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Under Conductor David Brunner, The Honor Band and Choir perform the world premiere of his composition, *Benedicto*, in the Cotsakos Family Theater in the Performing Arts Center.





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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

The cover of this issue of *The Lions' Pride* demonstrates the value of our new Performing Arts Center with its state-of-the-art Cotsakos Family Theater. St. John's now has a facility that few can match in enabling us to meet the needs of our students, while also hosting major events for the international community. For the first time ever, we were able to host the Honor Band and Honor Choir workshops and concert. More than 300 students and teachers from throughout the world gathered in Brussels and Waterloo for four days in March. The culminating concert included a capacity audience of 400 in addition to 250 musicians and singers on stage.

Two weeks earlier in March, we hosted the European Council of International Schools' Early Childhood Conference. More than 400 educators from as far as China and Korea were on campus for three days of workshops, seminars, and meetings with all of the general sessions taking place in the theater. In each instance, there was glowing praise for our wonderful facilities and generous hospitality.

Our primary mission is the education of our students. In addition, we are now able to play a major role in professional development and in promoting the performing arts. This was a role that was impossible to play before our new buildings were finished.

Among the many other interesting articles in this issue is a recap of the winter sports season. Ironically and unfortunately, we are celebrating the end of a winning streak that will almost surely never be broken. The St. John's boys' basketball team won three consecutive ISST championships and 87 consecutive games from 2003 to 2006 before finally losing a game to the host school at this year's championships in Paris.

Finally, as the 2005-2006 School Year closes with the traditional rush of activities: Family Day, prom, class trips, and graduation, I must mention four individuals who are retiring. Most of you know them: Eric Wouters; Margaret "Peg" Hickey; Nina Timar; and Jacques Poulin. Eric has taught physical education and coached for 40 years! Peg has taught math and served in several administrative roles for 36 years! Nina has taught and coordinated a variety of services in the high school for 34 years! And Jacques has been a concierge for 21 years, most of that as the Chief! St. John's will not be the same without them!

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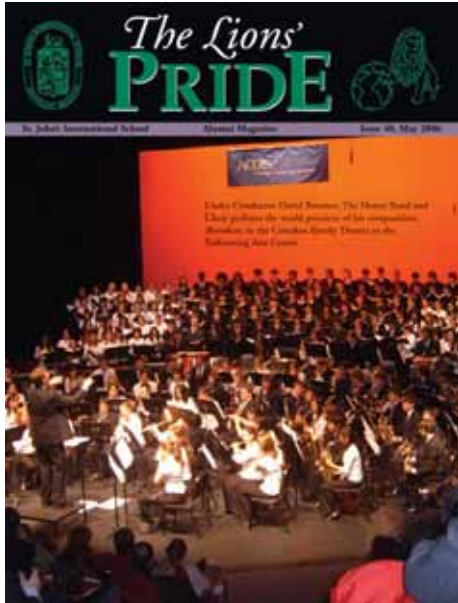
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Jimmy Karl '02 creates a unique dining experience in Phuket, Thailand.

An exclusive Thai sanctuary, "Sri Panwa," has come into being thanks to Jimmy and his multinational team.
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Early Childhood Conference

In March, St. John's was honored to host the 8th European Council of International Schools Early Childhood Conference with over 450 educators in attendance from approximately 100 countries.
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Winter sports wrap-up.

St. John's had another busy season on the court & in the pool. Here Laurent Karim shoots from the corner against The Hague in our arena.
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Class News



Cathy Brannum & her son Christopher chat with Branran Gary, left, & Jack Lyons on St. Patrick's Day during her return to the campus.

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The website for the cruise line is: <http://www.royalcaribbean.com>.

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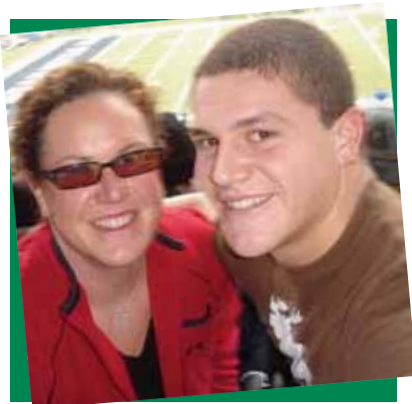
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Kirsten Robinett & her son Adam take in a Seahawks game last Dec.



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As the magazine went to press, the class and associates were to be enjoying a reunion

along the Mayan Riviera in Mexico. We look forward to some details and photos for the next issue. Not far away, in Tucson is **Amir Pajouyan**, who is a Human Resources Consultant. Associate **Rich Destremps** is an Executive with Lutron Electronics in Allentown, PA. Associate **Matt Chuchman** is in Clawson, Michigan. Associate **Russell Saldi** is with the US State Dept. as an Information Mgmt. Tech., living in Geneva, Switzerland until the summer, when he returns to the states. **Maria Hadjoglou** is in Ashburn, VA working as a Senior Project Mgr. with America Online. Congratulations.

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Henry Onians and his wife **Michele** visited Brussels during Thanksgiving and managed to dine with **Simon Arpino** and his wife **Danubia** at his restaurant (*LePetit Boxeur*). **Steve Wawack** joined them from Paris. In Portland, OR, **John Horton** is an Account Executive with Express Professional. **Stephen Orosz** is in Albany, CA, working as Asst. Harbormaster. **Amber Jensen** flies out of Atlanta, GA as a Flight Attendant with Delta Air Lines. **Polly Maier** wanted to be sure we had her latest email address. Associate **Jeremiah Montague** is the Head Catering Chef for the Univ. of Wisconsin—Whitewater.



Simon Arpino, far right, hosting Henry & Michele Onians, Steve Wawack, & Danubia at his restaurant.

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Associate **Jen (Donnelly) Keller** and her family left San Francisco last summer for Mequon, north of Milwaukee, where the space, less stress, and snow are all agreeable. Their 3 sons—Ethan, Derek, and



Jen Keller relaxing with Ethan, Derek, & Scott in Mequon.

Scott—are thriving, while **Jen** manages her own internet consulting company. Associate **Samantha Bolton** is enjoying her role as a freelance consultant in Geneva, Switzerland, working with both private and public clients in the areas of health and corporate social responsibility. **Richard Keller** is keeping people connected and on-line as a Field Service Rep for Comcast Cable in Portland, OR. **Jan Slaghekke** and family have moved within Cobham, UK, and, as well, **BP** is assigning him the job of running the company's power activities in Europe and Asia in its new alternative energy business. Congratulations and good luck.

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Marina (Hadjoglou) Brisby is a Clinical Pharmacist in Wellington, FL, with lots of impressive credentials to back her up. In Senlis, France, Steve Filipov has an overall view of things as Pres./CEO of Terex Cranes. Well done. Janmari Hallahan wanted to be sure we had her name and email. Associate Tiffany (Brown) Balk checked in from West Olive, Michigan. Michael Ward, who left in '78, is in Katy, TX. Quentin Wildsmith and his family live on Bainbridge Island in the Pacific Northwest. Last year he became a Principal in his law firm, while his wife Marina is the CEO of the American Lung Assoc. of Washington/Idaho. Quentin is in touch with associate Peter Howson, and looks forward to hearing from other former Lions. Thanks for a great update. In Jacksonville,

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Niamh (Finucane) McGuinness, who left in '84, is in Alcantra, Marbella with her family—husband Gerry, and daughters Lorna and Alison. She looks forward to hearing from Christy Agosti and Katherine Mays. Associate Rose Marie (Guzman) Clark is in Santiago, Chile, working for a UN agency. Associate Vanessa Naylor is the Workforce Development Mgr. for the London Borough of Sutton. She is also inquiring about a class reunion in the coming year. Tom Snyder's latest email address in the Netherlands should be noted. Jennifer (Devine) Maiona, and Justin, in Wellesley, MA added Kathleen Elizabeth to the family in Dec. 'Katie' joins Jason (6) and Matthew (4). Congratulations. Associate Emily Campbell is now in Belle Chasse, LA, working as an engineer for the local 'parish' government. We hope that she and all the Campbells are well following Hurricane Katrina. Associate Charlotte Gadd has settled in Maldon, Essex, UK. Andrew DiNovo, who left in '85, has surfaced in Austin, TX.

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Irene Haupt with her family.



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From Belfast, Associate John Harrington wanted to be sure we knew he is an 'Enterprise' Architect. Susanne Williams has gotten into ultra-distance running in a big way. Last year she did the Jungfrau Mountain Marathon. She is training for a 78Km race this summer. Irene (Charlton) Haupt does shorter runs, just keeping up with her two children, Adrian and Elise, in Greenville, SC, as well as some occasional teaching. Her husband Ed is now focusing on wind energy for GE.
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Susanne Williams finishes a mountain marathon last year.



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Paulo, Brazil, having earned an MBA at the Univ. of Dallas. **Mary (Todd) Bergman**, who left in '88, has returned to Brussels. One of her photographs has already appeared on the cover of a local magazine. **Dominick Rider** is in Medford, OR, where he is an IT Specialist with Providence Health Systems. **Patrick Bolin**, after working at the European Central Bank for four years, left five years ago and has worked as a Financial Systems Consultant ever since. That allows him to travel around Europe, helping different banks and companies, using Frankfurt as a base. His parents are in Stockholm, and everyone looks back on their Waterloo days with a great deal of nostalgia. **Major Mark Clingan**, USMC, and his family have left Korea and returned to the states. For much of the past 10 months they have been in Quantico, VA, where he is attending Command and Staff College, while Sharon attends to their expanding family—latest headcount is 2 girls and 1 boy, the latter a Feb. arrival. Congratulations and let us know if the next assignment is North Carolina. **John Charlton** continues his TV journalism career with Fox in Hartford, CT. There is a report that before leaving Louisville he won the prestigious 'Edward R. Murrow Award' for his work on a peaceful protest march that turned violent. Well done.

