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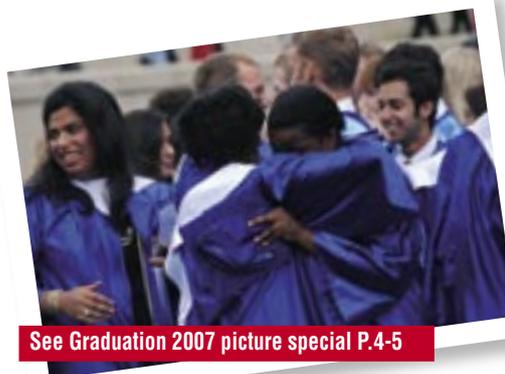
Summer 2007

## A LUMNI MOBILIZE!

What a way to end the school year!

This is the year that we saw record numbers of regional reunions, record numbers of alumni volunteering to form groups for future fun events, record activity amongst alumni on our online service and record gifts to the ASP annual fund to refurbish the Performing Arts Centre.

And our goal for next year is to double or even triple that in every way possible! We will be upgrading the online service,



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we have the same number of reunions planned for the first three months of the year that took place during the whole of last year and we hope to have active alumni associations established not only in the states but worldwide.

*(Read more on page 2.)*

Did you know we have nearly 7000 alumni registered online with hundreds of alumni logging on each month – that makes for one very busy alumni association and we are happy to help you in any way we can.

Not only should this be fun, but this can be helpful and the informal careers advice and networking that has been happening online will become a real service. We will be launching not only an alumni to alumni careers service, but also hope to reconnect Alumni with ASP by helping the ASP students of today. More soon and if you are happy to become a mentor with career advice and assist in placing interns contact Amanda Nagele so we can build this service in the best possible way: [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr).

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the help of ASP community members, both past and present the ASP Performing Arts Center will be back in full use for the new school year. The theater was dramatically damaged after a flash flood last year and needed not only repairing but totally refurbishing.

And it was thanks to the crucial support given by Alumni through our Annual Appeal that we not only reached our goal, but exceeded it – with more than 120,000 euros received

in donations! We send sincere thanks to our alumni, past parents, and past faculty & staff members who kindly supported the PAC project. Your support through the annual alumni appeal amounted to \$18,477 in donations, which clearly helped us make this year's campaign the overwhelming success that it was. The major works are coming to a close over the summer and we look forward to greeting you at the doors of our new and improved theater in the years to come!



Nearly finished! The scaffolding will soon come down.

# REUNION NEWS

Alumni activity was really buzzing this May with the organization of two ASP reunions in California and one in Illinois. Alumni from all decades and numerous cities made the trip to reconnect with fellow classmates and to share a glass of wine in either San Francisco or Chicago or to enjoy an outdoor BBQ in Los Angeles.

ASP's Director of Admissions, Marketing, and Development, Jane Narich, attended all three events and spoke with interested alumni about organizing regional alumni groups in each area.



The alumni in San Francisco that started it all! Tamami Naito '86, Pilar Cabeza de Vaca (Head), Aaron Hubbard (Assistant Head), Carolyn Colson '71, Kim Fisher '86 at the first meeting.

## San Francisco

"Bay-area" alumni enjoyed a fine aperitif at the Hidden Vine Wine Bar in downtown San Francisco. Here, alumni had a chance to reminisce of their times at ASP as well as discuss exciting ideas for a regional alumni group in the area. Watch this space and the online Alumni area for more news as the plans develop – or get involved and email Amanda: [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr). Those who attended were: Paul Schute '70, Jack Huntington '71, Sheila Strock '72, Scott MacLeod '73, Hamid Majjidy '81, Tamami Naito '86, Julie Charles '87, and Kathleen Kunzman '95.

## Los Angeles

ASP alumnus, Chris Le Feuvre ('91) graciously opened his home to host the LA reunion with alumni from four decades coming together for an evening of fun. Some traveled

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a long way to travel back in time and more parties are promised – and not just for alumni, with past parents also joining in the fun! Check out who attended!

