the Health Center.

While this is an important start, there are other ongoing needs that must be addressed for the School to continue to improve. The tactical planning process has opened up a positive dialogue and empowered the community to get involved, and in so doing make a difference.

I appreciate the efforts of the many faculty who participated in the process and made it so successful. Not only has the faculty retention rate for next year improved considerably, but also the stage has been set for an ongoing, constructive dialogue among all the various constituencies in the community that will build credibility and confidence in the School's future.

Fernando Gonzalez
TASIS England Board Chairman, TASIS CH Board Member
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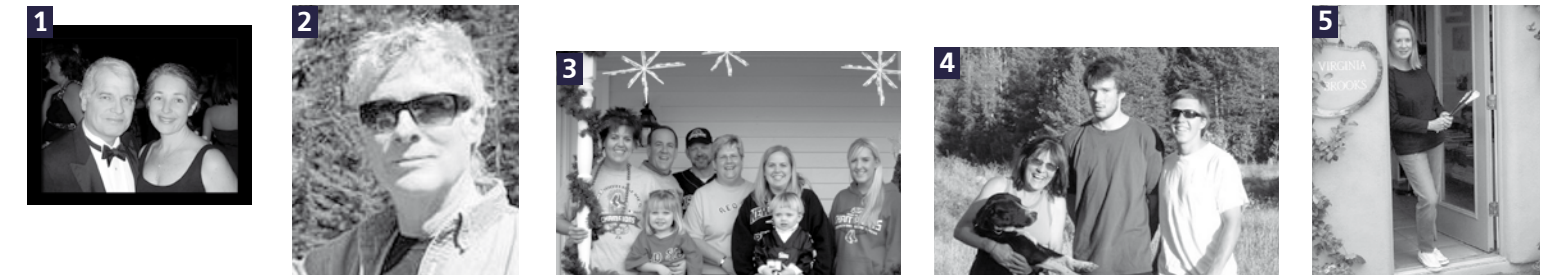
The quality of an education depends on the quality of the teacher in the classroom, and in this respect The American School in Switzerland is not unlike other schools. That fact is perhaps even more important in a boarding school like TASIS than in day schools, where students return home at the end of the day to the support, guidance, and love of their parents. At TASIS, the School is the student's home, and the quality of community life, as well as the academic excellence, is directly related to the dedication, experience, and expertise of the faculty.

When the Board of Directors was contemplating how to improve the quality of the School, it became clear that attracting and retaining the best possible faculty was critical. Thus, compensation packages and quality of faculty life were at the top of the list when the Board was determining how best to invest in the School's future. I recently served as Chairman of the new Tactical Planning Committee of the TASIS Board. The Committee's purpose was to recommend to the Board of Directors how to improve the quality of faculty life and increase the faculty retention rate, a challenge which has faced every TASIS Headmaster I have known since coming to TASIS 35 years ago.

I was fortunate to work closely with Interim Headmaster Lyle Rigg, a seasoned Headmaster of 25 years - including 17 years as Headmaster at TASIS and TASIS England - as well as a committed and diverse team of Committee members. To give you an idea of the importance placed on this initiative, the Board directed us to complete the strategic

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59 Sharon (Canning) Larkins-Pederson recently retired as Senior Development Officer. Sharon is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her family. 1

64 Steve Heising was in touch recently and sent us his picture. 2

65 Peggy McCormick writes, "I am in the midst of the election year craziness as a lawyer for the National Education Association in Washington D.C. specializing in federal and state campaign finance laws. My older daughter Caitlin is a law student at Boston College Law School, my younger daughter Meg is graduating this June from Sidwell Friends School in D.C. My twin sister **Marcia** is an Episcopal priest and chaplain of a private Episcopal school in Tampa, Florida. We own side-by-side cottages in Donegal, Ireland, which we try to visit as often as possible, and each just became Irish citizens. Would love to hear from other Class of '65 members."

66 Leslie (Heaton) Evans writes, "I'm enjoying retired life more than ever. I have two grandchildren: Sarah is 3 and Matthew is 2, and being with them is wonderful. Someday I hope to get back to Lugano...can't believe I haven't been there since I left in June '66! Last year I bought my own home in Cumberland, RI and I am so happy here. My youngest daughter, Wendy who is 20, has a very busy career in the world of color guard (sabers, rifles and

flags-most often seen in a high school marching band). She will be in her 6th year of summer drum and bugle corps which took us to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl last August (Indianapolis this summer). And this is her 8th year of winter color guard and we will follow the team as far away as Tampa in March and Dayton, Ohio in April. Her boyfriend is in the snare drum line on the same summer corps team. I love all of it. The picture of my whole family was taken on my front porch on Thanksgiving Day and we are all wearing either a Red Sox shirt or a Patriot's shirt. It is a joy to be a sports fan and live in New England!" 3

•**Sheldon Dunn** writes, "I returned from a year in Kabul, Afghanistan in November, 2007. I was a part of a project which was providing direct support to the USAID mission in Kabul, including creating an online report for USAID to the Minister of Finance for the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. I will be returning to Kabul in May to provide additional programming for the Afghanistan Rule of Law Project (AROLP), creating a database system for the Supreme Court and adjunct courts. Later in 2008, the original project (for me) will be bringing me back to Kabul to enhance a multi-lingual (Dari, Pashtun and English) for the Ministry of Finance to report aid progress to the international community. Between project trips, I continue to live in Germany."

67 Darby Herrick is currently involved in property management of private homes and is a chef/kitchen manager at the Aspen Senior Center. She went to the recent Aspen Reunion

and was grateful to have attended. 4
• **Virginia Brooks** writes, "How can it be forty years! I wonder where the rest of the Class of 1967 is now? Believe it or not I live in a town called Carefree, Arizona. After art school I met and married my husband of thirty-eight years while living in Bermuda. We have one daughter who is lucratively employed and living with her family in Southern California. For the last twenty-five years I have been a professional artist, painting en plein air in oils. Being an outdoor painter gives me a great excuse to travel. I paint in the Napa-Sonoma wine region frequently, and travel to New England each fall. Tuscany and Provence are yearly favorites. I have yet to make it back to Lugano, but did get as close as Bellagio on the last trip, and I look forward to winding my way up to Montagnola to find something to paint. When I am at home in Carefree I frequently have tours, inviting visitors to my home and studio." 5

69 Cynthia (Grimes) Craig lives in Carson City, Nevada. Cindy works part-time for a business service company

and takes care of the family and her mother the rest of the time. Her husband Des works for a state government agency called the Commission on Economic Development and is responsible for community development activities throughout the rural areas of the state. Their son Kelso now attends a local college and is planning to return to aviation maintenance. Their son Alex is a second-year student at Oregon State University studying chemistry and related subjects. Their daughter Meghan turned 18 recently and is busy in her last year of high school, and hopes to major in architecture. Their son Kevin is a sophomore and is interested in culinary studies.

• Years in the Alps awakened **Wendy (Jester) Garling's** passion for big mountains! She continues to travel through remote, mountainous regions of the earth such as Everest and Tibet.

