

Doug Slusher ('90) New Alum Chair



Doug, (far right), his 2005 Memorial Day Golf Tournament (MDGT) committee and JIS Peduli/Cares auctioned off a commemorative US flag at the tournament to raise funds for JIS' TAA and FEE as well as other charities. Miles Walker (third from left) the winning bidder at US\$ 6,000, donated the flag to JIS and met with JIS teachers and TAA representatives (from left) David Astbury, Jan Brumby, Helen Hughes and Susan Stengel, FEE Director on the Cilandak campus.



This flag was flown over 10 US Embassies and signed by the ambassadors at each one. The last Embassy was here in Jakarta, Indonesia, where the flag was signed by Ambassador B. Lynn Pascoe. The flag was auctioned off by JIS Peduli at the US Memorial Day Golf Tournament 2005 (US MDGT) to help raise funds for TAA, FEE, Marine Fund, and Yayasan HOG.

Doug Slusher is a technical advisor for Worldwide Movers, Jakarta, Indonesia and has over 12 years of experience in the industry. He graduated from JIS in 1990 and is now the Chairman for JIS Alumni. After graduating from JIS Doug left for Colorado and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business, Marketing and Man-

agement from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Since his return to Jakarta in 1994, Doug has been very involved and supportive of JIS. In addition, he is very active in the community from staging sporting events and chairing American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) activities to organizing

special events. Many of these activities and events benefit Tolong Anak-Anak (TAA), Foundation for Excellence in Education (FEE), Emmanuel's Orphanage, One More Chance Foundation, and various other Yayasans. Currently Doug is spreading the word for all JIS alums to plan on a July, 2010 reunion in Las Vegas.

Jakarta Alum News



(From left) Meilyn Tan ('95), Becky Weimer ('98), Mindy Weimer ('96), Doug Slusher ('90), and Jimmy Masrin ('80) of the Alumni Association having dinner after meeting with JIS Council in Jakarta.



A meeting with key alums in Jakarta to discuss Ownership Linkage Committee-Community Involvement for the upcoming JIS Summit in February 2007 brought together many JIS grads. Dino Vega will be our Alumni representative. for this summit with support from other alumni here in Jakarta. (From left) Arian Ardie ('77), Doug Slusher ('90), Phil Rickard ('86), Meilyn Tan ('95), Dino Vega ('80), Jason Lawrence ('91), and Jimmy Masrin ('80) (not in photo although contributed with feedback: Beth Owen ('90), Mindy Weimer ('96) and Joe Warren ('79).

Henry Weber ('03) Selected as Museum Scholar



The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston is proud to host Williams College student Henry Adam Weber as its first *Steamboat Scholar* this summer. Weber was been awarded the prestigious opportunity to work alongside the museum's curators in a 10-week internship at the Gardner Museum this summer through a generous stipend of \$12,000 from the Steamboat Foundation. Weber is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts in Art History (June

2007) at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. He is the Gardner Museum's and William College's first *Steamboat Scholar*.

As an Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum *Steamboat Scholar*, Weber is researching Isabella Stewart Gardner's travels in Asia in 1883-84 and the influence of these experiences on the creation of her museum in Boston. His work will help prepare the museum for a special exhibition on Isabella Gardner's connections with Asia, planned for 2009. Weber is working closely with the museum's *Curator of the Collection* Alan Chong and *Assistant Curator* Richard Lingner on this and other projects.

Weber lived in Hong Kong, China, and Jakarta, Indonesia, while growing up and has visited many of the locations Isabella Gardner describes in her travel scrapbook. "Isabella Gardner's scrapbooks reflect how inquisitive and insightful she was in her search for art and adventure; they illustrate the process that led to the

creation of her museum," says Weber. "It is fascinating to look at these journals in light of my own experiences as a foreign traveler in Southeast Asia. At the Gardner Museum, I have also been able to observe the diverse responsibilities of a curator, a museum position far more multi-faceted than I had anticipated, but certainly as exciting and inspirational."

In addition to Weber's pursuit of art studio and art history at Williams College, the 21-year-old works during the year at the Williams College Museum of Art and the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASSMoCA) and has participated in a number of art and architecture educational programs. An artist in his own right, Weber has exhibited his paintings, photography, and prints at the Contemporary Artists Center in North Adams, Mass. (Fall 2004/2005).

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What a small world!

Piotr Mirecka Jakubowska (far left) was to join Teppie Takuma (to Piotr's left) at JIS in the years ahead. Apparently Piotr was not happy wearing his stove pipe hat.

One of my seniors, Teppie Takuma, a JIS alumnus whom I have taught since he arrived in the middle of 9th grade, brought a childhood photo for the yearbook today... I looked at the photo - and nearly fainted! Guess who is sitting next to Teppie in a big black snowman's hat?

My son, Piotr! It turns out Teppie had been living in Jakarta as a child and attended the Montessori Kindergarten that used to be located next to the Kristal Hotel. He was three and Piotr was four at that time.