Joy Foote '65, Dana Shatts '69, Blake Buckley '76, Jill Bacchieri '76, Susanne Friend, Mitra Madjidi '79, Andre Doumitt '86, Stephanie Young '86, Chris Le Feuvre '91, Serge Sinanian '91, Tony Quibin '91, Melissa Williams '93, Abe Quibin '95, Neil Esposito '95, Jordan Peed '98, Janna Steffan '98, and Jean Zambello (Parent of ASP alumnus Francesca Zambello '74)

## Chicago

ASP past parents, Bruce and Kathryn Johnson, invited our Midwest alumni to their home on Memorial Day. Although the holiday weekend made it difficult for many to attend, Conrad Weisert '53 and Sara Acton '63, gratefully accepted the invitation along with the Johnson's five children, *all* of whom attended or graduated from ASP! (Chris Johnson '00, David Johnson '02, Matthew Johnson '02, Torie Johnson '06, & Sally Johnson '08) and the small gathering became a hotbed of ideas for future alumni activity.

Thanks to the success of all three events, we are now happy to introduce to you the ASP alumni representatives of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago. Get in touch with the reps on this page with your ideas and suggestions and build the group together.

If you are interested in being an alumni representative for one of these areas **or in a different region of the USA**, don't hesitate to contact Amanda Nagele at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr)

## CHICAGO REPRESENTATIVES

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# UPCOMING REUNIONS : MARK YOUR DIARIES AND GET INVOLVED!

## Fall/Winter: Florida residents!

We are currently working on organizing an alumni reunion in south Florida. We have over 15 alumni spanning across 5 decades interested in attending the event. If you would like to learn more or help out with the planning, contact Amanda Nagele at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr)

## Fall/Winter; Boston, Washington DC, and London!

This fall/winter, we would like to put together alumni reunions in your areas and meet with enthusiastic alumni about setting up your own individual alumni groups. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amanda Nagele at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr).

## September: Manhattan!

Plan on being in New York this September or looking for a great excuse to make a trip out there? ASP alumnus, Georgie Watters '97 is currently organizing an ASP alumni event in Manhattan on September 8, 2007. Check out her message to all interested alumni!

Hi Ya`all, It's been 10 short years since we left the "hallowed halls" of ASP (not to mention Rosco's off the Champs Elysee) so it is time again to party, remember old times, get together and share a laugh! NYC on September 8 seems like a good place and date. Let us know your thoughts and spread the word. Please contact either Gaelle or Georgie if you are interested in joining the celebrations:  
[georgie.watters@gmail.com](mailto:georgie.watters@gmail.com) or  
[Gaelle.Lair@tiffany.com](mailto:Gaelle.Lair@tiffany.com)  
 Georgie Watters, class of 1997

## January : Paris !

Our famous Annual Alcazar Reunion will be held again on Tuesday the 8th. This is the biggest event of the year with more than a hundred alumni from every decade converging on the Alcazar Bar in Paris.

ALSO we are currently seeking ASP alumni, past parents, and past faculty/staff members living in the Paris region who are interested in being alumni representatives for our Paris alumni group. Contact Amanda at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr)



# CONGRATULATIONS

Graduation was once again a magnificent festival celebrating the pride of ASP, our Seniors, as they set out on the next step of their life long journeys of learning. Read below excerpts from the speeches made by Head of School, Pilar Cabeza de Vaca, seniors Ari Costacamps & Frank Papalia, and the 2007 Commencement Speaker, Carlos Ghosn, President & CEO of Renault and an ASP parent attending his daughter's graduation!

## PILAR CABEZA DE VACA

“ I have the privilege and the honor today of addressing the largest graduating class at ASP in the past decade. With a total of 98 students representing an amazing diversity of, talents, personalities, and interests, coming from some 37 countries, you are indeed an exceptional class...

You are a new generation, and you will be agents of change. Given the challenges that you will face, my advice to you is the following:

1. **Be compassionate.** Don't take your good fortune for granted and always remember there are others in great need. Share and give back.
2. **Network constantly.** Appreciate your internationalism, your diversity, your education, your knowledge of several languages and cultures. They will serve you well in networking across borders and in having a far deeper understanding of global issues than those who have not had an international education.
3. **Be optimistic.** Don't be afraid of anything—mistakes, choices, or failure. Take each threat and see it as a wonderful opportunity for change. Opening doors means discovering new people, new worlds and new opportunities.
4. **Be decisive and take risks.** Although you need to think of the consequences, don't let tough decisions be an obstacle in your life. Remember it's OK to make a mistake, but also keep in mind that you are not entitled to make the same mistake twice.
5. **Keep in touch with your family and friends.** They are your safety net through thick and thin. Remember to honor them.
6. **Keep learning forever.** Take up something you've never done before and find difficult to do. It will keep you humble and help you appreciate the efforts of others.
7. **Be creative.** Force yourself to think outside the box. Reach out to the world.
8. **Last, but not least, and this from the heart, be a child forever—there is nothing more joyous in life than to relish things as if you were seeing them for the first time.** ”