• **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! Contact Peter at peterboynton@gmail.com.

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70 Catherine Badin is currently pursuing her lifelong dream of a musical career. She has just returned from a trip to England where she collaborated with world-renowned producer/arranger, Stuart Epps, on her first CD. 6

• **Mark Andrew** says, "I keep hoping to make it back to Lugano for a reunion of classmates, and perhaps to trek with **Peter Boynton '69** on one of his TESIS reunion hikes through the Alps! But my life has been full of the pursuit of sculpture and family responsibilities: my wife, Robin, and I have 7 children between us, and there is always a graduation, or wedding, or birth happening to keep us state-side. We live on a small organic farm in rural Oregon, with children and grandchildren nearby. My older son (28) is in law school at the University of Oregon, and the younger boy (22) is on semester abroad in Thailand. My sculpture studio has been producing carved wood and stone, and bronze castings, to a steadily increasing audience for the past 36 years (www.markandrewstudio.com). This year has seen an increase in public art installations in Washington and Oregon. For private collectors the projects have ranged from a bronze reproduction of the Forbidden City (Beijing, China) Dragon Turtle in a koi pond to a cedar totem pole for a local couple. I credit my experiences and surroundings at TESIS for inspiring me to pursue an artistic path!" 7

• **Doreen (Mosher) Louderback** is living in Richmond, VA with her husband, Terry. Doreen is working for renowned hotel architect Thomas Hamilton as the director of marketing.

71 Mary (Murfin) Bayley is living with her husband and son in Florence where she continues to write about the arts. Other favorite activities include involvement in a small theater group specializing in traditional Florentine Vernacular Theater and riding dressage at Centro Ippico Toscano. She spends part of each year in Seattle, Washington.

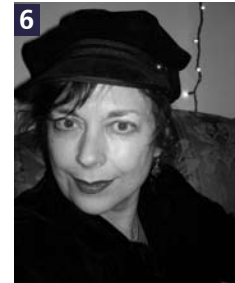
• **Alan Lewis Robinson** reports, "I am now employed as a branch manager for the Asheville, North Carolina office of Advantage Mortgage located at 46 Haywood Street Suite 251 in Asheville N.C. 28801. I have been a branch manager for the last ten years originating mortgage loans for several large nationwide companies - both residential and commercial loans. I am sure you know

I completed my MBA with a specialty in global management from the University of Phoenix on January 30th of 2007. I am entering law school with an online school famous for its program on February 22nd, 2008 at Concord School of Law owned by Kaplan University. This will enable me to work full time and go to online classes at night and hear live video lectures of law cases and other curriculum necessary to complete my legal education for my juris doctor, which will take three years to complete. I am mainly doing this for my own education and to combine it with my global MBA and have a legal knowledge of business with the business sense necessary to work for a global company possibly in the future. I truly love the work I do now. I live and reside in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Asheville has become a mecca and is being called the Paris of the south. It has many wonderful eclectic restaurants, many art galleries, great opera and of course the Asheville Symphony."

• **Debbie (Billingsley) Lichtenberg** is living in Denver, Colorado and loving it! She met up with **Catherine (Steele) Russell** and **Michael Nelson '75** at the TESIS Aspen Reunion. She enjoyed getting to know **Suzanne Scott '76**. **John Pritzlaff '72** met up with them for lunch in Denver.

72 Clifford Clavel recently moved back to Switzerland, and paid TESIS a visit. He met with **Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63** and **Hans Figi '75**. He shares with us a picture. 8

• **Dennis Cockrell** writes, "Kia Ora! My wife, Vicki, and I had the good fortune to spend 3 1/2 weeks over the holidays in New Zealand. Aotearoa, the Māori name, is a magical country with amazing landscapes, a rich history, the fascinating cultural heritage of the Māori, and the craziest bird on the planet - the Kea. One tried to eat the roof of our camper van. Our trip was primarily a hiking trip, but we did spend three days in Rotorua, one of the Māori cultural centers, and took two boating excursions to Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound in Fiordland. One of the highlights of the trip was black water rafting in the Waitomo Caves. We began by abseiling (rappelling) 110 feet into a cavern (see photo), then spent close to 5 hours traveling through the cavern system on foot and on inner tubes - thus the name, black



water rafting. The only light in the caves came from our headlamps. We ended the excursion by rock climbing up two water falls and then crawling out of a hole in a cascade of water to reach the outside. Great fun!" 9

73 Carlos Vela reports, "2007 brought lots of changes to the Vela clan. Teena and I moved from Ohio to Fernandina Beach, FL. We found a nice small coquina home which we call Shell Cottage. We started a wine store and bar in the historic district (www.lcwine.com). Teena minds the store and we are seeing growth month over month. I still have my day job in Ohio, so I have been commuting back and forth but have started looking for a challenging opportunity in the Jacksonville area or will consider a virtual / travel position. Shameless plug - but if anyone can use an executive IT professional, I'm your guy. My daughter Lisa is doing great in Philly. Dan moved to Cambridge, MA and loves the northeast, and Justin is finishing up at Akron University. Can't wait to get him off the payroll..."

• **Wendy Boynton** writes, "For the past two years I have been living in Hong Kong. I teach pre-kindergarten at the Hong Kong International School. Living here has offered me many opportunities to travel in Asia. I skied in Japan during the winter break and plan to go back during spring break for the cherry blossoms. During the summer months I live in the south of France

where my siblings and I continue to manage our family home. Please contact me if you are traveling through Hong Kong at wooski3b@earthlink.net."

• **Donna (Minden) Stryker** writes, "So much to share! I became a senior vice president, First New Mexico Bank, still working in the midst of the media. I became involved in the Las Cruces Symphony Association, and loving it. Our Symphony has been featured on National Public Radio when we premiered a new piece of work "The Return of Icaris." If you all ever want sunshine, music, a university town, great theater and music, come see me. I'm working with educational programs and drop out programs with the Chamber of Commerce. Trying to improve communications between the business and education communities, and it is a great challenge. My sons are 26 and 22. Joe was in the military and missed by 2 days going to Iraq. That was a blessing. My son Bruce is going to finish at New Mexico State University and go to Boston for a program with the Carroll Center for Adult Rehab for the blind adult entering the work force. He will then work on his masters in computer-science. My husband Harry and I are busy with our second home in the mountains about 90 minutes from Las Cruces, a small burg called Cloudfcroft, cradled in the Sacramento Mountains at 8000 feet. The trees are like Switzerland. We are remodeling it and enjoying the quiet. My husband is a builder. We have a subdivision in a small town west of



Las Cruces, Deming, the land of pure water. Life is truly incredible. I think of TESIS, Lugano and my great adventures in Europe so many years ago. At 52 now, it seems like yesterday, and it seems like a million years ago. What they say is true, my head and my heart feel like 18, my face not quite so. Hope everyone from the Class of '73 is well. My email is foreverd@zianet.com if anyone wants to write!"

