



# ISB NETWORK NEWS

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## REUNION 1996 - DALLAS

Gila Montfort Irving of "Reunion Consultants" will be our reunion coordinator again for 1996 and is in the process of mailing reunion packets to everyone in our data base. Gila attended Nuremberg International School and definitely understands the overseas experience. Her company did an outstanding job for the Clearwater reunion in 1994. Gila, along with Bob Bridges, Mimi Drake Parks and Deb Twing Boyajian will be in charge of Dallas '96. They are all working very hard to make this our most memorable reunion yet.

While attending the OverSeas Brats Convention, we stayed at the site of our '96 Reunion. Those of you who attended Clearwater '94 know we had planned on New Orleans for our '96 Reunion but the cost of hotel rooms and air travel was not in the best interest of our group. As a direct result, we decided to move the reunion to Dallas. Air travel will be very cost effective from anywhere in the country due to its central location, and the fact that DFW is the biggest hub in the central U.S.

Gila was able to find the perfect property in the Harvey Hotel Addison. The stage is set for our '96 theme - "Teen Club Pool Party". Our hospitality suite will open on to the pool. The pool area is very tropical in appearance, with lots of

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## OVERSEAS BRATS NEWS

The 1995 OverSeas Brats convention was held in Dallas this year. Fellow board members Bob Bridges, Jed Davis, along with 12 other ISBers were in attendance. We all had a great time sharing our experiences at ISB with other OverSeas Brats. For the third year in a row we won an award for our display. I won't go into the details here, but trust me, it was impressive.

Some of you may not realize how much the ISB Network benefits from our affiliation with OSB. These people seek out and locate all overseas brats. As a direct result, we are contacted by alumni all the time and referred by Alumni Groups from other overseas schools. In addition, I feel we always benefit from these gatherings, mainly because the participants of the OverSeas Brats gathering are for the most part, board members, reunion committee members, reunion planners, and sales people from hotels all over the country. The networking of ideas between the different groups is invaluable.

Most of the Alumni Groups affiliated with OSB are on-line, and we are in touch almost daily. ISB and OSB have homepages on the WEB, as do many other OverSeas Groups. The ISB Network has an area currently under OverSeas Brats message board, located in the Military City On-Line (MCO) on America Online. We have 50 or so postings and have located many alumni as a direct result of the Internet. As a matter of fact, I would venture to say that 50% of our latest finds have been through the Internet. John Dammon is currently working on our own Homepage on WWW. We will begin publishing email addresses in all future ISB Network mailing lists. You can send updates directly to Babette Trout Dammon at: ISB BRAT@aol.com (note the space between ISB and BRAT). We are very popular with the other overseas schools. I have been told many times how much fun we are, and how much they enjoy our presentations on ISB. Next year the OSB Convention will be held in Breckenridge, Colorado. I hope anyone who can will attend.

Dave Wilkerson, '71  
President, ISB Network, Inc.

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## THANK YOUs

The following letter was received from Kate Johnson, class of '76.

"Dear ISB Network:

I have been meaning to write to you to thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the alumni of ISB. Since I need to send in my dues, I thought I would take a moment to do just that.

I have attended several ISB reunions over the past 10 years and have greatly enjoyed seeing my old school friends. Bangkok was by far my favorite place of all the different foreign countries I grew up in. However, I left there in the middle of 10th grade and graduated from high school in Montevideo, Uruguay. When I would be at the ISB reunions I couldn't help but think of some of my old friends from the Uruguayan-American School. I really wished someone would organize an alumni association for that school.

Well, the ISB Network inspired me to be that someone. I got together with another friend from my graduating class and we organized the school's first ever alumni reunion. We also publish a newsletter and address list. Besides future stateside reunions, we have plans in the works for a reunion in Montevideo in 1998 to help the school celebrate its 40th anniversary.

So you see, I probably have a better understanding than just about anyone else as to how much hard work all of you put into running the ISB Network. I never realized before just how time consuming it is, not only in locating people, but also in keeping the database up to date. I know how much time I spend updating our database and we only have around 450 names (which is pretty good considering that the high school only had about 40 students at any one time). Considering the size of ISB, you really have quite a task in keeping everything current.

Besides the ISB Network itself that we've used as a model for our own UAS alumni

association, there are a few individuals I would like to thank. Mimi Drake Parks was invaluable in helping us to get things started. She spent lots of time on the phone with me, giving me some great advice and tons of moral support. Joe Condrill of Overseas Brats also gave us some good advice and another perspective. To help us with the reunion, we hired Gila Montfort of Reunion Consultants. We couldn't have done it without her. She handled everything and allowed us to relax and enjoy the weekend with friends we hadn't seen for almost 20 years.

I also want to let you know that I understand how it is when all the correspondence goes one way. You send out various mailings throughout the year and except for once every couple of years when we send in our dues, you never hear from us. I want to let you know that I certainly appreciate all your efforts in keeping ISBers in touch. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Kate Johnson, Class of '76"

### .... FROM THE BOARD

I would like to thank everyone who sent in address updates, and the information requested in the dues reminder postcard - especially maiden names!! It is extremely hard to find married women in the database without having their maiden names, especially when their first name is Mary or Kathy. I would also like to thank the people who have taken the time to thank the Network for their hard work. It's nice to be appreciated.

