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ISB "TAHO" REUNION 1998

Wow, can you believe it. It's three and a half months until the 1998 ISB Reunion to be held August 14 - 16 at the Seaport Marina Hotel located in Long Beach, CA. Things are on track for this to be the biggest ISB reunion in the history of the ISB Network.

Theme

The ISB Network recently received an email from Kathy Stahlman '74 (printed elsewhere in this newsletter) describing what it was like to be too young to go to the Teen Club and how much she was looking forward to the upcoming reunion so that she could finally experience what she missed when she was in Bangkok. Marla Vincent '59 responded to Kathy's email by providing some early history about the Teen Club. It turns out that the original Teen Club was called **T.A.H.O** which stands for Teen Age Hang Out (*location unknown. I'll try to find out for the next newsletter. Ed*). It was moved in the mid '60s to Wireless Road, and finally to Soi Asoke (21) in the late 60's where it remained until it was shut down in the '80s. So, to all who were fortunate enough to "hang out" at the Teen Club, and to all who missed the opportunity for whatever the reason but would like to experience what it was like to "hang out", we are pleased to announce that the theme of this reunion will be TAHO '98.

When we announced the theme via email we received many positive responses. One of the emails was from Mrs. Donna Jacks who said: "... read your message regarding TAHO! I remember the "grand opening" with Marla in 1959. Before that, we used to hang out at the NAPA store (auto parts, can you believe it?) and drink COLD orange drinks. We waited with great anticipation for the TAHO, watching it take shape. I think I still have some original black and white photos of all of us there. I also have a copy of the ERAWAN yearbook from 1959 (Was it the first one? I'm not sure.) I'm really enjoying getting all the letters and info you've been forwarding. It has been almost 40 years and it seems like just yesterday. Thanks!"

Entertainment

First and foremost - the ISB Network reunion committee has been able to schedule **TWO** local bands to play at the reunion. "Snake Jacobs' Church of the Bearded Skeptics" (featuring ISBer Dan Ahlborn '76) will perform Friday night from 11pm until 1:30 am in "The 2nd Street Club" - a party room located in the hotel beside the lounge. This band performs original high-energy West Coast Groove, Funk and Rock music that everyone will enjoy! The entertainment for the dinner/dance Saturday night will be provided by "The Elm Street Band". This band has a repertoire of around 100 songs, covering music from the 50's through the 70's. Their strong suit is

vocal harmonies so they will be covering tunes by the Beach Boys, Beatles, Eagles and many other vocally strong bands. This band was voted the number two party band in the Southland next to "Sublime" who's original tunes we now hear constantly on the radio. What this means is that "The Elm Street Band" is PRETTY DARN GOOD!!!

Hotel and Hotel Reservation Information

Seaport Marina Hotel is located on Pacific Coast Highway at 2nd Street. It borders the Marina and is close to two shopping centers, 19 restaurants including a very good Thai restaurant (according to Dave Wilkerson), movie theaters, Disneyland, Catalina Island, Knott's Berry Farm Hollywood, the Queen Mary, and three great beaches. We have been given an outstanding rate of \$69/night by the hotel. This rate is good from August 10 through August 20 for those who want to arrive before and/or stay after the reunion. The ISB Network has a guaranteed block of 175 rooms out of 249. The block will be reviewed on June 17, and again three weeks prior to the reunion. Contact the hotel at **(800) 434-8451**, or visit their web site at <http://www.seaportmarinahotel.com> to make your reservations. Mention that you will be attending the ISB NETWORK REUNION. **MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT SURE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING!** This will help us guarantee our block. If you find you cannot make it, your reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours in advance. We currently have more than 60 rooms reserved, which equates to approximately 100 people!! "This far out ... this is going to be A WAY HUGE REUNION" Dave Wilkerson said in a recent email. The more rooms booked in advance, the more accommodating the hotel will be ... letting us take over the courtyard in the center of the hotel, and/or the pool, etc.