• **Elizabeth (Sager) Yates** (see **Eric Yates '07**)

• **Davis (Davey) Tucker** tells us, "I live in the New Orleans area, am lucky to be married to a beautiful and highly educated (double doctorates in biochemistry and nutrition) woman of a French/Iranian background. We have no children and limit our pets to those that can live in an aquarium. After my time at TESIS and a few more years of continued travel in Europe, I eventually settled in my former home state of Louisiana, and have spent most of my adult life there, with significant periods in Florida and with a lot of travel to the Yucatan and Caribbean in particular. I completed my undergraduate and graduate education in Louisiana, eventually obtaining a master's degree in social work. I also became a PADI certified scuba diving instructor. I have spent most of my adult life working in the mental health field (yes, I appreciate the irony) and was fortunate to have an employer in New Orleans for about a decade that would allow me to take summers off to go live in Destin, Florida and work in recreational

diving, and generally have a blast. I have been working in the public sector for nearly 18 years (with a sideline in recreational diving) and have been the supervisor of what amounts to a public outpatient psychiatric emergency room in metropolitan New Orleans for the past 5 years. This has been unbelievably hectic work post- Hurricane Katrina (I really could write a book about it). I just got an opportunity to transfer to another equivalent position at a hospital in a more rustic area (across Lake Ponchartrain from New Orleans) that I had long hoped to have an opportunity to move to where I can get a place with a little acreage, have a chance to check in on my aging parents more easily, and have a shorter drive to a property that I have in Florida."

74 Kent Oztekin shares with us a recent photo. He was recently at the All 70's Class Reunion in Las Vegas. 10

• **Roubik Aftandilians** lives in Glendale, CA, and recently attended the 1970's class reunion in Las Vegas. His daughter Tania will be graduating from UC Berkeley in May 2008, and his daughter Natasha is graduating high school in June 2008. 11

• **Tina (Norton) Buck** also attended the Las Vegas Reunion and had a wonderful time. While in Vegas, she got married! 12

• **Cathy Jo (Cassidy) Chestnut** writes, "I visited the Lugano campus this September for the first time since

graduation. I was so surprised at all the changes in the area and at the school. My husband and I are still living in Southern California but currently spend our summers in Europe cruising our small canal barge. We'll be in Belgium and northern France this summer. If old classmates are going to be around there they can reach me at zchesnuts@gmail.com, or catch our blogs at donandcathysblog.blogspot.com."

• **Larissa Shmailo** has a new book of poetry coming out in '08, **A Cure for Suicide**, and a new CD, **Exorcism**. Friends from TESIS can check out her MySpace page at www.myspace.com/thenonetworld to listen to recordings of her work and get a full list of publications and upcoming readings.

• **Myle (Jackson) Walsh** is living in Midway, Utah. She is married with 2 sons- Makena (21) and Wyatt (15). She designs and imports items from Indonesia and owns a store called Water From the Moon.

• **Joanie (English) Guy** and her husband are building a home in the Dordogne region of France and plan to retire there in a few years. 13

• **Chris Boynton** is married and has two beautiful girls. He is living in San Mateo, CA.

• **Lisa (Cowger) Cousins** is happily married and has a 5 year old son. She also currently teaches yoga for fun.

75 Christina Celano lives in the Florida Keys. She has a daughter, Keely, and is pictured with her soul mate Bob. She is a wildlife photographer, producing signed, limited editions. She prints on canvas in large format, gallery style and they fetch at a high price. 14

• **Trudy (White) Catterfeld** writes, "I live on Bainbridge which is an island that is a 30 minute ferry boat ride from downtown Seattle. I currently develop property and I keep up with my two athletic teenage sons skiing in the north-west mountains and Canada, biking long distance, playing tennis and swimming! I have such wonderful memories of TESIS and it has been great fun reconnecting with old friends through the help of the website and alumni news."

• **Linda (Jaekel) Avery** and her husband Doug recently got a sailboat and have been enjoying their sailing trips. In addition to their sailing and usual fall hunting trips, they took a motorcycle trip into Wyoming with some friends, got several chances to visit DC, and spent a few weeks in Turkey and Greece. They loved Turkey, and look forward to going back.

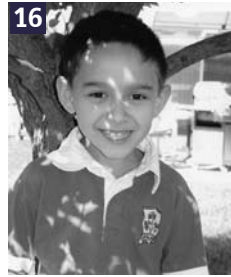
• **John Luttrell** has just finished his latest musical project called "**The Corridors of Time**". This ambient progressive rock CD is the score for the film "The Box" from Angels Flight Films. John has also been working with Russian composer and producer Alex Tiuniaev on a project called "Garden Hose Universe". Tracks for this release were composed over the Internet, between John's California-based studio and Alex's Moscow-based studio. For more info on these and other releases, please visit OtterSong Records at www.ottersong.com or MySpace at www.myspace.com/johnluttrellmusic. 15

• **Hans Figi** won the 1st Annual Fleming Cup Alumni World Championship Race in Aspen, CO (March 3). Just because he organized it as part of his job some of the "losers" suggested he rigged the results. If that were the case he said he "would have ordered a larger trophy...". **Dominic Mauriello '85** won the silver and **Michael Nelson '70**, skiing in **John Pritzlaff's '72** lucky Kästle ski hat that he stole from him in 1972, won the bronze (see entire coverage of this historic race in this issue). Hans' wife, Sharon, puts together TESIS Today and is always looking for interesting story ideas. Their sons **Jake** and **Lucas** are in 6th and 4th grade in the TESIS Elementary School.

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76 **Vahid Nickpour** is currently living in Boston, Massachusetts. He is an international realtor with ties to Iran.

- **Doris (Peabody) Moore** went to Dubai last November for a friend's 30th birthday. It had been 8 1/2 years since they were there, and they were shocked at all the changes! They had the honor of staying with the contractor that is building the tallest building in the world, The Burj Dubai. She shares with us a picture of her son. **16**



- **Shahab Navabtehrani** went back to Iran recently after 34 years. He is currently living in Paris, and travels extensively.
- **Emily Hubley** has finished her first feature film, "The Toe Tactic," which premiered at Austin's SXSW Film Festival in March with **April (Stevenson) Schatte** in attendance. The film also had its NYC premiere at the prestigious New Directors/New Films 2008 Festival presented by the New York Film Society of Lincoln Center and The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

77 **Greg Goldstein** is married with 2 children, Brenna 15, Brett 12, and his wife, Bess. They are living in NYC.

78 **Maria Rivelli** shares, "I am a proud mother of a beautiful 26 year old studying film at the State University of San Diego. My brother lives in Concord and I ended up living in Germany where for years I worked as assistant manager for a German car dealership. Now all my concentration is focused on my son, hoping that he continues the path he chose and once finished, achieves lots of success. But I guess that is the dream every mother has." **17**

- **Boyce Ann Billingsley** and **Dariusch Amini '79** are married and living in Bentonville, Arkansas for the time being. They are planning on being at the big class reunion in 2008.
- **Carolina Roman** is living in New York. Her oldest daughter is a sophomore at the University of Arizona. Her son Ian is a junior in high school.