Teppie's family left Indonesia the following year and returned when he was older and attended JIS. Of

course, Teppie had no clue the little blond boy next to him was Piotr, whom he knows quite well.

Beata Mirecka-Jakubowska, High School Teacher

Rugby Reunion



Last December David Wrensen, Jarrod Beckstrom, James Wendt, David Vaught, Jeremy Couhalt, and Curtis Borman returned to JIS and enjoyed a few practices together with coach Tony Dickinson and the varsity team.



David Wrensen, Jarrod Beckstrom, James Wendt, David Vaught, Jeremy Couhalt, Curtis Borman.

A Note from Lissie Wellington:

Hi Everyone! Sophie, Belle and I have arrived and settled into our new home in Williamsburg, Virginia, very nicely. The girls have been really funny with their comments. As we were driving, Sophie said, "There are so many trees here!" and then the two of them were perplexed when we got into the car to go grocery shopping and arrived three minutes later. They both cried, "We're here already?"

I'm working on teaching Sophie "The Pledge of Allegiance" before she starts



school and we're all trying to remember to say "bangs" not 'fringe' and "Ca-PREE-sun" not "Ca-pri-SONNE" so as to minimize the blank stares we've been getting.

As for me, I've realized that I am enjoying this time off just a little too much and that it might be dangerous.

All the best to our friends in Jakarta.

Lissie, Sophie and Belle

A Summer of Reunions

This summer, while my older son Piotr (JIS Alum 2004) was doing an exchange semester in Tokyo, I decided to visit him for a few days and also thought of having a small reunion with some of the Japanese students I have taught over the 23 years I have been teaching at JIS. Before I left, I managed to recall 458 names, largely thanks to extensive archives kept by a former teacher, Mrs. Sylvia des Tombe, who had spent 30 years at JIS before transferring to Moscow American School.



Enjoying the JIS coffee morning together were (from left) Rika Fukushima, Tomoko Tokunaga, Miwa Setagawa, Rintaro Takeuchi, Tsurue Yamauchi, Aya Inamoto, Akiko Togami, Mihoko Yoroisaka, and Shigeki Enya.



Filling up the coffee shop were: (from left, front) Piotr Jakubowski, Keiko Nakagawa, Sumie Kaminaga, Maja Kriegelsteiner, Ayako Takada, Hanako Kawabata, Momoko Hosokawa, Keita Nishizoe, (middle) Takahiro Hasegawa, Akira Hazeyama, Sachiko Yamada, Azusa Sato, Sayaka Asano, Masayuki Sawada, Kayo Nakamura, Kana Ogawa, Ryo Iwahase, (rear) Tsuyoshi Fukuda, Yukari Sawada, Kaori Hayashi, Chihō Izumi, Wakako Hosokawa, Kuniko Nakamura, Back row: Yuki Takahashi, Sohei Iida, Tomoko Fujiwaka, Naoko Saeki, Yukiko Hobo, Yumi Suzuki, Shiho Nishizoe, Beata Mirecka-Jakubowska, Takako Murai and Takako's husband and Tetsuya Kukihara.



Beata with Camiel

I then sent out around 100 emails (using the JIS Alumni database) of which almost 50% bounced back with "user unknown." (A reminder to all graduates – keep the database up to date with your current email address!)

But I also received about a dozen re-

plies – some of my former students were still at various universities, others have just had babies, and still others were working in various places, even in Yogyakarta! Only a handful said they could show up on June 11th at the coffee shop near Piotr's Sophia University Yotsuya Campus.

So we went, Piotr and I, ready to meet about 10+ former students (I had held a Video Club for 12 years at my house, so many of my students also knew both my sons well.)

Can you imagine my surprise when 40 former students showed up?

They had been traveling from dawn on trains from Osaka, Nagoya,

Yokohama to reach Tokyo by noon.

We took over that small coffee shop and talked and talked and talked till 6:30 pm, exchanging stories of university studies, marriages, children and highlights of their lives. Students I'd taught in 1984 and 1995 and 2006 and all the years in between... it was an amazing Sunday...

And later on in Europe I managed to catch up with two more former students, Dutch this time, Marthe Brunsveld and Camiel de Leeuw, whom I taught in 1985-87. This coupled with a reunion with Mr. Gerrit van de Poel, my own former teacher from



With Marthe Brunsveld in Holland

UNIS (United Nations International School which I attended in New York from 1971 to 1975) made this summer truly a fantastic summer of reunions.

**Beata Mirecka-Jakubowska,
High School Teacher**

From Trish Melosh



The Melosh family (from left) Glenn, Michelle, Celeste, Trish and Ben.

I have the day off and for once, alone in the house and able to access to the computer without competition. I want to connect with old friends and wish you a happy new year. I miss you and am making good on my resolution to write more often.

I found a great, low stress job working in maternal-child public health. Most of the cases are happy but there are a few stories with young teen moms using drugs, missing dads or babies needing to be taken away to foster care. I call it my grandmother job because I get to visit a young new mom, play a little with the cute baby and give advice about motherhood.

