

# American School of Paris



# World Wide ASPECT

Summer 2008

## ALL CHANGE!

ASP will start the new year with a new head of school as the departure of Pilar Cabeza De Vaca was announced in May. Pilar has been at ASP eight years and the school is a very different place now to the one she inherited, facing a brighter and more dynamic future thanks to her unrelenting efforts to always promote change.

The year ended in a flurry of parties as faculty and friends said their goodbyes and celebrated her achievements (see p.8&9), and Pilar had this to say in her farewell to ASP:

"I look back on this, my eighth year at ASP, and can't help but make the trip down a longer memory lane to the first time I arrived here, fresh from a coup d'état in Ecuador for my interview.



**Pilar Cabeza de Vaca**  
leaving ASP after 8 years

Paris and ASP were not at their finest in the midst of dark winter and I remember wanting to make sure that if I came, I would bring some of that equatorial sun with me and make it a permanent part of the scene.

I haven't counted

the years until now. ASP has been a succession of experiences; I remember faces of children arriving for their first day, I remember my walks down the hallways, peeping into classrooms and department offices and deriving so much pleasure from seeing the buzz of activity. I remember small confidences shared in the hallways, lengthy discussions about the next stages of an exciting new project, arguments over standards (of course!), quick snatches of conversation



**Jack Davis PhD**  
ASP's Interim Head 08-09

here and there, end of year farewells, often tearful, from departing parents, and always, that warmth. These are the things that stand out as beacons on the road traveled. I hope that my passage through these halls that are no longer gray but yellow have brought a bit of the sunshine I had promised myself to bring. The

combination of that light and its inherent inner warmth will keep ASP strong as it moves forward into the future."

*(See page 8 for more)*

And on July 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Davis took the helm to steer ASP into the future. A seasoned professional with many international school experiences under his belt, Jack will direct ASP for an interim year allowing an extensive search process to be undertaken for ASP's next Head of School. *(See page 9 for more)*

## A summer of reunions... See p.6&7



**New York**



**Houston**



**Paris**

# THANK YOU!

As the school year closes out we are delighted to announce the success of our annual giving campaign, this year supporting our Year of

Science and Environment.

Thanks to the generous donations of alumni, parents, faculty and staff we have raised **100,176 euros** - spot on target! Every cent of these funds will be spent enriching the science programs at ASP and continuing our mission of improving ASP's efforts to become a fully 'green' campus.

Of course these will be efforts that go on way beyond the Year of Science and Environment, but it is thanks to all those who gave that we have a wonderful range of projects from which all our students will benefit for many years to come. These include:

- A weather station linked to a global system
- A pond, wildlife and organic garden with webcam
- New state of the art computer equipment for the labs
- Lower school science kits with books and DVDs

- Recycling bins at every desk and in every corridor and 'turn it off' power saving stickers throughout campus

- Field Trip for 60 Upper School students to conduct original coastal experiments

- 3-day visit from prestigious environmentalist Doug Hulmes teaching all divisions and faculty

Thanks once again for your continued support and watch this space for next year's campaign, supporting and enriching language learning at ASP... more soon!

## ALUMNI APPEAL STATISTICS

**Total: \$12,937**

→1980s .. \$500

**Total Gifts: 69**

→1990s .. \$700

→2000s .. \$100

### Decade Totals

→1940s .. \$25

Past Faculty & Staff: \$677

→1950s .. \$860

Past Parents & Board: \$2750

→1960s .. \$3,645

Corporation Matching Gifts:

→1970s .. \$3,430

\$250

## WHERE THE MONEY WILL GO...

Project	Cost
Recycling Bins.....	1,875 €
<b>Pond Project</b> .....	<b>37,500 €</b>
(Building, Fencing, & Shed .....	28,000 €)
(Garden Supplies.....	300 €)
(Pond & Wildlife Area Supplies .....	1,700 €)
(Greenhouse.....	7,500 €)
<b>Lower School Kits &amp; DVDs</b> .....	<b>1,800 €</b>
"Turn it Off" stickers .....	1,000 €
<b>US Field Trip</b> .....	<b>4,000 €</b>
<b>Weather Station</b> .....	<b>1,600 €</b>
<b>Visiting Speaker - Doug Hulmes</b> .....	<b>500 €</b>
<b>Middle School tech toolkit</b> .....	<b>40,000 €</b>

## Project highlights



UPPER

### Original experimentation in the field

Sixty Upper School students spent two days conducting original experiments in the Fort Mahon Plage and the Baie d'Aauthie.