Seaport Marina Hotel will be doing the catering and providing us with two party rooms - the Marina Room and the 2nd Street Club. The Marina room, located on the second floor of the hotel, will be the main ISB hangout. It has a dance floor, a balcony overlooking the marina, facilities to hang out (tables/chairs), and a cash bar that will remain open until 1:30am. It will also be our registration post and house the ISB archives.

Reunion Registration Information

The reunion registration fee is \$85 for alumni and \$75 for spouses and guests. Children under the age of six are free. **The Reunion registration fee is in addition to your hotel reservations.** Registration entitles each person to attend all the Friday through Sunday events listed on page two. In addition, alumni will receive an Alumni Reunion Package and other items. If you are not able to attend an event the prorated fees are: Friday Cocktail Party - \$30/

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person; Saturday Dinner/Dance - \$45/person. Note which event you and/or your guests are not going to attend on your reunion registration form.

PLEASE SEND IN THE REGISTRATION FORM AS EARLY AS YOU CAN! This will help things run smoother by allowing us to complete as much as possible before the reunion. There will be a late fee of \$15.00 after August 1, 1998. You can use the registration form included in this newsletter, or visit the ISB Network, Inc. web site at <http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork> and print out the form provided there. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express, or you can pay by check or money order made payable to ISB Network, Inc.

Child Care

Carol Cole Shenenberger's ('72) teenage daughter Emily and a couple of friends have volunteered to watch children at the hotel. The hotel will provide the rooms for this. Emily will coordinate child care. The fee is \$6.00 per hour and you are expected to pay her directly. We are confident that Emily and her friends will do a great job, however, The Seaport Marina Hotel, The ISB Network, and the Shenenberger family will assume NO liability for your children. If you so desire, you can contact the hotel for the numbers of licensed child care facilities in the Long Beach area.

Travel Arrangements

Travel arrangements couldn't be easier with three airports within 45 minutes of the hotel. Long Beach Airport is the closest being 10-15 minutes away. Seaport Marina Hotel offers free shuttle bus service to and from this airport. Los Angeles International and Orange County Airports are good alternatives. Both are 30-45 minutes away from the hotel (depending on traffic) with super shuttle available for \$30/person round trip.

Two ISB Alumni wait ready and willing to help with travel arrangements with ALL carriers. Dee Medlin James '70 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. Dee can be reached at (800) 327-8867.

In addition, Maile McCoskrie Busby '67 informs us that, as part of a special promotion, America West Airlines is offering 10% 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.

Updated Schedule of Events

Thursday T.B.A	Board Meeting
Thursday 10am-6pm	Reunion setup ...
Thursday 7pm-9pm	Dutch treat Thai dinner at a local restaurant
Friday 10am - 6pm	Registration in the Marina Ballroom
Friday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres. (Drinks (Singha) free from 6-7, then a cash bar after that)
Friday 8:30pm-11pm	Dancing to CD's by request in the 2nd Street Club (cash bar)
Friday 11pm-1:30am	Dancing to "Snake Jacobs' Church of the Bearded Skeptics" in the 2nd Street Club (cash bar)
Friday 8:30pm-1:30am	ISB/Bangkok videos and archive display in the Marina Room for those who want a quieter, more intimate atmosphere (cash bar)
Saturday 1:30am-4am	Dancing to CD's by request in the 2nd Street Club *
Saturday 8:00am 9-hole	Scramble Golf Tournament (for more info see page seven)
Saturday 11am-1pm	Barbeque in the courtyard and house games (cash bar)
Saturday Afternoon	Free time/house games
Saturday 7pm-1:30am	Dinner/Dance in the Empire Ballroom with the "Elm Street Band" (cash bar)
Sunday 1:30am-4am	Party in the Marina Room (BYOB)
Sunday 8am-10am	Business Meeting w/coffee, juice and pastries

* - after 1:30am the network is leasing the 2nd Street Club which means that we have to supply our own beverages. California state law states that all hotel-supplied alcohol must be off the tables by 1:30am.

