

ISB NETWORK NEWS

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The Sea Port Marina Hotel as viewed from the entrance

1998 Reunion Long Beach, California

The ISB Network's 1998 Reunion will be held at Sea Port Marina Hotel in Long Beach, California, August 7-9 (Friday through Sunday). The cost is an extremely reasonable \$79/night for all rooms. This rate is good for August 3-13 for those of you who want to arrive early or leave late. The reunion registration fee has not yet been finalized, but will be around \$90/person.

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Mother's Beach on the bay is less than half a mile from Sea Port Marina Hotel

Sea Port Marina is perfect for our group - the hotel features a restaurant, bar, gift shop, ballroom and meeting rooms. There are two eight foot regulation pool tables in the bar. Two party rooms will be provided for us. The hotel overlooks Long Beach Marina and is three blocks from two swimming beaches: Mother's Beach on the bay and Horny Beach on the Pacific Ocean. Seal Beach (a surfing beach) is less than two miles from the hotel. Many restaurants and major tourist attractions are close by; the Queen Mary and Disneyland are within 15 minutes of the hotel. Arrival and departure will be easy with the Long Beach, Los Angeles International, and Orange County Airports 15, 30 and 45 minutes away respectively. Shuttle fees are approximately \$30 round trip from LAX or Orange County. The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the Long Beach Airport.

The reunion committee is working hard to make this the best reunion ever. The committee members are:

> Glenn Connolly (W) (213) 848-5306 (H) (818) 362-9389 Carol Cole Shennenberger (H) (562) 420-3846 Dawn Twing VanAllen (H) (909) 629-2062 Maile McCroskie Busby (H) (714) 673-4632

Further details and registration information will be provided in upcoming newsletters. You can also check out our web site for information as it becomes available. The address is listed on page 2 under the ISB Network information section.

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as you can!! See page 2 and the advertisement on page 3 for details on making travel arrangements.

Reunion 1998 T-Shirt Logo Contest

The ISB Network is sponsoring a contest for the best logo to go on T-Shirts that will be available for purchase at the 1998 reunion. The subject will be the same as the past two reunions ("I Survived Youth-In-Asia"). If you would like to enter, send your idea(s) for a logo to:

Dave Wilkerson c/o Techstar Services 750 Cowan Street, Suite #9 Nashville, TN 37207

The winning entry will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to The Shack Mercantile.

Reunion 1998 Travel Arrangement Options

Option 1

Dee James with Aloha Travel has cut a deal with American Airlines (the primary server for Long Beach Airport) where a 10% discount is offered for ISB'ers who call to make travel arrangements for the reunion before June 1, 1998 to any of the Los Angeles area airports. Bookings to the reunion after this date receive a 5% discount. To receive your discounted airfares, call Dee at 1-800-327-8867.

Option 2

Maile Busby '67 informs us that, as part of a special promotion, America West Airlines is offering 5% off the lowest available fare for tickets booked in advance for flights into the Los Angeles area and zone fares for those who can't decide until the last moment.

Maile has also offered to assist with ground transportation from the three major area airports by prescheduling Southern California Coach to meet arriving ISB'ers and take them to the Sea Port Marina Hotel. Call Maile at home (714) 673-4632 or the office (800) 714-2359 for a fare quote or, if you're interested in ground transportation, give her your flight schedule and she will group ISB Reunion attendees together to maximize coach savings.

ISB Network Membership Renewal Reminder

Join The ISB Network for only \$40.00. The two year membership period starts January 1, 1998 and goes through December 31, 1999. Get your dues in before January 31, 1998 and pay only \$35.00. If you are not currently a member, you'll also get a complimentary copy of the 1997 ISB Network Mailing List which will be coming out in the next couple of months. Your membership includes three newsletters and an updated mailing list each year. Just send in your check or money order to the ISB Network return address on this newsletter.

The ISB Network will soon be accepting credit cards for membership, membership renewal, reunion registration fees, and Shack Mercantile purchases.