# CLASS OF 2007!



## CARLOS GHOSN

“The idea of leaving your parents and your siblings may be exciting to most of you because freedom lies ahead. No more curfews, less patronizing... But don't be too quick to pack up your childhood. You will need to unpack it now and then to remember where you came from, your roots, your morals and values, your references and compass... No one can predict the exact direction that life will take, and that uncertainty may make you feel intimidated or uncertain, or even scared. But, part of growing up means relentlessly deciding directions of your life... So here you are ready for your future. You have everything you need to set out on your course. Sometimes you will fail. Nobody can avoid it. You cannot avoid it. But the greatest failure will occur not when you try and fail... It is when you never try at all. You have one life and it is your life. Do not live it passively. Live with confidence.”

## ANDREA “ARI” COSTACAMPS

“...I came here from Madrid, Spain where I was unbelievably happy. I came extremely excited and frightened. The first day at ASP my stomach was full of knots; because I am shy, I was terrified. I came to school and felt very lonely. I got home from my first day, I ran to my mom's bed and asked her if we could move back to Madrid, tears streaming down my face. My mother, being the wise woman that she is, asked me to go back to ASP one more day with the open heart and mind, I did. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. ...Ever since I was small, Dad made me memorize a quote. I always thought it was a drag and had no idea why he would make me memorize it, but now I understand. This quote was supposed to keep my chin up during the worst of times, and now I'm giving it to you to you and hoping



that you carry it with you wherever you go. “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others” From now on, our only homework is to live true to ourselves everyday, our only tests are those of our strength of character. Our final exam is our happiness.”

## FRANK PAPALIA

“When I began brainstorming for this speech I found it quite difficult to sum up six years in six minutes... I believe that the environment at our school has made each of us more open-minded and culturally aware and it is these two traits that make us stand out from typical high school students. Also I believe that these attributes really come together to establish an intellectually stimulating environment. I recently counted and I realized that in our grade alone I know people from 28 different countries. I've met people from countries that I would have had trouble pointing to on a map prior to my arrival at ASP. I moved to France a sheltered American child. I didn't even have a passport until I moved here. ASP has been crucial to my development as a person. Thank you class of 2007 for helping me to become the person I am today. I know we are going to go on to do great things and I know this class is going to leave a mark on the world.”

# BACK TO WHERE IT

We are always delighted to welcome alumni and their families back to ASP and we have had several visits in recent months from alumni whose lives have taken very different paths... from running law firms to bi-lingual nurseries! And perhaps the most fascinating of all was a visit from G. Thomas Thornton (class of '54) who rubbed shoulders with Edith Piaf, Sartre and Camus during his time in Paris, and who has just published a book of his memoirs.

Mr. Thornton first attended ASP - or the American Community School as it was then - in 1947. When he returned to visit he told us of the six 'very formative' years he spent in Paris where he passed as much time as he could escaping the ex-pat world to assimilate into the café society life that was inspiring art and philosophy worldwide. And he has just completed a life work, compiling his fascinating stories into a book. With celebrity contributions from Christian Dior, Wild Bill Donovan, Howard Hughes and Art Buchwald, his memoirs *A Paris Life* promise an exhilarating read. In his own words:

*"A Paris Life is the story of an American expatriate family that went to Paris in 1947, was thrust into the chaos of post-war France, but led an elegant life in a hotel particulaire on Avenue Foch. I became a witness to the enduring courage*