Many thanks to Betsy and Mark Gathercole for their 'Friends Across the Miles' board, from which many of the photos and letters in these alumni notes were sourced.

Glenn retired. Unocal was bought out and most of the guys working in Jakarta were just swallowed up. But Chevron decided not to keep the small Santa Rosa office and it was disbanded on Jan 13th. Glenn was given a parachute...not golden but not bad. He's made use of old connection to line up work in his chosen field and is off to Chile to once again enjoy the thrill of geothermal exploration.

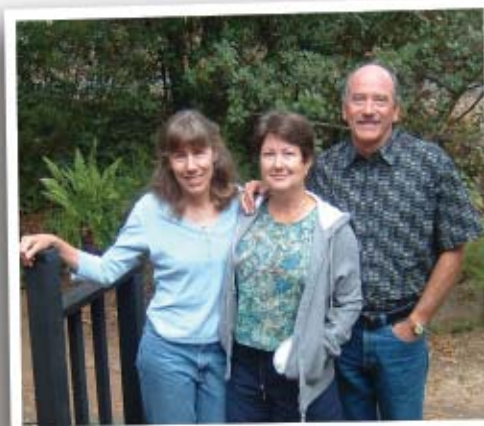
Ben, to our delight, is living with us. He graduated and took a job in geology, working in Santa Rosa doing ground water sampling and drilling for an environmental engineering firm. To save money he's living at home. He serenades us with guitar while we sit outside in the evening breeze. In the morning as he grumbles off to work, he dreams of traveling again.

Celeste just returned from Costa Rica after a semester of study abroad.

Now she's back in Massachusetts with one and a half more years to go to finish a degree in environmental science.

Michelle delights us with her teenage life. She is happy with a group of great girl friends here but faithful to her JIS friends, emailing them.... rather mspacing them almost everyday.

We had a great visit from Bill and Marsha. Darcy is going to a local college so we hopefully will see them more often. Please forward this email



Trish Melosh (left) with Marsha and Bill Medina.

to Michael and Helen Hughes (I wasn't sure of their email address) and to Betsy and Mark G. (for the jis mail board) We also had a visit with Rachael Gerbic and from Jane and Bill.

We are happy living in this peaceful place and enjoy the scenery surrounding our town. If you are ever in N. California, come on by.

**Tricia and Glenn
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Ariyanto wedding



Melanie Ariyanto, daughter of Marianne Ariyanto, a JIS teacher for 18 years, married Nate Brekel in St. Louis, Missouri on February 18, 2006. In the photo are (from left, Marianne, Aryo David Ariyanto, Bambang Ariyanto, and Melanie.

From Tina Ardie



At the wedding were (from left, front) Opi Kaler, Yves Groenewoud ('89), Ayu Rickard, Sian Owen ('88), Beth Owen ('90) (middle) Joji Montelibano ('87), Rosa Groenewoud ('87) (middle rear) Kurt Kaler ('89), Josh Howard ('90), Tina Ardie ('90) (rear) Phil Rickard ('86), Robin Bush ('86) and Madhav Chinnappa ('88). Photographed by Orly Even.

Dear Beth and Will;

May I say congrats on the latest JIS Alumni magazine. Looks great and love the content. Also thanks for including the write-up on Bali Hope in Paradise. We have copies of the DVD in anyone is interested in purchasing them, with 10% of the sale going to Yayasan Sri Kandhi (www.yayasan-sri-kandhi.com).

I have attached pix of Sian and Yves' wedding at Loloan in Seminyak, Bali on December 21, 2005, in particular the JIS reunion group shots.

Best Regards,
Tina Ardie

A Reunion at Dixit Wedding



At the wedding of Vijiti Dixit in New Delhi, January of 2006 (from left): Meghna Alladi ('02), Aditi Dixit ('08), and Dr. Manjula Salomon

Vijiti Dixit (class of 1999) was the sweet and sparkling bride of Kanishk Bhatia (Graduate of Gandhi International School, Jakarta) at the Wedding of the Year in New Delhi on January 6th, 2006.

It was a three-day series of ceremonies and festivities. Each day was

marked especially by a different cultural approach and a different step of the Hindu marriage process. The Dragons came from Canada to Australia, from Japan to Indonesia. Altogether there were 85 people from the Jakarta community in attendance to celebrate Vijiti's and Kanishk's marriage. Vijiti and Priyanka are alumni of

JIS and Aditi is in Grade 9. The Dixit's involvement in JIS events is well known and their generosity and warmth at this spectacular wedding and the happiness of all the JIS alumni as they surrounding the bride and groom and meeting each other made this a very special JIS affair...



(From left): Anne Mathai, Stuart Salomon, Melissa Mathai, Sunita Salomon, Dr. Manjula Salomon, and Jacob Mathai at the reception in New Delhi.

Key West Weekend



In the summer of 2006 some former and current JIS teachers gathered for a little relaxation in Key West, Florida. About to board a sunset cruise are (from left) Barney Latham, Dewey Paul, Robb Sloan, Marlynn Wolkoff, Rosemary Latham, Lisa Bruns, Greg Spechalske, Lynda Paul, Genardo Cuneo, Louise Rozario, and Stan Wolkoff.

