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Chad Oman ’82 has a passion for producing movies that are about more than just good entertainment. His experiences at TASIS fostered his love of culture, history, and architecture that later helped him create believable and intelligent films. His investigative nature and personal interest in enlightening others helped him produce revealing films such as Black Hawk Down, Remember the Titans, and Glory Road.

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His hairdresser helped Jack Savoretti ’01 get his first music contract, and the singer-songwriter has been on fire ever since. Kate Heyhoe ’72 has been cooking up a storm with one of the longest-running food blogs on the web. Catch up with some of our other interesting alumni in this issue.

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TASIS graduate Nick Goddard ’01, had the notoriety of taking delivery of the first Smart Car to come to the United States last year. After freewheeling around in his new toy, along with friend and TASIS alumna Sarah Wilson ’91, Goddard’s ride came to an abrupt yet “smart” ending.

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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 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 rates 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 Popporino 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

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 uninstructed, 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 undesirably 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 see, but rather to be, the TASIS of which Mrs. Fleming dreamed.

Michael Ulku-Steiner
Incoming Headmaster

Yours affectionately,

Lynn Fleming Aeschliman

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

International Week is already a memory, but the week was one of TASIS’s spring highlights. Students and faculty celebrated the 52 countries represented by the TASIS 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 piece of the many other cultures represented at TASIS.

Star Students
Billy Tyler - Sophmore, USA

Billy Tyler moved with his family to Montagnola two years ago from Houston, Texas. While Billy has made the most of his TASIS 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 TASIS. 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.

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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

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 sometimes 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.

Senior Edward Haschke ’08 as King Arthur

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.
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 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 Students take memorable “In-Pro” trips throughout Europe
By: Natalie Philpot

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 (C) 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.
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.

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Chad Oman is currently working in New York on True Confessions of a Shopaholic, starring Isla Fisher, Hugh Daeny, Kristen Ritter, Joaquin Phoenix, 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 maid 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 Remember the Titans (2000) and Glory Road (2006) and many other publications. Some of his corporate clients include Tommy Hilfiger, L’Oreal, Lancome, Lancaster, Halston, Max Mara, Giorgio Armani, Ann Taylor, Brooks, Pantene, Victoria’s Secret, and Les Copains.

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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 well-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, Brooks, Pantene, Victoria’s Secret, and Les Copains.

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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.
What Are They Doing Now?

In this business.

I have never come across that kind of talent. I was amazed. She had something special about her. I got the same feeling when I met Natalie Imbruglia. I knew within minutes of meeting her.

She was getting his hair cut, just making conversation, when his hairdresser told him she also cut the hair of Anne Barrett, who was a partner in De Angelis Management offices, Jack went along with a guitar. He asked the hairdresser whether it would be nice to get some advice. Invited to the De Angelis Management offices, Jack went along with a guitar. He asked the hairdresser whether it would be nice to get some advice.

It should be a great read, not just a three minute shot but a whole movie.

Finding who I was in music. I'm always looking for the moment in a song.

In the least likely signing stories you will ever hear, Jack went along with a guitar. He asked the hairdresser whether it would be nice to get some advice.

Constant writing, every day; it became almost a form of conversation, the way I interact with the world.

In one of the least likely signing stories you will ever hear, Jack went along with a guitar. He asked the hairdresser whether it would be nice to get some advice.

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 Garabanid. 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 as 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 his compositions range from acoustic and progressive rock to ambient emotional ambience.

OtterSong is proud to bring some of the best acoustic music to a wider audience across the world. John Luttrell plays guitar and keyboards in the rock group Chillum from 1974-75 in London. In the 1980s, he played guitar and sang in the Los Angeles-based progressive rock trio Helios with fellow-musicians Dave Verra (KASIS '76) 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 acoustic music to a wider audience across the world. John’s compositions range from acoustic and progressive rock to ambient emotional ambience.