80 **Graham Bonnet** is living in Galveston, TX close to his parents. He is a shop foreman and has been working at auto dealers since he left TASIS. Graham is loving life!

- **Ziyad Al Kurdi Al Milli** writes,

"Christine and I have been together for the last 12 years. We have our first baby on the way, expected mid-late May, so naturally we are having the most fascinating time of our lives. We are currently residing in Dubai. Christine teaches literature and theatre at George Pompidou French High School. I am a lighting designer for an urban/landscape design firm. We passed by Montagnola a couple years back, and hopefully soon, we will do another visit with the little one."

81 **Carrie Stepp** writes, "There has been a lot of activity in the last year. 2007 proved to be a year of many curses followed by many blessings. The stints didn't perform as expected in January and dad needed double bypass surgery in February. The operation was a success and he is still on the mend. Though I must admit, it's hard to get him to take things easy. In January I was also accepted to graduate school at UAH. In March my 20 year old son managed to wreck the car. I won an award as Distinguished Student Leader for an Academic Student Organization (UAHAMA.org), attended the American Marketing Association Collegiate Conference in New Orleans where we won 4th for the website I designed and developed and 3rd for the chapter plan I wrote. In April, they did an MRI, found bilateral masses, did the blood work, found an elevated white count, and arranged for me to meet an oncologist in May. In May I met with the oncologist who told me that they wouldn't know if the masses were cancerous until I was on the table. The surgery was a success, no cancer was present. In June I provided some remote support to my colleagues and slept a lot. In July, after much LWOP, I made it back into work. In August my son totaled his car on his birthday. I know what you're thinking, but he was actually driving home from an 11:00 a.m. dentist appointment.



The storm came through in August as well. I woke up to my siding, flashing, and gutter, dangling outside my window. The roofers have still not come to do the job that insurance mostly paid for. September was relatively uneventful. Thank goodness! I needed the reprieve. However, on the day I stopped in to get my business license all the computers and phone lines were down at the Madison City Hall. I had to come back the following day. October started out with the dog (Pit Bull/Dalmatian mix - "Pittal") nipping at me. Then as I was herding him back to his cage one of my cats attacked and attempted to take my leg off below the knee cap (I believe he thought he had hold of the dog). So I went to an urgent care facility, got me a tetanus shot, antibiotics, and Tylenol 3 with codeine. The rest of the time from graduation until this year has been a cake walk."

- **Shahin Zamini** works as the supervisor of Intl. Ops for a private aviation company, Sentient Flight Group. They have over 350 aircraft based in the US and other countries. Shahin travels to Europe both for his job and to visit his family in Austria.

82 **Ken Biller** is married with a daughter, Sofia (7), and a son, Sam (5). After TASIS, Ken moved to Los Angeles in 1990 where he has had a very busy career as a television writer, director, and producer, working on many dramatic series over the years. As an executive



producer his job entails supervising all aspects of production and serving as head writer to a staff of other writers of varying degrees of experience. He and his family hope to see TASIS again.

- **Lisa Tyerman** lives in Menlo Park, CA. She is working at Apple as a design manager and having lots of fun. Lisa would love to hear from other TASIS alumni, especially in the Bay Area. **18**
- **Cambron Henderson** moved from San Francisco to New York and has taken a job at a non-profit consulting firm.
- **Susan (Sindoni) Wright** and her husband Kirk welcomed their new son, Nash Albert Wright, on July 23, 2007. They still reside in Palos Verdes CA, with their 8 year old son, Taylor. **19**
- **Tania (Shetabi) Nordstrom** writes, "Well, as it happens I just saw a dear old TASIS friend that I had not seen since graduation!! **Eemen Sahebdivani** and I had an opportunity recently to see **Ardeshir Sepahpour '83** while he was on a trip in Southern California. The way we connected with him demonstrates what a small world we really live in. Ardeshir was in the US visiting a very close friend of his, named Ali. While there, Ardeshir and Ali went to visit **Mohammad Bonakdar '83**. Eemen arranged for a dinner party so we could all get together. Ardeshir has a successful dairy business in Iran and is married with a son and daughter. I have attached a photo of the three of us. **20**

Additionally, we are supposed to meet up with **Barry Beqoumian** over Easter when he is in L.A. for his sister's



wedding. Barry is a housing developer in State Park, PA. He is still single, and he tells me he thinks he will stay that way! I am in touch with faculty members **Katie Zoglin** who wrote to me from Morocco not too long ago. She was working on a project there until December, after which she returned to the Bay Area. I also try to see **Lanny Breuer** (faculty) when I am in D.C. The last time I saw him was two years ago. He is working in a law firm in D.C. and is married with two boys."

- **Dan Burgess** writes, "I manage a project that recently won a national award. The award is ENERGY STAR's Sustained Excellence for Service and Product Providers for our work in helping clients utilize the ENERGY STAR energy performance rating service. We were one of a handful of companies nationwide that have won 4 years in a row and our VP of Business Development and I will represent our company in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. It has been very challenging but rewarding to be part of something that has resulted in reducing energy in a significant way, which helps everyone through better stewardship of the environment."

83 **Tom Silberberg, Jim Bayles, and Ric Ruedy** all attended the wedding of **Matt Anderson** and his bride Cindy in Northern Virginia last fall. Tom demonstrated his prowess at the game Quarters, a skill he picked up doing jobs as a handy-man at sorority houses at Old Dominion University near his home. They all witnessed the first time Matt has ever danced, and it was quite a sight! Jim still works as a lawyer in Chicago specializing in the defense of internet predators. Ric and his wife, Linda, remain in the Bay Area where both serve as executives for medical device firms. **21**

- **Stephen Brooks** says, "Residing with my wife, Shelli, of nineteen years, and



two sons, Connor (12) and Gaven (10) in Madisonville, LA. Family, travel, sporting activities, school and work keep us all very busy. When not practicing law, my family and I enjoy frequent visits to the Bahamas and Caribbean with the occasional visit to the happiest place on Earth, Walt Disney World! If anyone is interested in a reunion of sorts at anyone of these fine destinations, please do not hesitate to contact me. I welcome any and all calls from former classmates. I can be reached at (985)-875-0275. I last spoke with **Kent Rouillard** who advised that he is married, teaching school and traveling as often as possible."