TEXAS reunion



From left: Maureen Keating ('77), Jeanna Inks-Black ('74), Cathleen Keating Bauer ('76), Colleen Keating Yarbrough ('76), Joy Beth Stuckey Kurlander ('74) and Debe Campbell ('75).



Greg Raynor, Joy Beth Stuckey Kurlander, Bruce Black, all class of 1974.



Joy Beth Stuckey Kurlander, Jeanna Inks-Black, Debe Campbell



At the 2005 Joint Sound Madrigal Dinner were (from left) Angie Lawrence, Jason Lawrence ('91), Thomas Weber ('91), Katja Weber, Doug Slusher ('90) and Mindy Weimer ('96)

From Rachael Gerbic



At the 2005 ECIS conference, (from left) Dr. Niall Nelson (former Headmaster) with Rachael, Mark Gathercole, High School counselor and Marijke Zwart, former High School counselor.

Hi guys, I have attached the photo of us at ECIS and added a few others. These are some of the JIS folks I bumped into on my round the world trip last year.

ok, enjoy,
Thanks Will!
Rachael Gerbic (former High School counselor)



Betsy LaFontant (Pattimura) and me on bike trip in southern France of Carmen.



Sarah Johnson (Pattimura) in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.



Paul Johnson (no relation) in Umbria, Italy.

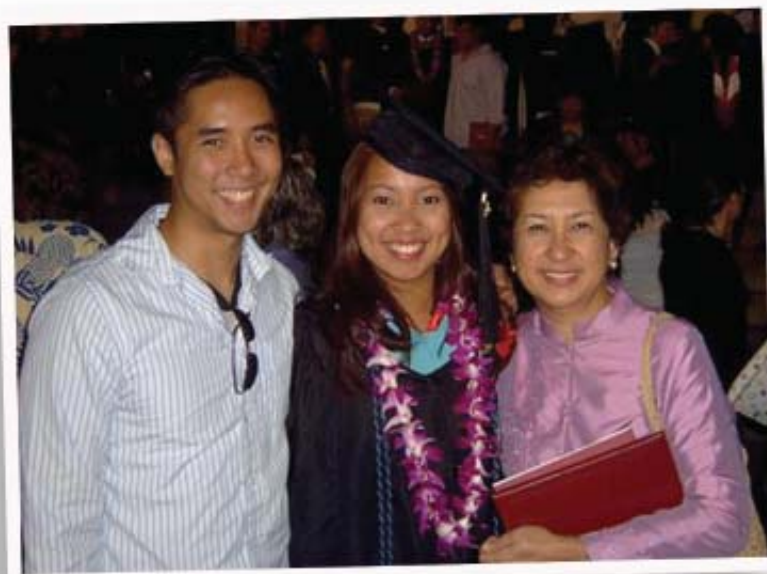
Ryan Johnson ('96) Weds

For those people who remember the Johnsons (Bruce and Linda), this is their son's wedding group (no bride in this one). The young man in the middle at the front is Manjula and Stuart Solomons' son, Sanjay. Also featured are Ryan Johnson, Matt Johnson with his son and Matt's wife.

Bruce and Linda left JIS in 1996.



From the Montemayors



This was taken on June 6, 2005 when my daughter, Donna, got her degree in MA in Special Needs from Santa Clara University, California.

Donna graduated from JIS in 1999 and is presently working as a Special Education teacher at Hydes Middle School in San Jose, California. Also in the photo is my son, Joshua ('98) who also graduated from Santa Clara University. He is now a software engineer for Citrix.

Michael Erwin ('00) Marries



On July 15th in San Diego, California Michael Erwin's wedding created a mini JIS reunion of the Hughes and Erwin families.

In the photo are (from left) Helen and Michael, newlyweds Mike and Wendy, Jim, Kali, Bill, Judy, Nancy, Marc, Marissa, Billy and Matt.



Steve Timmons, on the mend, with his daughters Menden ('00) and Amanda ('03).

From Lisa and Steve Timmons:

Greetings from the Midwest, USA! Steve had surgery on the 5th of July to remove the prosthetic in his right knee which he is scheduled to have replaced on the 18th of August. When he is strong enough, he'll have the left knee replaced, hopefully sometime in September. Lisa has been burning the road between Springfield and Kansas City.

The shipment arrived on July 26th. (Don't tell Steve, but he was right, we don't need all that "stuff." Lisa started her new job in Kansas City at the high school where she worked prior to going overseas. She is a counselor assigned to the vocational students and the sophomore class. She has been observed clicking her heels and saying "There's no place like JIS, there's no place like JIS." All will be well though as she is excited about the new challenges.

Menden is in Springfield working long crazy hours at the hotel and convention center affiliated with Missouri State University. She is happy and healthy. Amanda spent the summer visiting her dad and helping her mom. She has returned from Wyoming where she'll continue her studies in Applied Kinesiology and Nutrition.