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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: Dues are on a bi-annual basis. The current dues period is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Membership dues are \$40.00 - \$35.00 if paid before January 31 of the first year of the enrollment period - which entitles members to three (3) newsletters, and a complete membership list each year. If someone joins the network during the membership period that person will receive all newsletters and mailing lists available for the current membership period to date. 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 for commercial use. Call for advertising rates.

Access: Pay dues either by check made out to ISB Network, or by using the form on our home page to conveniently charge your dues to your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express card, and mail 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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Notes From Alumni Regarding The "TAHO" Reunion 1998

Dear Fellow ISBers past and present.....

Following in other's footsteps, I have e-mailed today and booked a room at the hotel. After spending almost 10 years in Thailand. Kindergarden through my Freshman year I made many friends, most of whom I've lost touch with. This year I have spoken to five of them for the first time in over 20 years. One of them has become my very best friend in the world and I'm so happy I took the time. No, I'm not living in the past, I'm living because of it. I've just gotten back to the point where I've remembered how important it was. How important the people were. Everything I am today, I am because of the many people who have touched my life. Most of these were ISBers. Today, I took the plunge and booked a room. No more procrastination, no more excuses. I hope to see you all there. I urge you all to remember what makes success. I'd like to share some words with you:

"Success"

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ralph Weber... '79

Thank you Heidi for helping me to remember the important things in life.....

Dear ISBers,

Although I graduated ten years after Ralph, his letter struck a familiar chord with me. I've had friends accuse me of living in the past, but it is difficult to understand what a special place ISB is and what a unique experience it was to attend school in Thailand. I would count them among the best years of my life and they were key in forming who I am today. The fact that the ISB Network exists to continue the tradition just goes to prove that there is a special connection between ISBers. Thanks to Ralph's message, I'm booking my hotel room as well. I think this will be a great reunion.

Anna Maria Moore, '89

ISB Reunion - Teen Club '98

If you attended ISB during the Summer of Love or into the 80's you know the Teen Club was the place to be. I, for one, was too young to be cool enough to tag along with my sister and her very cool friends. This summer, all my years of teen envy will come to an end!

We're recapturing the Teen Club spirit for Reunion '98, blending a little of the old with a little of the new. We have the club, we have the movies, we have the music and the bands...we just need you! For you more recent returnees from BKK who didn't get a chance to experience the Teen Club in all it's glory, this is your summer to visit the days when ISB Teens Ruled!

Remembering the Teen Club Originally on Wireless Road a few blocks from the American Embassy, the Teen Club was THE place to be. Friday

night movies and Saturday night dances brought in so many people they overflowed into the parking lot. In the '60s the teen population grew so large that a new club was built on Soi Asoke (21) within walking distance of ISB. It featured a swimming pool and huge dining, dance and movie hall facilities. At times there were as many as four bands playing in rotation at the Teen Club. (This brief history is provided courtesy of the ISB web site.)

Teen Club Revisited - Reunion '98

Leave your worries on the door step, or the pool steps, there is nothing to fear and lots of fun to be had. If you've never attended an ISB reunion you are truly missing one of life's great weekends. New friends are made, old friends are found, everyone is welcomed, and a good time is had by ALL. Kathy Stahlman (74)

Hi Dave,

What a great idea to have the theme be TAHO '98. Many of us who attended ISB in the '70's also have great memories of the Teen Club. Where else in Bangkok could you watch a good "Spaghetti Western" starring Clint Eastwood without English subtitles?

We lived in Bangkok from the summer of '71 to the summer of '73, for our Freshman & Sophomore years at ISB. Marian and I (usually along with the gang of ISBers from Soi 24 Bangkok Court) would pile eagerly into Taxi's and Samlars and get away to a place with no parents—the Teen Club. I would love nothing more than to reminisce at TAHO '98 with some of the old "gang": Missy & Melanie Mathis, Lorraine & Joel Zamora, Tim Todd, Randy & Jim Perritt, Claudia Waidelich, Cindy McQuerry, Rebecca & Marilyn Kay, Jim & Jeff Gohagan. Where are you guys?