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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 pronouncements on the internet and the internet say ‘LUTFRELL’, it’s really LUTTRELL, accent on the “u”! You can call me Ray, or you can call me Jay, just don’t call me late for the jam.”

Jack Savoretti’s ‘01 London Singer-Songwriter

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


Jack’s CDs are available through Amazon.com.

John Luttrell ‘75
California Musician, Composer

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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

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.
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.

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.

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Lynn Aeschliman ’63 speaks to alumni

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

Hans Fos ’75, Jacob Katzman, Denise Katzman, Laura Katzman PG ’03, Ned Lynch PG ’86

John PrizAFF ’72, Miles Prentice, Katherine (Culbertson) Prentice PG ’88

Tatiana Mattar ’07, Denise Chiang ’07, Talulah Mahyres CDE ’07 and CDE Staff, Masahiro Yo ’04

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

Jenna Al-Boumanit ’06, Stephanie Zirgulis ’04, Kelly Hau ’04

Gloriana Jones, Pauline Bispembe ’02, Elisabeth Baudains ’00, Anna-Marie Josue ’00, Megan Smith PG ’00, Amanda Zirgulis ’00

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Patricia Schmidt ’04, Constantin Sprengeg ’02, Stephanie De Vito ’03, Maria Romero Pons ’04, Demian Devedzhiev ’07, Pasqual Samone Guepra ’04, Patricia Pasola Febres-Cordero ’03

Isabella Nasi ’04, Corrado Augusta ’03, Notta Cepo ’02

Front Gabriella DeSousa ’07, Denise Chiang ’07, Tatiana Mattar ’07, Ana Ferre Garriga ’07, Urmuda Khuseinova ’07

Back Michael Breed ’07, Shien-Yuin-Lai ’07, Nadir Hariri ’07, Jorge Koves ’07, Zainab Timbulu ’07

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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 Solhjou ’75, Shahram Solhjou ’76

Amir Rezai, Roubik Aftandilians and Shauna Morrison

TASIS Reunions 2008

Las Vegas Reunion Group Photo

34 YEARS LATER
TASIS Reunions 2008

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 Yeary 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)!

Aspen

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

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

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.

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Debbie Billingsley Lichtscheider congratulates bronze medal winner Michael Nelson.

L/R: Courtney Pickus ’01, Martha Meagher ’62, Kathy Prinner ’83, Andrew Doremus (TASSS 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.

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

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Swiss Embassy
Washington, DC
March 13, 2008

Ramin Jebraili ’81, Naznaz Jebraili
Giorgia di Lenardo ’98, Hans Figi ’75

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

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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 on 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
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Alumni In-Program Travel
Gastronomic and Cultural Experience In Tuscany
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 Gargonza, 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 manifully 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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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

Contact the Alumni office.

Class of ’68 – 40th year reunion
Date and location TBD
Contact Pamela (Steve Springer) Bryant at ohlsaycanuc@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 Shamblott at kshamblott@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 krloughran@gmail.com

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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 Lennon and Blair Ansley. 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 adequate insurance and a 1% increase in pension contributions.
3) Refurbish and upgrade faculty apartments and provide 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 Coordinator and an experienced counselor.
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 dialogue among all the various constituencies in the community that will build credibility and confidence in the process.

Fernando Gonzalez
TASIS England Board Chairman, TASIS CH Board Member
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T he quality of an education depends on the quality of the teacher in the classroom, and in this respect at TASIS Education 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 for next year improved considerably, I appreciate the efforts of the many faculty who participated in the process. Even more important was the fact that the faculty retention rate for next year improved considerably, I appreciate the efforts of the many faculty who participated in the process. Even more important was the fact that the faculty retention rate for next year improved considerably, I appreciate the efforts of the many faculty who participated in the process. Even more important was the fact that the faculty retention rate for next year improved considerably, I appreciate the efforts of the many faculty who participated in the process.

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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 process.

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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.