We'd welcome news and updates from Jakarta. We think of you often and wish all of you well this year. All the best!

Steve and Lisa Timmons
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News from the Iseris

who were headed to Lebanon before the war broke out:

What a summer! The war in Lebanon that continues to unfold obviously caught a lot of folks who are much better informed than us by surprise. The emails we continue to receive through the school are truly heartbreaking.

Prior to July 12 we were enjoying the great cherry season, being reunited with Rusty, family time in Michigan and the Northwest, cross-country camping trip with dogface and Bradley and the last few days with our eldest. (Yuk-yuk on the last. Though anxious about the future, he can't wait for his 'freedom.')

As the war continued Deb dusted off her nursing license and Doug checked out teaching jobs in the area, no relishing the thought of joining the sub-pool when there were none to be found in this small-ish community. Finally we received offers to go to Saudi Arabia and Oman near the end of July. We decided on Muscat for a few solid reasons: can any of you see Deb walking around 'covered' and did Doug want to substitute shopping for wall-climbing and golf as pastimes, while being Deb's chauffeur?

We leave in just a few days, having to cut the planned summer short by two weeks, but grateful to have jobs. Thank you all for your notes and calls of concern and encouragement. The extra long laidback summer was not meant to be... this year! Hope the school year is wonderful and uneventful for all of you.

Love,
Deb and Men

Bali Get Together



(From left) Josh Howard ('90), Yuichiro Hara ('89 and faculty), Tina Ardie ('90), Sian Owen ('88), Yves Groenewoud ('89) in Jimbaran, Bali on January 2, 2006.



Marc Hughes ('95) Helen and Matt ('96), summer 2006.



The Boll family in Boulder, Colorado, summer 2005.



Celeste Scholz (right), former MS ESOL teacher, and Marianne Aryanto in Chicago. Celeste is now the elementary school computer coordinator at Cairo American School, where Monica Greeley is the current headmaster.



Heather McDougal Melver; Erick and Anika Melver Gerd-Inger, Annelise and Mark McDougal in Sunriver, Oregon. July 2005.



On Safari: The Lollbacks went on safari and met with the Spillsburys in Kenya during the summer of 2006.



Jeremy Smith with Peter Stevenson in Northern Ireland. The Smiths are in Luxemburg

Roger Wolbert Checks In



Louise Dick and Roger, NYC October, 2006.



Widha Chadir and Becky Horner, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June, 2006.



Roger and Marie Green Whitby, Ontario, September, 2006.

Thomas Weber ('91) Marries



Jason Naylor ('91), Melida Weber ('94), Jason Lawrence ('91), Thomas Weber ('91), Katja Weber (not a JIS alum), Doug Slusher ('90), Bryan Frisbie ('91), and Michael Cannington ('91) at Thomas' wedding.

Doug's Photo Gallery

From Doug Slusher's exploits...



Special thanks to US Ambassador B. Lynn Pascoe for again supporting the 11th Annual US Memorial Day Golf Tournament 2006. The US MDGT 2006 has once again provided an opportunity for JIS Peduli/Cares, HOG, FEE, and other charitable organizations to give back to the community and help the less fortunate in Indonesia, especially in light of the many natural disasters which have devastated Aceh, Yogyakarta, and Pangandaman only too recently.

The 2006 MDGT Committee (from left) Rick Soderquist, Marc Festa, Tarry Slusher, Sgt Ray McGinnis, Doug Slusher, Manoj Mishra, G/Sgt Keith Marine, Kenny McKinney, Jeff Newnam. (Not in photo: Jeff Tuttle, Jack Calcote, Wayne Ulrich, Mike Turner, and David Baglivo).



At the Ashford Pub in Houston, Texas, with Natalie Agee (Devenish) ('93), Byran Frisbie ('91), Doug, Justin Yeager ('98), Brett Agee ('91) and Danielle Devenish ('97).



Merry Slusher (Doug's wife), Kim Vopni (Glazier) ('90), Michael Brown ('90), Jennifer Natland ('90) and Doug Slusher ('90) in Vancouver, Canada.



In Seattle, Washington, with Merry and Doug, Kamal Ajam ('91), Riani Townshend ('00), Thane Whiteman (Denise's husband), Denise Whiteman (Slusher) ('87) and their daughter Ellyce.



In Houston with James Marshall ('90), Karen Schuster ('90), Doug, Candyce Ter Haar (Weatherhead) ('90), Jeremy Ter Harr (Candyce's husband).



Justin Yeager ('98), Lars Ronning ('92), Colin Bond ('97), Jose H Ochoa ('98), Geoff Ikert ('98) and Josh Fontenot ('97) in Houston.



In Boulder, Colorado, Doug and Merry with Illias Carre ('91) (far left) and his wife Jackie.



Joe Warren and Doug after winning the 2005 Kalkun Golf Tournament in Jakarta , Indonesia . Joe and Doug were first and second respectively, out of 131 players.

In other news . . .