84 **Kristin (Cannell) Comprosky** lives in Ipswich, MA with her husband David, a chef, and their two children - Quinn (7) and Lydia (5). She has been working in the Boston area for 13 years - 9 of which have been in product development/product management for a home décor company. In her spare time, Kristin teaches spin classes, coaches little league and is an avid tri-athlete. She would love to hear from old classmates, roomies and friends. Please contact her at kcomprosky@msn.com. **22**

- **Seana Goddard Lee** attended the Aspen Reunion and had a blast! **23**
- **Taya (Bascom) Paige** is in the travel management industry. She and her husband, Mike, founded Le Reve Destination Services, a travel services provider specializing in Orange County, CA. Le Reve helps plan itineraries, and



provides luxury services to enhance the traveler's experience. Taya says, "My experience at TASIS and my years traveling and living abroad is the bridge in my life that helped me cross over from an upbringing in the service industry to a true understanding of international cultures and how their needs in the service industry are very different, depending on where they are from and what is their culture. I have always been intrigued by the difference in cultures, ideas, communication and currently by the difference in the idea of a 'dream vacation'. Some of my very best friends are from my TASIS years. As you know, **Seana Goddard Lee** and I are best friends to this day. Her husband is best friends with my brother from their childhood in Aspen and Seana now lives in my home town, Aspen. Our children know each other and we plan to carry on the traveling tradition with them. It is even one of our dreams to put them all in a summer program at TASIS in Lugano together when they are older. Another interesting connection is with another very close friend from my TASIS days. Costantino Bertuzzi is from Italy and ended up being one of the number one race car drivers in the world. He now lives in Los Angeles and we are working together. Le Reve is a sponsor for his current racing venture and he does programs for us incorporating his racing status and driving instruction." **24**



85 **Sami Eitouni** is a creative director for Saudi Airlines. He recently visited TASIS, and was nice enough to stop by the Alumni Office. He enjoyed seeing some old familiar faces, as well as the new ones! **25**

- **Michelle (Harto) Caldwell** writes, "Still living in Alaska and married to Jim, now retired from the Air Force after 23 years, and currently working for the Dept. of Homeland Security. My oldest daughter, Cailee, is off to university this year, (in what we call the lower 48) majoring in biomedical engineering and is on the swim team. My middle daughter, Jordyn, is a freshman in high school, is swimming both HS and local club team. My youngest, Collin, is 6 this year, attending kindergarten at the school I work at. I am working at a small private school as their development director, everything from curriculum to enrollments. I have also started back at school. I voluntarily run a learn-to-swim program for the local community four days a week. So, needless to say, we are very, very busy. My sister, **Miriam (Harto) Harber '89** is doing great, still living in Florida and working in the banking industry. Would love to hear from any and all past TASIS students and faculty. Email: feet2fin@hotmail.com."

- **James Frederick** returned to private practice as an attorney in Baltimore, Maryland. For a few years he had been with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland as a federal prosecutor. He has three children - Maggie (6), Celia (4), and Ben (20).

86 **Maggie (Hammad) Boyle** is living in Katy, Texas. She was recently at the Texas All Class Reunion. **26**

- **Dominique Westman-Barth** writes, "Hi! My family is doing well. We are finally realizing our dream of building a home which I designed. It's going up in our backyard with a delightful view of the marsh. My husband's flooring

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business continues to expand despite change in the housing market. My kids are 13 and 9, both blue belts in Chuck Norris' style of karate. We spend 3 days a week home-schooling and 2 days in a cottage school with other home-schoolers. I heard from **Yume Tolle-Leavell**. She had her third child round Thanksgiving. **Sandra (Cuttler) McClelland** has recently moved back to Canada. I'd love to hear from everyone from the reunion. Email wonbyhim@charter.net.

• **Carla (Mann) Woods** and her family recently visited **Cengiz Cesur** in Istanbul. They celebrated Carla's birthday together and went out for dinner. The day after, they all took off on a cruise to the Greek Islands. It was an amazing experience and both Carla and Cengiz enjoyed seeing each other after 20 years. 27

• **Brian Wagner** writes, "Hi everyone! Life is good here. I am still teaching at Kentucky Country Day School (middle school computers) and running my computer consulting / programming business. This summer my wife and I celebrate our 18th anniversary. We have 2 kids - Sarah (8th grade) and Andrew (4th grade) and a chocolate lab, Dandi. We live in Louisville Kentucky. Stop by if you are ever in the Bluegrass State. My email: brian@tegrasys.com." 28

87 **Kelly Lee** is living in Malibu back from Switzerland. She has a gorgeous two year old girl.

89 **Roberta Pellegrino** is working at Hilton São Paulo Morumbi as a front office manager. She is married and has a son who is 5 years old, and she recently had her second boy. 29

• **Lara de Vido** writes, "I hope everyone at TASIS is doing well. There have been quite a few changes this year. I got married in April and my daughter Leela was born in October. Leela was born 5 days after **Toni (Clayton) Hine** had her second daughter Allegra. We see **Danielle Fidler** often. She is doing well and living with her husband in Virginia. They are currently in the midst of a major home expansion."

• **April (Garren) Pritchard** now lives in Florida with her husband and 3 boys. 30

• **Jessica Marsh** moved last April from Michigan to Las Vegas to accept a job with a small law firm. She took the Bar Exam in July and passed with flying colors. Jessica is finally practicing the kind of law she wanted to pursue, and is enjoying the warmer weather. She misses her friends and family back in Michigan, but is also appreciating the new experience. She hopes everyone is happy and healthy!

90 **Sharon (Yi) Kloser** relocated to Lantana, Texas. She enjoys living in Texas, although she still misses her old home in San Francisco, CA very much. Her twin boy and girl turned 1 on January 29th.

• **Linus O'Brien** and his wife had a lovely baby boy on January 3rd, 2008. His name is Elvis and by a strange coincidence loves to be treated like a king. They also saw **Sebastian Cordero** over the summer and it was great to catch up with him. He is a very talented film maker and a lovely person with a lot to say. 31

• **Valentina (Bardawil) Powers** got promoted a few months ago to Senior Web Producer at New York's NPR station. She's been keeping busy at work following the exciting elections. She also helped work on building a website for a new national morning show that will be launched at WNYC, in partnership with the NY Times, BBC, PRI, and WGBH. Valentina recently gave birth to a baby girl (Feb 22nd) named Carolina Francesca. She also has a two year old boy named Sebastian.

91 **Clay Jensen** and **Dilek (Moore) Jensen '92** are still happily married with two children and are living in Las Vegas. Both work in land development/real estate and are taking advantage of a down market. They would love to see anyone traveling through Las Vegas.

92 **Sophie Desplaces** recently met with **Samira Salman** in Houston, Texas. They had a wonderful time and reminisced on TASIS memories. Sophie remembers **Horst Dürrschmidt** (faculty) fondly, and hopes to see him at a reunion very soon. 32

• **Alice Cotton** recently moved to Oakland and plans to open up a café soon. She has rented out the old Black Panthers headquarters and will eventually turn it into a night club. She is also a partner in a new company called Modus Organicus which specializes in organic products.

• **Marcelo García Almaguer** graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he earned his masters in public administration. He pursued a masters degree in political communication from Emerson College and received his BA in international relations, with a minor in Italian literature at Boston University. As Mexico's leading personal branding strategist, Marcelo launched Illuminare Consulting after more than a decade of branding and communications experience that spans the fields of media, politics, and corporate relations. Over the past years he has successfully prepared public figures, executives, CEO's, candidates, advocates, sales teams, and spokespersons for personal branding strategies and effective public communications.