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

61 Peggy McCormick writes, “I am in the midst of the election cycle this fall as a lawyer for the National Education Association in Washington D.C. serving in federal and state campaign finance laws. My older daughter Carly is a law student at Boston College Law School, my younger daughter Meg is a very busy student at 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 even 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 ’69 members.”

62 Leslie (Huston) Evans writes, “I’m enjoying retired life more than ever. I have two great children: Rachel is 3 and Matthew is 2, and being with them is wonderful. Someday I hope to get back to Lugano. I can’t believe how much I have been there once only two years ago.”

63 Darby Herrick is currently employed by the Legal Aid Society of the capital city. She recently attended the recent Aspen Reunion and was grateful to have attended. "Virginia Brooks writes, "How can it be that the Class of 1967 was so much younger than the Class of 1966? Is it possible that the Class of 1967 is now believe it or not I live in a house called Catherine, Arizona. After art school I met and married my husband of thirty-eight years while living in Bermuda. We have one daughter who is currently 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. Being an outdoor painter gives me a great escape to travel. I paint in the Reno/Garsona area currently, and travel to New England each fall. Tuscany and Provence are yearly favorites. I have yet to get it back to Lugano, but did get as close as Belagio on the last trip, and I look forward to winding my way up to Montepulciano to find something to paint. When I am at home in Colorado I frequently have tours, inviting visitors to my home and studio.”

69 Cynthia (Grimm) Craig lives in Centre City, Denver, Denver works part-time for a law services company.

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Update Us Keep us updated with your mailing address and email address! Please do not forget to change your address or email. We want to keep you informed on exciting TASIS alumni events around the world and your alumni magazine! Email: alumni@tasis.ch Mail: TASIS Alumni Office, Via Collina d’Oro, 6926 Montagnola, Switzerland.
43 wide companies - both residential and for the Asheville, North Carolina office • involvement in a small theater group arts. Other favorite activities include where she continues to write about the with her husband and son in Florence Thailand. My sculpture studio has been producing countless wood, stone, and bronze carvings, to a steadily increasing producing carved wood and stone, and to combine it with my global MBA markandrewstudio.com). This year has seen an increase in public art installations in Washington and Oregon. For private collectors the projects have varying • a framer and frame shop owner with world-renowned producer/arranger, Hamilton as the director of marketing. for renowned hotel architect Thomas Hamilton. After graduating from Princeton University with a degree in French and a minor in History, I have spent most of my adult life there, with my wife, Robin, and I have 7 children of classmates, and perhaps to better with Other Boynton (BA ’77) is currently a partner in a local educational doctor, which will take three years to complete. I am involved in new education and to combine it with my global MBA business with the success necessary to be successful in this possibility in the future. I truly hope the work I do now. I live and reside in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Asheville has become a mecca and the Arts and the Parks of the south. It has many wonderful artists, restaurants, many art galleries, and great opera of course the Asheville Symphony.” • Debbie (Bingolke) Lichtenberg is in Denver, Colorado and touring France. She met up with Catherine (Steele) Russell and Nelson Michael ‘75 at the TASIS Aspen Reunion. She enjoyed her time in France this past summer and shares with us a picture. 8 • Chris Davis (Davey) Tucker tells us, “I live in New Orleans, LA and have spent the past two years in Colombia teaching English. While there I was able to learn the Spanish language, if you can use that term. My girlfriend is Italian, so I have been commuting back and forth but have started looking for a challenging opportunity in the business and education communities, and it’s a great challenge. My sons are 26 and 22. Joe was in the military and moved 2 by 2 days ago to Spain. That was a blessing. My son Bruce is going to study at New Mexico State University and to Bogota for a program with the Carnegie Mellon University for another opportunity in design. We have no children and limit our pets to those that can live in an aquarium. After my time at TASIS 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 a lot of time with my husband in the 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 JFK 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 transition summers to off of work. My job is a substitute in a small town west of Las Cruces, Deming, the land of pure water. Life is truly incredible. I think of TASIS, Laguna and my grand children often. I look forward to spending our summers in Europe creating our small barge trip. We’ll be in Belgium and northern France this summer. If old classmates are going to be around there you can reach me at 215eisner@gmail.com or call our house at 3280dubsteping.blogspot.com.” • Lisa Smuhlor has a new book titled coming out in "80. A Core Fluency. Friends from TASIS can check out MySpace page at www.myspace.com/ thereadtoothlismtoread to listen to the backlist of publications and upcoming readings. • Myke (Jackson) Walsh is living in Melbourne, Victoria. She is married with two small kids: Raffaella (1) and Wyatt (3). She is running in the Melbourne half-marathon on March 9th. She loves the ocean, running, and her great fun reconnecting with old friends • John Lutfall recently finished his most musical project called “The Corners of Time.” This ambient progressive rock CD is the score for the film “The Box” from Anglak Film. John has also been working with Russian composer and cellist Alexey Khomutov on a project called “Garnell Those who are interested can check out the Moscow-based cellist. For more info on 501 Westen’s work and other releases, please visit 501Westen.com or Offenbach Recollections at www.reallycoolrecs.com.
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business continues to expand despite changing the market. My kids are 13 and 9, both blue bellies in Chuck Norris’ style of karate. We spend 3 days a week homeschooling and 2 days in a cottage school with other home-schooled kids. I heard from Yume Tolle-Leavelle; She had her child’s 3rd Thanksgiving. Sandra (Cutler) Clelland has recently moved back to Canada. I’d love to hear from everyone from the reunion. Email wondering@charter.net.