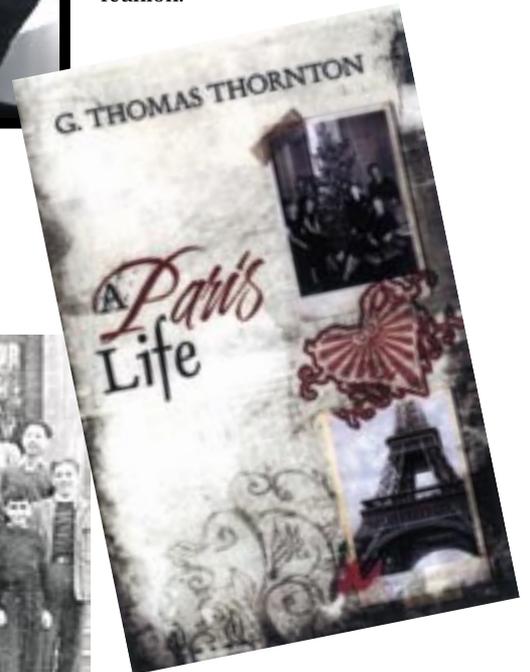


*and sophistication of the world's most daring city. In this book I hope I give an insight into Parisian life and thought through the eyes of a precocious teenager.*

*Unrelenting in seeking new information and life experiences, I hope to remind everyone of their own emotional journeys when they were young."*

Life after ASP took Mr Thornton back to the States where he established himself in Real Estate and went onto form schools for real estate professionals in Connecticut at which he still leads master classes.

Mr Thornton will be hosting a reading of his book at the Paris-based bookstore, Shakespeare & Co in January 2008 – perfect timing for the Paris Alcazar reunion!



**G. Thomas Thornton with his Junior High class in '49.**



# ALL STARTED...



## LYNN MCNISH (GREEN) CLASS OF 1985

Attended 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades at ASP between 1974 and 1977. Lynn currently lives with her husband in Columbus, Ohio and works as resume developer/writer. She also spends her time writing travel and personal essays and short fiction. Lynn's recent visit to ASP was her first time back to campus in almost 30 years. She was happy to see that so little has changed in the school's appearance in that time – except for perhaps the missing bubbles!

## BRIAN KRZYKOWSKI, CLASS OF 1976

Visited ASP with his wife Linda this June. Brian attended 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades at ASP. This was his first time back to Paris in over 30 years. Brian lives near Albany, New York with his wife and two children and works as a defense attorney for school districts at a small, private law firm.



## OLIVIER TOLETTI, CLASS OF 1982

Completed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades at ASP and was our very first graduate to earn the International Baccalaureate (IB). Olivier remarked that he was one of four students

who tried to pass the IB that year and he was the only student to succeed. Today, 100% succeed. And 45% of the average graduating class earns the IB diploma with students' results ranking higher than the world average in 23 out of the 28 subject groups (2006 results).



## CECILIA DE LA HOZ AND HEATHER HODGES (HEFLIN), CLASS OF 1990



Made the trip to ASP together in June. This was their first time back to the school in over 20 years. Cecilia and Heather met while both attending 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades (1985-87) at ASP. Returning to campus was a real trip down memory lane for them both! Cecilia currently lives in Madrid with her four children and owns her own financial consultancy firm. Heather lives in Oklahoma with her husband and two children and runs a bilingual nursery school for children ages 12 months to 5 years old.



# OUR INTERNATIONAL MAKE A MARK ON THE

Continuing our series Alumni Spotlight we bring you features about life after ASP for two very different graduates and their lives, literally worlds apart. From the glamour of Broadway musicals to the corridors of power in international law!

## FROM ASP TO BROADWAY!

Bryan Madsen graduated from the American School of Paris in 2002 where he stood out for his tremendous talent in the performing arts. While a strong vocalist and actor, he was a particularly gifted dancer, graceful and lithe, with the agility of a gymnast.

No one will forget how he smoothly integrated seemingly effortless flips, handsprings and cartwheels into modern dance routines. Upon graduation, Bryan entered Brigham Young University where in May 2006 he earned a Bachelors



of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre with a Minor in Modern Dance and an emphasis in choreography. While earning his undergraduate degree, Brian performed works by Paul Taylor and also choreographed for nationally awarded dance companies in the western United States. Soon after graduating from BYU, Brian earned a part as an ensemble member in the Broadway First National tour musical, *Wicked*. He tours numerous cities in the US and Canada. Performance dates and locations can be

## AN INSIDERS VIEW ON THE INNER WORKINGS OF AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER!

Before the Class of 2007 officially left the halls of ASP to embark on many new adventures in work, studies, and travel, they had a moment to reflect on what it means to become part of the ASP Alumni Community when alumnus **Ardavan Amir-Aslani '82** returned to campus to address the future graduates.