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Associate **Rachel (Cooper) Gray** and her husband, as well as her horses, have relocated to a farmette in Elkton, MD. **Sara (Lofgren) Steneby** is a psychologist for the city of Stockholm; she also has a private practice, involving psychotherapy. She also is a mother of two. Congratulations. **Paula Vastela** is Marketing and Sales Coordinator for Ernst & Young in Helsinki. **Donna-Diane (Lindstrom) Growden's** family expanded last year, when Laurel Ruth joined her big brothers Willem and Silas, in Tucson, AZ. Congratulations. If you're tired of the snow, drop by for a visit, or go to their website for the latest views and news (www.thegrowdens.ourfamily.com). Associate **David Muench** surfaced in Pittsburgh, PA, where he is Principal of Bethel Park School District. He would like to hear from former classmates; he left SJ in '87 but hopes to return some day. **Mike Fallin** and his family are still in Tokyo with Citibank, but another move may be imminent. Associate **Wouter Berkhout** is in Hilversum, the Netherlands.
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Etsuko (Shimozato) Otsuko is in Tokyo. **Rasina Rubin** (formerly Mohideen), who left in '91, is Associate Director with LGT Bank in Liechtenstein (Singapore) Ltd, dividing her time between the Asia-Pacific region and Europe, and assisting her mother in running an art gallery in Singapore. She also recently appeared on the cover of a glossy magazine there—*Prestige Lifestyle*—as one of the young, successful professionals, who appreciates all that Singapore has to



Rasina Rubin hosts a reunion lunch at the China Club in Singapore, featuring Peking Duck, with guests Jack Lyons & Gwen Bergman, Guidance Counselor at Singapore American School. Jack was attending a development conference; Gwen was the high school counselor at SJ previously.



Laura Panaccione & Coach Davis share a moment after a tough SJ overtime loss to ASL in the semi-finals in Paris.

offer. **Carmen (Baddeley) Metani**, who also departed the same year, is in London, enjoying her role as a mother to her two-year-old son Joshua. She'd love to hear from former classmates in the area. **Amy (Forest) Eastridge** recently moved to the horse country of Ocala, FL and also had her second child, Jaelyn Emma, in Dec. Congratulations. **Rebecca (Forest) Musy** is also in horse country, but it's in Bozeman, Montana. **Gavin Beaton** is in Brussels working as a Human Resources Consultant. In March, **Laura Panaccione** kindly showed up at the boy's basketball ISSTs in Paris to demonstrate her support. She lives there, and recently took a job in the travel industry, which will require her to employ her Swedish language skills.

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Pia Menezes has returned to London, having earned an MBA at INSEAD. She is working for Moët Hennessy, having to deal with champagne and wine all day. Can you imagine. Associate **Sandra (Ovlinger) Foutz** and her husband Matt became parents last July to 'an adorable little baby girl.' Congratulations. **Ernesto Smith** is in St. Paul, MN with 3M as a Marketing Associate, having picked up an MBA from the Univ. of VA. Associate **Erin**

O'Brien is getting married next month to lucky Ed Meade, and heading for Belize for a honeymoon. When she recovers, she'll go back to teaching her 8th grade English and Journalism class at Edison Intermediate School. They are in NYC and look forward to seeing alumni when you are passing through. Her namesake but not related, **Clare (O'Brien) Derix** and her husband Jeff have enjoyed their baby daughter Helen Julia, who is now 14 months old. Clare is returning to work part-time as a lawyer after a year of maternity leave. Congratulations. **Helen (Mackie) Reynolds**, who left in '93, is in Amersham, UK, where she is Senior Marketing Manager for Network Rail. **Alex Bergman** is finishing his MBA from Stanford Univ. and will stay on the West coast, serving with the US Coast Guard.

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Associate **Jeni (Lyons) Pye** and her husband Mike enjoyed a European honeymoon last spring. This year they are on the move again—selling their home in Florida and returning to New England where she'll be entering culinary school for chef training. Good luck.

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Jeni Pye and Mike on their honeymoon last year in Europe.



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As you read this, many classmates and associates will be preparing to attend the 10th anniversary reunion in Waterloo the weekend of 27 May. If you suddenly would like to participate, contact Sarah Harding ASAP. There will be an afternoon reception in the foyer of the new Performing Arts Center, followed by a campus tour, with a dinner in Brussels that evening. Teachers of this class are especially encouraged to reunite with the class at the reception.

In Brussels, **Niclas Eriksson** is Marketing Project Mgr. for MasterCard Europe. Associate **Kim (Breedlove) Carver** is a Training Specialist with SAIC in Centreville, VA; she and Matt are enjoying their baby son, Mason, now 7 months old. Also excited about a new arrival is associate **Kristin (Hilz) Campanella** and her husband Greg; she is expecting a girl next month. Best wishes. When not getting the nursery ready, Kristin prepares for other guests as Asst. General Mgr. of the Residence Inn by Marriott—St. Louis/Westport, MO. Associate **Alyson (Swienton) Wolfle** is in Ft. Worth, TX, working as a Loss Control Specialist for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and looking forward to the 10th reunion. **Karen White** is in Greensboro, NC. **Angela Kingsriter** is a Coordinator with Life Publishers in Springfield, MO.

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Kim Carver & her husband Matt, with baby son Mason.



Mini-reunion in Wash., DC last year. L to R: Mary Beth, fiancée of Marcus Dulin, standing; Caitlin Arlinghaus '96; Sarah (Gardiner) Harding '96; Steve Frattini '96A; Matt Carver, husband of Kim (Breedlove) Carver '96A.



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From Greece comes lots of good news from Dimitris Vartis. A year ago he became engaged to Ms. Mirka Kouzi at his parent's home in Naoussa on a sunny day and celebrated with wine from his father's vineyard. Once she finishes her Masters in Law at Nottingham Univ. they are to be married. Congratulations. As if that weren't enough, he co-authored an article on British exchange rate policy that was published in *The Journal of Economic History* in Sept. 2005. He is grateful to St. John's for the educational experience that led to his attending Cambridge and to ongoing

Dimitris & Mirka at their engagement party.



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Associate Linda (Bjellaas) Bang-Haagensen is in Algarheim, Norway. She married in April, 2005, with a honeymoon in Mauritius and Dubai. Her brother, Thomas, '94, was the toastmaster. She and her husband are planning on the adoption of a child; she also continues to work at the local police station. Rebecca (Currie) Ferranti was married last fall and now resides in NYC.



Linda Bang-Haagensen on her wedding day last year.

Congratulations. Sid Sharma is a Commercial Lawyer in Auckland, NZ. Associate Kathy Fritz in Chicago, wanted to be sure we had her correct email. Likewise, Andrew Thiermann, also in Chicago. Associate Alexis Arroyo, having earned a degree at Tufts, is now with Envision Consulting; she lives in Tomkins Cove, NY. Victoria Catt continues her work in Austin, TX as a Project Mgr. for GTECH Corp. David Straud completed his MS in Environmental Geology from the Univ. of TX—San Antonio—and then went to have a first hand look at the environment and to relax—in China. He survived, and is now looking for a job. Taylor Latour is a Sound Engineer for a firm called Rocket Surgery, in Valley Village, CA, having earned a list of impressive credentials in the field of music technology. Well done. Associate Lucy Germain is in London, where she is an Account Executive with MindShare. Associate Michael Bird is soaring. After studying Physics for four years at Oxford, he did a 2nd Masters degree at Reading Univ. in Financial Engineering, which led to a job with a firm called Markit Group—a start-up derivatives data supplier—in London. He recently moved to Tokyo to set up a new office there for them, where he is VP of Sales.

successes. Best of luck. Associate Anu Tiivola is a student counselor at the Univ. of Helsinki. Sarah Ellis, who left in '94, studied theater at George Mason Univ. and it's paying off. Her acting career recently included a role in a TV commercial for Longhorn Steakhouse (as the hostess). She and her husband live in Washington, DC. Congratulations. Marcus Dulin is in Columbia, MD, where he recently got engaged to his sweetheart, Mary Beth. He continues playing music, hoping to reunite someday with the 'Clouds Scare Me' posse. He also is a CAD Consultant. Associate Kimberley Cunningham is studying in South Yarra, Australia. Associate Mara Gaulzetti is in Somerville, MA.
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Brighton UK mini-reunion. Starting on L: Oscar Sundholm '00, Tom Nettleton '00A, Adriana Sanchiz '98A, Magali Jaumol '99, Gabe Sanchiz '99, Rachel Mahaffy '99, Ben Adamo '99, Anouk Vandeneijnde '99, & Jo Bramli '99.