Middle school will have cutting-edge digital tools to use with a 21st century toolkit: a class set of lightweight tablet PCs, interactive whiteboards, digital 'visualizers' that allow for microscopic exploration and projection of any physical object, and a roof-mounted weather station that will facilitate the analysis of real-time weather data and plug our students into a global network of schools with an ever-expanding set of data.

MIDDLE



LOWER

Plans are well underway to create a wildlife area and organic garden in the Lower School. All-weather display boards will help the community spot the interesting seasonal changes.



# SOLAR-POWERED MUSIC

In September 2007 Alan Bigelow, Ph.D. '85, musician and physicist, teamed up with James Dean Conklin, musician and multi-media creator, to form the solar-powered rock band Solar Punch. With portable, flexible, thin-film solar panels to amplify their music, Solar Punch offers a unique and entertaining form of environmental activism and encourages positive, creative solutions to global climate change, the largest crisis facing our planet Earth.

Along with music, Solar Punch maintains a science-education front with lectures, workshops and hands-on, solar demonstrations to reinforce technical concepts. Education through entertainment is Solar Punch's aim for enhancing a global understanding of the climate situation. By example, Solar Punch reveals a solution to



climate change by switching to clean and renewable energy sources. Their presentations are a combination of original environmentally-themed music and an interactive information exchange. The idea to play solar-powered music originated from US State Department tours to the Middle East and to North Africa with the American rock band Circus Guy. While on these tours, band member T.H. Culhane had shown Alan and James how to use a simple solar-powered guitar amplifier along with

science songs and friendly participatory games to demonstrate the simple ideas behind renewable energy and environmentalism.

Solar Punch got its start after purchasing their first solar panel from Scott Gibson of Ecopioneer.com. Their first gig was at the Farmers Market in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. The duo recruits photons (additional musicians) when they need to make a bigger sound.

They used solar power while recording their first EP "Cœur du Soleil" and they have continued to perform around NY with a special appearance at the SOLAR2008 conference in San Diego. They keep a busy local schedule and their future includes plans for a climate solutions tour to India in the Fall 2008 and an appearance at SOLAR2009 (see [www.solarpunch.org](http://www.solarpunch.org)).

## "THE SPACE" IS OFFICIALLY OPENED!

Talented Upper Schoolers entertained an audience from the entire ASP community with the official opening of "The Space" - a gift from the classes of 2007 and 2008 to empower performance and the arts at ASP.

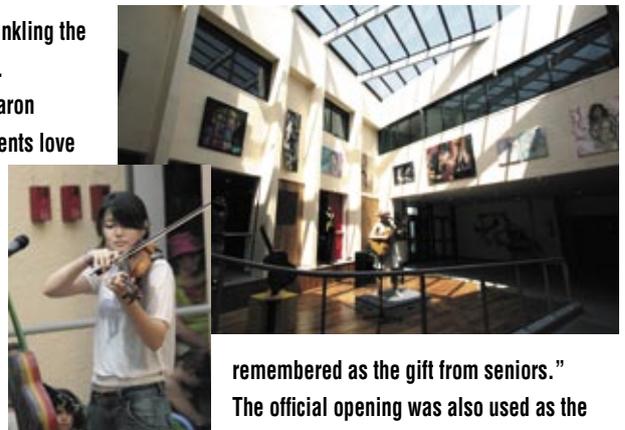
The two year class gift has been used to transform the tired and untamable 'jungle' area into a new performance space for ASP artists which has already been integrated into



daily life with students tinkling the ivories between lessons.

Upper School Director Aaron Hubbard said: "Our students love to perform and this space will be used for everything from poetry recitals and drama productions to a musician who wants to sit and play guitar during lunch."

PFA President and Senior Parent, Karen Guidette said: "We were really pleased to help with the project and it has been so popular - it's really exciting that it will be used and



remembered as the gift from seniors." The official opening was also used as the moment to recognize and honor retiring teacher Ron Bowen who has inspired artists for years at ASP and nurtured the IB Visual Arts Program.

(Photos Eric Cheong, grade 11)

# P ARIS 1946 - CHARLES

Here is the story of ASP alum, Charles N. Leach '52, who shares with us his memories of Paris in 1946. Although both the city and our school have changed significantly since the post-war years, he reveals a story of exploration, discovery, and opened-awareness to which many of our alumni can relate.

"I remember my parents being pessimistic about the idea of moving to Paris. They expected bloodshed and revolution by the communists – certainly peculiar living conditions." Charles N. Leach '52 and his family were understandably apprehensive about moving to Paris just months following the end of the Second World War. As the hardships of the post-war period continued to strike the city and the nation as a whole, Leach described his experience as a timid 11-year-old American boy thrown in the middle of it all. Although the move was far from easy, the experience was simply "incredible".