More than twenty years had passed since Ardavan had last stepped foot on campus, and although a few new buildings have appeared, the overall feeling of the school environment has remained the same. "As soon as I set foot on campus, I was sent back to 1982," Ardavan remarked.

Ardavan joined ASP in September 1979, when he and his family fled the unrest of the Iranian Revolution, during which time, he explained, all English-speaking

schools in Iran were forced to shut their doors. Ardavan completed grades 10, 11, and 12 at ASP, and those three years have left a very strong impression on him, even today. When asked what first comes to mind when he reflects on his ASP experience, Ardavan responds without hesitation, "The moral impact of the teachers, the dedication to ethics, and the high academic standards."

Ardavan continued his studies in France at the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* and has pursued a very successful career in international public law, working as one of the principal partners of Cohen, Amir-Aslani, Marseillan, Ornano & Associés – a leading law firm in international corporate law. Ardavan is the head of the international law and government relations department of the firm, representing

sovereign States and organizations in international litigation and international contract negotiations.

His time at ASP brought many life lessons, which have had a long-lasting impact on both himself and his career. "The cosmopolitan nature of the school community and the large representation of diverse nationalities create a very unique environment for students," Ardavan explained. This combination of cultural diversity with the values of an American-style education has instilled in him a sense of "open-mindedness, tolerance, honesty, decency, and simplicity," which cannot be forgotten. As he conveyed in his talk to the Class of 2007 graduates this April, "ASP is not a moment that will simply pass by; it is a time that will be imprinted on your minds forever."

# ALUMNI WORLD!

Would you like to suggest someone to "spotlight" in our next edition? Please feel free to contact Amanda Nagele at [anagele@asparis.fr](mailto:anagele@asparis.fr) with your ideas.

found at [www.wickedthemusical.com](http://www.wickedthemusical.com).

He can be contacted at

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Laura Vincens, the College Counselor at ASP, and Libby Sloan, a former ASP parent and member of the Board of Trustees (pictured), were thrilled to see Bryan perform in Tampa. In his letter of recommendation to BYU, Laura Vincens had written, "We will hear about Bryan Madsen one day; he has tremendous potential." He is indeed well on his way to a successful career on the stage!



## A REUNION OF A DIFFERENT SORT!

The end of the school year is celebrated on the last day of school with all the faculty and staff letting their hair down for a party, and this year the team was joined by faces from bygone days.



Former faculty living in the Paris area, Steve Shirk, Neal Austin and Anne Marie Calvet all caught up with their former colleagues and joined in the afternoon of music, food and wine.

## POETRY FROM PINSKY!

ASP's visiting writer program continued to go from strength to strength with this year's prestigious and yet highly accessible poet, Robert Pinsky, who captivated the creative souls of students and their parents alike with his recent visit. From the glamour of champagne cocktails and his reading of his poetry at the Official Residence of the US Ambassador, Mr Craig Stapleton, to the intensity of a hand selected student workshop, Pinsky's impact reverberated

through the school.

The ASP visiting writer program exists thanks to the inspiration and generosity of ASP alumnus Steven Barclay, class of 1977.

Former Poet Laureate Pinsky worked closely with 18 Upper School students who had written to explain why they wanted to meet with him and then went onto a general assembly for the entire Upper School where he both read poetry and signed copies of his works.



# C CLASS NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

## 1950-59

### Olga Rosine, Class of 1957

*I would very much like to get in touch with Nicole Negreanu, Elizabeth Cros and Alexandra Van Wessem (all maiden names) - all in Class of '57. I married in 1962 in England and have two sons and four grandchildren.*



## 1960-69

### Joy Foote (Eppley), class of 1965



*Hi ex-Madame du Barry disciples from Louveciennes! Miss you all and those crazy memories of days in Paris when the*

*only thing we thought of was falling in love and making out. Were we really part of the post/lost generation of the 60's, latter day Hemingway's searching for our "moveable feast" or maybe it was Chris Clifford's mink-lined toilet seat?!!! We were all Gene Kelleys dancing down the Champs Elysees to "An American in Paris". I'll never forget "Walk on the Wild Side" and "West Side Story" (four times with Judy, Becky and Josephine) and Radio Luxembourg at night. Stateside, I went to Boston University (BU) and Otis Art Institute in L.A. and returned to*