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Kate Wintjes is in Brussels, having studied Fine Arts at *La Cambre*. Victoria Ullmann is in Los Angeles. Associate John Ellis is working on a graduate degree in Psychology. Associate Priska Pieczara has completed her studies of Information-Design at the Univ. of Applied Science FH-Joanneum in Graz, Austria. She is living in Vienna and wonders if any of her former classmates (Chiara, Pamela, Tanja, Brooke, Yoo-Jin, Magali, Marie-Elizabeth, Jong-Eun Kim, Laura, Sarah Lusty, and others) will be around Waterloo this summer for a reunion. Mariam Halstead is Sales and Service Rep for a firm called CustomInk.com. She has an Associates Degree in Fine Arts and plans to complete her BA and move on to her MA at George Mason Univ. Good luck. Elena Brown is in Harrow, UK. Laura Taylor and her partner Paul came over from the UK and visited the school in Feb. to check out the latest campus additions. She also enjoyed the chance to chat with some of her former teachers. Georgina Catt is in London enjoying her role as a Gallery Asst. for The Fine Art Society plc; she looks forward to getting in touch with any alumni in the area. Associate Jorge Piedade is in Luxembourg; his parents are in Portugal. Kirsten Brunsvig, who left in '92, is in Norway. Jerry Bakker (and his mom) appeared to enjoy the Honor Band and Choir Gala on the SJ campus this spring, Jerry has successfully overcome the health challenges he faced some years back and has gone on to earn a Master's in Business. His mother was

very helpful in making hotel and dinner arrangements for the hundreds of visitors the school had that weekend. The St. John's colony establishing a settlement in Brighton-by-the-sea in the UK appear to be healthy and enjoying life. Since they live near or with one another, it's only natural that a reunion would take place. Many thanks to Ben Adamo for keeping us informed.

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Jitin Pal Singh Nagpal finds himself in Hyderabad, India, where he is working in information technology, having earned an Engineering degree in Computer Science. Not too far away, Tania Sharmin is in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where she is a 'Fellow' with Gameen Trust, having completed her BA in Business Economics at Vesalius. Associate Thomas Dierking is a Field Engineer with Consolidated Edison, living

in NJ. Anna Leech is the Planning Officer for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in the UK, and has a new email. Wendy Marshall has accepted a position as Assistant to the Marketing Director of the international company UVEX, in Pretoria, South Africa. Wendy recently completed her BA in Languages (Journalism) from the Univ. of Pretoria. Congratulations. In her new role, she looks forward some day to 'launching' products into the retail market. In a few months she expects to see Louise Cobb, who is completing an 11-week journey through Africa. She also is engaged to Steve, her boyfriend. It must be the thing to do there, as Bryn Jupp '01 is engaged to Marie, his girlfriend. Best wishes to all. Allison McLane is an Accountant in Denver. Ugo Cezar is in Paris, where he is an Analyst with HSBC.

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Massimiliano Abe is back in Brussels, where he is a Financial Analyst with Toyota Motors Europe, this despite his senior quote in the yearbook: "Powered by Honda." Max earned an MSc, with great distinction he assures us, at Vlerick Leuven Ghent Management School. Congratulations. Aaron Lasher is with Boston Strategic Partners in Chicago; he also managed to excel by earning two Bachelor's degrees while at Northwestern Univ., which qualifies him to be a consultant. Having achieved an honors

degree in Econ. at the Univ. of Bath, Associate **Leroy Chew** returned to Singapore, where they put him in a military uniform to complete his national service requirement. Recognizing talent, the authorities assigned him to the Ministry of Defense HQ. Stand tall. **Linda Kahver**, who left in '01, is studying law at the Univ. of Stockholm. Associate **Stephen Daunheimer** is in Michigan. **Elsi Mink** is in The Hague, Netherlands, working for IBM as a junior IT Specialist. After Gettysburg College, **Jenny Lindstrom** went west and settled in Denver, where she is an Account Coordinator with Karsh + Hagan. **Chris Dale** is in Paris studying Int'l Relations and Diplomacy at Schiller Int'l Univ.

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Yinka Abioye continues his Engineering Business studies at the Univ. of VA. in Charlottesville. Class rep **Bianca Hutton** completed another year at Northern Kentucky Univ. and also competed as part of its intercollegiate golf team. Associate **Andrea Carroll** should have her Wittenberg Univ. BA in History (with a minor in Education) tacked on the wall shortly. She is also engaged. **Paavo Kotiaho** will have been, by the time you read this, back to The

Hague, but not for MUN, as was his habit when a SJ student. Inspired by that experience (and well-mentored by Ms. Dicken and Mr. Savage), this spring he participated in the Telders International Moot competition—law debate—representing England. He and his teammates from the Univ. of Sheffield won the English national qualifying round in Cambridge in Feb. (defeating teams from Cambridge, Durham, and Hull) and went to the Peace Palace in The Hague at the end of April. Their judges were current and former members of the International Court of Justice. Paavo is studying law at Sheffield, an area of knowledge he intends to continue to explore into post-grad days. He would welcome the chance to chat with any SJ current or former student interested in studying international law. **Yuji Kudo** was around the campus in late fall, having completed his Cambridge studies. **Cristiana Costa**, who was in the Asia-Pacific area last year, is reportedly planning to go to China to learn the language and eventually to take up the study of law there. Good luck.

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Associate **Elizabeth Meyer** is studying at Xavier Univ. in Cincinnati, OH, but as of this printing, should be in Rome as part of its study-abroad program. She'll also be traveling in Europe; she welcomes contact with former classmates. **Thomas Hutton** was studying Industrial Design in Helsinki. **Mike Bustin** is a US Army Specialist serving with the First Armored Division in Kuwait and Iraq. **Zafar Khan**, along with **Vladimir Mikeladze '05** and **Alex Abe '02**, stopped by the school in January for a look around. They are studying various aspects of Business Admin. at the Int'l Management Institute in Brussels.

IN MEMORIAM



Jeff McLane, Class of 2002, passed away unexpectedly on 23 February 2006. He was born 12 Oct 1983. He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Teri McLane, who currently reside in Grainau, Germany; his sister, Allison '00, of Denver; his brother,

Chris '04; and his grandparents Walter and Betty McLane of Larkspur, Colorado. Jeff was a student at the Colorado Institute of Art, where he was studying culinary arts. He was the son of a career US Air Force officer and lived in many places in Europe and the USA, to include 10 years in Belgium. He was captain of the baseball team and an Eagle Scout while at SJ.

Donations may be made in Jeff's name to Outpost Expeditions, PO Box 63902, Colorado Springs, CO 80962, to support the work of Tim and Pam Mobley. Alternatively, for anyone living in Europe who may wish to donate, contributions can be made directly to Mr. Tim Mobley, Albert I Laan 4, 1560 Hoeilaart, Belgium.

His memory book may be found at: www.horanandmconaty.com.

May he rest in peace.

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Hakan & Serkan Erol with Josh Davis at Kean.

Christine Bevan, who left in '98, is in the UK, studying Int'l Relations at the Univ. of Leicester. In December, Josh Davis and Hakan '03 and Serkan Erol got together at Kean Univ., where Hakan is enrolled. Serkan is studying at West Chester Univ. in PA. Josh, Hakan, and Steve Katherman '04 also made it to Paris to support the SJ boys' basketball team during the ISSTs in March. Josh managed to tear some ankle ligaments in the spring so he did not quite finish the season at Hun Princeton. He'll be healed,



Three wise men of 2005 at the Christmas reunion. L to R: Vladimir Mikeladze, Alex Khairallah, & Sjors Verbaan.

though, by the time he enters Yale next fall. Maxime Leroux is studying Economics at the Université du Québec. Associate Yuiko Yoshida is studying Scenography Design at Musashino Art Univ. in Tokyo. Associate Josh Lyman was attending Brigham Young Univ. while also doing web design for Paperless Technologies. A few months ago he began his two-year stint in France as a missionary for the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He looks forward to hearing from former classmates. Mugendi Zoka continues his studies of the social sciences at Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg, Netherlands. At Elon Univ. in NC, Alex Khairallah made the President's List by achieving outstanding grades 1st semester. Well done. Also there is Andrew Youssef, who managed to travel around the states, when he wasn't studying or watching football games. On the same campus are Bana Kopty and Associate Elle Lasher. Andrew also managed to spend some time in the fall with Serkan, Brent Luzinski '03, Aaron Rossi '03, Mike Ford '03, Ryan Larsen, Tom Wheeler '03, and more recently visited Bob Owens in Boston and Janine Mears in Miami. She had managed to visit Stella Kuhn von Burgsdorff and Kevin Koval in York, Canada. Class Rep Katya Chilian is enjoying her studies of Advertising at the London College for Communications in the Univ. for the Arts. Shane Leverenz continues to study hard at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Mariana da Silva Lemos has completed her first year of law and business studies at the Univ. of Brighton. She misses her classmates. Stephanie Noble, who left in '97, is studying Psychology and Music at Haverford College. Associate Martha Bicket completed her first year at the Univ. of Warwick focusing on Maths. At the Univ. of PA Chris

Varin finished a successful year learning about the business world. Alicia Baker is pursuing a dual degree at Ohio State Univ., which is a BS in Animal Science and a BA in French. Best of luck. Elliott Sams Jr. who left in '02, is studying English Education in Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, FL. Kana Kobayashi stopped by to visit Mr. Tobin in March during her spring break from studies of Int'l Relations at Int'l Christian Univ. in Japan. Cbevan_1105@hotmail.com S.Erol: platinumturk@hotmail.com H.Erol: ao_hak@hotmail.com J.Davis: homer415@hotmail.com stevekatherman1985@yahoo.com Quebec_best@hotmail.com Y.Yoshida: petta30@hotmail.com josh@podq.com M.Zoka: b_ball_4rever@hotmail.com akhairallah@elon.edu A.Youssef: ayf64@hotmail.com sleverenz05@yahoo.com M.daSilva Lemos: beri24@hotmail.com svnoble@compuserve.com mattie4u@hotmail.com chris_v25@hotmail.com A.Baker: mkchic27@cs.com ejsams@aol.com



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In NJ, associate Chris Van Syckel graduated early and is pursuing a dream by studying at Full Sail Real World Education in the Arts and Entertainment business, specifically the recording arts. Good luck. C.Van Syckel: grimitides420@yahoo.com



If you have moved this winter, or completed university, please try to remember to notify the Alumni office of your change of address. Often the magazine is sent to your old address, only to be returned, at a considerable fee. Your timely notification of a new address would save us some money.

this just in...