• **Monique (Bushore) Ruyle** attended **Jorge Del Villar's '95** wedding. He got married in Acapulco, Mexico on March 7th. Monique's daughter turns four in April and her other daughter turns 1 in May. Monique has been married for almost 6 years. She currently lives in the Seattle area and runs a local hospice program. Anyone who visits the Seattle area is welcome to stay with her. You can contact Monique at monique_92@hotmail.com. 33

93 **Erica Rayman** is currently living in New York City and is working for the family business.

• **Robert Winston Posegate** writes, "My daughter, Kristen Liberty Posegate, was born in 2001. My wife, daughter, and I moved from Saipan to Atlanta in 2002, where we pursued careers in

teaching ESL, among other endeavors. We bought a house in metro Atlanta in 2004. In 2005 I got a job teaching English in Bundang, Korea. In 2006, my wife and daughter joined me in Korea. In August 2006, we moved back to Saipan. I immediately started teaching private lessons and started my language school (once again) in October. My business has grown, and this year it has kept me quite busy. I teach ESL, mainly to students from Korea and China, much as I did here in Saipan prior to leaving in 2002. This time, however, I feel more professionally experienced and more mature than I was the first time around."

• **Mary-Kathryn 'MK' Kennedy** is living in Mexico City and loving it. She's currently the studio president for Telemundo Studios Mexico, and is executive producer on most of the programming that is made there. She was recently in Switzerland, just outside of Zurich, for a little R&R and skiing.

95 **Lizzie Jarvis** is enjoying a new career in life coaching, following eight years in the media industry.

96 **Masha Tivyan** and Benjamin Stout were married at the West Chop Club on Martha's Vineyard 9/15/07. 34

• **Toshie Yamashiro** reports, "To start, my boyfriend of 2 years (now almost 3!!) proposed to me. It was very romantic - in Phuket, by the beach during sunset with rose petals and

champagne and everything!! So, happily engaged, we then went to my brother's two-reception (he's been married since 2006) ceremony in Japan (one in Tokyo and one in Okinawa - I don't know how anyone does more than once). The Tokyo reception was limited seats but we had an after-party set up and several TASIS alumni came; the usual crew, **Kina (Yachi) Osawa '95**, **Makiko Sato '95**, **Mana Morita '97**, **Yumiko Yamada '97**, **Zen Sano**, **Eiji Tsuda**, **Nobu Kikukawa '95**, **Gen Okazaki** and **Gen Ichino '97**. Just a quick update on those I've seen. Kina's pregnant!! She's due in April and I'm so excited!! And Zen's wife is pregnant too!! Due in summer sometime. This year is a baby rush!" 35

• **Mariana (Guimaraes) Villela** opened a company six months ago called Cocota Brazilian Beauty (www.cocota.co.uk). It is a British company responsible for the import distribution and marketing of Brazilian brands throughout the United Kingdom. Mariana recently visited the campus and was amazed at all the changes.

• **Christian Nagy** is living in London and working in a consultancy firm. When he is not hard at work, he is traveling around the world. He is writing a book with a friend about mid-20th century government cover-ups. It promises to be interesting!

• **Sally Akrawi** says, "I'm living in NYC, married to John Andrea, and now have a wonderful 6 month old baby boy who we named Luca. Miss many of my

TASIS friends but so wonderful to have reconnected with many of them on Facebook. **Nobu Kikukawa '95** came to NY on a business trip and I went out to dinner with him and **Lauren Forestieri PG'95**. I also see **Sara Conklin** every so often. I caught up with **Gina van Hoof** when she was out here in May."

• **Gina van Hoof** traded a photograph in an exhibition in Brussels for a plane ticket to NY in May of last year, where she caught up with **Sara Conklin**, **Sally Akrawi**, **Kat Johnson**, who is getting married in June this year, **Jenn Granville '94**, who has since moved to LA and is also married now, and **Neil Vaswani '95**. Gina says, "Funnily enough, I was invited to a restaurant called 'Morandi's' like our Lugano night club, and someone there called out my name - it was **Nicola Siso** also living in NY!" Gina has two upcoming exhibitions, April 19th in Antwerp, and June in Brussels (www.patrickmarchalgallery.com). Make it an excuse to drop by Brussels!

98 **John Procter** is part of a new venture called Gibraltar Associates. Based in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, the company was launched officially in August. Gibraltar Associates is a consultancy specializing in risk and reputation management, public affairs and business development for clients worldwide. John and his team work with start-ups, private interests and the Fortune 500 across several core functions: public policy, communications,

business strategy and development, and finance. The company is already off to a fantastic start.

• **Sertan Untut** imports boats from the USA and Canada to Turkey. He recently attended a boat show in Miami, and also had a 10 day boat show in Istanbul which was very successful. Sertan is in contact with other alumni from Turkey such as **Mustafa Karayaka '00**, **Osman Sonmez** and **Cemil Sonmez '01**, **Sinan Kosif**, **Resat Imamoglu '99** and **Doruk Acar '97**. 36

• After the New York City reunion last November, **Giorgia Di Lenardo** met up with **Monica Dedich '00**, **Veronica Di Feo**, and **Veronica (Magosa) Liskiewicz**, and shares with us a picture. 37

• **Rebecca Gebhardt**, **Simona Simoncello**, **Andrew North**, and **Giorgia Di Lenardo** attended the London reunion in December.

• **Joseph Chen** moved to Hong Kong in January. He sends his best wishes to everyone, and hopes to reconnect with old friends.

• **Umit Sahin** is a fashion designer now, having graduated from a design school in Milan. He was living in New York but recently moved back to Milan for a new job offer. 38

• **Veronica Kennedy** tells us, "The biggest news is that I am engaged to be married this year (October '08) in Mexico City, Mexico. I am engaged to a lovely man named Eric Larrondo, who is Cuban/American, but (like so many of my friends) brought up as an ex-pat in Mexico. **Veronica Di Feo** and **Veronica (Magosa) Liskiewicz** and my sister, are all bridesmaids for the ceremony. I have been in touch with **Nurit Einik** over email, and **Nahem Simon '01**. Nahem, in fact, works in my neighborhood! It turns out that I keep having small world experiences with TASIS."

• **Trent Wilson** is working in Anchorage at a state/federal bank and lives about ten miles away in a town called Eagle River, Alaska. He's been living there almost a year now and loves it. **Stephanie (Gove) Zaide** writes, "I'm still living in Chicago working as a real estate broker for my in-laws' real estate business. My husband and I welcomed our first new addition to our family on June 19, 2007 - our son Andres. He surprised us by arriving 5 weeks premature but was completely healthy and didn't have to spend any additional

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time at the hospital. Andres (Ande, for short) fills our lives with more love and joy than we ever could imagine! He keeps us busy, but we love every second of parenthood. In fact, we can't wait to have more children and hopefully will be giving Ande a little brother or sister in the next year or so." 39

99 Colin Hughes recently celebrated his three year anniversary with his girlfriend Kari. He has a rabbit named Henry and is enjoying having him for a pet! 40

- **Elisabetta Muttathukunnel** graduated in hospitality management from Glion Institute of Higher Education and is now a management executive assistant at the Royal Splendide Hotel in Lugano.
- **Jennifer (Colberg) Miranda** will be graduating June 10th with her doctorate of optometry from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico College of Optometry. She will be moving by the end of the year to Seattle, Washington from San Juan, PR to join her brother, **Angel Colberg '92**. Her brother recently moved there to work for Microsoft. 41

00 Julie Rammal reports, "I recently left Lebanon and moved to California. I am currently looking for jobs and switching careers from the fitness industry to marketing and consulting. I am in touch with a few people from TESIS such as **Karla Villanueva**. I would like to get in touch with **Veronika Oumanski** and other old friends. I miss TESIS a lot



and hope to possibly visit there one day. My email is: julierammal@yahoo.com."