Charles Leach portrait 11 years old.

## Scarce food supplies

Paris 1946. After 4 years of occupation, France faced a difficult path towards reconstruction. Power outages and fuel shortages were routine. Scarce food supplies plagued the nation as they sought to rebuild the transportation infrastructure which had been destroyed after years of bombings and sabotage. With an increase of American

expatriates in the Paris-area during this period, the American Embassy and the American Express Company established the American Community School (now the American School of Paris) in the spring 1946. Charles Leach's expat experience began at birth, born in Peking, China (also known as Beijing) in 1935. International

travels continued throughout his childhood while his father, a medical doctor, worked for the Rockefeller Foundation in its International Health Division. The family moved from their home in Vermont to London in November 1945 and after just 8 months in the UK, the Leach family then moved to Paris where his father was transferred to open the Paris Office of the Rockefeller Foundation.

"We took the Golden Arrow (Flèche d'Or), a boat train into Paris. I remember the trip across the channel being rough!" Leach explained. "We lived in the penthouse above the Rockefeller offices on rue de La Baume. There was a terrace on both sides of the apartment with a view of the Eiffel Tower. Here I was, a young boy knowing no French thrown into the middle of Paris. It was incredible!"

However, even a luxury penthouse apartment in the eighth arrondissement could not escape the scarcity of resources which defined post-war France. Leach remembers his parents having to take office furniture from the Rockefeller offices

to furnish their new home.

"In reading my father's correspondence to my mother during this time, he repeatedly assured her that there was a food market nearby – a sign of my mother's post-war angst," Leach said. "We would often go to the American Commissary for large cans of beans and stew. We hired a French cook named Julia who I always thought was a bit crazy. Her son was captured by the Germans in Russia and was never found. I was like a replacement son for Julia."

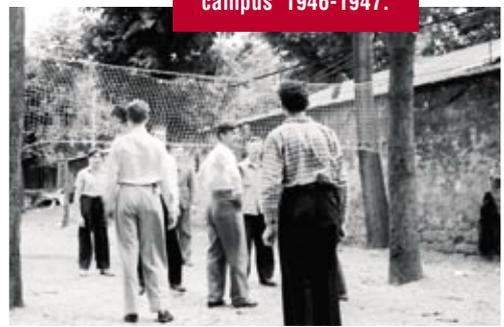
Leach's time in Paris was shared mostly with his mother and Julia. During this time, the Rockefeller Foundation sent his father on missions across Europe to rescue scientists and place them in fellowship programs in the United States.



Boulevard Raspail campus 1946-1947.



Leach and mother, Florence Dixon Leach in courtyard of palace where they lived in China.



As a young American boy in post-war France, integrating into his new home was not easy. "Life in Paris was difficult. There was the problem of not having enough food and the continuous threat of violence or revolution. Things weren't running in Paris as they had

# N. LEACH '52

before. I remember being particularly disappointed that there were no bateaux mouches! I felt out of place, homesick, mildly threatened, but also curious. As I began to learn about the city, I loved it. My mother hired a French boy scout to take me around Paris and teach me French. We used to go to Trocadero and Invalides. This experience was a good icebreaker for a timid, socially inept boy living in foreign surroundings."

Leach joined the American Community School in September 1946. Although he only spent one year at ACS before moving back to the United States, he had the opportunity to experience a strange but fascinating way of life which led to long-lasting memories. "At the start of school we rode in the



Charles Leach today.

absolutely amazed to be called to the front of the auditorium to receive a prize book for being top of my class. It was a book of Jack London and I have treasured it to this day. My genuine surprise showed how non-competitive kids were then and in that school."

Although resource limitations did affect the school environment, Leach noted how the

extraordinary historical and cultural wealth of Paris as well as a team of inspirational teachers transformed what were difficult circumstances.

## We had good teachers

"The teachers made sure we had a good trans-cultural experience. I remember taking school trips to visit a Roman amphithéâtre, the Musée des Arts et Métiers, as well as the Mosquée de Paris. ACS was limited in what they could provide as resources, but they had great teachers. They recognized what I needed to learn to succeed at New York's Collegiate School the following year. It was true that resources were thin, but not 'people resources'. I remember Mlle Huntzbuchler who was a very good and memorable

French teacher. I remember Ms. Carpenter and our Headmaster, Mr. de Rosay. He was a much respected, slender, mild, nice person. I also recall my classmates Bernard Zuber ('51) and Kendrick Powell." Although the political, social, and economic climates of post-war France differed greatly from the Paris that we know today, the overall experience of a young child exploring a new environment is something to which all ASP alumni can relate. "Living in London and Paris were the great experiences of my childhood," Leach said. "I think any healthy kid with a bit of curiosity would have



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a wonderful time exploring new things. Kids are so adaptable and relish new experiences."