1975

Joe Fraser, who left in '74, is now in Pittsboro, NC, working for the university there. jfraser@med.unc.edu

1976

Associate **Frank Fenno** is Director of Sales and Marketing for ViaGlobal Group in Jacksonville, FL. In Port Moody, Canada, **Catherine Burns** is a Manager with JP Morgan Chase. She plans on attending the reunion with her sister **Heather '78A**. **Mike Walker** calls Watertown, MA home, with his wife Indra and daughter Kira. He is a 'Geo-Structural Practice Leader' for GEI Consultants. Associate **Françoise Caudron** lives in Maubeuge, France, just across the border and works at SHAPE as a Realty Specialist.

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1977

More news from Dallas: Associate **Cathy (Morris) Brannum** noted that she is the owner of a cleaning and errand service. She, her husband Kelly, her parents Betty and Trebor, and son Chris, age 9, especially enjoyed their European trip and visit to the school. Their two oldest, Emily 25 and Nick 23, were presumably at home keeping an eye on things. She also manages to play tennis and volunteer with the local school and Cub Scout den. She is looking forward to a '77 reunion.

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1978

Associate **Steve Douty** and his family have relocated to Portola Valley, CA. Steve is CEO of SnapJot, Inc. steve@douty.com

1980

In Snohomish, WA, **Sam Hogenson** is a VP at Nordstrom. "**Drew**" Rade is in Sales in Charlotte, NC.

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1981

Jocelyne Koepke continues as Operations Mgr. in Ottawa for the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control. jkoepke@cctc.ca

1985

Janmari Hallahan continues living in Arlington, working for the government and keeping busy with family and friends. She misses the school and looks forward to a revisit some day. janmarihllhn@yahoo.com

1986

In Houston, **Lisa Defalco**, who left in '79, has the important role in this day and age of Business Information Mgr. for the Energy Industries Council. As **Mitchell Greenblott** reflects on the two decades since graduation, he realizes he has accomplished many of his goals, but takes the greatest pleasure in the raising of his daughter. She is his pride and joy. Congratulations.

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1987

In Santiago, Chile, Associate **Rose Marie Clark** was happy to be electronically reunited after 20 years with her long lost friend, **Antonia Van Steenberge**. In Illinois, Associate **Katie Maier-O'Shea** is Assoc. Professor of Bibliography at North Park Univ., with lots of impressive credentials. Also in that area, **Diane "DeeDee" (Kollacks) Wilson** was married last Nov. She sold her Chicago townhouse and moved to the suburbs. She also had a mini-reunion last May in San Francisco with **Jennifer (Wood) Ward** and **Maria Barcia**. Congratulations. She is a Systems Professional with Allstate Insurance. **Ken Sultany** is a Software Engineer for I.Q. Corporation, living in Diamond Bar, CA.

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1988

Judith Anthony-Daffe notes that after almost seven years in Botswana, she and her family are moving this summer to the USA, where she and her husband have accepted teaching positions in Baltimore at St. Timothy's School. Congratulations.

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Diane "DeeDee" (Kollacks) Wilson '87 married her husband in Nov.



A mini-reunion in San Francisco last year, with DeeDee, Maria Barcia, & Jennifer Ward with Ben.

What they're saying...

"The funds are only a small return for what St. John's did for my siblings and me. Rarely a week goes by where I don't tell someone where I went to high school. I am now a high school calculus teacher in the Woodlands, Texas, after 21 years as a banker. Some people buy sports cars during a mid-life crisis—I changed jobs. Each issue of the newsletter is read from cover to cover, even my 83-year-old-mother reads it! Keep up the great work."

Mike Innes '77 michael_innes@msn.com

(After being thanked for a donation to the PLUS 40 Campaign)

"I was one of the 'DC boys' who spent a semester at St. John's my Junior year. I loved St. John's, Waterloo."

Jim Walton '85, Major, US Army, quill30@aol.com

(Included as part of his regular alumni update; Jim recently completed a tour in Iraq.)

An exclusive Thai sanctuary, “Sri panwa,” has come into being, thanks to culinary executive Jimmy Karl '02 and his multinational team.



After a hard day, Jimmy relaxes next to the infinity pool with the sun setting.

Situated in the southeast corner of the resort island of Phuket, which was ravaged by the Dec '04 tsunami, Sri panwa was built after the storm had passed, and recovery on the island had begun. At the time, Jimmy was in London working at Nobu's, and received a call from a Thai classmate who had also attended the same Swiss culinary school as Jimmy. Would he be willing to leave London, to join three other culinary school classmates (friends) with varied areas of expertise, and to organize a restaurant to serve the clients, guests, and tourists who would be visiting and possibly purchasing or renting the pool villas being constructed on Cape Panwa overlooking the Bay of the same name? The answer was "Yes!"

And so the adventure began. Months and months of planning, hard work, adjustments, discussions, and differences of opinion, eventually led to the creation of the restaurant and, at present, 11 pool villas operating as a hotel, with more to be built. Along the way, the team learned to accom-

The luxury villas are spacious and well-appointed.



modate the realities of hiring and training young people from the Thai towns and to shop on the local economy for the items needed for their menu. And what they couldn't find nearby, they had to establish reliable sources abroad. Throughout, they were assisted by a consultant, and had the financial backing of a Thai businessman and investor, who had confidence in their abilities.

Other challenges certainly abounded, but if our evening is typical of what one can expect, they are to be congratulated for the outstanding way they treat their guests. The food, wine, ambience, service, and setting combine to create a unique dining experience. The evening we stopped by, we were able to enjoy aperitifs while photographers from a magazine busily snapped away, preparing an article on the place.



The barrier islands on the west keep the surf calm and offer spectacular scenery at sunset while enjoying a world-class meal.

Renowned chefs have also visited Sri panwa to mentor Jimmy and his team, and to pre-

pare meals for special visitors. One of Jimmy's recipes recently appeared in a new, glossy cookbook entitled *Phuket Culture and Cuisine*, an autographed copy of which I now have.

Of course, not only those who can afford a villa or world-class cooking manage to find their way to Sri panwa. St. John's alumni, known for their propensity to travel, have also discovered the joy of sipping a chardonnay, while awaiting the next course, at this 'ultra boutique pool villa hotel,' nestled among lush tropical forests and mountains, with magnificent views of the sea. As their website says—"Realize Your Dream, In Perfect Harmony with Nature."

To learn more, or to make your reservations, visit their website at www.sripanwa.com. To contact Jimmy directly, try jimoga9@hotmail.com. *Bon appetit!* ❀



Shopping (and negotiating) for fresh produce at the local market is another skill chefs acquire.



Jimmy, at left, showing Oscar Sundholm '00, some of the sights around Phuket last September.



Jimmy was kind enough to welcome his former guidance counselor, Ms. Gwen Bergman, & the Alumni Director to aperitifs and dinner in Feb.



Jimmy & Cristiana Costa '02 last summer, when she visited Phuket while working in the north of Thailand.



The villas of Sri panwa, as viewed from the sea.

Key dates for School Year 2006—2007

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| Aug 21 and 22 | Orientation of new teachers |
| Aug 23 - 25 | In-Service Training for all staff |
| Aug 28 | First day of school for Grades 1-12 |
| Aug 29 | First day of school for PK and K |
| Oct 30 - Nov 3 | Fall Break |
| Dec 21 | Noon dismissal for Christmas vacation |
| Dec 22 | Alumni Reunion |
| Jan 8 | Classes resume |

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| Feb 19 - 23 | Winter Break |
| Apr 2 - 13 | Easter vacation |
| May 1 | Labor Day holiday |
| May 17 and 18 | Ascension holiday weekend |
| May 28 | Pentecost holiday |
| June 2 | Graduation for Class of 2007 |
| June 21 | Last day for students |
| June 22 | Last day for teachers |

former Families

[Email addresses provided when available; many thanks to everyone who keeps us updated. My apologies if there are errors or omissions...Editor, Jack Lyons].

Austria

The **Scott** family (Kyle, Nena, Mark, & Kristian) relocated to Vienna. kylenenascott@hotmail.com

Belgium

Lou Toth, along with **Joli '87** and **Louis Jr. '89**, visited the school last fall to check out the new PAC and other additions. ltoth@comcast.com

Egypt

The **Cappetti** family (Charlie, Liesbeth, Janna, Pier, & Dirk) now call New Cairo home.