*haunting Paris for two years (68'-70) living in the 7eme near Ave. Rapp and La Tour Eiffel. Worked for Barclay Records as a Bilingual Secretary. I am an artist and have been painting since I was 23 and am still at it every day. Looking forward to representing the 60's in California for ASP. [jefoote@earthlink.net](mailto:jefoote@earthlink.net)*

## 1970-79

### Richard Davis, class of 1971

*ASP, WOW!!! What a fantastic time. It was as if I had won the lottery. Around every corner was a new adventure!! Would love to hear from anyone from ASP. Currently living outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. Retired in 99, currently use a wheelchair to get around, going to physical therapy and working toward getting back to Paris (YES!!!)*

### Peter Rath, class of 1972

*Married with three children. Working as an engineer for a company located in Nevada. My brother Tim, lives in Norwalk, CT, my sister Virginia lives in Oakland CA, and my other brother Colin lives in NYC.*

### Amanda Haddock, class of 1976

*I'm back in England and have often wondered what has happened to my classmates if any of you are out there please email me*

### David Warren, class of 1977

*I'm married with three kids and life is good. We are living in London, where our kids attend ASL! The circle of life. I'm Regional General Manager for Tahitian Noni International, a*

*company marketing various products derivative of the Tahitian noni fruit. Drop me a line. I love to catch up with old friends (and make new ones).*

### Martin Nicolai, class of 1979

*I attended ASP from September 1972 to January 1975 for Grade 6 with Ms. Harriet Frankel, Grade 7 with Mr. Raiter, and half of Grade 8. I went on to graduate from the International School of Düsseldorf and returned to Canada, graduating with a Ph.D. in history from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, in 1992. I was an Adjunct Professor of History at Queen's University before getting my B.Ed. at the University of Toronto in 1995. I am now a French immersion teacher with the Department of History, Aurora High School, in Aurora, Ontario, just north of Toronto, and live in Keswick on Lake Simcoe about half an hour north of Toronto. I have a wife named Patricia Spear and three children: Julian Martin Nicolai, born in 1998, Olivia Lleian Nicolai, born in 2003, and Meredith Julia Nicolai, born in 2006. I would be happy to hear from any old classmates.*



## 1980-89

### Sarah Bardsley (Taylor), class of 1985



*I attended ASP in 1976-77 - would have graduated in 1985. Am now living in Wales after spending 15 years in Africa. I have*

*two children, nearly 20 and 16 and a month old grandson! I am desperately looking for Karen Wright - I believe Couves - Please would anyone with any information regarding her email address or other news get in touch!!! Thanks+*

### Tim Foster, class of 1988

*I am married and have four children. Beth (8), Jack (5) and Owen (2) and Ruby (5 months); I don't sleep much any more.*

### Carrie Tonella, class of 1989

*Hello class of '89! My boyfriend, daughter and I are going to be in London and Paris over Thanksgiving for 10 days and I was hoping to see any familiar faces that may still be in the area. I would really love to find Samantha Stead if anyone can help that would be great. Also looking for some help on finding places to stay! Hope all is well.*

## 1990-99

### Chris Gaylord, class of 1991

*Hello Everyone!!! It has been a long time. Class of '91. I hope everyone is great. I am married and living in Fort Collins, Colorado. I have a beautiful*

*wife, Christin and an amazing son, Caleb, who just turned 3 years old. Life sure flies by!!! I would love to hear how all of you are doing. Drop me an email anytime.*

### Melissa Threlkeld (Knoll), class of 1992

*Hey there class of '92, what are you all up too?? I am currently living in Pleasant Hill, Missouri with my husband, Jon and two wonderful kids, Emily 7 and Garrett 6. Drop me a line anytime.... former Melissa Knoll*

### Lisa Blocher (Klein), class of 1992

*I'm living in northern NJ with my wonderful husband and our two fantastic children! We had a rough time with both of them medically (our daughter was born 3 months early and our son has severe multiple food allergies) but both are doing fine now. They keep me busy as a Stay At Home Mom and I'm loving my life! Unfortunately, we lost my brother, Jerry, to complications from his Diabetes 2 days after our wedding. We miss him terribly and life will never be the same w/o him.*