Along with the adventure of discovering his new surroundings, Leach also experienced a development in his ability to face and surmount life's obstacles.

"Paris was an eye-opener and forced me to function at a different level. It pushed my capacities to another level. It was, all of a sudden, a blossoming for an 11-year-old in a foreign city. It was an experience of opened awareness. We had an awareness of hardships and what you needed to do in case things went wrong. I watched adults solve problems all around me – from communist threats to losing an ID card. It was like a survival game where to win was not just to survive, but to prevail over daily challenges."

If you would like to share your ASP story with our alumni community, please contact Amanda Nagele at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr)



Headmaster Mr de Rosay lectures the students.

back of an army truck to get our books," explained Leach. "I remember using army manuals for reading. ACS offered a standard curriculum of Math, Science, French (which was a great experience!), English (which was marvelous!). There was a stage in the building on Boulevard Raspail where we held our drama productions and a rundown basketball court behind the building which I guess you could consider our 'sports facility'. I remember during the winter months the heating system was periodically shut down due to coal strikes. We would have take notes in class with our gloves and overcoats on." "I remember on the last day of school in 1947," Leach continued, "I had to leave early to get home to the States with my Dad. I was



Charles Leach today with his wife Joanie.

# A SUMMER OF

From New York to Paris to Houston - ASP alumni have been celebrating a summer full of reunions! Friends, old and new, joined together for a wide range of events from a traditional French aperitif in Texas to a Seine dinner cruise in Paris to an ASP all-star music extravaganza in NYC. Our alumni representatives send us these reports from all three events.

## NEW YORK REUNION

**The NYC alumni group can't be stopped! After setting up several mini-reunions in the city this fall and attending the NYC International Schools Reunion in January, the group then organized a fabulous three-day reunion weekend, including an all-star alumni music extravaganza. Over one hundred alumni, family, and friends joined together in Manhattan to enjoy the events and here is a report from the NYC alumni group and ASP's Chris Chater to let you know how it all went!**

“ The ASP in NYC alumni weekend reunion took place during June 27-29, 2008. An exuberant live-music night was the kick-off for a series of events planned around Manhattan. Kenny's Castaways on Bleecker Street offered a stage where alumni musician performances consisted of PKP (w/ James Patla '97), Brianne-Adette Bogle '02, Yellow Snow (late '70s ASP rock band), and an open jam with Paul Corrigan '85 and faculty member Chris Chater. On the following day there was a walking tour that passed through Chinatown, Little Italy, SoHo, and Tribecca. This tour also sneaked in a view from the Manhattan Bridge of the "Waterfalls of NYC" art installation. Saturday evening's event was an open-air cocktail party where alumni were able to enjoy sunset views across the Hudson River and take part in a raffle which raised funds for the ASP Foundation. Eight winners took home prizes such as a Bulgari silk tie and scarf, a weekend at Westward Cottages, ASP Champagne, and much more. A special thank you to ASP alum, Harold Mootz '85 for continuing to be our exuberant raffle announcer! On Sunday the picnic at Cedar Hill in Central Park was cut short by a strong summer rain. Still, the solar-

powered band Solar Punch managed to demonstrate their setup and perform some solar music. The NYC-area alumni group thanks the attendees, the ASP Foundation, and ASP for making this reunion a success!”

**Alan Bigelow, class of 1985, NYC alumni representative**



“ You never know what to expect” was overheard shortly before the reunion and could be a printable quote on the eve of most other ASP alumni reunion events. This year's ASP in NYC was no exception. Kicking off at Kenny's Castaways in the center of New York's Greenwich Village was a bold statement for a reunion with a musical theme. Kenny's had seen many musicians on its tiny stage, from Springsteen to Patti Smith. Around a hundred people from ASP, partners and friends connected and reconnected in the course of the evening that featured nearly six hours of music from four decades of ASP Musicians. Events such as this deserve to happen more often and in different places on the globe. For

what was the first big New York reunion since 9/11, we seem to have found once more the mixture of familiarity, frivolity and common ground that makes it a worthwhile meeting place. As a personal addendum, I'd like to add that every person I reconnected with had something special to say about ASP, whether institutional or simply personal. We often get lost in outcomes



and objectives; it's great to share space with those whose growing pains and pleasures continue to focus on our little island in Saint Cloud, knowing that some of the work was lasting and that the kids are all right, even forty years on.”