France

The **Sandmark** family (Eva, Gunnar, Louise '96, Thérèse '98, & Marie '00A) has resettled in Savignargues. eva2sandmark@yahoo.fr

Germany

In Munich, **Manfred and Annemarie Schmitt** are happy to receive an e-alert when the magazine is available on the website, in lieu of a printed copy. Many thanks. hmanfreds@aol.com

India

The **O'Donoghue** family (Bert, Monica, & Aoife) has moved to Bangalore.

Korea

The **Ra** family (In-ho, Youja Jun, Joong-an, & Yerim) has returned to Seoul.

Mexico

The **Gaudio** family (Juan Carlos, Lucy & Juan Carlos) has moved to Navcalpan. delbosque_l@hotmail.com

Switzerland

The **Maas** family (Sabrina, Tamara, Iris, Paul Jr. & Paul Sr.) is in Jongny. iris@stippmaas.com

UK

Ann Taylor is living in Bethersden. annmtaylor@email.com

The **Hayward** family (Aubrey, Gail, Joshua, Robbie, & Harry) left for Melton, Suffolk mid-year. Gail.hayward@easynet.be

USA

Colorado

The **Wankmuller** family (Richard, Jodie, Alissa, & Zach) now call Longmont home.

Florida

From Tampa, the **O'Rourke** family headquarters, comes a report that everyone is doing well. **Kevin '99A** is a firefighter/paramedic for the city of Sanford, FL. **Meghann '01A** graduated from the Univ. of FL in Gainesville a year ago and works in Washington, DC. Cadet **Mary Katherine '03A** is completing her sophomore year at West Point. Congratulations. orourke21@aol.com

Georgia

The **Kitchin** family (Phil, Myra, Hannah, Lydia, & Peter) is now in Alpharetta. Hannah was able to remain with her graduating class, 2006, to complete her senior year at SJ.

From the **Schiller** and **Contratto** families comes a SJ 'small world' story. Peter Schiller and Jameson Contratto were fast friends in Mrs. Wallace's 2nd grade class in '96; soon after, the Contratto's left Belgium. The Schiller family relocated in '01. The boys met



Peter Schiller '07A in his Golden Lions uniform.



Jameson Contratto '07A in his Titans uniform.

again this fall as football opponents in Atlanta. Peter plays tight end for St. Pius X Catholic High School; Jameson plays wide receiver for Blessed Trinity Catholic High School. smithschiller@earthlink.net

Illinois

In April, **Karen and Tim Wheeler** left Brussels for Libertyville.

In Peoria, **Chris and Mike Cunningham** are doing well. They were supportive of the construction of the new Performing Arts Center before their departure a few years ago by the purchase of a theater seat in the family name. We are very grateful for alumni families who have chosen to help us out in this way. chris_euroaussie@hotmail.com

In Dunlap, the **Schaefer** family (Bernd, Sheila, & Quentin) are doing well. Quentin is enjoying his new school, has made lots of new friends, and has earned a Gold Belt in karate. He sends best wishes to all of his former SJ friends, especially Heath. schaeferusa@insightbb.com

New Jersey

The **Yepez** family (Gerardo, Martha Luz, Alejandro, & Maria) relocated from Brussels to Short Hills midway through this school year. msanchez@megabloks.com

The **Willke/Pogorzelski** family (Tim, Dana, Bridget, & Jane) has moved into Mountain Lakes. dnathemol@hotmail.com

North Carolina

In Arden, **Fred and Margriet Charlton** appreciate the Great Smoky Mountains and



Margriet Charlton, 2nd from left & her husband Fred, enjoying dinner in Asheville, NC with a friend & Ms. Gwen Bergman, former high school counselor, during the New Year's holidays.



Coach Dennis Davis & the Alumni Director welcome Colette and Andrew Inaba to the campus and recall their times at SJ before the new sports arena & expanded field were added.

all that Hendersonville and Asheville have to offer. They have a great home with an expansive view of the valley below, and were kind enough to host a visit during the New Year. Margriet has been very active in a range of community programs, but was thinking about going to work at a major hotel in the area. Meanwhile, Fred shares his time and skills with a local retirement community. hivista@bellsouth.net

Ohio

The **Herkamp** family (Bill, Karen, Kelly '06A, & Scott '09A) came over from Cincinnati to visit the school during the fall production of *The Sound of Music*.

South Carolina

The **Damour** family (Tom, Cindy, Megan '03, Ben '07A) also visited the school Thanksgiving weekend from Columbia. It was great to see them; they all miss SJ. tdamour@sc.rr.com or ben_damour@hotmail.com

Tennessee

The **Pilkington** family (Greg, Beth, Ashley, Boone, & Jackson) now call Collierville home. gpilkin100@yahoo.com

Virginia

The **Adigun** family (Abi, Vivien, Daniel, & John) are now in Leesburg. vivienadigun44@hotmail.com

In Ashburn, **Rebecca Ellis '08A** has earned a black belt in karate. Congratulations.

Washington

Jane Inaba, Colette '02A, and Andrew '05A visited the campus in March during their spring break. They were delighted to chat with some of their former teachers and to

have an opportunity to see some of the latest campus additions. Colette graduates from the Univ. of Washington shortly with two degrees, one in Biology, the other in French. She is exploring the possibility of teaching in Japan. Andrew is finishing his first year of college. JInaba@aol.com

The **Ginther** family (Tom, Martha, William, & Anne) has moved to Issaquah. mginthner@aol.com



Jerrie Powell, alumni parent, visited Brussels in early March for her art show at the American Women's Club. Jerrie now calls Houston, TX home. Her works may be viewed at www.jerriepowell.com

In Memoriam



Susan Margaret Masse, 44, of Katy, TX passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2005. She was a SJ parent from 1998—2000. She is survived by her husband, Michael Masse; children, Caitlin Masse '07A and Andrew Masse '08A; parents, Richard and Bertha Dugre of Sanford, Maine; a sister, Michelle Sherman and husband Richard of Springvale; a brother, Stephen Dugre and wife Jean of Waldorf, Md.; nieces, Kendra Sherman, Sarah Sherman, and Kristen Dugre; and a nephew, Nicholas Dugre.

May she rest in peace.

Memorials may be made to:
The American Heart Association
P.O. Box 15186 Austin, Texas 78761-5186

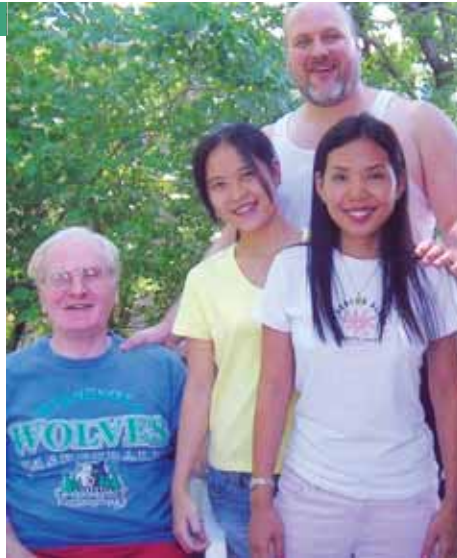
former Staff

David and Marcia Baits continue their educators' journey in Xenia, OH, where he is Superintendent of a local school system, and Marcia is an author and music teacher. Cc_baits@mveca.org

Sr. Beatrice Molyneux fcj, who served as the Principal of St. John's Elementary School for 19 years until retirement in July 2005, recently had her future plans announced. After spending some time with her brother's family in Australia, she went on to visit the fcj community in the Philippines and Indonesia. Around Easter she anticipated being back in the UK to celebrate with more family, followed by a June visit to Waterloo. She will then take up her new mission with the British Province of the fcjs as a member of the Stella Maris Convent in Broadstairs, England. Stella Maris is the residence of the General Superior and the Executive Council for the Faithful Companions of Jesus. (Stella Maris Generalate fcj, North Foreland Broadstairs, Kent CT10 3NR, ENGLAND, UK). We wish her well in her new mission and look forward to having her return to the SJ campus when possible. While she was visiting Canberra, she had a tour of Parliament House by **Chris Reid**, son of **Joan and Bill Reid**. Joan taught 3rd grade at SJ 15 years ago, and their daughter **Te** graduated in '93. Chris works in Education for the government.

Amy Colquhoun, presently at ACS Cobham Int'l School, showed her loyalty to the lions when she and Grant appeared in Paris in March to cheer the boys' basketball team to a 3rd place victory. Amy taught in the high school from '02-'04. amycolquhoun@hotmail.com

Sr. Pat Desnoyers fcj is in Edmonton, Canada. Sr. Pat served at SJ from '97-'98. patdesnoyers@yahoo.com



Dave Schaefer, with his son Dave, wife Moe Moe, and daughter May, in Myanmar.

