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Come and join us in London !



Where : Institute of Contemporary Art, Nash and Brandon Rooms,
12 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 5AH.

When : Saturday, 17 May, 2003, 18:30 - 21:30 for canapés and drinks.

Guest speaker : Professor George Walker OBE
Director General of the International Baccalaureate Organisation,
former Director General of the International School of Geneva.

Further details are posted on www.ecolintalumnierevents.com,
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We hope you will be numerous in attending this Reunion. Whilst this
get together is being organised on a weekend primarily for all UK-
based alumni, it is - of course - open to all alumni worldwide, their
friends and family, who may wish to come to London to attend this
event as well.

Looking forward to seeing you all in London on 17 May ! ◆

The UK Alumni Reunion Committee, chaired by Debbie Cooper Poston, and the
Ecolint Alumni Association Central Committee.

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Dates des Kermesses

2003

La Grande Boissière : 24 mai

La Châtaigneraie : 14 juin

Pregny Rigot : 21 juin

Réunion Mondiale de l'Association des Anciens

La 5ème Réunion Mondiale qui aura lieu le 17-20 juin 2004 à Genève et Vaud est en cours de préparation. Nous encourageons toutes les personnes habitant la région genevoise à rejoindre le Comité d'organisation. Nous recherchons également des bénévoles qui voudraient bien prendre en charge plusieurs volées d'anciens élèves et encourager leurs anciens camarades de classe à participer à la fête. Prière de contacter le Bureau des anciens alumni@ecolint.ch si vous souhaitez nous donner un coup de main. ◆

Vivian Hakkak/66 - Président du Comité d'organisation

Message du Président

As the year progresses and the prospects of violence as a means to an end draw closer, (may already have been enacted by the time you read this) I can only wish for peace and support to all those of us who were lucky enough to be a part of the International School's founding principles.

'Based on the principles of equality and solidarity among all peoples and of the equal value of all human beings without any distinction of nationality, race, sex, language or religion'.

These are difficult times and Historians will no doubt provide us with all the afterthoughts of right and wrong and what ifs. It is neither my role nor my right to present herein a personal opinion on such worldly matters, let me just say that I hope that our individual guiding beliefs help us to stay close to those of our school's ideals and that they serve us to be better people.

This newsletter includes information on both tragic and exciting events. Accidental deaths, those moving on to other worlds and those arriving into this world. Marriages and

reunions, opinions and news.

I would like to draw your attention to the long awaited launch of our new official website and discussion forums. With the extraordinary efforts of people such as Sue and Eric Anthony, David Rimer, Daniel O'Hanlon, Jeremy Lack, Stan Smith, John Gayer and Riva Freifeld, we have managed



photo: François Martin

Greek Theatre 1955

to create a valuable offering to our fellow alumni. (Internet connection details coming soon.) Don't forget to add yourself to our rapidly growing data base by registering. This

searchable database is to be one of the most useful features of keeping in touch with friends and colleagues and allowing the committee to keep you updated on important events and reunions. It is a place of news and communication allowing you to choose between what information you would like to receive or publish and finally giving you the choice between discussion groups : Freedom of expression on unlimited topics or Ecolint

such actions as an endowment fund, professional fundraising and participating with finances and resources to the Foundation's capital projects. All of these require great efforts and assistance, firstly on behalf of David and his team and secondly by each and everyone of us. Read up on his article in this issue and don't hesitate to jump on board any of the local leadership teams being set up to drive this worldwide effort. I look forward to the day when we, the Alumni, can collectively be proud of what we have given back to our treasured school.

And finally our reunions: I cannot stress the fun and interest in attending a reunion of likeminded people. We all know that the only 'like mindedness' we have in common is independent thinking and free spirit, and all this guarantees that reunions are fun and filled with passion. Mark your calendars for the UK reunion on May 17th in London, and our world wide reunion June 17-20th, 2004 in Geneva and Vaud.

Stay in good spirits and good health. ◆

Matt Cooper/67-81
President, Central
Committee of the Ecolint
Alumni Association

Assemblée générale des Anciens

L'assemblée générale de l'Association des Anciens de l'Ecole internationale aura lieu à 11 heures, le 24 mai 2003 - durant la kermesse de la Grande Boissière. Elle se tiendra dans le Staff Room (anciennement bibliothèque secondaire). Un apéritif sera offert au terme de la réunion, au stand des Anciens. Nous nous réjouissons de vous revoir le 24 mai prochain, Le Comité central. ◆

The General Assembly of the Alumni Association of the International School will be held at 11h00 on 24 May, 2003 (during the Kermesse at La Grande Boissière) in the Staff Room (formerly the Senior Library). Following the Assembly, please join us for an apéritif at the Alumni Stand. We look forward to seeing you then. The Central Committee ◆

Message de la Présidente du Conseil de Fondation

Chers amis Anciens,

Dans le dernier numéro de notre Newsletter, Dev Ray, membre du Comité exécutif du Conseil de Fondation vous avait informé de ce qui s'était passé à l'école depuis juillet 2002. A deux mois de l'Assemblée générale de la Fondation, le 27 mai prochain, il nous reste à finaliser certains projets : nomination d'un nouveau directeur général, accueil du 'Visiting Team' de ECIS pour l'accréditation, accord sur le financement du projet de construction du campus de Pregny-Saconay, discussion d'une nouvelle grille d'horaires pour les classes du secondaire à LGB et à La Chât., relance de la Task force sur la gouvernance, le budget pour l'année 2003-2004.

• **Nomination d'un nouveau directeur général** : nous avons sélectionné 5 candidats parmi les 97 dossiers reçus directement à l'école. La communauté sera appelée à rencontrer les candidats retenus par le Conseil à la suite d'entretiens individuels qui auront lieu avant les vacances de Pâques. Nous écouterons ses avis avant de prendre notre décision.

• **Accueil du 'Visiting Team' de ECIS** composé de 49 personnes qui passeront 10 jours à l'école entre le 3 et le 11 avril. Chaque membre du team a reçu les auto-évaluations préparées par les différents secteurs de l'Ecole qui représente en tout un peu plus de 1,50 mètres linéai-

res de dossiers! Cet exercice, qui a lieu tous les dix ans avec une réévaluation après 5 ans, doit permettre de situer l'Ecole par rapport aux quelques 1500 autres écoles internationales dans le monde : ce classement est déterminant pour les étudiants qui souhaitent entrer dans les universités anglo-saxonnes.

• **Campus de Pregny - Saconay** : le Conseil a décidé, à l'unanimité, d'aller de l'avant avec ce projet sous certaines conditions que nous espérons pouvoir réunir avant la fin de l'année scolaire. Dans ce cas, et dans ce cas seulement, les travaux commenceront en septembre 2003. Plusieurs réunions d'informations ont été organisées par les CDG sur les différents campus. Des séances complémentaires ont eu lieu à la demande de certains groupes de parents et professeurs anxieux de connaître l'organisation future du campus de Saconay qui accueillera, dès septembre 2005, les enfants à partir de la classe 3, les plus jeunes restant à Pregny.

• **Nouvelle grille d'horaires** pour les classes secondaires : l'idée est de réduire le temps des périodes qui passeraient de 45 à 40 minutes (nous sommes nombreux à avoir connu ce système à l'Ecole dans les années 50-60 !) et de les doubler chaque fois que cela est possible. Cela devrait permettre d'augmenter le nombre de périodes, de reconsidérer la grille des horaires, de la rendre plus équilibrée et comparable entre La Chât et LGB, ce qui n'est pas le

cas en ce moment. Le Conseil devra prendre une décision lors de sa séance du 8 avril.