**Chris Chater, ASP Lower School Music Teacher**

For a full report, check out: [www.asparis.org/reunions](http://www.asparis.org/reunions)

# REUNIONS

## CLASS OF 68', 40TH REUNION, PARIS

The Class of 1968 descended on Paris to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in style this July! Here is a report from key organizer, David Pendery '68:

“ The ASP Class of 1968 held their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Paris this July, with five days of dinners, parties, walking tours, cafés, laughter and many late nights. Twenty eight classmates attended, including 17 out of 45 members of the '63-'64 eighth grade class.

The gala event was a private Bateaux Mouches dinner cruise on the Seine, reminiscent of the venue for our Winter Prom. We spent one day in Louveciennes at the former ASP location, touring the Pavillon de Madame du Barry, our old Upper School building, as well as the Chateau du Barry, her residence next door. The afternoon was capped off with a trip to the gardens of Versailles to see the fountains playing. Bastille Day reunion celebrations included a picnic and fireworks viewing. Everyone agreed that



waiting 5-10 years for another reunion was out of the question, so plans are under way for the next party much sooner than that!”

David Pendery, Class of 1968

## HOUSTON, TEXAS

ASP alumni joined together in May 2008 for a French-style aperitif in Houston, TX. Over 300 alumni and past parents currently live in the state and we hope to set-up our next regional alumni group in this area. Jo Schorp (Cook) '68 reports on the event!

“ The first ASP Houston Reunion was held on May 28, 2008, with representative students from the 1950s up to 2001. Jo Schorp (Cook) '68 coordinated the event with great assistance from Sacha Abinader '01 and Evelyne Tanous, J.D. '59 who help ed locate the venue and from Linda Eiche (Bailey) '82 who took photos during the event. Each person



took a few minutes to tell the others what was going on in their lives since ASP days. The wine and food were excellent and everyone agreed to plan another event in the Fall 2008. All graduates, former students, spouses, and friends are welcome at our next event

and we look forward to another great time! A bientôt!”

Jo Schorp (Cook), Class of 1968

To view the Houston Photo Gallery or to see a complete list of who attended, check out: [www.asparis.org/reunions](http://www.asparis.org/reunions).

# FOND FAREWELL TO OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

As Head of School, Pilar Cabeza de Vaca leaves ASP in Jack Davis' care, we celebrate all those things that together as a community, under Pilar's leadership, ASP has achieved and remember all those things that will ensure Pilar is remembered as a key figure in ASP's six decade history.

- Obtaining ECIS accreditation for ASP
- Developing our first, coherent, K-12 curriculum and introducing a standards-based curriculum
- Creating a unified and effective administrative team and a 'happy' ASP community
- Instituting ASP's first, truly-implemented professional growth plan, expanding the professional development program to ensure our teachers remain



Pilar and Kofi Annan.

the best and looking ahead to train the faculty to adopt more differentiated instruction

- Dramatically improving our IT infrastructure and support program, moving ASP from laggard to leader
- Creating our first Special Needs Program
- Creating our first Immersion Program and deepening the EAL program

- Enhancing ASP's reputation to the point where we have full and steady enrolment
- Expanding greatly our Development and Marketing program
- Carrying through with an ambitious building program
- Showing stable leadership during times of crisis
- Having a genuine and open-door management style which has created an atmosphere of trust and respect school-wide
- Moving the school from financial fragility to financial stability
- Through her prominent involvement in the international educational community (including membership on/leadership of the boards of the IB, Middle States Association, AAIE, and ECIS), putting ASP on the map.

## HEADS OF SCHOOL 1946-2008

Paul G de Rosay	1946-1956
Ernest A Wedge	1956-1962
John B Chapman	1962-1964
Doug McKee (Acting)	1964-1965
Paul Coste	1965-1970
Burton McLean	1970-1976
Jean Hague (Acting)	1976-1977
Phil McPherson	1977-1981
Neale Austin (Acting)	1981-1982
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George Cohan	1983-1987
Jim Moriarty (Acting)	1987-1988
Jim Moriarty	1988-1993
John Guse (Acting)	1993-1994
Donald Billingsley	1994-2000
Pilar Cabeza de Vaca	2000-2008
Jack Davis (Interim)	2008-2009

“ All educators and, especially all Heads, should aspire to leave a school a better place than it was when they arrived. Ms. Cabeza de Vaca has achieved this and may be justly proud of her time at A.S.P. During her eight years, she has improved our school on many fronts, raising our international profile, establishing sound and clear financial strategies, overseeing curriculum design, pushing for advancement in technology and managing the construction of the new entrance and cafeteria as well as the renovation of the P.A.C. and many other areas.