The first school nurse at SJ ('74-'85), **Jan Ferguson-Karlsson**, is in charge of a successful language consultancy in Stockholm, and enjoying her other roles—wife and mother—as well. Beto, the two-year-old boy they adopted some years ago from Brazil, is a lively 7th grader now, attending an English Int'l School in Jarfalla. Jan.ferguson@conhem.se

Former Middle School teacher **Marilyn Harper** is enjoying retirement, living in Zaventem. mharper@telenet.be

Dean Jacoby, who served as High School Guidance Counselor from '98-'99, continues in a similar position at Princeton Country Day School in NJ. He was pleased this spring to have a chance to watch Josh Davis '05 play basketball for Hun Princeton before the latter's ankle injury. Dean sends his best to former colleagues. Deanjacoby@yahoo.com

Christine Jermihov continues as a teacher in the Minneapolis public school system. Ccj4378@aol.com

Diane Kaufmann & John were pleased to see their older daughter **Katie '99A**, married last August to Anthony Shih. The newly weds now reside in NYC. He works for a Manhattan law firm; she is completing Columbia Univ. Law School and was editor of the Law Review there. Congratulations to all. kaufmann@nb.net



René Mathot, St. John's Maintenance Supervisor between 1994-1998, passed away on Thursday, February 23rd, at the age of 77. René is survived by his wife, Marcelle Marneffe, his children and grandchildren. *May he rest in peace.*

April Lee Marvin-Schuhmacher, who left in '05, continues teaching in The Hague, and wanted to be sure we had her latest email address. April.marvin@gmail.com

Dave Schaefer sends best regards to all of his former colleagues. He is pleased to see all the improvements at SJ and congratulates all those responsible. He himself has two schools in operation in Myanmar. He was surprised in January to greet **Anita (Smith) Pilot**, a former SJ staff member, in his office. She came to inquire about a position at one of Dave's schools; they ended up taking a trip down memory lane. miesedu@baganmail.net.mm

Irene Williams, much admired German teacher for many years at SJ, is living comfortably in retirement in Santa Barbara, CA. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of her grandchildren's lives and highly recommends it. She also attends writing classes, is working on a book, sort of a memoir, and continues to swim as often as the weather allows. She looks forward to hearing from former colleagues. reniwi@aol.com

Last minute adjustments for Katie Kaufmann by her sister, Kathy.



this just in...

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1989

Associate **Crispin Chiwenda** is in Lusaka where he is Business Development Mgr. for *Zambian Breweries*, so if you end up in that part of the world and need a 'cold one,' he's your man. cchiwenda@zambrew.com

1990

Jay **Muelhoefer** is outside of Boston as General Mgr. at *Parametric Technology Corp.* muelhoefer@alum.mit.edu

1994

Associate **Carla Campoy** is Marketing Mgr. in Madrid for *Unico Communication*. She also is the mother of one-year-old, lovely *Gabriela*. She is also working on an MBA in Marketing. She was sad to report that she lost her father last fall to pneumonia, but not before they had a chance to visit the Waterloo campus and recall happy memories. Associate **Davis Stanard's** graphic design business in Ohio is expanding and moving into new offices, which you can see at www.stanardfamily.com.
unicocarla@terra.es
davis@stanarddesign.com

1996

Associate **Rona Mackie** is a Primary School Teacher in Guildford, UK.
ronamackie@hotmail.com

1997

Out in Seattle **Aimee Beauchemin** isn't sitting around sipping Starbucks coffee. She's been busy writing and recording a children's album, due for release this summer. She is also having a children's book published soon. Did I forget to mention she has started a music business called *Love Star Music*, which you can investigate at www.lovestarmusic.net. Good luck on all these ventures. Out in

Ivan Campoy '96A with his niece, Gabriela, daughter of Carla.



Hollywood, Class Rep **Giulia Prenna** is in the center of movie activity, working for a firm called *Gotham Group*, a management and production company. When you see *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (Paramount) and *Creature Comforts* (Aardman Animations and CBS), you'll know who behind the scenes did a lot of the work. She also had info on a few classmates. **Nick Cusnir** is working on an MS in Physics at

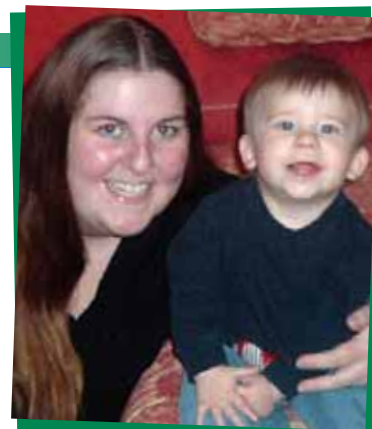


Giulia Prenna with Nick Cusnir.

San Diego State Univ. **Sarah (Koeshall) Jump** moved to Anchorage, Alaska, to work at *Providence Medical Center*. **Natali Krvaric** and **Vaughn Pauls** are marrying in Orlando in Oct. **Tara Sigouin** is a mom (to *Michael*), and working for the Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration in Toronto. She would love to hear from classmates. Anybody who would like to start thinking about a 10th reunion, contact Giulia. **Louise Farrington** is now Head of the Drama Dept. at *Gainsborough Nursery and Infant School*, where she teaches what we would consider a 6-7th grade. Congratulations.
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natali@krvaric.com
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louisefarrington@hotmail.com

1998

Associate **Tim Simmons** (formerly Russell) is Senior Account Mgr. for *Wine & Spirit Magazine* in London. Contact him for your next reunion. The latest on **David Straud**: after visiting China, he returned to San Antonio and landed a job with an environmental consulting firm. Well done.



Tara Sigouin and her son Michael.

In Chicago, **Andrew Thiermann** has been promoted to Implementation Consultant with *Fieldglass*, a software company focusing on temporary labor. He anticipates some travel, maybe to Belgium. He looks forward to hearing from classmates.

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Romandavid78@hotmail.com

Andrew7fc@yahoo.com

1999

Kimberley Cunningham is in South Yarra, Australia working at *Murdoch Children's Research Institute*. **Laura Bell** has popped up in Arlington, VA working for a consulting firm as a Defense Analyst, having earned her BA and MA in Poly Sci and Int'l Relations.

Kimberley.cunningham@gmail.com

wellbornbell@gmail.com

2000

Owen Farrington finds himself in London working for a firm called *Bandwagon*, with the intriguing title of Head of Content Acquisition & Label Relations. This, following his BA from the Univ. of Westminster in the Commercial Music Business. **Serdjan Balach** is a Business Analyst for *Accenture Corporate Strategy* in Chicago, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, which means he's very busy. **Theresa Arco**, for the moment is in Germany, but normally finds herself working toward a graduate degree at *Columbia Univ.* **Allison McLane** is keeping the accounts straight in Denver. Associate **Christian Wetter** is in Stockholm as a Copywriter for the *Berghs School of Communication*. **Kate Gause** is in

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The honor choir performed a variety of numbers under Dr. Fulton's direction.

*For the first time ever, St. John's was privileged to host the **Honor Band and Honor***

***Choir Gala** sponsored every March by the Association for Music in International Schools (AMIS). More than 200 students from 46 different schools in 27 countries throughout the world converged on Waterloo for three days of workshops and a grand finale concert in the sold-out theater of the Performing Arts Center. It was a fantastic gathering of beautiful voices and skilled musicians.*

- Joe Doenges

St. John's would like to acknowledge and to thank those who played a key role in making the Gala possible:

Dr. David L. Brunner—Composer and Conductor; Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at the Univ. of Central Florida in Orlando. His work, *Benedicto*, was commissioned by AMIS and had its world premiere performance at the Gala, with him conducting.

Dr. Kenneth Fulton—Professor of Choral Studies at Louisiana State Univ./Baton Rouge. Also, Chorus master for the Baton Rouge Symphony Chorus and Artistic Director/Conductor for the Linz Int'l Choral Festival in Austria.

Dr. Craig Kirchoff—Professor of Conducting and Director of University Bands at the Univ. of Minnesota, where he conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and coordinates the graduate program in Wind Ensemble/Band Conducting while guiding all aspects of the university's band program

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The conductors & students take a final bow for their outstanding concert.



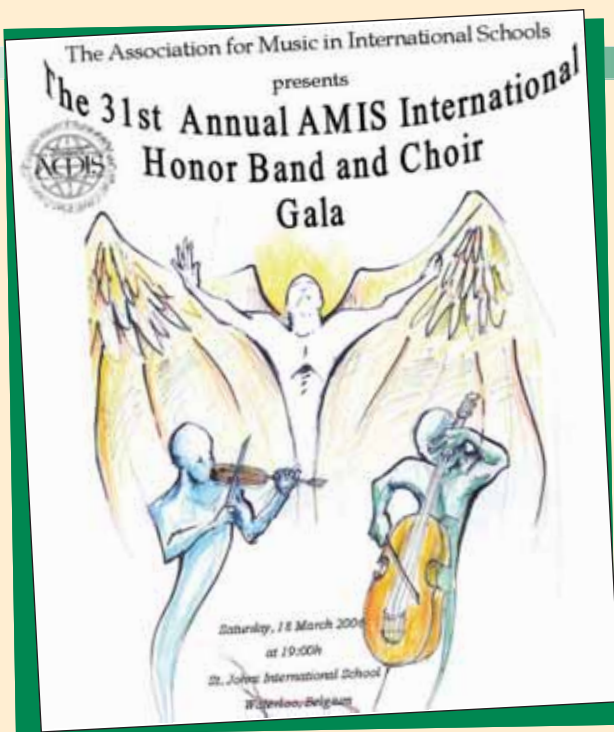
Ms. Cathy Swanson was the busy host for the AMIS Gala.

St. John's was well represented in the honor choir. LtoR: Deborah Taylor '07, John Camarillo '06, Ruth Innes '07, William Martin '07, Brittany Deal '07, & Jong Hoon Kim '06.