• **Task force sur la gouvernance** devrait reprendre ses travaux très prochainement à la lumière des conclusions de l'étude faite pour l'accréditation par ECIS. Certains membres du Conseil sont en charge de ce projet.

• **Budget 2003-2004** : les membres du Conseil s'étaient engagés à limiter au minimum l'augmentation des écolages. C'est pourquoi le Conseil a invité les directeurs de campus à réviser à la baisse leur proposition de budget; ainsi, si leur première proposition, basée sur l'augmentation des salaires liée à la CCT et aux développements pédagogiques prévoyait une augmentation de 4.11 % en moyenne (équivalent à CHF 800 par élève), le Conseil de Fondation a finalement adopté une augmentation de 2,55 % (soit une augmentation moyenne de CHF 483). Le Conseil a, par ailleurs, chargé la direction d'identifier les secteurs où des économies pourraient être réalisées à concurrence de 1% au minimum du budget courant pour l'exercice 2004-2005. Le montant de ces économies sera réaffecté au développement de nouveaux projets. Une réunion d'information sur ce budget a eu lieu le 26 mars à la Châtaigneraie.

Voilà, chers amis ce que nous avons fait au cours de cette année assez excep-

tionnelle à plus d'un titre. Au travers de la réalisation de ces projets nous avons essayé de redonner à notre école un enthousiasme, une envie d'améliorer ses performances dans tous les domaines. L'esprit de la Charte s'est exprimé avec force à de nombreuses occasions et en particulier en ce moment à l'occasion des événements si douloureux que nous vivons : les valeurs qu'elle incarne sont l'expression de la spécificité de notre école.

Il y a beaucoup d'autres projets que nous souhaiterions développer. Mais cela sera de la responsabilité du nouveau directeur général et de son équipe qui, nous l'espérons, sera à pied d'œuvre pour la rentrée scolaire 2003. ♦

Hélène Durand-Ballivet/60
(mars 2003)

Elections to the Governing Board 2003

The Governing Board Consultative General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 27 May at 7.00 p.m. at La Châtaigneraie.

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Elections au Conseil de Fondation 2003

L'Assemblée générale consultative du Conseil de Fondation aura lieu le mardi, 27 mai à 19h00 à La Châtaigneraie.

The Legacy Campaign

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As Chairman of the newly launched Legacy Campaign, I have been asked to write a short note about this initiative. In its simplest form, the Legacy Campaign is a way of formalizing the relationship between the School and its Alumni; a bond which until now has mainly been ad hoc and limited to our hearts and minds. The Alumni Association believes that the Alumni across the world want to have a more concrete impact on the School; whether by helping the School in its infrastructure projects, getting involved in pedagogical initiatives or by supporting the long-term vision and impact of the school. The Legacy Campaign is a first step in establishing this long-term relationship with the School.

Through a fundraising campaign, the Legacy Campaign seeks to raise funds to renovate the Greek Theatre on the LGB campus of the International School, as well as establish a Foundation-wide Endowment whose capital will not be touched (only the proceeds on the capital will be used). The Endowment will be mandated to fund:

- the Alumni Association (budget kept to a strict minimum),
- support the school's capital needs

and the pedagogical development of the Teaching staff,

- help classroom projects (ie. building a school in Chile),
- develop internationalist curricular material,
- scholarships to poorer students to attend Int'l Schools in the developing world.

Our intention is to build a spirit of giving within the alumni that recognizes the constructive part we can play in the ongoing life of the School, as well as the positive force the School's ideal can have on the world.

As you may recall from your times at Ecolint, the Foundation of the International School of Geneva is one of the oldest – if not the oldest – school dedicated to the principles of non-denominational, non-nationalistic, non-sexist education. Its charter was written in 1924 and remains as relevant today as its ideals are lofty in this time of growing intolerance. Fortunately, the School has continued to perform its mission well – last year's graduates came from more than a 100 countries, spoke almost as many mother tongues and were accepted into many of the world's most prestigious universities. The Alumni Association believes that

more than 20'000 alumni are scattered around the globe and represent an untapped wealth of education, experience and tolerance. Because of our international education, we are all ambassadors of dialogue and respect. Unfortunately, in this day and age we are a rarer breed than we were in the past. Furthermore, although the Alumni community around the world is very large, it has never really been proactively organized or, in many cases, contacted. This effort hopes to change that.

The Legacy Campaign will begin building an Endowment Fund. It is a very long-term goal but, once established, the Endowment will allow us all to help ensure the long-term viability of the school, as well as its continued academic excellence and prominence across the pedagogical world.

I sincerely hope this vision strikes a chord in all of you. You will hear more about the Legacy Campaign in the coming months leading up to our 80th Anniversary Reunion. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this effort.

Wishing you peace. ◆

David Rimer/86

Chairman, Legacy Campaign
Alumni Association of the
International School of Geneva

Retraité

Nicole Chevalley nous a quittés le 30 septembre 2002, pour une retraite anticipée bien méritée. Nicole avait rejoint l'Ecole Internationale au début des années 70 où elle travailla au département de la comptabilité.

Elle était une collègue très appréciée pour son efficacité, sa loyauté et son sens de l'humour qui vont désormais nous manquer.

Nous lui présentons nos meilleurs

voeux pour cette retraite. A n'en pas douter, elle restera très active dans son rôle de conseillère municipale de son village. Espérons quand même que cet engagement lui laisse suffisamment du temps pour s'occuper de sa maison, de son jardin et surtout de sa petite fille dont elle est à n'en pas douter la grand-maman en or. ◆

Jenny Buffle



Manzo (Mark) Nitta/67 – Honolulu, HI USA - <nitta@tkc.att.ne.jp>

'Hello out there!! A dear friend decided to check up on me after 35yrs!! ... this called for a micro-reunion. Here is a photo of me, Aidan Ballantyne and Greg (aka Igor) Grajew.'

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)



George Walker will be the guest speaker at the Alumni U.K. Reunion in London on 17 May, 2003, and the invited speaker at the Graduation in June at La Grande Boissière.

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That remarkable period of development in the 1960's that culminated in the creation of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in 1968 and the award of the first IB diplomas in 1970 will remain one of the most significant in the history of Ecolint. Twice before, in 1925 and again in 1949, the International School of Geneva had recognised and publicised the need for a qualification that could be studied and used anywhere in the world, but the plea had fallen on deaf ears. At last, the moment was right, visionary teachers and administrators were in place, the resources could be found, governments were listening and the rest, as they say, is history.

Indeed it is, because it happened more than a generation ago and there are many different accounts for those who want to read about it. I would particularly recommend Alec Peterson's classic book, *Schools Across Frontiers*, due to be published in a new edition by Open Court later this year, and Michael Knight's more domestic but no less lively account (he

was one of those Ecolint visionaries) contained in *Ecolint: a portrait of the International School of Geneva 1924-1999* which is available from the Alumni office.

Personally I am more interested in the future because rather suddenly the IBO has started to move from the niche where it has served the needs of the globally mobile senior student, usually studying in an international school, to a position of some prominence in the mainstream of education. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in my own country, the United Kingdom, where the IB Diploma Programme has become the "gold standard" against which national pre-university qualifications are measured. During the past year the IBO has been working with more than a dozen different governments advising, sharing and influencing.