• Carla (Rhett) Woods and her family recently visited Cemre Cepur 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 I heard from Carla’s second son.

• Laura de Vivo writes, “I hope everyone at TASIS is doing well. There have been quite a few changes this year. The year got married in May and my daughter Leela was born in October. Leela was born 5 days after Toni (Clayton) Hine had her second daughter. We are currently in the midst of a major home expansion.

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

• Jessica Marsh moved last April from Las Vegas to Los Angeles 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 to travel almost every summer to LA and continue her baseball.

• Sharon (Vi) Kloser relocated to Lima, Peru. She is enjoying living in Lima, although she still misses her old friends.

• Roberta Pellegrino is working at Hilton San Paolo Molineto as a front office manager. She is married and has a son who is 5 years old, and she recently hit her second 50.

• Lucas O’Brien and his wife had a lovely baby boy on January 3rd, 2004. His name is Elvis and he is a strange coincidence lives to be liked but he is a king. They also saw Sebastian Corden over the summer and it was a great experience, he is a very talented film director who is off to NYU.

• Valentine (Vanzo) Stelaux got promoted a few months ago to Senior Web Producer for New York’s NPR station. She’s been keeping busy at the station and editing. She just moved to the website for a national morning show that will be launched at WNYC in partnership with the NY Times, BBC, NPR, and WNYC/Mercury recently gave birth to a baby girl (Stef 2). Her husband is Claudio Casaforza. She also has a two year old boy named Sebastian.

• Alice Cotton recently moved to Columbus, Ohio and plans to open a café up soon. She has rented out the old Black Panther house and will eventually turn it into a night club. She is also a partner in a new company called Modus Organics which specializes in essential oils.

• Marcela Garcia Almazar graduated from the School of Visual Arts and Government at Harvard University, where she earned his master’s in public administration. He pursued a master’s degree in public 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 brand strategist, Marcelo launched Buenacompany Consulting. After more than a decade of branding and communications experience that spans the fields of media, politics, and corporate relations. Marcelo has been the driving force for the past year, he has successfully prepared public figures, executives, CEO’s, candidates, advocates, sales professionals, and shareholders for personal branding strategies and effective public communications.

• Monique (Bushey) Ruudt attended Jorge Del Villar’s 50th. He got married in Austin, Texas on March 7th. Monique’s daughter turns four in April and her other daughter turns 1 in May. Monique has been married for almost 2 years. She currently lives in the Seattle area and runs a local hospice and palliative care company. The Seattle area is welcome to stay with you. She will be in touch at monique_92@hotmail.com.