Bangkok News

Anyone familiar with the World Wide Web knows that current information from all parts of the globe is no more than a couple of keystrokes away. One of the home pages I came across in my virtual travels was the Bangkok Post home page. It is updated daily with excepts from its news stories, and is very well done.

When I was going to ISB (late 1960's), I used to enjoy reading the art critic columns written by Bernard Trink (Bangkok Post) and Harry Rolnick (Bangkok World). When I first found the Bangkok Post home page, there, to my surprise, was a column by Bernard Trink. I fired off an email to the Post's web administrator inquiring about Harry Rolnick. It turns out he moved to Hong Kong to work as a journalist there. He is now living in New York City and writes articles under contract for the Bangkok Post.

For those of you who are interested in checking out this web page, the address is:

http://www.bangkokpost.net

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ISB NETWORK INC. P.O. Box 3429 Annapolis, MD 21403 (410) 280-2421

email: ISBNETWORK@aol.com Web: http://members.aol.com/ ISBNETWORK/isbn.html

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

Please mail, email, or fax newsletter articles to:

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The most recent address that I have for ISB is:

http://www.isbtel.th.edu

However, I have been unable to connect to this home page. Apparently this name is either not valid (although, it is known on the network), or ISB has not been keeping their web site active. I will try to find out more about this and provide an update next newsletter. Keith Hatton '70

Christmas Ideas

Well, Christmas is around the corner (already!?) and do we ever have great Christmas present ideas for you. How about signing a friend up with the ISB Network. Note the price break on the two-year membership fee if you order a membership before January 31, 1998. You can also purchase items from the "Shack Mercantile" which make great Christmas gifts to fellow classmates, friends or members of your family. A complete list of the "Shack" items available for purchase is on page 4.

Excerpts From Joe Condrill's Memoirs

December 23, 1971 - Christmas Dance

I left home at 7:10 PM for the Christmas Dance at the Teen Club. Mrs. Warnock had said that Bob Hope might stop by and pay us a visit. When I arrived at the Teen Club, the tables had already been set up and some had already eaten dinner. The band responsible for the entertainment was "The Hunters".

Bob Hope did not come, but Colonel Cody (who is in charge of the Bob Hope Tour in Thailand) did, along with Bob Hope's entourage (Miss World and Miss U.S.A were among them), Vida Blue (pitcher for the Oakland A's), and the soul band, "Sunday's Child". All of the women in Bob Hope's tour were very friendly and good dancers. There was a constant stream of people requesting autographs and photographers were everywhere. I danced most of the evening. The dance floor was always crowded and I was always bumping into someone.

December 24, 1971 - Midnight Mass

We arrived at Crown Chapel at the same time as the Smiths.

ISB REUNION '98 Long Beach, California!! Book early and save 10%! You must purchase your ticket by June 1, 1998. Book late, save 5%! Call Dee James Aloha Travel

1-800-327-8867

I sat next to Elaine Wilhelm this evening. The distinguished visitors tonight were Mr. Bob Hope and Mr. Jim Nabors. Jim Nabors sang a beautiful solo with the choir.

The priest who spoke emphasized that Mr. Hope was spending time in Bangkok in hopes of obtaining permission to perform in Hanoi from the North Vietnamese office here. When mass ended, the "Merry XMAS's" (kissing) began. I exchanged Merry XMAS's with Barb Aleska, Madolyn Smith, Mary Jane Welsch, Cathie Cody and others.

Reflecting, I hope that Mr. Hope gets to go to Hanoi to enhance the possibility of peace in Indochina and, Godwilling, on the Indian Sub-Continent. It all sums up what the priest said earlier: "...without love in this world, there can be no peace."

Bands Wanted

If you are an ISB alumnus, currently in a band, or can get one together, and wish to provide the live music for the Saturday evening Dinner/Dance at the 1998 ISB reunion, please contact Dave Wilkerson '71 at (615) 242-2925. Live music was provided by ISB alumni at the past two reunions with great results.

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, Inc.

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
Indian Sandals (Water Buffalos) ** NEW **	\$20.00/pair

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)