How has this come about? First, there has been an important change within the IBO itself. In 1994 the organization took over the development of the so-called Middle Years Programme and three years later the Primary Years Programme. From that moment the IBO was responsible for programmes of international education from kindergarten to graduation; indeed it has become the torchbearer for the development of international education with, as I write, 1083 Diploma, 231 Middle Years and 104 Primary Years Programmes in schools in 115 different countries. Even in today's tough economic climate, we are growing at around 10% a year.

But the world, too, has changed and the increasing impact of globalization has forced nation states to re-examine their own systems of education. Of course education will remain a national responsibility, a means of supporting national priorities and promoting national cultures. But today "national" has to be interpreted in the context of "international" so it

is not surprising that governments are turning to the IBO for advice in the revision of their programmes.

I am sure those Ecolint pioneers would have approved. In his book, Alec Peterson, arguably the "Father of the IB", asks how it will avoid becoming the curriculum for the rich and privileged, the internationally mobile jet set. I believe the mission statement of the IBO, with which I conclude, speaks to the whole world and puts us under an obligation to make our programmes more widely accessible. We have made a good start but we have a long way to go.

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

George Walker
Director General
International Baccalaureate
Organization, Geneva

I.B. 2003

We wish all I.B. candidates in the School success in the forthcoming examinations and throughout their future studies and careers.

The Central Committee



Pregny Rigot

You may know that Pregny Rigot started off its life over fifty years ago as the United Nations Nursery School and joined the Foundation of the International School of Geneva in 1975, but did you know that it is also one of the very few schools in Switzerland authorised by the International Baccalaureate to implement the Primary Years Programme? This Programme is the primary part of the I.B. and is implemented in many schools around the world as the international curriculum that provides children not only with knowledge, but the skills and attitudes that an international student requires in an increasingly complex world. Our Student Council demonstrated some of these skills quite recently when they voted to do something positive about the muddy playground and have pledged to raise CHF 10,000 to purchase a safety surface for a jungle gym. This is part of a larger Fund Raising effort with a target of CHF 70,000, however, the children have already raised a quarter of their total!

Did you also know that Pregny Rigot will be hosting a birthday party for the magazine Earth Focus, which is an environmental magazine written by students that is published and sent around the world? Earth Focus was started in Pregny 10 years ago and has grown in size quite dramatically since then. It is sponsored by the Bellerive Foundation and the party will be attended by many people who have played an active part in its development. The children will be holding a debate during the party on the theme of 'Mountains and Tourism' and the group 'Alp Action' will also be presenting. The evening will be a celebration of children's achievements.

Our new Multi Media centre will be built this summer on top of the existing library and this will provide our children with more space for a library, better technology and also more rooms for French. The surfacing of the playground will be finished and if we reach our Fund Raising target, we will

have a new play area with a jungle gym! When the new Campus is built in 2005, Pregny Rigot will continue to develop and will become a Centre for Early Childhood Education, with Rigot's classes being housed at Pregny and older students from Class 4 moving to Saconay.

Fifty years ago, Pregny started off as a small school run by teachers dedicated to making an excellent learning environment for children. This has not changed. Pregny Rigot is still small and the teachers are still dedicated professionals who make learning an enriching, stimulating experience for the children. The next two years will see many exciting changes and Pregny Rigot moves with them! ◆

Angela Hollington
Principal - Pregny Rigot (March 03)

Mies Campus

The Mies Campus continues to flourish as a busy, exciting corner of the Foundation. As we are coming to the end of our fourth year here, I realise we now have our own Alumni – the oldest of whom are completing Class 9, mainly at La Châtaigneraie. It is always a pleasure to bump into them on campus and hear how well they are doing.

Even though the decision has been made to transfer many of the Mies students and teachers to Saconay when it opens in 2005, the momentum of our education programme will not be slowing down! The team of dedicated teachers has devised an inquiry-based curriculum following the Primary Years programme of the I.B. As we walk through the school we can appreciate the widely varied topics the children are studying – from the Ice Age, through Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome to Fine Arts and Space Travel. We are anxiously awaiting this year's batch of chicks to hatch in Class One's incubator – the countdown has started! Our large, bright classrooms and open spaces certainly lend themselves to big displays and collages that illustrate the themes.

This winter, the students in classes 2 to 6 followed a five-week ski programme finishing with all students taking a proficiency test and getting a medal to prove their skill! The class one students had two days mastering cross-country skiing and great fun was had by all!

The most exciting news from the Mies Campus is the renting of a large piece of land next to the school. At the time of writing we are waiting for the final work to start, sowing grass and laying an area of harder surface. We hope to have a small footbridge to get the classes over the stream to avoid a long walk round. The students are so looking forward to playing football and generally being able to run around without falling over each other. There are several large trees to create shady areas in the summer months and maybe hang a swing or two.

Once again, I invite everybody to pop in and see us here on the Route Suisse near Versoix. We love to have visitors and enjoy showing off our delightful little school. ◆

Diana Smith
Principal - Mies (March 03)

Climbing Wall at LGB

The Ville de Genève has given its final approval and the LGB campus is moving ahead with plans to build a climbing wall. If all goes well, the wall will be completed in time for the Kermesse in late May.

The wall will be located on the side of the Middle School building facing the Grand Bâtiment. The climbing wall is an important component in the establishment of an Outdoor Education Program at the campus. The program is teaching leadership, teamwork and helping to build confidence in personal abilities.

The prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award has become a cornerstone of the Outdoor Education Program. It provides secondary students with specific goals and objectives for their personal growth and complements their CAS work related to the IB.

Scott Lane
Director of Development

400th Anniversary of Escalade

So. California - 7.12.2002

The Escalade dinner at the Matterhorn Chef restaurant was well attended and we had a lot of fun. Thanks so much to the Central Committee for sending the chocolate marmite - it was the highlight of the evening. We weren't able to sing the songs because of the noise level in the restaurant, but in December 2003 we'll try to have a separate room.

These are the alumni who were there:

Julia Sharp/81, Ann Sharp/76, Roxie Johnson/63, Rose-Marie Lane/63, Richard Bruland/64, Arthur Harris/61, Sue Ward/62, Patti McNeill/61, Jon Perry/68, Susan Lieberman/67, Roger Cherniss/61, Julie Goodman/67, John Morris/59 and Linda Feinholz/75.

Roger Cherniss/61



Roxie Johnson-Lonergan, Rose-Marie Lane-Spruill, Linda Feinholz and John Morris.

Photos : Roger Cherniss



Ann Sharp and Julia Sharp



Susan Lieberman, Julie Goodman and Keith Lanzer



Julia Sharp and John Morris reading the script prior to breaking the marmite with Sue Ward on the right

New York - 7.12.2002

A very successful Escalade dinner was held at the Tout Va Bien restaurant. Everyone enjoyed our script reenactment of the Escalade. **Karl Cerni/82.**

Photos : Riva Freifeld



Richard Clare/66, Riva Freifeld/61, Liz Frank/63 and Stan Smith/64.



Group performing Escalade skit.



Rock Brynner/63 and Eva Inoue/65.



Ellen Schwartz, Stephanie Achard, Judy Thomas/63 and Charlie Potter/62.



Karl Cerni with fiancée, Lorena.

Escalade in Toronto December 2003.

Alumni in Ontario (and elsewhere in Canada):

If you are interested in attending an Escalade dinner in Toronto next December please get in touch with me. This is an early start on building up a mailing list.

Jock Galloway, 50 Quebec Avenue, Apt. 1908, Toronto, Ont., M6P 4B4. Tel: 416-767-9297. E-mail: galloway@geog.utoronto.ca

Changing Address?

