



ISB NETWORK NEWS

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REUNIONS

by Mimi Drake Parks '73

I find it interesting that I always consider the last ISB reunion to be the best one yet! I've attended all of them, since the inception of the Network, beginning with the first in Atlanta in 1984, San Diego '86, Boston '88, San Antonio '90, Seattle '92, Clearwater '94, and the latest, Dallas '96 rates the best ever!

Each reunion has something special about it whether it is the location, year, people or events. I'm sure each of you would agree that your first reunion was probably the ultimate of reunions. I think that's because the first reunion finds you in a state of disbelief that there really is a group, we really are together in one place, and you just can't believe you are actually seeing people you thought you'd never see again after you left Thailand.

The reunions have changed for me now. I have found that they have become "home" to me. I go to a reunion and sometime during the first 8 hours I discover that the protective outer shell of me has slipped away and the real "Mimi" is there. I know it's because I feel comfortable, accepted, loved and at home. It is the one place where people don't ask me "where in Georgia is Bangkok?" You see, Georgia has a Rome, Cairo, Boston, Athens and Arabia! They certainly don't pronounce them that way, but I've learned the hard way how to say their names. My point is, it really doesn't matter where we end up going, because wherever we are, it's the "we" that matters. Each reunion is special for me because that's where my heart is - and you are my heart!

Reunion Notes

Thank you again to "The Band" for super entertainment! If you heard them in Clearwater - they were 10 times better in Dallas. To the band members- your long practices, time, effort, talents, and money paid off. You were Excellent! Bob Bridges asked Amos Ewing to be our MC for the evening. Amos kept us in stitches and jaws that hurt from laughing and even tears as he treated us to one of his comedic routines. Thanks tons, Amos!

As the reunions move to other locations, it is difficult to contemplate the possibility that we won't have such great



Hanging out by the pool in the bright Dallas sun, socializing with friends during the Dallas '96 Reunion.

coordinators of events as we had in Dallas. Thank you to the Ewings, the Nibblets, Dave Elder, Dee Medlin, Joe Condrill, Greg Merritt, Mark Brandes, the recruited House Captains, the players, and the spectators for the silly and fun Teen Club Poolside games, selling, registration, organizing, transportation, music, love, time and support! **A GREAT REUNION TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE** and isn't it wonderful - they're all ISB'ers!

P.S. We hear Mimi was a great hit with her 11 year old son, the neighborhood kids, and her second grade class when they discovered she'd ridden in the same limo Celine Dion had (thanks to Greg Merritt's limo service)!

1997 NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

For many reasons, we are behind on our newsletter schedule. We will therefore be distributing five newsletters this year. The remaining 1997 newsletters will be distributed at the end of April, June, September and November. Board members, please ensure that you have your articles to me two weeks prior to the end of these months. If anyone in the Network wishes to contribute an article, such as a "My Turn", either mail it to me at the address on the next page, or e-mail it to khatton@aol.com. Pictures are always welcome, and they will always be returned.

Keith Hatton, editor.

Seeking Clues to a Classmate's Fate

by James Kelly Gould

I can't really remember the exact year or date that I received the letter from Mrs. Meier. I can remember feeling very sad and disbelief that one of my best friends had been killed. Mrs. Meier, my teacher at the Bang Sue campus, wrote me a letter telling me of Phil Little's tragic death. She said there had been a traffic accident of some kind; alcohol had been involved. The letter was misplaced and I went into a stage of denial, until last year.

After I found the Overseas Brats WWW site, I thought it would be a great tool in trying to locate former classmates and possibly, the truth about Phil's fate.

Philip W. Little and I met during our 8th grade year (1970) at the Bang Sue Intermediate campus of ISB. I don't exactly remember how we met, but we became instant friends. I have many great memories of the adventures that two fourteen year old boys shared while living in the exotic city of Bangkok.

The year now is 1997. My reason for writing this article is to ask for your help in finding out what happened to Phil. Ever since I received that letter, I have had an inner drive to locate his family. Exactly what I would say to them,

I'm not sure.

Recently I had spoken to Brian Lane, another former ISB student who was friends with Phil and me. He told me that there had been a serious traffic accident in Bangkok in which several ISB students had been killed. Apparently a car went off the bridge on Soi 21 by the Teen Club, the windows were rolled up and the car plunged into the klong. The accident happened sometime between 1971 and 1972.

I would like to know exactly what happened. Perhaps some of you reading this might remember Phil or the accident. I would appreciate it very much if you could contact me with *any* information. I currently reside in Deerfield Beach, Florida. My e-mail address is jg1way@safari.net and my telephone number is (954) 426-4693.

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.