### Wim Schutten, class of 1994

*What's up everyone? All is well with my wife (Johanna) and me. We live on the Island of Saba - it's next to St. Martin for those of you who still suck at geography! I love it here, we bought a small hotel and it's working out. I graduated from Webster University in 2002 in International relations and Management. Hope to get it touch with more of you.*

### Anne Kallio, class of 1997



*Salut from the Big Sky! I had so much fun reading about the reunion in Manhattan, NY (I live in Manhattan, MT!). I can imagine*

*it was fun to see old friends and make new ones. It would be great to reconnect with ASP grads so if you're ever going through Bozeman or Yellowstone Park, send me an email. We love the outdoors and would be happy to show you around! My husband Ron and I will be in Paris at the beginning of May as well. Can it really be that 10 years have passed since our graduation?*

### Doo-Hyun Na, class of 1999

*Dear Class of 99, I have come to notice that we are the only class without any 'class notes'. Although my guess is nobody really logs on the Alumniweb, I thought I'd give a shout out after relieving myself from 3 years of military service...actually, I'm just trying to kill some time before starting my job. Anyhow, I really miss everybody and hope that you all are doing well. LT NA*

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# Mme BUTTERFLY S'ENVOLE!



Name, is a name, is a name, is a name and Krysha Papillon is everything her name evokes. Our High School librarian, Krysha Papillon is retiring after 32 years at ASP. Her “presence” will be missed. She has fostered the culture and education of thousands of students and hundreds of colleagues and parents over these years. With her passion and expertise in Information Technology, she was a key mover at ASP. From creating her first library database on PC-File in 1985, she pushed ASP to the forefront of library technology. By 1990, ASP was the first international school in Paris and the second in Europe to choose the high

powered Follett Destiny program that the majority of international schools use today.

It is not only her “presence” we will miss, but her “essence”. Krysha is literally and figuratively a traveller. She herself says: “I think that’s how I got the travel bug, in my mother’s womb, escaping from Warsaw to Budapest via Romania... (to Paris.)” She grew up in Paris, graduating from the Sorbonne (with a sophomore year at Chatam Colleg, Pittsburg, PA.) and then from the Ecole des Bibliothecaires of the Bibliotheque Nationale. As Assistant Librarian to Barbara Kamm for many years, these two women set a high standard for cultural and multi- cultural



excellence. Krysha brought with her each day to work this essence of her extensive cultural “travels” -concerts, exhibitions, poetry readings, humanitarian events (for twenty years she co-directed Terre des Enfants)...and

globetrotting. She has travelled for conferences (she was an active member in the ECIS Librarian Committee throughout her career) and for pleasure to 39 countries. All this “travelling” she shared, perhaps subconsciously, with our students and faculty. And it is this essence, like that of an elegant French perfume, that will linger on with us at ASP.

By Meg Seaver

## FOND FAREWELL TO ONE OF ASP’S LEGENDS



Currently Facilities Director at ASP, Michael von Ascheberg, is retiring after 31 years of tremendous dedication and hard work. Mike was hired in September 1976 as a French Teacher in the Upper School and has since held almost every position at the school from Assistant Director of the Upper School from 1981 to 1996, to Admissions Director from 1990 to 1995, to his current position, Facilities Director from 1996 to present.

Mike is remembered by most for being an amazing disciplinarian surely due to the fact that he started out his career as an Air traffic controller in the military. He is also greatly respected for his ability to engage his students in the classroom, and is one of those teachers that can never be forgotten. There is always at least one student who asks for him at any ASP Alumni Reunion.

An adventurer, Mike started taking students in the late 1970’s on trips to Russia, during the cold war, and later was in charge of taking students on ski trips to Avoriaz, in the Alps. An amazing teacher, and a respected authoritarian figure, he has made a difference in so many people’s lives and has even “saved” a few students from themselves – he has a knack for knowing when someone needs help, or is in trouble and finds a way of getting through to them, saving them when others have given up trying.

People that get the opportunity to get to know Mike, quickly learn that his bark is louder than his bite. He is a real charmer with a wonderful sense of humor and is a real softy underneath – although that stays between us!

A walking institution and a pillar at ASP, Mike you’re going to be missed!