Changing E-mail?

Please keep the Alumni office informed at:

alumni@ecolint.ch

Sydney - 11.12.2002

Around 15 alumni celebrated Escalade 400 at the Eiger Swiss Restaurant in Sydney last December. An enjoyable night was had by all.

Janet Dawson/74

Photos : Alex Buzo/62



Fiona Murray/83 and Rebecca Gauci Murray/75.



Philip Wheeler/63, Marcus Sherwood/80 and Ariella Ryner.



Marcus, Andrew Buckle/63 and Rebecca.



Susan Norbom/80, Marcus Sherwood, Janet Dawson/74, Ross Dawson/80, Philip Wheeler/64, Fiona Murray, Ariella Ryner/92, Robert Horninge/74.



Caroline Murray, Janet Dawson, Ross Dawson, Alex Buzo/62 and Amy Dawson.

Washington D.C. - 11.12.2002

Washington/Baltimore celebrated Escalade 400 in great Swiss style at the Melting Pot in Arlington Virginia on the night of December 11. The weather was dicey with the temperature hovering at the freezing point and a frozen rain falling most of the day. But the temperature rose so our trips to 'The Melting Pot' were uneventful with one exception where Jeff Springer avoided a near accident on an icy overpass. Slight contrast to the Summer celebration in Australia, held the same evening.

Thank you, the Central Committee and Sue Anthony for sending the delicious marmite and the Canton de Genève flags. The kitchen provided us with the appropriate meat cleaver and bowl to properly crack the contents of the marmite.

The following were in attendance: George Satterthwaite/53, Franz Oppenheimer/37 and his wife, Jeff Springer/84 and his wife came down from Baltimore MD and

Alexander Smouha/84 and his companion.

We had a great time in good conversation with all the fondues you could imagine. Our thanks to Alexander for organizing this event and Sue in Geneva for supporting us.

George Satterthwaite/53

Photos : Alexander Smouha/84



George Satterthwaite, Jeff Springer, Alexander Smouha and Franz Oppenheimer.



Franz, Jeff and Alexander



Genevese marmite



Tucking into the fondue !!

L'Escalade - Genève

Le dîner de l'Escalade a eu lieu dans la cafétéria de La Grande Boissière. Y ont pris part près de 100 anciens, ainsi que des professeurs à la retraite, des enseignants et des membres de l'administration. Ce fut l'occasion de célébrer le 400ème anniversaire de cet événement. Comme à l'accoutumée, Suzanne Chapuis et toute son équipe nous a régales d'un délicieux repas et tout le monde était en voix pour les chants de l'Escalade, sous la direction de Jo Jennings et Carole Sharpe. Maurice Laurent nous a fait un excellent discours. Matt Cooper a remis aux collègues qui partaient à la retraite leurs certificats de membres de l'association: Nicole Chevalley, M.-C. Guenin, Michael Jackman, Christiane Laurent, Tony Montgomery et Sylvia Vecchi.



Michael Jackman, Marie-Claude Guenin, Nicole Chevalley, Christian Laurent, Tony Montgomery, Winifred Elderfield, Sylvia Vecchi and Robert Leach.

Memories of Escalade

Jack and Jean Garstang arrived in Geneva in August 1961 with a three-month old baby, Jacqueline. Jack came to take up the post as Head of the Sports Department at LGB - appointed by Desmond Cole-Baker, who was Headmaster at that time. At first it was an adventure for three or four years! That was 41 years ago and the adventure continues....! There are now two daughters, Jacqueline/79 and Jennifer/82, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren all living in the Geneva region.

Therefore, 2002 was, probably, the fortieth time that Jean had celebrated her birthday at the Escalade Dinner, in some form or another! Starting

Pennie Aldrich/65, John Bonora/67, Nancy Bonora Smith, Judy Ackerman/70, Patricia Aldrich Hillis/70, and Lori Ackerman Lane/73 made a special trip to Geneva in December 2002 to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Escalade :

The trip was of course an excellent opportunity to see old friends and teachers. Lori was able to spend a day with childhood friend Ramona Pauling Brent/73. We all were able to see our well-remembered teachers at the school Escalade dinner. Judy couldn't believe her elementary French teacher remembered her and even called her by her pet name for her "la petite soliel". Pennie was delighted to see friends Vivian Hakkak/66 and Simone Tabona/66.

The special 400th anniversary marmite was quite large and perfect for the grand occasion. The dinner was held in the new cafeteria and we were all impressed that a school cafeteria could put on such a feast. The evening ended with the traditional breaking of the marmite. Retired History department head, Bob Leach, and alumnus, Noga Tarnopolsky/83, visiting from Israel, did the honors.

with the Staff end-of-term and Christmas parties (which always included stories and songs about the Escalade), and ending with the Boarders' end-of-term celebrations, Jack and family, with the help of the Unitt family, the Anthony family, Mme Paroisse and her team, ran the Boarding House - in those days we even disguised ourselves for Escalade (see photo taken in 1974 of Jean with Michael Anthony/91)!! We had some HAPPY times ... and we still do.

We would enjoy hearing from old students and as we are learning to 'compute' please use our e-mail address <garstang@hotmail.com>.

Jean Garstang/92

Pennie and Judy were treated to a tour of the Pregny campus which houses the special ed program for the School. They had both worked with special needs children and enjoyed meeting with special ed coordinator Mrs. Blake. Pennie and Judy appreciated the considerable time Mrs. Blake took from her schedule to show them around and answer questions.

Matt Cooper met with the group to review the Alumni Committee events of the past year and to try and explain the Alumni Committee's perspective of the Foundation changes. He also expressed his goals of the role for alumni to work with and benefit the School. He discussed the plans for renovating the Greek Theatre. There has been much confusion by many of the alumni and his explanations were very helpful.

We all agreed that the highlight of the trip was having raclette with the Anthony's in their home. Sue and Eric entertained us with some of their favorite Ecolint stories.

Judy, Lori, Patricia, Pennie, John and Nan were very pleased that they attended the 400th Escalade. It was sad leaving Geneva but we comfort ourselves with plans for the 2004 World Reunion.

Pennie Aldrich and Patricia Aldrich Hillis



Photos: Jean Garstang



Alumni News

La Châtaigneraie

Fahima Abdalla/78

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'I was a former student (a long time ago) I believe it was called Pregny in the late 70s and also I had the pleasure to attend La Chât. At one time there were six members of my family attending the Foundation Schools, actually two graduated from La Chât.

I've lots of lovely memories of the place. Looking at some of the pictures, the school has expanded - when I was there student population was about 350 (English and French Program, and the primary). I noticed that Bellevue is no longer part of the system. Anyway, I would like to join the Alumni and also need to inquire where one can purchase old year books.'

Helen Griffin/83 - England UK -

<helen@griffin273.fsnet.co.uk>

'I now live in England - my sister and I are hoping to organise a reunion next year as our parents will be leaving Geneva soon and we will probably not come over so often.' Helen would like to have e-mail addresses from former classmates.

Alison Thomson/89

<a_m_thomson@yahoo.com>

'I am an alumnus from La Châtaigneraie, graduation year 1989. I am trying to locate some of my classmates who left the English section in 1987.'

Emma Nethercott/90

<emmaneth@hotmail.com>

'I was a student at La Chât from 1987-1990 and I am keen to find out about other students in my year. I recently visited the school and was very sad to discover the death of **Ben Creese** who was in my year. I would like to be able to contact the family to offer my sympathy and also contact other friends I am no longer in touch with.'