Babette Trout Dammon, '72  
ISB Network Data Control Officer

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**Purpose:** ISB Network Inc. is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to bringing Alumni of the International School of Bangkok together to support, maintain and create contacts between people who shared similar experiences in Thailand.

**Rates:** \$40.00 for 2 years. \$35.00 if paid before January 31 of the year of enrollment. Enrollment includes three (3) newsletters a year, a membership/address list with updates, access to voice mail (see below) and updates about reunions. Extra copies of the newsletter are available at \$2.50 each and membership lists at \$15.00 each. Membership lists are available to Network members only and are not to be used for commercial mailings. Call for advertising rates.

**Access:** Submit dues, by check, made out to ISB Network, to:

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Problems, questions, answers and/or general interest, contact the ISB Network Voice Mail at (410) 280-2421

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by Carolyn Doggett Smith

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## ISB HISTORICAL VIDEO

### PERSPECTIVES (REFLECTIONS)

This 28 minute video on the history of ISB is available for a \$10.00 donation payable to ISB Network, Inc., P.O. Box 3429, Annapolis, MD 21403. Many scenes of the new campus are included as well as interviews with graduates and teachers. Don't miss this well-produced documentary.

## 1994 ISB REUNION VIDEO

The 90 minute video contains clips of the 1994 Reunion in Clearwater, Florida. All of the major events are covered including the banquet/dance proceedings on Saturday night. To order this video, send a check in amount of \$24.95 payable to:

Creative Video Services, Inc.  
1507-C Kaliste Saloom Road  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508  
(318) 989-9310

Include your name, address, phone number(s), and the number of ISB 1994 Reunion Videos desired.

## IN MEMORIAM

### DAVE McALVAGE

We are sad to report that on May 4, 1995, Dave McAlvage, ISB Class of 1971, passed away in Portland, Oregon due to AIDS. Those of us fortunate enough to have known Dave will remember his ever smiling face, uplifting moods, and caring heart. He was one of the few people that never knew a stranger.

Most of you know Dave's sister Jill McAlvage Smith, class of 1973 either from your years at ISB, or through the Network reunions the last 10 years. She is one of the charter members of the Network.

### CHARLES HOLBROOK

The ISB Network has just learned that Charles ("Charlie") Holbrook, Class of 1968, died February 7, 1994 in Guaymas, Mexico. While at ISB he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Erawan staff. Charlie went on to college in Virginia, but had lost touch with us over the years.

## ISB NETWORK AND ISB GO ONLINE

For a year now, people have been able to access our forum under America Online courtesy of OverSeas Brats. The forum is used to post messages regarding upcoming events, reprint articles that appear in this newsletter, and to find "lost" classmates.

Our forum can be accessed under America Online by using the following sequence:

- 1) Select "Go To" from the AOL menu
- 2) Select "Keyword"
- 3) Type in "brats" and press ENTER
- 4) Select "Overseas Brats Message Board"
- 5) Select "BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL" from the list of schools displayed.

At this point you can view the existing messages and respond to them (if applicable), or post your own messages to try and locate people.

Recently, ISB itself has published a WEB page on the Internet. To access the ISB WEB site, follow steps 1) through 3) listed above, then:

- 4) Select "Organizations & Schools - WEB"
- 5) Select "School Homepages"
- 6) Select "Thailand - Int'l School of Bangkok"

The ISB WEB site can be accessed directly at:

<http://taygate.au.ac.th:80/web/isb>

From the ISB WEB page one can find a current list of teachers, their email addresses, and a list of scheduled events.

## NEWS FLASH!

The ISB Network now has its own WEB page. The address is:

<http://members.aol.com/ISBNETWORK/isbn.html>

Here you can find network information, reunion information, and a list of known email addresses for ISB Alumni.



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greenery, as well as a "Texas size" hot tub that will hold 30-40 people, and a workout room pool-side. The pool is shaped like a large clover leaf and is surrounded by large areas covered in astro turf. The hotel management is very clear on the needs of our group and has assured us they will make this a reunion to remember. They have indicated that we will be able to socialize pool-side as late as we want. In addition the hotel is located within 2 miles of over 150 restaurants. There are many other attractions in the Dallas - Ft. Worth area: Six Flags over Texas, Billy Bob's in the Historic Stockyard area of Ft. Worth, the infamous Texas Book Depository Museum just to name a few. We have been told that former Teen Club Band members "The Still Remains" plan to perform for us on Saturday night. As many of you already know, they were a big success at our Clearwater reunion. Clearly this reunion is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet.

Hmmm.....pool-side party, talking over old times with old friends, heavy hors-d'oeuvres Friday night, Teen Club pool party with House games and, yes, more reminiscing Saturday, hoarse but not beaten, dinner dance with 'The Still Remains' live Saturday night, and Sunday Morning Brunch to wrap up the festivities..... Wouldn't miss it for the world!! See ya in Dallas!

Dave Wilkerson, '71

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(Address correction requested)