Moving a school forward is never easy, but Ms. Cabeza de Vaca has

done so by spending a significant amount of time on building consensus and making herself available to the entire community. Moreover, she has always encouraged and wholly supported individual initiatives as well as shown genuine concern and respect for the faculty and staff and the larger community. Above all, having come to the school at a challenging moment in its history, her calm, dignified and stabilizing presence on our campus has ensured its confident evolution.



Aaron Hubbard  
Assistant Head of School

# D ISCOVERING JACK...

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Jack Davis became the Head of School at ASP for one year... a post which Jack and his wife are very excited to undertake. When Jack visited the campus in May, our two student reporters, Cordelia and Siete, met with him to find out more about the man behind the title!

**Cordelia: How many country's have you lived in and which was your favorite?**

**Mr Davis:** My wife is from Denmark, so I had better say Copenhagen! Let's see, the countries that I have lived in outside the States? Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Sweden, Austria and Denmark... and I've visited a lot more!

**Cordelia:** International Man!

**Cordelia: What are you most excited to see when you move to Paris?**

**Mr Davis:** ASP! I have been to Paris before, a number of times, and I have done the big tourist things over the years. There are wonderful things to see in Paris, but what interests me most is the school.

**Siete: Where are you from?**

**Mr Davis:** I'm originally from New York... Queens. My father was from Brooklyn and my mother from Queens and I grew up on Woodside, Queens. But then I moved to Massachusetts and that's where I call home. I'm a big Red Sox fan!

**Cordelia:** No! Yankees!

**Siete: What was your favorite subject at school?**

**Mr Davis:** History. And I was a history teacher when I started in education. Initially I was interested in Ancient Egypt



and all the classical world and that got me into education as a teacher.

**Cordelia: What kind of student were you at school?**

**Mr Davis:** A bookworm! I did well in school, but I can't tell you I liked High School! After High School I went into the Navy for four years and served on the submarines.

**Cordelia & Siete:** Wow...

**Mr Davis:** I was lucky. When I got out of the Navy there was a thing called the GI Bill to help pay for college, so I went through college with everything paid for. The government was good to me. I got a BA and an MA thanks to the GI Bill and then I got an extension and did my PhD on the GI Bill.

**Siete:** So you are Dr Davis?

**Mr Davis:** Yes, I have a doctorate in Administration from the University of Texas. My BA and MA were from a New York university - Hofstra. And I enjoyed college very much. But being honest I couldn't wait to get out of High School!

**Siete: What did you think you would be when you grow up?**

**Mr Davis:** When I was a kid I probably wanted to be a fireman, but later, when I started in college I was a business major. It seemed like a good way to go... But after freshmen year I started taking History and Education courses and then I switched major, which then was quite an unusual thing to do.

Back then.

It's true that after that I stayed in education my whole time, but every job was quite

different... I was a high school principal, then the superintendent of schools in two major Massachusetts cities, Pittsfield and Summerville. And then after that, every time I was changing jobs, I was changing continents!

My last job was with the US State Department Office of Overseas Schools which is for schools supported by the US. It divides the world into 6 parts and my area was the Middle East, South Asia and the Mediterranean and I had 42 schools in that area. I had to visit each school at least once every 3 years which meant I was visiting 12 or 13 schools every year and helping acquire grants in Washington for them to assist their programs.

**Siete: Have you always liked what you did?**

**Mr Davis:** I've never had a bad job. Some more difficult than others, but overall they were all good and it makes a big difference when you can say that. You learn as you go along and you can look back and think maybe I would have made that decision differently... But I wouldn't change the route!

And now I'm here for one year and I'm looking forward to it. There's a lot of good things happening here and it will be nice for me to be here.

The truth is that we missed the international life and it was a very easy decision to make to come to ASP.

**Siete: We've asked all our questions, but are you curious about anything?**

**Mr Davis:** Everything!



# THE CLASS OF 2008

The sun held out for the spectacular annual graduation ceremony at the Lafayette Memorial and shone on our graduating class who crossed the gateway to their new futures to the strumming of a guitar!

## Remember Us Paris

I fell in love at a café on Victor Hugo,  
then again round about the Trocadero.  
We went dutch at the Champs' Pizza Pino,  
then to Rhubarb for an Irish Mojito.  
But she left me, cuz I forgot how to say "I  
love you" in her lingo. (This was only a week ago.)