Anders Kjellstrand/91 -London, UK

<anders.kjellstrand@telia.com>

'I'm currently at the Royal Academy of Music in London studying opera.

I'm graduating in July 2003 and am looking to start a career in Opera.

I'm wondering if anyone in the alumni network has any contacts or is working in this area, and could help me start my career. I've already sung in operas in Sweden and Finland, but having been away for three years my contacts are not up to date. I'm ready to go anywhere in the world where someone is ready to offer me a role in a production.

I'm a baritone suitable for Bel Canto, with the potential of a Verdi baritone in the future. But I also sing more contemporary opera's like Britten and Janacek. I'm currently in a performance of 'The Cunning Little Vixen' by Janacek, where I have the role of the Forrester. The performances are with the Royal Academy Opera and Sir Charles Mackerras is conducting. If you have any contacts or are in the business, please write to me at my e-mail address.'

Nathalie Albrow /92 - Washington, D.C. USA

<nathaliealbrow@hotmail.com>

'I graduated from La Chât in '92 - having started at Rigot, moved on to Pregny and then to La Chât - 13 fabulous years at the Int. School... so many memories. I was so happy to stumble upon the Newsletter back in November - how nice it is to get news from former classmates and teachers! So here's the run down at this end... After receiving my masters degree in anthropology in London, I moved to Chicago and worked as an intercultural trainer for several years. Next step was to hop over to D.C. where I now work in the Africa division of an international development consulting firm. I am currently in the wedding planning frenzy - getting hitched on July 5th to a wonderful man called Jonathan (10 days before turning 30... boy how time flies!). I'd love to get in touch with anyone from my class (especially if you're coming through the area) - just zap me an e-mail!'

Maya H. Nisancioglu/97 - Canada

'I graduated from La Châtaigneraie in

1997 and I now live in Canada. I'm wondering where some of my former classmates are: Matthew Armstrong, Nina Sevilla, Francois Preece. I've been searching for their e-mail addresses, but it has proven to be quite difficult. I hope you can help me.

La Grande Boissière

Mariel Hohenemser et Hideko

Bertrand, des années 30, nous ont permis d'admirer leur talent artistique lors d'une belle exposition. Mariel nous a présenté ses peintures à l'huile et ses dessins et Hideko ses photos. Cette exposition s'est tenue dans la galerie d'art 'Les Salons' de Genève, du 3 au 22 mars dernier. Un grand nombre d'Anciens s'y était rendu.

Peter Manasse/38 - Monte Carlo, Monaco

<manasse@monaco.mc>
Last year, HSH Prince Rainier bestowed the honour of Commandeur de l'Ordre de Saint-Charles on Peter for the work he is doing for the Principauté of Monaco. Peter is very willing for Ecolint 'Anciens' to consider him as their Monte Carlo/Monaco reference - ready to be contacted and to help with all information, etc. He was amazed to hear from his former classmate **Jean Belin** after all this time.

Jean Belin/40 - Santa Barbara; CA USA

<jeanbelin@hotmail.com>
Avec plaisir j'ai répondu à Peter Manasse. En effet, ils sont rares ceux des années trente. Pour moi : 1936-40 jusqu'au bac français et à la matu fédérale. Quelques années de guerre puis Paris, Zurich, Paris de nouveau comme base pour circuler dans le monde francophone, fin de vie professionnelle avec une société allemande. Premier mariage : trois filles, quatre petites filles, deux arrières petites filles, deux arrières petits fils. Second mariage avec une américaine, dix ans en Provence et douze ans à Santa Barbara, Californie ; une fille de vingt ans à l'université. Dans ma 83^{ème} année.

Karel Pazlar/51 - Bamako, Mali -

<kpazlar@afribone.net.ml>

'J'ai été l'élève de l'EI dans le bon



vieux temps, pendant la période de septembre 1946 à décembre 1951. J'aimerais savoir si vous êtes en contact avec des élèves de ces années là. Les noms dont je me souviens: Robert Bonne, Jacques Naeff, Béatrice Schneider, Vincent Citroen, ensuite que des prénoms. Je suis présentement basé à Bamako, Mali (Afrique de l'ouest) où ma femme a le poste de première secrétaire à l'ambassade du Canada.'

Ann Ballance Rau/52 - Lancaster, Virginia USA

'I started high school, as a boarder, in 1948 and graduated from Ecolint in 1952. With world events as they are today, I often wonder what has happened to many of my classmates and instructors as we were very close and from all points of the globe. I attended S. Illinois univ., the College of William & Mary and Georgetown univ. I worked for Gibson Dunn & Crutcher as a legal assistant specializing in international corporate tax law, until I retired. I would very much like to reconnect with Ecolint alumni.'

Christine Kjellberg/54 – Jacksonville, FL USA -

<ckjkjellberg@yahoo.de>
Mike Cavallon/50, Brent Taylor/54 and Christine Kjellberg had lunch in St. Simons Island, Georgia, in January and chatted about old school friends and Geneva. 'It was a while ago 1949-1950... anyone want to join our next lunch? Where are you Carla, Sheila and Denis?'

James Bendon/55 – Linassol, Cyprus - james@jamesbendon.com
'Visiting Geneva for a couple of days. Studied at Exeter univ. – BSc Maths & Geology 1956-59. Have been a professional philatelist – 1971-87 and a philatelic publisher since 1987.'

Eric Hochstadter/56 – Dully, Switzerland -

'Went into private banking after the univ. of Arizona in Tucson and have been living in Switzerland ever since. Enjoyed the last 20 years bringing up a family of two boys – skiing – tennis – and a lot of show jumping.'

Eric Margolis/61-Toronto, Canada -

<margolis@jamiesonlabs.com>
'I'm chairman and owner of Jamieson Laboratories, Canada's leading producer of natural nutritional products, with distribution in 34 countries. At the same time, I'm a syndicated foreign affairs columnist and broadcaster who appears regularly on CNN, Fox and Canadian Broadcasting Corp, and author of 'War at the Top of the World -The Struggle for Afghanistan and Asia.' Routledge New York 2002. My web page is www.foreigncorrespondent.com.'

Penny Ford-Bezdikian/62 FLP - Ellicott City, MD USA -

<Ppaddywoods@aol.com>
'It was great to read all of the Alumni Notes in the November 2002 issue of the Newsletter. I'm still enjoying my retirement although my days are busier now than ever. My husband, Levon, and I are members of a Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club and that keeps us very active with dog events and the shows. Our new Corgi, Teddy, still under 2 years of age, shows great promise for agility and herding but he's not too keen on obedience! I keep up with my French and Spanish by tutoring and still maintain contact with former classmates at Ecolint. Later this year I'll be seeing Nancy (Martin) and Hugh Lane and we'll try to take some photos of our 'micro-mini' reunion. At Christmas I heard from Pattaya (Buranosompob) Chumsai who continues to live in Bangkok. I'm trying to persuade her to come to the next world reunion. Last year Toby Stone stayed with us during one of her visits from Paris and we had a grand time reminiscing. Massoumeh (Minoui) Rochat and I are in frequent communication so she keeps me up-to-date about Geneva. Last summer I took a marvelous trip to Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico — areas of my country that I had never seen — and was immediately attracted to the vibrancy of the art and culture and creativity that surrounds you. The views, the sunsets, the colors....beautiful! The joy of travel remains in my blood.'