To start the gala evening, *Le Musique del la Garde Imperial*, marched in, surprising and pleasing everyone.





The cover for the program was designed by Gordon Court, '04.

Mr. Keith Montgomery—Accompanist. Choral music teacher at the American School of London. Previously, he was choral director at Cairo American College.

Ms. Cathy Swanson—Host of the Gala and St. John's Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator and teacher of music in middle and all high school performance classes.

“Behind the scenes” support from the following was another reason the Gala was so successful:

Branka Court, Alumni Parent
 Annelies Bakker, Alumni Parent
 Lucy Pejškova, Current Parent, and
 the Arts Support Group
 Nadine Tyteca, Current Staff
 Andrea Edwards, Current Parent
 Mr. and Mrs. McGowan

La Musique de la Garde Imperial, Waterloo
 Jean Vinclair and Laurent Devignon, Current Staff
 Jean-Louis Cornez and Yvan Delplanque, Current Staff
 International School of Brussels, ISB
 St. John's International School and Community
 Gordon Court, SJ Class of 2004 (Program cover design) ❀



The members of the honor band also had several days of practice and rehearsals together, here in one of the music rooms in the PAC.



Choir rehearsals for several days in the theater preceding the gala were an important part of the preparation.



Michelle Cornez-Mathot & Atsuko Bersma at the Ikebana Exhibition held in April in the foyer of the Performing Arts Center. Michelle is a student learning the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Atsuko has been teaching it for 36 years around the world. At this 16th annual exhibition, 31 of her students demonstrated their skills. Atsuko is also a former St. John's parent. The work at right is hers.



Nathalie Bersma '91A had a chance to be re-united with Sr. Barbara at her mother's Ikebana Exhibition. Nathalie has her own graphics design firm in Brussels (nathalie.bersma@skynet.be)

The curtain is rising... Have a Seat



...in the new theater, in your name
or the name of someone you care to honor.

Complete the inscription form below.

If paying by check in North America, make it payable to St. John's International Foundation, Inc. [\$US only]. Mail the completed inscription form and the check to: Jack Lyons, PO Box 219, Intervale, NH 03845-0219.

If paying by banque transfer [in Euros], send it to St. John's Int'l Foundation, Account Number 953-0242005-56, Citibank, 1410 Waterloo, Belgium. Mail the inscription form to the school [Drève Richelle 146, 1410 Waterloo, Attn: Development Director].

If paying by credit card online, go to www.stjohns.be, then Alumni, and click the Donate Now button. It links you to a site where you can provide the necessary info to make a secure gift. Mail the inscription form to either the school or the PO Box in the USA (see addresses above).

Seats are \$500 each (400 euros).

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Donor Update

St. John's acknowledges the generosity of the following families and individuals who have donated a total of \$30,034 to the PLUS 40 Campaign in recent months. Total raised is now \$794,241, with over \$40,000 in pledges still outstanding. Names in bold indicate those who have contributed several times to this campaign. Placement reflects cumulative donations.

Director's Club (\$5,000 & above)

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- Mr. & Mrs. Marc Schiller, Alumni Parent**
- Mr. & Mrs. Gorham Cowl, Alumni Parent**
- Mr. & Mrs. Stefan Lehne, Current Parent**

Friends of St. John's Club (\$500 & above)

- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cunningham, Alumni Parent
(previously omitted)
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gambello, Alumni Parent**
- Rev. & Mrs. Kempton Baldrige & family, Current Parent**
- Mr. Michael Innes, Class of 1977**
- Mr. & Mrs. Jong Chul Kim (on behalf of the Korean Community), Current Parent
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Derichebourg, Current Parent
- Congregation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus

1964 Club (\$250 & above)

Sr. Barbara Hughes, FCJ

Alumni Club (\$100 & above)

- Ms. Jane Inaba, Alumni Parent**
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hiltz, Alumni Parent**

A Star is born!

We're creating a 'Hall of Fame' in the new theater. If you want to remember someone who performed in a show some years ago, or more recently (*The Sound of Music*, Honor Band and Choir, or a Spring Concert, eg.), you can honor her or him with an engraved star. Complete the inscription form, following the same instructions as for the seats. Include the name of the person, the name of the show, and, if known, the date.

Stars are \$300 each (250 euros).

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Method of payment _____

Name(s) of person, show & date _____

Thank you!

this just in...

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Maryland working as a Registered Dietician for Aramark. She is getting married this month—best wishes.

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2002

It's too late; you guys missed your chance. **Jannah (Van Gorp) Swink** is now married to lucky Joe and busy as a Marketing Writer for PaperWise in Springfield, MO. She is also working on a MA in Communications. Congratulations. Two of her bridesmaids were **Hollis Rabin** and **Amanda Cushman '02A**. **Binod Sharma** is now working for Xerox as a Customer Service Engineer in Springfield, VA; he has an Associates degree in Elec. Engr. from George Mason Univ. (late of basketball fame).

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2003

In Dublin, **Claire Anderson-Wheeler** is completing the 3rd year of a four-year degree in Law at Trinity College. She plans an internship this summer with the Justice Dept. and also with the Irish Book Review. With her mother in Paris as Ambassador, she hopes to be able to stop by the campus. **Mary Warmka** has completed Florida State Univ. with a double major in Communications and International Affairs. She is applying for a Masters degree there for Integrated Marketing Communications with a focus on the Hispanic market. **Gretchen Kissel** finished another year at Vanderbilt Univ. majoring in the Communication of Science,

The Van Gorp family (Ben '09A, Mr. & Mrs. Van Gorp, Aaron '99) on the big day for Jannah and Joe.



Technology, and Engineering. **David Kuhn von Burgsdorff** is working on a BA in Economics at Hawaii Pacific Univ. In Mumbai, India, Associate **Sonal Bajaj** has completed her 3rd year of medical school; in less than two years, she'll be a doctor. She already makes hospital visits, learning more about patients and the diseases prevalent in that part of the world. She would love to hear from old friends and welcomes contact with anyone who is in the area.

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2004

Chris Hagen is pursuing his degree in Architecture at the Univ. of Westminster. **Christian Folkebo** is studying computer game development and design at the Royal Technical Univ. of Stockholm. **Mauro Mangraviti** continues learning about economics and marketing at *Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia* in Italy. **Mahfuza Mohiuddin** has started her 2nd year at the Int'l Management Institute in Brussels; as well, she is married and happily living with her husband and a baby girl. Congratulations.

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2005

Associate **Stephanie Noble** is adjusting to relatively tiny Haverford College in Pa. after Vienna, Austria. However, she is enjoying lots of music by singing in a jazz ensemble and the college choir, as well as a pop band. She would love to hear from classmates. **Stella Kuhn von Burgsdorff** is studying Marketing at York Univ. in Canada, and getting first hand experience at it as a waitress. **Ravina Lalvani** is studying Biology at Widener Univ. in Chester, PA.



A reunion in Scotland. LtoR: Mary Warmka, Erika Kuehnel, & Johanna Simpson.

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Former Staff

Marilyn Harper is racking up the frequent flyer points between Brussels and Australia—4 trips in 20 months. She joined the 21st birthday party for **Angela Cobb '03A** while there, with the Cobb clan in attendance. Marilyn's son **Allen '87** continues to make money for HP in Brussels, while **Margot '89** has shifted her financial expertise to UBS in Atlanta. **mharper@telenet.be**

Marcia Baits, who visited the school last year with her husband **David** and daughter **Anelise**, is in Ohio, continuing her career in education. **mbaits@netzero.net**. **Anelise** is also back in Xenia, OH, after a stint in Paris. **abaits@yahoo.com**

Former Parent

Alain Fastre is in Mountain View, CA. **alainfastre@yahoo.com**

Helen Mullan is in Glasgow and would like to thank everyone who contacted her following the death of her husband Des. She is very grateful for the thoughtful letters, cards, flowers, and telephone calls. They helped her as well as Kathryn, Andrew, and Eoin to cope with the sudden loss. **themullans@hotmail.com**

Kathy Louis and her daughter **Kimberly '99A** visited the school 3 Apr for a campus tour. Kathy and Greg have returned to live in Brussels from MN. Kimberly is a 5th grade teacher at a charter school in Burnsville, MN. and enjoyed the chance to see all the campus improvements since she left almost 16 years ago.

kimberlylewis@hotmail.com



Hosted by St. John's Early Childhood Conference

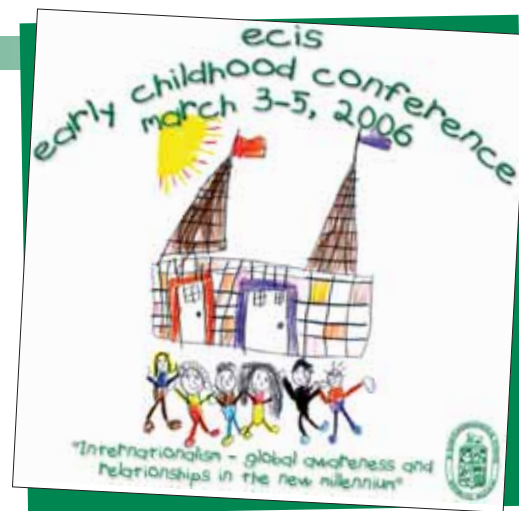
In March, the school was honored to host the 8th European Council of International Schools Early Childhood Conference. The theme was: "Internationalism—Global Awareness and Relationships in the new Millennium."