Nancy and Ron Benedict (seen here in Eugene , Oregon , July 2006) were JIS teachers from 1989 to 1998.



Dave and Jill Windahl in India, October 2006



Pattimura art teacher Jill Carter attended the 2006 teacher institute on Dutch art in the golden age at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., while on professional leave.

Heather Klepper Weds

Heather (Klepper) and Geoff Rodocker were married on the beach July 11, 2005 in Port Sanilac, Michigan. Members of the JIS community attending the Rodocker wedding include Jim and Linda Shedden, (Jim teaches PE at PIE) Jim and Judy Ewrin (currently teaching Middle School at American School of Japan) Mike and Helen Hughes (JIS, Gr 6 and El Music) Bill Tittmus and Jane MacPhail (JIS, MS Art and EL ESOL) Matthew Hughes JIS alumni '96 (currently attending UC

Berkeley), Sage Haring, Marc (JIS alumni '95) and Julia Hughes (American School of Maputo, Mozambique) Heather was a JIS MS dance instructor for two years. Geoff and Heather teach at Singapore American School. Heather continues to teach MS dance and Geoff teaches physical education to Prep Junior and prep reception students and is the assistant varsity soccer coach.



Heather and Geoff Rodocker getting married in Port Sanilac, Michigan, July 9, 2005



Piotr with two of his photos at the exhibition, both of which were featured in Letters to Aceh, produced by JIS and sponsored by Schlumberger in Indonesia

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all who made it to the opening night of Piotr's photography exhibit at the Borobudur Hotel in Jakarta - it meant a lot to Piotr ('05) and, of course, to us as well.

And please let me reiterate that all of you who taught/mentored him at any point have instilled in him a love of art, an appreciation of the world and a compassion for others. You, JIS teachers, have greatly contributed to his growth, and for that, Andy and I thank you from the

bottom of our hearts. I know that you are also extending the same nurturing to Tomek, whom we equally treasure, and who, we are certain, will thrive and shine in his own field one day. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Beata and Andy Jakubowski

Michael Moselle Weds



Michelle and Michael ('02) enjoying their day.



Some of Michael's friends at the wedding included (from left) Dane Vahey ('02), Brad Cummings ('03), Alex Medina ('02) and Kyle Egger ('02)



Former JIS teacher Marsha Medina and daughter Marci were also there to celebrate.

Dear Beth:

I just wanted to say thank you for arranging my visit to JIS. I spent about an hour walking around, reminiscing and taking pictures - wish I'd had someone to share the memories with. We'll have to organize some sort of reunion (maybe in 2012?) in Jakarta.

Some things had obviously changed (and everything seemed smaller!), but I recognized all my old class rooms, the pool area, the Little Gym and Little Theater and so on. The Middle School library (which, of course, used to be the Elementary School library and was the first building I was in at JIS, while I waited for Mrs. Rosenkoetter's Grade 4 class to finish the test they were taking) was open so I went inside for a brief visit. It smelled exactly the same! Had all sorts of flashbacks. Walked into the FAT and reminisced about UN day (must have been fall of 1985).

Had a very nice time at the Shrimp Boil last night too. I saw Thomas Weber and Jason Lawrence (both Class of '91) there - I used to play soccer with them, and as we were talking, realized that Thomas and I played on the same team in 1984 - Bayern. Oh, the memories...

Jakarta truly is a magical place and I feel blessed for my experience at JIS. I hope it will not be another 20 years before I go back.

Lars Ronning ('92)

Hello Beth,

Thank so much for having this alumni website. Fortunately I did find a friend of mine who is a former classmate! From her, I've gotten all my other friend's contacts. I miss them so much. I discovered most of my classmates are still there in JIS high school. Although I couldn't find my favorite teacher, Mrs. Jones who taught me in the 5th grade.