Liv Alvaer/62 – Pierrefonds, Quebec Canada -

<livalvaer@hotmail.com>
'I am on my last legs of 7 weeks (February 2003) in Switzerland visiting my sister Randi in Ponte Capriasca near Lugano. It's not long enough. My suitcase will be half full of chocolate, sugus, carambar,.....

Went to Genève and saw the school - lots of changes even from when I was there in 1994. Had a nice chat with Sue. And then **André Schneider/64** took me on a whirlwind tour around the city. It was terrific - much new, and much of the same old. It was wonderful to see him again. Then I had lunch with **Erik/64 and Carl Gustav/73 Bjertnes** and their mom and we reminisced. Spent some time with **Lynne Polak/69** and her family. Had a good time there and was happy to renew friendships.

The best was spending time with Randi. Our family is spread all over, so every time spent together is special. Greetings to all.'

Ronald Mortara/63 – Waban, MA USA

<rmortara@caregroup.harvard.edu>
'Passing by Geneva, visiting my mother and sister, Isabel/70. I enjoyed our last School reunion and came back to connect with school and old friends again. Neurosurgeon in Boston – just retired – now getting into films.'

Stan Smith/64 – Chicago, IL USA -

<SmithStanislav@aol.com>
Stan has been living in Chicago since '68. He obtained his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Chicago, after a BS at Cornell in '68. He founded an economic and financial consulting firm with clients in nearly all 50 states. Despite his education, he suffered significant market losses over the past 3 years which he attempted to make up through infrequent trips to Las Vegas. His daughter is in her 4th year at Boston University and his son is in his first year at Pomona College. Stan is now single and is taking beginners voice lessons so he can sing for his dinner.



Richard Bruland/64 - Los Angeles
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Richard had a solo show of new paintings at the Gallery 825 Annex in Los Angeles during the month of February 2003. We hope that a number of alumni were able to visit the exhibition. He would love to hear from alumni, especially those from the early '60s.

Giora Rachminov/67 – New York City, NY USA -

<giora@rachminov.com>

'I was an Intern at Ecolint from 1965-67 on the French Side and I am trying to get in touch with some classmates and some Junior Villa mates from those great years. Please e-mail me.'

Lori Lieberman/67

<lorlieberman11@earthlink.net>

'Hi... I just thought if anyone were interested, I'd let you know that my new cd, 'Monterey', has just been released. It's my first cd in four years, and with modesty, I think it's the best one I've ever done! My website is: www.lorilieberman.com — thanks!'

Michael Tabona/68 – Cambridge, UK - <mtabona@aol.com>

'Having recently stepped off the treadmill of working as a Vice-President of clinical research in a large multinational pharmaceutical company, it was a delightful trip down memory lane to Ecolint's new cafeteria for 'Escalade a la 400 annees'. Old Ecolinters had come from far and wide and the conversation, helped by the wine, flowed from the start and it was as if time had, indeed, stood still. I spent ten very happy years at La Grande Boissière so Geneva remains my hometown. I returned for the Escalade dinner with my sister, Simone, who still lives there, and Vivien Hakkak.

Since leaving in 1968, I have become a doctor, a father of three boys (two are now at University...!), a hospital chest specialist and then involved with international medical research in cancer and other diseases for the past 19 years. Apart from a gap year touring the world (with other Ecolinters) and a year working in Vancouver, Canada, I have lived in SE

England since my Geneva days. In 1994 we moved to Cambridge so I am now back where I started as a student...and still trying to learn.

Through the alumni web-site I contacted Lynne Polak whom I had not seen for almost 30 years and the Escalade evening was all too short to catch up on the news and old friends. It was great to see how many of my teachers are still in the area and come back to any reunion. To those Ecolinters reading this who remember me, all my very best and do drop in to see me in Cambridge (mtabona@aol.com) a warm welcome is guaranteed!

Marita Smit/71 – Johannesburg, South Africa -

<smsmit@telkomsa.net>

'I am alive and well and living in Johannesburg, South Africa, teaching (and trying to make) art and also French. Anciens are welcome to contact me.'

Yukiki Omura/74 – London, UK -
<yukikoyo@gol.com>

'I am now living in London starting up a new venture working on raising funds for Charity. I just set up a company in the UK, which was no easy task for I had never done anything of the sort, called AIDS Prevention Fund Ltd. It is a new idea with a different way of raising funds for charity, using the techniques I learnt during many years in investment banking. It is lovely to be back living in Europe and hope to visit Geneva soon too. I am in touch with Jonquil Drinkwater, Ratko Djukanovic and Basab Barua.'

Tom deMaar/76 – Battle Creek, MI USA - <tom_demaar@hotmail.com>

'The deMaar family is moving. I have been offered a position at the Binder Park Zoo, Battle Creek, Michigan, USA as the Director of Animal Health and Research. Binder Park Zoo is an innovative zoo whose mission is to nurture empathy, understanding and conservation of nature. Among its beauties are an extremely active education program, a vibrant staff, a new veterinary clinic, excellent animal handling facilities, and Wild Africa, a 17 acre Africa experience with

numerous animal exhibits, an elevated board walk viewing area, safari camp, and one of the largest giraffe herds in the USA. So we have a change.....We move from saying, "I had a farm in Africa" to "Fields of shining wheat (or corn), where the deer and the antelope (and the giraffe) roam".'

Mohammad Marashi/77 – Darien, CT USA -

<Mmarashi@PanAmSat.com>

We were delighted to have news from Mohammad after all this time. Mohammad and his brother, **Massoud/77**, were boarders at the school. 'I moved to the United States in 1977. I received my MS degree in electrical engineering in 1983. Currently, I am the Vice President of a global engineering division at a satellite company by the name of PanAmSat (http://www.panamsat.com). I am married to a girl I met in Geneva when I was at Ecolint and we have a 10-year-old daughter. Massoud has 2 sons and lives in Iran. I have very fond memories of my time at chemin de Verrey.'

Farifteh Yeganeh-Parsa/77 – Los Angeles, CA USA -

'I am a former student of your school and would like to keep in touch with all the news. Please add me to your mailing list.'

Graham Kinahan/78 – Austin, TX USA -

<gkinahan@yahoo.com> writes that he thinks often of fun days at Ecolint. He's recently moved to Austin, Texas, where wife, Kim, and two kids, Gordon (three) and Libby (two), are delighted to have swapped the hectic pace of New York for the friendly, laid back atmosphere of Austin. Graham is heading up the Business-Strategy Team for the Desktop Microprocessor Product Marketing Group at Advanced Micro Devices (AMD).

Sandra Caballero/79 (left in '77 from Grade 10) - Ft. Leavenworth, KS USA

<caballes@leavenworth.army.mil>

'I entered your web page and what good memories arose. I loved my 10 years in Ecolint and have fond



memories of all my experiences, of everyone I met, of all the cultures and backgrounds I learned from. I have a Masters in International Affairs and I am working for the DOD in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, as a translator-editor. I have 6 children - 13, 11, 8, 6, 4 and 2 and a wonderful husband. I love my job and thanks to my background I have been able to open many doors in Life.

My sister **Gabriela Caballero-Adorno/79** (left in '77 from Grade 11) - <aadorno@rieder.net.py> lives and works in Asunción, Paraguay. She obtained her Masters in Education and is a full-time elementary school teacher. She has four children, 18, 15, 13 and 4.

My brother **Esteban Caballero/74** - <caballero@unfpa.org> works and lives in New York City. He has been living there for about a year working for UNFPA and previously he was stationed in Yugoslavia working for UNICEF. He is married and has two beautiful girls. Stephanie 20 and Milena 2.