Over 450 educators from about 100 countries visited St. John's for three days of workshops and presentations on a wide range of issues and topics presented by well-known speakers who traveled from different parts of the world to share their expertise.

The conference was organized by the ECIS Early Childhood Committee, ably assisted by a team of people from the St. John's staff, led by Ms. Pat Dickinson, who is Coordinator of the Pre-Primary Section of the Elementary School. Among the many accomplishments of the weekend, Pat and the team were able to invite the delegates to see 'Timbertops,' the Early Childhood center built on the campus in 1998 and 1999. The teachers and architect worked together to design a facility suitable for educating small children.

One of the dozens of speakers was a former St. John's teacher, Ms. Pauline Cogan, who is developing an early screening test at Trinity College Dublin that will predict which children will experience specific learning difficulties at school.

It was a fine opportunity to offer professional development to the teaching community; to have world-class speakers, educators, and consultants share their knowledge; and to have it all take place on the St. John's campus. Many positive comments were shared regarding the organization, substance, and facilities. ❀



Two children in Primary section work on solving problems together.



Children in native costumes greeted the conference delegates.



The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Ferre Laevers from Leuven Univ., addressing the delegates at the start of the conference.



St. John's children wearing national dress await their opportunity to welcome the conference delegates.

St. John's Economics Team finishes 2nd in international forum



The 'lions' of Navarra, with two university Econ professors. Students, LtoR: Metodi Lazarov '06, Rouben Alaverdian '06, Karim Homsy '06, & Anum Greene '06.

In Feb., high school Economics teacher Ms. Victoire d'Agostino accompanied four of her students to Spain to compete in the European High School Economics Forum, organized by the Univ. of Navarra. They competed with 20 other European high school teams on the case study of Turkey's accession to the European Union. The students presented, using Power Point, for 30 minutes, and fielded questions from an academic jury for about 20 minutes.

St. John's made the short list of the top three teams. They each had to re-present to about 150 people in the finals, which were decided by a popular vote—rather than an academic jury. Unofficially the St. John's team was advised it had the best presentation, but the popular vote carried the day for the Spanish team, with SJ coming in 2nd; ISB fielded two teams, with one coming in 3rd place.

The St. John's 'lions' of economics, like so many teams we field, was international, with representatives from Russia, Bulgaria, Trinidad-Tobago, and Lebanon.

We congratulate them and their teacher for representing the school so well in a challenging, intellectual environment. ❖



Prof. Alexis Tengan, high school religion teacher, is also a published author.

St. John's teacher authors a book on an African narrative tradition.

Dr. Alexis B. Tengan, a high school religion teacher at St. John's, has published this spring a book he wrote entitled *Mythical Narratives in Ritual: Dagara Black Bagr*.

In the words of one reviewer, "the author presents a version of Africa's longest oral recitation of myth of origination, the *black bagr* myth found among the Dagara of Northern Ghana and Southern Burkina Faso, and discusses in detail its historical and literary significance for the society." The book includes "a unique bilingual (Dagara and English) presentation of the *black bagr* narration recorded and viewed live from within a secret rite of initiation. The narration... lasted up to three hours and was performed without interruption by one speaker. The narrative shows to what extent the rites achieve the double purpose of teaching the initiates culture knowledge and giving them new individual identities that will equip them for different social positions in life."

Dr. Tengan earned his Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the Catholic University of Louvain. He is also associated with Lumen Vitae Institute in Brussels, where he teaches a course on Rites of Initiation in Traditional and Modern Societies. His current research interests include mythology, initiation rituals, religion and society, ritual literature, and cultural and development studies. ❖

What they're saying...

"St. John's is one of the finest institutions with the finest people that I have ever had the privilege of working with. For me, it always felt like family."

Judy Baker, former staff, '92-'96

judybaker18@yahoo.com

(Expressed as she re-established contact with the school to hear about former students and colleagues.)

"Let me take this opportunity to say how grateful I am of the educational upbringing I received at St. John's. I am proud of our school and let me tell you, its reputation is recognized around the world."

Dimitris Vartis '97 dv205@hotmail.com

(Noted on the occasion of his engagement, and the publication of an article in *The Journal of Economic History*)

"Your inbox is full."

My apologies to all of you who responded to my latest request for an update. So many alumni sent in material that there was insufficient space to include all of it in this issue, but it will be in the Sept. issue. Thanks, and keep those email updates and photos coming. Teachers especially appreciate hearing about and seeing what their former students are doing.

JACK LYONS

ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Winter Sports Wrap-up

The **boys' varsity basketball** team extended their consecutive winning streak to 87 games over three years, but were upset at the ISSTs in Paris in March by the host team in their 2nd game. Undeterred, the lions resumed their winning ways in the tournament, setting up an exciting overtime game against London in the semi-finals, which saw them come up short, 58—55. In the consolation game the next morning, they easily beat Geneva to secure a 3rd place bronze trophy; Paris defeated London later that day, for the 1st and 2nd places respectively. Seniors Richard Barghash and team captain Benjamin Dupont were selected for the All-Tournament team.

In Vienna, the **girls' varsity basketball** team achieved a 2nd place in their division, but lost a heart-breaker to Cairo, 37—32. They eventually established themselves in 7th place by defeating Hillingdon.

The **Junior Swim Team** kicked and stroked its way to another 1st place trophy this year, while the **varsity Sea Lions**, competing in the ISSTs in Brussels (BSB) and Leuven, tied overall for 8th place with Zurich. The 'Under-15' girls also had an 8th place finish out of 12 teams.

St. John's also hosted the **Middle School 'round robin,' basketball tournament** with our boys' team coming in 2nd place, following a close game against Frankfurt, 60—56. The SJ girls 'turned the tables' on Frankfurt, though, and defeated their girls, 32—30, to earn 1st place honors. This bodes well for the future. ❁



ISST Division 1 Boys' Varsity Basketball 3rd Place winners 2006. LtoR, front row: Richard Barghash, Benjamin Dupont, Joe Faddoul, Laurent Karim, Marc Barghash, Dr. Joe Doenges; 2nd row: Erik Larsen, Jaesung Lee, Billy McGarry, Josh Rafferty, Mike Demyttenaere, Coach Dennis Davis, Asst. Coach Laurent Devignon.



Varsity girls' basketball team

On dry land for a change, the varsity swim team relaxes in the sports arena.



During the early part of the season, 36 SJ swimmers participated in the World Swim for Malaria, doing laps for 1.5 hours, covering a total of 103 km.



The Sea Lions & parents celebrate their winning the Junior Championships in Waterloo last March.



JV boys' basketball team



JV girls' basketball team

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Thanks,

JACK LYONS, ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The 9th annual Tom O'Donnell 5-a-side Football Tournament took place on Sat. 18 March at St. John's with a total of 46 teams—a new high—represented in the junior and senior divisions. They competed with finesse and fun, in order to raise over €8000 (\$9600) for two cancer charities that focus on children.

Perhaps appropriately, the winning team from the senior ranks called itself the 'Supernaturals'—apt because they were gifted athletes, whose skills and sense of humor and fair play, matched that of the young man whom they were honoring—Tom O'Donnell. Also, two of them were SJ alumni—Nick Catt '03 and Kenny Jacobs '02.

Nick was very much involved throughout, helping other teams as well as leading the winners with flair.

The overall organizer continues to be Ms. Angela Slann, high school Information Technology teacher, who has faced some of her own health challenges this year and nonetheless bounced back courageously, to cheer everyone on.

The O'Donnell family and the school community are very grateful to her and to the many supporters and participants who came from around Europe to demonstrate their love of the game, as well as their desire to raise funds for a worthy cause, while having fun and seeing friends. ❖

For more info, check www.toms-cup.com

Tom O'Donnell was aged seventeen when he passed away 25 Sept 1997. Tom had been diagnosed with cancer earlier that year and although he put up a brave and courageous battle against his illness, this was not enough to save him from a disease that pays no attention to age or reason. He had been attending St. John's, and had he survived, he would have graduated with the Class of 1998. He was a beloved friend of many, as well as a soccer player for the school. Since his passing, the tournament has been occurring annually as a way of remembering and honoring him and raising funds for cancer research.

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In native dress, a representative of the Czech Republic answers a student's question.



These young ladies are feeling lucky, having checked out the Ireland booth.

International Festival celebrates the variety of unique cultures and countries of St. John's

On Friday, 3 Feb. the St. John's community came together for its 13th International Festival, a day-long celebration of the colorful and rich diversity of the 50+ nations reflected in the school.

Countries are invited to establish booths in the two gyms, featuring food, handiwork, crafts, maps, flags, posters, information, and attire appropriate to their nation. In most instances, parent volunteers and embassies contribute considerable time and effort to represent proudly their heritage. In addition, a parade takes place through the gyms with everyone wearing native costumes, which are invariably colorful and well-designed. The afternoon is also punctuated with the lively sounds of drums and dances and different types of music.

Throughout the day, students are given an opportunity to come by and sample the food and ask questions about lands they have never seen, but might visit some day.

Many thanks to Ms. Cristina Hermans and her team of superb organizers for coordinating such a wonderful event for the community to enjoy. ❀



The Netherlands 'booth' reflects some of the items for which the country is well known—a windmill, tulips, and wooden shoes.

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