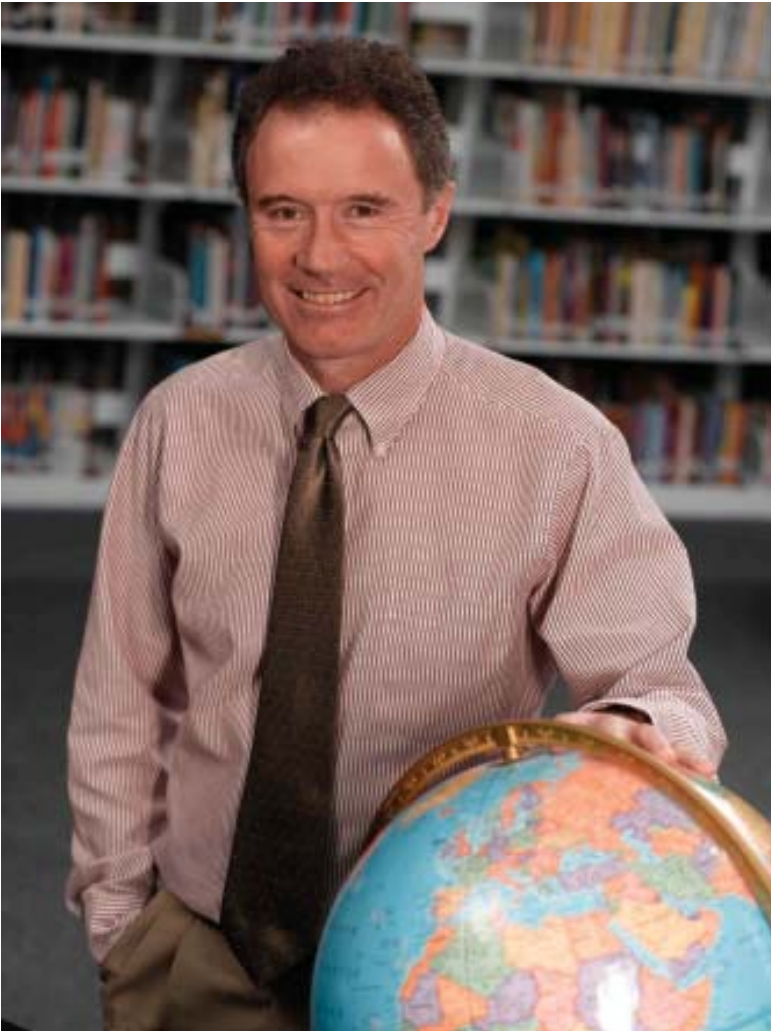
Can I tell you how much I miss JIS? Until today it remains my favorite school of all time. The teachers there were very kind and helpful. The friendships and the bonds I developed with my friends were just incredible. My experience in JIS is unforgettable. JIS molded me into what I am today, I can't thank JIS enough.

I've always wanted to meet my former friends. Are there any reunions, or if one day I'm able to go to Jakarta, is it possible for me to meet any of them?

But the purpose of this email, is simply just to say thank you. Thank very much.

Naif Shazili

Tony Simone Hears 'The Voice' in Moscow



Dr. Niall Nelson in the photo that was projected at 6 x 3 meters in Moscow .

Hi to all at JIS and especially to Dr. Niall Nelson.

Here I am two months into this position in Moscow and still thinking my years at JIS were too short. The weather is turning and the leaves too. You just know that soon this place will take on a whole new personality. The school is a lot like PIE, big and busy. Special Ed. issues carry the day and the 60+ teachers are not 'long timers.' So, on this particular Wednesday

Drew, the Director, was having his once a month meeting with the staff. Of course, being the loyal soldier I arrived early to get a good seat near the (not as good as JIS) snacks.

Drew is a nice guy and is trying to motivate the staff ...we pick colors that represent our personality and get into groups. You know the stuff...group collaboration. Once it is done most of us think - done...now back to our offices or rooms. No chance. He tells us how interested he is in the history of the school and that one of our teachers - Sylvia desTombe (ex-JIS) has taken it upon herself to be the local school historian. Are you surprised? Sylvia...by the way is now a legend here in Moscow . What a lady.

Now I am interested. Anything Sylvia says is interesting. Soon the lights go down and the Power Point begins and who to my astonished eye appears in a 6 x 3 meter color picture? None other than Niall Nelson, with his hand on a globe and that grin (you know the one). Now, you understandI know this guy...the rest of the crowd is in awe. And then ...coming out of eight very large Bose speakers is 'TheVoice'. The audience takes notice as Sylvia asks questions of Niall and he tells the story of the Anglo-American School he taught at in the 70s. So, for 20 minutes or more...Sylvia is asking questions and Niall is giving history lessons. There are occasional quick changes to the former headmaster here, Ellen Stern, and then back to 'TheVoice.'

You really had to be here to get the full effect. Niall did a brilliant job. The crowd gave Sylvia and Niall a round of applause ...and I was proud to say "I know the voice." So, Niall wherever you are....know that Moscow awaits your visit someday. The staff will remember this presentation in more ways than one. As the time started to get to 10 minutes into the presentation and than to 15 minutes, I was almost...just almost, ready to jump up and say "Sylvia...some of us have planes to catch," but I thought it might not be the right time. I have a feeling I might live to say it....at another time.

To all of you...have a great day...and Niall....you are one in a million.....



"Tony the Finger"...aka Harry the Hat..or just Tony.Simone@aas.ru

Joe Wilson ('82)

To Promote JIS Alum sites



Dear Beth:

I'm working on a JIS alumni related project that I would like to share with JISAlums. I created a free and confidential Yahoo Groups mailing list, jis-1982, for my fellow members of the JIS class of 1982. I'm going to track down as many of my classmates as possible and get them to sign up for the group list and increase communication between my fellow classmates. I hope to work with the current moderators of the two JIS-related Yahoo Groups: jis - JIS: Founded April 1, 1999; members 175 and jisalumnicat - JIS Alumni Chat: Founded April 8, 2001; members 78.