All three of us would love to hear from friends. Greetings to all our friends all over the world. And PEACE to you.'

Carolyn Piper Zinner-Cooney/79 - <cddhcooney@msn.com>

'I was a student in 1976-77 and was wondering if there are ever HS reunions planned. My family is planning a trip to Geneva this summer and I would love to attend any reunion for the Class of 1978/79.'

Eva Wegener/80 - Münster, Germany -

<mail@evawegener.com> It was good to hear from Eva, who was a boarder for three years. She now lives in Münster, and has plans to move to Istanbul, Turkey. Her sister, Ute/80, lives in Paris, is married to a French man and they have two children. They have a design agency in Paris.

Stuart de Haan/80 - New York City, NY USA -

<stuart@stuartdehaan.com>

Stuart is an advertising creative director in NYC, is married and has a year-old son, Taro. 'I certainly miss Geneva!'

Carol Castro/84

<carolina.urizar@pmintl.com>

'After my school years spent at Ecolint, I managed to keep in touch with most of my graduate friends and some of my teachers for quite a while, but unfortunately with time and distance, I've lost touch with all of them. I have great memories of my times at school and I miss all of those who played a big part in my life at that time. I would like to get some news from Shemoul, Tandhi, Carolina 2, Linda, Maya, Chris, Veronica, Maria Pozzo... and all of those that I don't mention because the list would be too long. I have gone back to Guatemala from time to time, but have decided to spend my life here in this beautiful country and I'm now a proud mother of two. Please e-mail me, I would be delighted to hear from you all. Take care and hope to be lucky to get some feedback!'

Alexander Smouha/84 - Washington DC, USA -

<asmouha@attglobal.net>

After moving to Washington DC in 1999 to complete an MBA at Georgetown University, Alexander is still living in the DC area. He would enjoy hearing from any alumni living in DC, MD or VA, as he plans to organize the local Escalade Dinner again in early December 2003. Also, he asks for anyone in touch with **Nevine Guirguis/84**, to put him in touch with her.

John Mwangosi/85 (left Class 7 in '79) - <jmwangosi@yahoo.com>

'I am working with an International Organization, I.L.O. back home, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Guess what, the education I received in a multi-cultural environment has helped me a lot. It was easy just to get along with colleagues of different nations. I have been working with the I.L.O. since June 1997 as Finance and Admin. Assistant and IT focal point for the Area Office in Dar es Salaam. It is interesting to work with such an organization as I travel around

different continents - as now in Geneva. I married Herieth in November 2001 and we now have a little daughter, Glory.'

Liesbeth Van Boven/85 (quitté classe 10 en '82) - Amsterdam, Pays Bas -

<liesvanboven@yahoo.com>

'Ca fait du bien d'être de retour à Genève et l'Ecole, même si ce n'est que pour une journée ! Bonnes mémoires et bons souvenirs !'

Sonja Leszinski-Burnard/85 - San Diego, CA USA -

'I am still living in San Diego with my husband, Gerald, and my two daughters. We finally obtained a greencard after a three-year wait, and I am job-hunting at this time. We are all well!'

Barbara Armas/88 - Princeton, NY USA - <barbaraarmas@hotmail.com>

'My husband, Steve Loughran, and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, Aidan, who was born on January 18, 2003, in Princeton, NJ. He is doing wonderfully and we are very happy. I am on maternity leave, but will eventually resume my duties as Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine at UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.'

Oliver Rosenbauer/88 (left Class 8 FLP in '84) - Geneva, Switzerland -

<rosenbauero@who.int>

'I continued my education in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I attended high school and university. These past 7 years, I have been living in London, working in a communications agency representing the healthcare field. As of January, 2003, I took on a position as one of the communications officers of the Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, Geneva.'

Agnes de Guzman/89 - London, UK

Following her MBA at INSEAD (Paris/Singapore), Agnes joined Ariadne Capital, a venture capital firm in London which advises European companies in capital-raising and business development. This enables her to meet and work with the 'movers and shakers' in the entrepreneurial and



venture capital sectors. Aside from getting to know London better, she also spent time in Paris, Brussels, Lisbon and Geneva to visit family and friends, including her boyfriend Antonio Borges. Agnes is very active with the INSEAD Alumni community in London and helps organize events to promote entrepreneurship, as well as social activities.

Shona Crabtree/91 - San Francisco, CA USA -

<crabbers@mindspring.com>
Shona graduated from Princeton in '95 with a major in English. She worked as a journalist in South Carolina and Mass. and is currently living and working in San Francisco for ACF News Service. In 2001 she married Alexander Macgillivray, a lawyer who works in Palo Alto. **Vanessa Camilleri/91** attended the September wedding in Hancock, Maine.

Sarah de Guzman-Furner/91 - Hong Kong

Sarah and her husband, Matthew, were blessed with the arrival of Ethan on April 24, 2002 in Hong Kong where Matthew is working as a US attorney in capital markets at Linklaters. Sarah loves her lifestyle in Discovery Bay (their resort-like community) and enjoys her friendships, church calling as youth Sunday school teacher, Thai cooking classes, and going to the gym.

Wilfred A. de Guzman/94 – Geneva, Switzerland -

<deguzman@cs.stanford.edu>
Wilfred is currently working as a project manager at Netarchitects, a Swiss-based hi-tech consultancy company. He continues to teach seminary to the youth of the Geneva Branch of the church and has recently been called to serve as the Branch Mission Leader. A major highlight recently was his engagement to Linsey Greene in August 2002.

Sinead Coffey/95

<coffeysinead@hotmail.com>
'I would like to get notice of any alumni reunions taking place for the class of '95, and if I am available to assist with them I will.'

Tyler Crabtree/95 – Houston, TX
<stevenca@alumni.princeton.edu>

Tyler graduated from Princeton in '99 with a major in history. He currently lives in Houston, Texas where he plays rugby and is studying for Part II of the CFA exam. He recently traveled in southeast Asia with **Eraj Wirasinha/95** and **Alex Raymond/94** and visited his brother **Dwight/98** in Bangkok. Eraj's e-mail address is: <erajw@yahoo.com>

Dwight Crabtree/98 – Bangkok, Thailand

- <dwightcrab@yahoo.com> graduated from Princeton in 2002 with a major in economics. He is living in Bangkok, Thailand where he works for AIG's consumer products business and also teaches English. He enjoys exploring Thailand and has recently traveled to Laos and Burma. In his spare time, he plays golf.

Jonathan de Guzman/98 – New York, USA

Jonathan interned with Deloitte & Touche, Geneva, a financial services firm. Having completed his initial military service as a paramedic in the Swiss army, he has now returned to Cornell Univ. in New York. Jonathan is studying Economics and is actively involved in church, the Cornell Filipino Association, and his fraternity Phi Delta Theta.

Dessislav Vassilev/99 – Saint Paul, MN USA –

'I am currently in the US, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I am graduating from Macalester College with an Economics major. I would like to be added officially on the alumni list. Secondly, I am looking for a job in Europe and would like to somehow receive a list with names of people I can contact.'

Alma de Guzman/99 – Utah, USA

Alma continues her studies at Brigham Young University in Utah, majoring in Human Biology, and minoring in International Development. She worked at Netarchitects in Geneva last summer and interned with the United Nations Children's Fund in the Philippines during the fall semester. She had the

time of her life being among Filipinos and realized her dream of seeing the famous Banaue Rice Terraces and the Bohol Chocolate Hills. Her experience has truly helped her to love more and appreciate better her Filipino heritage.