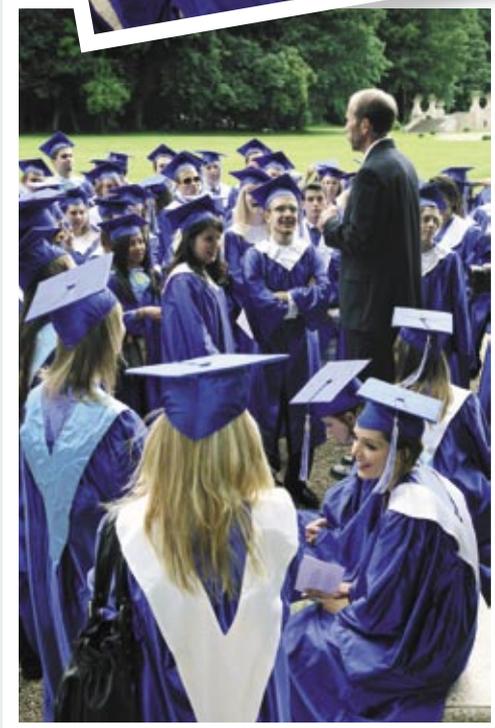
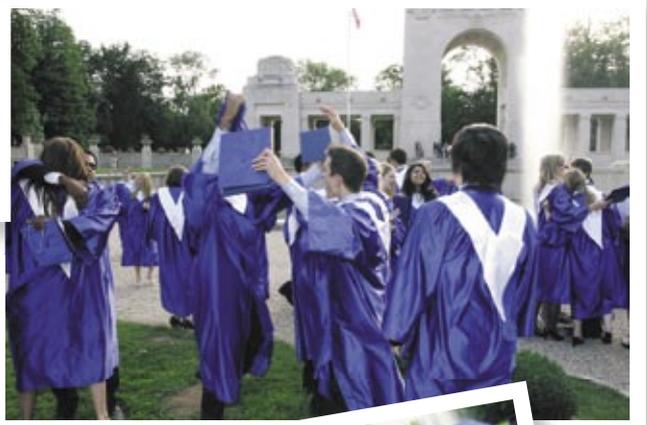
I hope I can get over this procrastination,  
because you don't know but I'm making up this song as I go along...  
Today is the celebration of our graduation,  
which means that college is the next destination,  
so say goodbye to your parental castration,  
and hello to international orientation and laundry frustration.  
Please keep up the acute concentration, whether it's biology, math, English,  
film...  
whatever your vocation.  
I guess what I'm hear to say is really really congratulations.

CHORUS:  
*And after an Eiffel Tower prom, we took the SATS.  
And after 6 years I have an extraordinary knowledge of wine and cheese.  
And do you remember all the s'il vous plaits, bisous, ca vas, and non mercies?  
And what about les greves, putain, merde, and Non a Sarkozy!  
Remember us Paris please please please...*

And even if we tried we couldn't avoid our diversity  
with the MUN, our model united nationality,  
And I wouldn't be surprised if you told me you were half Russian, born in Fiji,  
speaking Swahili.  
And you could never guess where we have our ISSTs,  
But, you know what, you can ask Chelsea and Nick Domise.  
And do remember the trip to Romania funded by cookies, Web pizza, and dodge  
ball teams?  
Sshhh ssshhh they're taking their IBs and their APs...

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And what about les greves, putain,  
merde, and Non a Sarkozy!  
Remember us Paris please please  
please...  
(And if you want a copy of these lyrics,  
you can meet me at Franklin D. Wait  
you're at CDG? All right we'll meet half  
way at McDo and make it George V.)  
au revoir Paris...*

**Will Fox (class of '08)**



# C CLASS NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

## Robert Triulzi, class of 1970

Still with General Motors. Just returned to the U.S. after 3 years in Shanghai, China. Permanent residence in Palm Coast, FL but working in Somers, NY. Can be reached at [rct1011@yahoo.com](mailto:rct1011@yahoo.com). Love to hear from Rod, Beanie and Louie!!

## David Franke, class of 1984

My family and I are moving to Dubai, UAE. My wife, Casey, accepted a visual art position when she attended the job fair in London in May and will be opening a new school this August. A teaching



position would have been great at ASP but hasn't materialized yet. I'm currently looking for opportunity as well and any alumni assistance in Dubai or RAK

would be appreciated. Thank you and I look forward to organizing a Middle East Reunion for ASP in the near future. David Franke, President/Broker, Turnkey Real Estate Services, Inc. ([www.turnkeyva.com](http://www.turnkeyva.com))

## Matthew Graczyk, class of 1985

Living in Southern California. Married with 3 kids. Run an Internet company - Zubican, the Internet's Business District (an online business-to-business community - think Facebook meets Google for B2B). Avid soccer player. Love to travel. Devoted to philanthropy through business.

## Andre Doumitt, class of 1986

Following BA and MBA, did international business development in the aerospace industry. In October 2007, I joined a start-up in the geospatial intelligence field ([www.geosemble.com](http://www.geosemble.com)). Based in Culver City, CA, married with 2 kids.