I believe these two group lists, jis and jisalumnicat, need to be combined as one group list, jis-alumni, and reorganized. Also, somebody needs to recruit additional JIS alumni to join and I'd be glad to do that. There are several other JIS-related Yahoo Groups, but they were created for specific JIS classes or clubs. I plan to post to each of them from time to time, encouraging their members to join the main group list, jis-alumni, (the combination of jis and jisalumnicat).

Here are a few examples of other JIS related Yahoo Groups... 1) jis-dragons91 - JIS Class of 1991: Founded January 9, 1999; members: 97. 2) isjc - A place for International Students in Jakarta: March 10, 1999; members: 30. 3) class97 - JIS Class of 1987: Founded March 24, 1999; members: 67. 4) ABC_Boleh -ABC BolehTahan (guys from JIS): January 15, 2003; members: five. 5) tolong-anak-anak - Tolong Anak Anak: Founded October 4, 2003; members: 34. 6) gee-unit - g-unit (class of '95): Founded April 4, 2005; members: five. 7) tri_m-Tri M Honor Society: Founded September 10, 2005; members 27. 8) JIS_community - Jakarta International School Community: March 19, 2006; members: five. 9) jis-1982 - JIS Class of 1982: Founded May 6, 2006; members: one (me).

The main reason I want more JIS alumni communicating with each other is so we can organize future JES/JIS all-school reunions. I was involved in all four of the past all-school reunions (JIS Reunion 1990, Fairfax, Virginia, (Washington, DC), JIS Reunion 1995, Anaheim, California, (Los Angeles), JIS Reunion 1998, New Orleans, Louisiana, "2002: A JIS Odyssey—The Voyage Home — JIS 50th Anniversary Celebration," Jakarta, June 2-6, and "The Bali JIS Reunion: Return of the Dragons 2002, Kuta, June 7-9.

I know there have been several reunions since 2002, but they've been for specific classes or groups, not for all JES/JIS alumni. A couple examples are a Mini-reunion for students of Beata Mirecka-Jakubowska, in Tokyo, Japan, June 11, 2006 and the JIS Class of 1996 Reunion, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 23 and 24, 2006. Even though similar smaller reunions take place every year, most often in the USA, especially in Texas and Washington, DC, there hasn't been an all-school reunion since 2002. I really enjoyed those past all-school events, and I'd like to help plan and implement more such reunions in the future!

Sincerely,

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Winners in and out of the pool: (from left, rear) Andrew Busch, Jason McGrath, Joshua Sunga, John Leask, Stefan Winata, Justin Akiyama, Matthew Chang, Ryan Sidarto, Bhavuk Tandon, Lawrence Kerr, (4th row) Nick Kraus, Zhijian Yee, Joon Mo Hong, Sami Badri, Ivor Mollema, Yawer Khan, Dai Kawabe, Jonathan Busch, Jon Edwards, (3rd row) Hyun Ree Lee, Nina Hamilton, Jamila Sudradjat, Sara Laws, (2nd row) Rachel Brady, Franziska Schill, Lauren Jones, Natty Chalermpananupap, Stephanie Whitely, Eleena P'ng, Joanne Round, Melissa Applegate, Lindsay Borman, Manditha Widjojo, Ji Hee Kim, (front) David Round, and Derek Belcher

——Original Message——

From: Larry Borman
 larryb@aquadragons.com
 To: NELSON Niall
 Subject: FW: 200 IM Congratulations

Dear Niall,

At the 2006 IASAS swimming at JIS, Ivor Mollema broke the 200 IM JIS record set in 1989 by JIS swimmer Quinn Carver. Quinn has visited the Aquadragons website (www.aquadragons.com) and we exchanged some emails a few years ago. I sent him an email about the new record (Quinn still holds three varsity records), and gave him Ivor's email address. Below is a very nice note from Quinn to Ivor. This is a great testament to the value of the JIS athletic and IASAS experience!

Best regards,

Larry Borman

——Original Message——

From: Quinn Carver
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 Subject: 200 IM Congratulations

Ivor,



Quinn Carver in the 1988-1989 Yearbook

I heard you broke my 200 IM record! Congratulations! Now...if you break my butterfly times, I *would* be impressed. :D Just kidding, way to go, that record was almost 20 years old. That means you are not only the fastest today, you are fastest thing in 20 years or more.

What does an old swimmer do for fun? I swim for the Masters swim team where I live in Virginia. Once a year I swim across the Chesapeake Bay (see Great Chesapeake Bay Swim on the web). You may find this weird, but even the great swimmers wonder why they do it sometimes. Well, its not that you are learning how to swim faster.

You are learning how to apply your persistence and dedication from swimming to the rest of your life. You are a winner in the pool and out of it. You wait and see!
 Yours in time,

Quinn

——Original Message——

From: NELSON Niall
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Dear Larry,

Thanks for sharing Quinn's note. What a positive impact it must have had on Ivor! As you say, it's great testimony to the athletic and IASAS experience and also underlines our expanding alumni connections. I hope you won't mind if I copy this to Will Woodruff and Beth Owen in case they want to use the storyline in an upcoming Alumni & Community Magazine.

Regards,

Niall