• Lisha Jones is currently in New York City and plans to work for the DNC. She got a new job and is very excited.

• Robert Winston Posegate writes, “I hope everyone is well. I am currently in Istanbul. My son, Gabriel, was born in 2001. My wife, daughter, and myself moved from Saigon to Istanbul 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 Bursa, Turkey. In 2006, my wife and daughter joined me in Istanbul. In August 2006, we moved back to Saigon. I immediately started teaching private lessons and started my language school (once again) in October. My business has grown, and this year I have kept me busy quite well. I teach ESL mainly to students from Korea and China, much like I did in Istanbul prior to leaving in 2002. This time, however, I feel more professionally experienced and more mature than I was the first time around.

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and is enjoying having him for a pet! Jennifer (Colberg) Miranda graduated June 10th with her doctorate in hospitality management from Glion Institute of Higher Education and is now in postgraduate studies at the Interntional University of Sarajevo. Melanie Holzer is currently living in New York and has just celebrated her university graduation in molecular pathology. Alanna Cherry says, “I am in the Phillipines working for a health organization as both an artist and activist. Currently, I am writing a non-fiction book about a trip I took throughout the Phillipines last year after I graduated from college. I eagerly opened that in an upcoming TASIS update I can announce its birth to the shelves!” Steven Kampmann is the writer in residence at Blair Academy. He is writing and directing a comedy film called “Buzzkill” (IMDB #35521) for details this summer that features Daniel Hammond from SNL, Evil Ted, and others. Alanna Cherry worked in New York, and has made several trips to Spain, to visit with her many friends and family. Ashley Walsh 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 Montgomery, Alabama and is working at his local K-Mart. Carson Rothstein reports, “I am living in New York City. I left after 8 months and am currently executave job search firm, and running a transatlantic leadership organization for my boss. I have chosen to fully pursue my passion in both act and artist. Currently, I am writing a non-fiction book about a trip I took throughout the Phillipines last year after I graduated from college. I eagerly opened that in an upcoming TASIS update I can announce its birth to the shelves!” Melanie Holzer is currently living in New York and has just celebrated her university graduation in molecular pathology. Alanna Cherry says, “I am in the Phillipines working for a health organization as both an artist and activist. Currently, I am writing a non-fiction book about a trip I took throughout the Phillipines last year after I graduated from college. I eagerly opened that in an upcoming TASIS update I can announce its birth to the shelves!”
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IN MEMORIAM

Steve Starkes HS’06 passed away in November 2006 in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Indiana. Steve was the 13th man to marry with a natural exuberance and zest for life. He will be missed by many, Steven is survived by his mother, Stacey Starkes, sister, Kimberly Starkes, brother, John Starkes, and grandmother, Priscilla Rentz and Windy Gisani.

Irene (Wilson) Bronston HS ’62 died on October 20, 2005 after a long battle with cancer. Irene was a health education major, and administrator for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COMSOS) program. Irene was well-liked by her students and 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 nature that touched the hearts of many others. People—especially the neighborhood, the colleagues, the co–workers, her brother, and others—shared their stories, their work, or their interests. Throughout her life, she recorded and reflected upon significant events via videos, stories, and letters. In the spring of 2006, Irene joined a women’s writing workshop at the Markstein Cancer Education Center in Oakland. There, she began to experience both the cancer and in writing. From that point on, she was well–off with the Panama papers and notebook. “A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer,” Irene’s memoir, writing, editing, revising, and notebook. “A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer,” Irene’s memoir, writing, editing, revising, and notebook. “A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer,” Irene’s memoir, writing, editing, revising, and notebook. “A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer,” Irene’s memoir, writing, editing, revising, and notebook. “A Courageous Ten Year Battle With Cancer,” Irene’s memoir, writing, editing, revising, and notebook.

Caroline Minrues recently sent us a picture of her and her lovely daughter, Alex.

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