## Lauren Keiser, class of 1987

I would love to hear from former ASP friends. Also, my family has an apartment in the port town of Cassis, in the South of France that we rent out. So if anyone is interested in a vacation there please contact me.



## Michael Georgiades, class of 1988



Living in Colorado - running our veterinary hospital - loving life and enjoying watching my 4 boys, Matthew, Nathan, Nicholas, and Zachary grow up along with my

wonderful wife Becky. I encourage anyone who would like to get in touch with me to please email. Happy 20th Class of 1988!



## Brian A. Bourque, class of 1989

Brian is delighted to announce that he is the proud father of Ludovic who was born on May 15, 2008 at 11:09pm. Ludovic weighed in at 7.5 pounds and was 21 inches. Mom, Dad, and baby are doing well and are very very happy!

## Julia J. Sloan, class of 1998

Julia has been named executive director of global communications for Nars Cosmetics, a new position. She joins Shiseido International Corp. from LVMH, where she served as public relations manager for Parfums Givenchy/ Guerlain/ Emilio Pucci. She will oversee the in-house team, but she will continue to work with PR Consulting on various Nars initiatives. Prior to joining LVMH in 2005, she worked at Bumble and Bumble and Trachtenberg & Co.



## In Memory

### Kamala Janakiram, class of 1986

We regret to report that Kamala Janakiram '86 passed away in July 2008 at age of 40, after a tragic bus accident while on vacation in Colombia. Kamala attended Lower, Middle, and Upper school at ASP and is well remembered for skilled performances of Bharatanatyam, a classical dance form from Southern India. She performed many times for the school community and was highly respected for her ability to wear hats both ancient and modern. Kamala was a human rights lawyer for the United Nations and worked for five years in the prosecutor's office of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Kamala later moved to Afghanistan where she spent much time defending the rights of women and children. She will be well missed by the entire ASP community.

# AU REVOIR TO OUR ADMIRABLE FRIENDS!

## HAVEN OF LAUGHTER

"Many of the wonderful parents that I have met during my years at ASP have heard me reiterate what a warm, welcoming, nurturing environment ASP is. So you will also understand that it is not without a great deal of sadness and regret that I leave to go on to warmer climes (literally!), when I move to my new role as External Relations Director at the Benjamin Franklin School in Barcelona. Over the years the entire ASP community has offered me a haven



of laughter, support, challenges and achievements. I have made many friends and met a world of fascinating people. ASP is truly an exceptional place and anyone who passes through its doors is forever touched. So this is not goodbye, just "au revoir" – it has been a tremendous honor and privilege to have been part of this unique community."

Jane Narich



## A RETURN TO ROOTS

"Being part of the ASP Community for five years has been an amazingly rewarding, enriching, and memorable experience. I've never had the pleasure of working with a group of fellow faculty as brilliant and as talented as this one, and five years with our students has shown me how an international education truly does foster sophistication, depth, and a mature global perspective. All of the ASP families have been an important part of my experience as well, never failing to make me and my family feel supported, welcomed, and included. We are repatriating to America, but taking so much of ASP and Paris back with us. Our family is looking forward to returning to the area, where we have so many important roots, but know that we are not the same people as when we left." Chad Fairey

## LIFE AFTER ASP... A FOND FAREWELL

Along with the students of the Class of 2008, two long standing members of the Upper School faculty "graduated" from ASP this summer.

Both Ron Bowen, from our Art department and Harriet Stein, from the Math department, were recognized for their distinguished service to the school during the commencement. Mr. Bowen, a practicing artist himself, helped many of our top artists develop their talent and oversaw their work in preparation for I.B. exams. His quiet and thoughtful style encouraged students to explore their ideas in greater depth and in different styles. He will be greatly missed.



Ms. Stein taught virtually the entire range of math courses over her long tenure at ASP. In all of her classes, she set a high standard for herself and for her students actively encouraging them to give their all to learning. Over the years, she took the lead in creating a health program as well as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade advisory program. She represented the faculty on many committees and was a regular at community events.

Our community wishes the very best to both as they begin their new lives "sans" their daily dose of ASP.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Brigitte Tailbot Kini, a long serving and much admired member of our Modern Languages department, passed away. Brigitte had been courageously battling cancer for several years. Brigitte was an inspiring teacher of French who devoted much of her professional life to A.S.P. students. Over the years, they came to know her as a teacher who cared about them and who was excited to help them in their learning. Brigitte made a point of staying abreast of developments in educational methodology and was a continual learner herself. Brigitte will be greatly missed by her colleagues and her students alike.