01 Caroline Rothstein reports, "I am living in New York City and loving it. After an 8 month adventure working for a nonprofit executive job search firm, and running a transatlantic leadership organization for my boss, I have chosen to fully pursue my passion as both an artist and activist. Currently, I am writing a non-fiction book about a road trip I took throughout the United States last year after I graduated from college. Fingers crossed that in an upcoming TESIS update I can announce its birth to the shelves!"

02 Mark Hansen continues his career in the commodities trading world in New York, and has made several appearances on business television discussing the oil and gold markets.

- **Ashley Walhaug** is living in Montgomery, Alabama and is working as a registered nurse at Jackson Hospital on the Oncology Unit. She was married to Heath Garrison on March 22, 2008 in New Orleans.

03 Alexander Vogel transferred from Tulane to Goucher College in Maryland.



04 Gustavo Santos and **Christian Staubach '02**, recently met together in Brazil with **Rodrigo Santos '02** and **Bill Gelfeld** (former faculty). They had a great time and reminisced on TESIS.

- **Jessica Mejia** will be graduating from the University of Miami in August 2008 and was recently accepted for an internship with Sony Pictures International.

05 Melanie Holzer is currently living in New Zealand and has just restarted her university career in molecular pathology. She recently got a new kitten named Shadi ("happy" in Farsi), and she and her boyfriend will celebrate their 2 year anniversary soon!

- **Alanna Cherry** says, "I am in the United States Air Force, stationed at Beale AFB, CA. I have been very busy with work, and am attending college as well through the University of Phoenix. I managed to get home to Kenya at Christmas for a two week holiday, sadly to say there was a terrible election which caused many of my friends and family to evacuate. Hope everyone is doing well. I would like to say hi to **Ms. Field, MCF,** and **Melanie Holzer**. Miss you all like crazy!" 42

06 Anton Baklan just went through his third exam session at the University of Manchester. He passed all the exams, and is now awaiting the summer exams. Starting next September he will be the



captain of the university volleyball team and might start running the equestrian polo club. Anton really misses the School and will be visiting some time in spring! 43

- **Jennifer Kirsch** is a philosophy and art history student at the University of Arizona, where she is very involved in the Lindy Hop community. 44

07 Eric Yates' mother **Elizabeth (Sager) Yates '73** was at the recent Las Vegas reunion. She sent us a photo of them together. 45

POST GRADUATE PROGRAM

61 Mimi Trieschmann Nesbit and **Liz (Harris) Pritchard** are trying to locate members of their class for a PG'61 Class Reunion in the early fall. Please contact Mimi at jtnesbit@att.net if you are interested.

66 Charlie James had his most exciting experience since graduation day in Lugano 40+ years ago when he recently found a dollar in the parking lot at his local K-Mart.

- **Betsy (Goldsmith) Grajeda** reports, "I am about to be a grandma! My oldest daughter, Kimmi, married Stefan



from Anthering, Austria, in 2006. The wedding was in Salzburg--so gorgeous! They are now living close to me in California, thank goodness! My husband, Tom, and I plan to be in Spain and Portugal this summer. I missed **Ned Lynch** by days when he was coming through on his way to (or way back from) Hawaii. I was up in Carmel at the time. **Diane Berol's** daughter has been having a rough time, but is better. I miss everyone, and I think of Lugano OFTEN. What a 'once in a lifetime' experience! E-mail me at TGrajeda@AOL.com if you were in our class, with the word TESIS on the subject, so I don't delete you. Lots of love."

- **Steven Kampmann** still teaches and is the writer in residence at Blair Academy. He wrote and directed a dark comedy film called "Buzzkill" (IMDB "Buzzkill" for details) this past summer that features Darrell Hammond from SNL (Saturday Night Live).
- **Cindy Crabtree** is still a resort manager and realtor for Century 21. She spent Christmas with **Charlie James** and his family.

67 Pamela Taylor writes, "I spend my time working in my veggie garden and yard during the summer months - had a fab crop of tomatoes, Italian zucchini/courgettes and yellow crook-neck squash last summer and I'm hoping to expand this year (especially with the price of my fav veggies at the supermarket); working on the family



history/genealogy (a never-ending project), taking care of my 2 dogs (Maggie, a large terrier mix and Munchkin, a silver/gray mini Schnauzer) and my 2 cats (Thelma and Louise - yes, those are their names and suits them to a 't'); and just enjoying life. This summer will also find me finally going to college and getting a "double" associates degree on hospitality management and humanities/liberal arts. I'm quite nervous as it's been many years since I attended school and had the discipline to study, but it should prove to be interesting. The hospitality degree is going to be the easiest as I have a 12 year background in the travel and hotel/motel industries. If there are any other TESIS alums in the Ohio area - I'd love to meet up with you! Email me at PAMiami4u@aol.com."

86 Corri Zoli was married in October 2006 and recently gave birth to her daughter Arabella Zoli Ferris, on October 4th, 2007. She hopes all is well in Lugano and is looking forward to visiting with her husband and daughter. 46

88 Katy Davison moved recently and had a beautiful 9 month old baby girl named Alexandra Rae Roberts.

94 Holly (Morse) Caldwell is living in Washington, D.C. with her



husband and two children. She just published her first book *City Baby D.C.*, a guide for D.C. parents who are in their first stages of parenthood and need tips and suggestions on how to adjust to this new lifelong adventure. The book provides recommendations for a multitude of stores, services, doctors, midwives, labor coaches, and even lactation consultants!

02 Zhubo Tang is currently working as a software programmer for a company called moneysupermarket.com, a price comparison site for mortgage, loans, credit cards, and insurance.

05 Hank Mastain is really enjoying his experiences at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine (a 2nd Chance City). He is focusing on urban studies through a history major and economics minor. He is eager to pursue a career in real estate after college, possibly with urban renewal development or investment management. Hank began DJing last year, continuing his passion for electro-house-tech that began while at TESIS. He hopes to begin performing in clubs this summer. He would love to hear what his TESIS friends are doing, so send him an email: hmastain@bates.edu.



LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS

90 Daniele Del Conte and his brother **Luca Del Conte CDE'87** were recently in touch with TESIS. They continued their studies in Italy for high school, and then Luca moved to London for university and Daniel moved to Valencia. Both brothers are now based in London (Luca is 30 and Dan is 27), and both working in investment banking. Luca is working as head of equities at MediCapital Bank, an investment bank focused on investment opportunities in Africa. Dan is sales associate at UBS, the global investment bank from Switzerland! Dan covers southern European markets. 47

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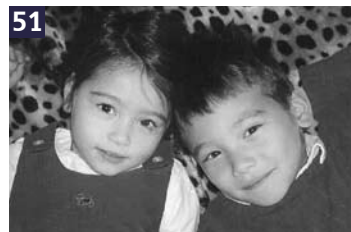
68 Michele (Jackson) Dammeyer came to TESIS last year and took a picture in front of the infamous De Nobili. 48

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82 Lidia Scandroglia writes, "At the moment I'm 41 years old, an architect, and happily single. I have 1 female dog (Witch) and 2 female cats (Sheryl and Shanti). I'm still working in the family firm (we make swimming pools and spas). I practice yoga and meditation. I study Flamenco and Hip-Hop dance, and I sing in a jazz choir." 49

86 Enrica Poma says, "I married three years ago and I have a daughter named Margherita. She is 15 months old. A message to all my old friends- I would like to hear from you! Please write me to my email address: enripoma@inwind.it." 50

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89 **Todd O'Malley** is living in Boston. He is running the trading group at Gulf Oil. If anyone is visiting or living in the area, he can be reached at (203) 414-8222

FACULTY AND STAFF

- **Chris Maggio** has taken up his first headship, as head of the International School in Florence.
- **Chris and Nicole Ahn** are happily raising their young family (Alexander and Romy), in the immediate vicinity of **Tim and Debbie Dale**, and a few hours drive from **Dave and Mary Miller** in North Carolina. 51
- **Max and Julie Ahtau** are both doing very well. Julie finished her masters in French through NYU and worked last year in the Princeton public school



system as a French teacher. Max is currently teaching German to 6-8th graders. They bought a townhouse located about 5 miles from Princeton University in New Jersey. Their daughter Elisabeth was born on September 12, 2007. Max is also taking classes to be certified as a headmaster and principal. 52

- **Chris and Sasha Rehm** live in Virginia and are doing well. They share with us their recent picture. 53
- **John Stifler** will be teaching in Viakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India for the fall semester of 2008. It's on the coast of the Bay of Bengal, halfway between Calcutta and Madras/Chennai. It's a one-semester variant of the school year abroad program on which his son, David, spent his 11th grade year in Italy. David will graduate from Swarthmore in June 2008 with a double major in Latin

and linguistics. Daughter Julia is in her second year at Colby and will spend her year in China and New Zealand.

- **Robert Winer** and his wife Mary are enjoying their home in Northern Virginia. They attend a lot of concerts and cultural events. They have spent time planting beautiful flower gardens and maintaining their Japanese pond. In spring, they visited Paris and rented an apartment in the Latin Quarter close to Notre Dame. Their son Ben graduated with a degree in chemistry and biophysics. Their son Ari is attending James Madison University and is interested in international relations. 54
- **Caroline Mirylees** recently sent us a picture of her and her lovely daughter. 54

IN MEMORIAM

• **Steve Starkes HS'06** passed away in November of 2007 in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac, Indiana. Steven was a kind young man with a natural exuberance and zest for life. He will be missed by many. Steven is survived by his father and stepmother, Dale J. and Stacey Starkes; mother, Elizabeth Henry Starkes; step grandparents Arthur and Patricia Kossman; and adopted grandmother Princess Renata zu Windisch-Graetz.

• **Irene (Wilson) Bronston HS '62** died on December 25, 2007 after a long battle with cancer. Irene was a health educator, policy analyst, and administrator for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COSMOS) program. Irene was a woman who nourished others deeply. She was a loving mother to her two sons and a dedicated and passionate partner in her 32-year marriage. She had a writer's gift, a humanist's gift, a friend-maker's gift of a sincere and compassionate curiosity about other people's lives. Everyone--the neighbor, the colleague, the nurse-in-training, the seatmate on the airport shuttle--felt special when Irene turned her sparkling blue eyes on them, and asked after their children, their work, or their interests. Throughout her life, she recorded and reflected upon significant events via essays, poems, and letters. In the spring of 2006, Irene joined a women's healing writing workshop at the Markstein Cancer Education Center in Oakland. There, she found comrades in both cancer and in writing. From that point on she was seldom without her pen and notebook. "A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer," Irene's cogent screed against the cliché of the brave cancer victim, aired as a KQED "Perspectives" radio segment in July 2007. Irene spent many of her final months hard at work on a book-length memoir, writing, editing, revising, and even designing the cover, with a vigor that belied her declining health. The publication of that book, "*Bit By a Tangerine*," just two weeks before her death, brought her and her family enormous pleasure.

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.

TASIS Dorado is a coeducational day school with English as its language of instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through the Sixth Grade. It is located in Puerto Rico and offers a top-quality academic program within the most modern physical facilities and attractive natural surroundings.

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 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, French, or Italian 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.

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.

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.

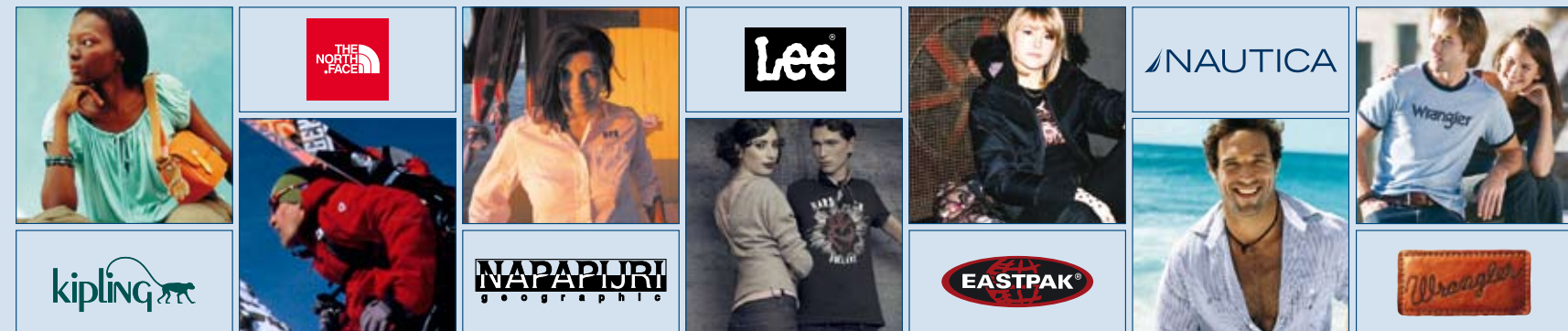
The TASIS Spanish Summer Program (TSSP) is an intensive one-month Spanish course for high-school students ages 13 to 17. The Program is based in the beautiful city of Salamanca, center of the historic kingdom of Castile and home of one of Europe's oldest universities. Six levels of Spanish are offered 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.

Application Procedure

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