Dinner Out in New Mexico

Kate Johnson '76

Several of us ex-ISBers got together for dinner at a local Thai restaurant. Harold Billups '70, Derrick Billups '74, Janet Jones Hindman '73, Mark Blanford '73 and I met at the Thai House in Albuquerque for dinner one Saturday last September.

We brought photos and yearbooks and had a lot of fun looking through them and talking about "the good ole' days" at ISB. Mark had brought the photo from the reunion for the class of 1973 that was held in Dallas. It was fun to compare that photo to the senior class photos from the 1973 Erawan.

Everyone said that they had a great time and expressed an interest in doing it again



Derrick Billups, Kate Johnson, Janet Jones Hindman, Mark Blanford and Harold Billups pose at the Thai House

sometime. We are hoping to do this when Carol Jones Bostick '75, Anne Smith Smith '73, Marian Smith Ciepiela '72, Ron Pennington '66 and Gretchen Schmader Batton '64 can join us.

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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.

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From the limo ride from the airport ...



to the house games by the pool ...

REUNION '98

The Board of Directors voted to hold the next reunion during the summer of 1998. The location and date have not been confirmed as of this mailing. We will target the first weekend in August (1st choice), 2nd weekend in August (2nd choice) or the last weekend in July (3rd choice). The board is considering a location in the western section of the continental U.S., focusing on the Phoenix area, Las Vegas or San Diego. These locations are subject to change if the locations become prohibitive due to transportation, finances or availability.



to the Saturday night entertainment provided by the "Still Remains" - Terry Rogers Bishop '72, Peggie Hatton, Babette Trout Dammon '72, Mike Jepsen '70 (on drums - hidden), John Dammon '69, Kevin Fahrenholtz '69 and Keith Hatton '70 - there were good times to be had by all at the Dallas '96 Reunion.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ISB Network Board of Directors has accepted the resignations of Bob Bridges and Jed Davis, pending their replacements, this year. Their terms as members of the Board of Directors expire this year. Both Bob and Jed have contributed innumerable resources to the Network. We thank them gratefully for the years of time, money, travel, ideas and help they have freely given to building the Network.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW WILLING AND ABLE NETWORK MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR THE NEXT TERM (4 years minimum).

If you are interested, please contact one of the board members for more information (see the listing on the bottom of page 2 or our web page).

Our Network President, Dave Wilkerson, will also be stepping down from the office of President when his term expires this summer. Dave's leadership has been invaluable to the Board. Thank heavens we will not be losing him. Dave will rotate onto the Board and will be responsible for marketing and operating

"The Shack Mercantile", our network gift shop.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE READY TO LEAD THIS ORGANIZATION, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER.

Mimi Drake Parks '73

Dodie Reagan '74 In Memorium

Our sympathy and love is extended to the family of Dodie Reagan '74. Dodie died Monday, Jan. 20, 1997. Our love and prayers go to Paul '72, Kyle '76, and their parents, Carolyn and Jack Reagan. Many of you will remember that the Reagans attended ISB in the early '70s. A memorial fund has been established if you wish to contribute: Memorial Fund for Doreen Reagan, St. John's Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101.

THE SHACK MERCANTILE

An ISB Network store has been established named "The Shack Mercantile". Below you will find a price list on items from The Shack. If you would like to order items, please send your check payable to The ISB Network, Inc. to David Wilkerson C/O Techstar Services, 750 Cowan St. # 9, Nashville, TN. 37207 (615) 242-2925. All proceeds go to the ISB Network.

Store Item	Price
Black T-Shirt with Gold ISB Logo	\$14.00
Grey T Shirt with "I Survived Youth In Asia" Dallas 96 Limited edition	\$11.00
Black Track Shirt (tank top) with Gold Panther and ISB lettering	\$17.00
Black Track Shorts with Gold Panther and ISB lettering	\$17.00
Black or Gold Sweat Shirt with ISB Logo (please specify color)	\$20.00
White Golf Shirt with ISB Logo	\$16.00
Black or White Baseball hat with ISB Logo (please specify color)	\$ 6.00
White Golf towel with ISB Logo	\$ 6.00
Black Bicycle Shorts with ISB Logo	\$22.00
White (button up) Baseball Shirt with ISB Logo	\$18.00

Add \$2.00 for each T-Shirt and \$3.00 for each Sweat Shirt when ordering XXL.

Add \$3.00 S&H for U.S.Postal Service or \$5.00 for UPS. If ordering from overseas, please contact Dave Wilkerson by letter, e-mail or phone first to determine the shipping, handling and duty amounts (where applicable) to add to the order.

A current "Shack" item and price list is always available by visiting the ISB Network home page at <http://members.aol.com/ISBNETWORK/isbn.html>.

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(Address correction requested)