Annie Cardinaux/00 -Gaborone, Botswana -

<anne.cardinaux@tufts.edu>
Greetings from Botswana! 'I'm studying abroad right now, but I'm on my way to Europe in June and I should be stopping in Geneva for a visit! I plan to be there from June 16-19th. I'd also really like to get back in touch with friends and teachers who were there between 1995-2000. I'm looking forward to getting back in touch with the Ecolint community after being away for a long 3 years! A b i e n t o t !'

David Blackman/00 - Charlottesville, VA USA -

<dblackman@discoverbands.com>
'I attended Ecolint in '99 and would love to be added to the alumni list. I have fallen out of touch with these great friends of mine and would love to attend a reunion in the future to see everyone again!'

Carolynn Crabtree/02

<ccrabtr@princeton.edu>
Carolynn graduated from the American School in London in 2002. She is in her first year at Princeton University where she is studying, among other things, Chinese. She is active in sports, concert choir and Amnesty International.

Michael de Guzman/02 – Hawaii

Michael is loving his studies, new friends, and 'Lilo and Stitch' lifestyle at Brigham Young University-Hawaii. He participates in Filipino folkdances during cultural presentations. He has been working part-time, last term at the university cafeteria, and this term as a luau host at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Michael's church assignment as bell toller (waking up students) has been appropriate, and challenging!

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In Memorium

Louise Hoffmann-Ross/28 died on August 23, 2002. She was one of the first seven students to attend your school and enjoyed receiving the 'Newsletter'. I found an autograph book at my mother's house with writings and drawings from her fellow students which I will photocopy and send to the Alumni Office.

Margot L. Ross

Mary Setna/95 died in Geneva on 28 November 2002.

A chance contact whilst attending a conference in Geneva brought Mary to the International School in August 1960. This was the start of a long and distinguished life of service to the School. Although Mary left for UNESCO in 1966, her attachment to the School was such that she returned in 1970 and stayed there up to her retirement in 1995.

Mary performed many roles during her long career, notably as personal secretary to successive directors, but most students will remember her as the Examinations Secretary. However, in all she was efficient, kind and always ready to give a helping hand.

The English Church was packed with over 200 family and friends present for her funeral service. A testimony to the esteem and affection for Mary from all who had the good fortune to know her. We offer our deepest sympathies to her nearest and dearest - and in particular to her brothers Renu and Chickoo.

Sue and Eric Anthony

Liselotte David Moss/37 died on 21 January, 2003. Lilo had a full and active life for 84 years starting in Berlin and finishing in Essex, UK. A keen photographer, she leaves a fabulous legacy of pictures, including many of her times in Geneva. She was a very caring person, not only for her friends and family, but also through her work with Amnesty International and the peace movement. She leaves

3 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and her autobiography.

Jennifer Moss-Turner

Isabelle Groothaert/2002

Isabelle nous a quittés à l'âge de 20 ans suite à un accident tragique survenu en Espagne le 1er mars 2003. Nous adressons à sa famille nos plus sincères condoléances et toute notre sympathie.

John Francis O'Donovan/80

("O'D") died on 17 March 2003, typically, one is tempted to say, on St. Patrick's Day, and battling with the outside house-steps at his home outside Puy l'Evêque, France. He had been increasingly ill with Parkinson's and, above all, chronic and terminal diabetes.

After a scholarship to Oxford for French and Spanish (significantly never bothering to convert his B.A. into a M.A.), wartime service in the British Intelligence Corps, and posts as French master in Woolwich (London) and then Norwich, in 1963 O'D arrived at LGB, where he remained until retirement in 1980.

John was made for Ecolint. Born in India of Irish ancestry but with a French mother from the Lot, he was bilingual, English and French (plus excellent Spanish and a smattering of other languages). To say he was bilingual does not do him credit, for he was essentially a wordsmith, a man who loved words, especially the recondite word, and revelled in puns. I shall never forget my mother being fascinated - and she was not easily fascinated! - by his tales of his recent holiday on the Greek island of Santorini.

John was a Jekyll and Hyde! He was Major Thompson, only more so, and yet he came to school sporting his beret, and after his prandial repast, did I detect a hint of garlic? There was no blurring of this dual personality (and he pronounced Don Quixote in the English way as "don-quix-ote"). He was also a dual person in that at School he could be

so serious ("Later, old chap, I'm marking") and yet, freed from his duties, he was the most convivial of companions (although one often struggled to get a word in!).

At a time when the Maginot Line existed between the French and English Language Programmes, with the French almost barricaded in the Château, John (helped by Cecile) was a bridge between the two cultures. At his regular garden-parties and other more select occasions, French and Anglo-Celt mingled. In addition, his home in Veigy was a focus for the teachers of French from both sides of the Maginot Line.

John was not just a man of words for he was also a painter and DIYer before DIY really existed. (On one occasion, admiring his giant home-made setsquare, he merely incanted Pythagoras!) He was also sportive, especially hockey and sailing (in a boat he built himself). Despite arriving in Geneva somewhat advanced in years, he nonetheless took up skiing, receiving plaudits for his enthusiasm rather than his expertness.

John was a great character and a good friend to many and his departure is a very sad occasion, not least because he is a reminder of Ecolint when it was a smaller and more intimate establishment.

Andy Bassam

Thomas Michael Quin/77 died in Geneva in his 92nd year on 5th April 2003. A tribute to Michael will be published in the Autumn edition of the "Newsletter". Our sincere condolences to Nita and Irene.

Randi Alvaer/62 died on 17th April, 2003, following a three year battle with cancer. She lived in Ponte Capriasca, Ticino, with her husband, Tom, and their four children. Our heartfelt condolences to Randi's husband and children, her sisters, Liv and Layne, and brother Colin.



Births

Our congratulations to :

Sarah de Guzman-Furner/91 and Matthew, a son, Ethan, born on April 24, 2002, in Hong Kong.

Robin Halle/70 and Anne-Sophie, a second son, Evan, on 22 September, 2002, in Switzerland. Evan is their fourth child.

Kaarina Rodriguez-Lorenzini/89 and Stéphane Lorenzini, a son; Hernan, born on 10 December, 2002, in Geneva.

Barbara Armas-Loughran/88 and Steve Loughran, a son, Aidan Joseph Loughran, born on 18 January, 2003, in Princeton, NJ.

Andreas Pluntke/95 (who left La Chât. in '93) and Mandy, a son, Liam, born in Phoenix, Arizona, on 11 February, 2003.

Deborah Perlis-Choi/91 gave birth to twins, Aidan and Kirsten, on 12 April, 2003.

Engagements

Congratulations to :

Wilfred A. de Guzman/94 who got engaged to Linsey Greene on Thursday, August 1, 2002, on the 'Ponte Vecchio' in Florence, Italy. They will be married on Saturday, May 3, 2003, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Karl Cerni/82 became engaged on the 25th December 2002 to Lorena.

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Hello!

Just thought I'd send in this picture of our "posse" reunion in Brussels in February!

When our little group of 6 friends graduated from LGB in 1993 we promised ourselves we would meet up 10 years later, no matter where we were in the world. In spite of being in 5 different countries, each of the six of us made it!

From left to right, all from the class of '93 LGB:

Wouter van der Lelij, Luis Fresco, Fabrice Beaux, Neel Arya, Daniel Wissmann, Mark Talbot.

Thanks Ecolint for giving us the opportunity to make life long friends all over the world!

Best regards, **Wouter van der Lelij**

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