We lived in many places around the world growing up in the Military and of all of them, Bangkok stands out from the rest. The reason Bangkok was so special was the combination of several factors: attending the International School of Bangkok (a spirited school which gave us the opportunity to meet students from around the world); the TEEN CLUB (a place to go where teens could be teens); being 14 & 15 (and having the independence that comes with that age); and just living in BANGKOK. How many people can say they had that chance?

We returned to the states in '73 and graduated from a high school in Tacoma, WA. I have never attended a class reunion for this school, because I have always felt that ISB was my high school. There has always been a piece missing from that experience until now.

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, I stumbled across the ISB network late last year by using the search engines for information on ISB and Bangkok. I was thrilled to find that there was an ISB alumni association and that reunions were held every two years. (Marian and I are both dismayed that we missed the '92 reunion in Seattle—which would have been right down the street for us.) We don't plan to miss this one! We will be there for the TAHO '98 reunion in Longbeach. Just look for the twins!

As I turn the pages of my Erawans 1972 & 1973, sadly I find the pictures fading—but not my memories of one of the best times of my life. See you in August,

Maureen (Lockhart) Salahshoor '75 (advanta@gte.net)

ISB Network 1998 Reunion Registration Form

International Children's Center (ICC - 1951-1956)/International School Bangkok (ISB - 1957 on)

Use this form to register for the 1998 Reunion to be held in Long Beach, CA from August 14th to 16th (if necessary, you can print a similar form from our web home page at <http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork>). Fill it out and return with your payment to:

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Class Year	Name of Attendee	Classification	Fee/ Person	Cost
		<input type="checkbox"/> ICC/ISB Alumni	\$85	
		<input type="checkbox"/> ICC/ISB Alumni	\$85	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Friend	\$75	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Child	\$75	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Child	\$75	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child	\$75	
	ISB Network Membership Fee*	Jan 1998 - Dec 1999	\$40	
		Total Cost:		

** You do not need to be a Member of the ISB Network to attend the reunion.
However, we do appreciate your support by becoming one.*

Please select payment choice below

- ☐ Check or Money Order made payable to: ISB Network, Inc.
- ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: ____/____

Name As It Appears On Card (print): _____

Authorizing Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address to Mail Receipt and Registration Acknowledgement (include daytime phone number):

☐ Check if you would like to attend the Thursday evening dutch-treat Thai dinner

☐ Check if you would like to participate in the Golf Tournament

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANGKOK

ATTENTION FELLOW ISB ALUMNI! WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT A NETWORK EXISTS DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO KEEPING TRACK OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED ISB AND HOSTING REUNIONS EVERY TWO YEARS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (410) 280-2421, OR CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE AT <http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork>.



“TAHO” REUNION 1998

OUR NEXT REUNION WILL BE AUGUST 14-16, 1998 AT THE SEAPORT MARINA HOTEL IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. “TAHO” STANDS FOR “TEEN AGE HANG OUT” - THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR THE TEEN CLUB ESTABLISHED IN THE LATE 1950’S. FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUR WEB PAGE, OR CALL DAVE WILKERSON AT (615) 242-2925.

We are initiating a new marketing plan for the ISB Network. To advertise the Network, please make a copy of the advertisement on the other side of this page and post it either in your favorite Thai Restaurant, at your local “Y”, supermarket, etc. Essentially any place that provides a bulletin board for general advertisement. Hopefully someone who is an ex-ISBer will see it and find that there is indeed a link back to ISB.

As an added incentive, we will publish in the newsletter the name and address of any Thai restaurant that displays this ad.

Updates

ISB has finally returned to the internet at <http://www.isb.ac.th>. The information is scant, but there is enough there for it to be an interesting visit.

Check out ISB Network's new web page at <http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork>. Note that we now accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express for membership, reunion registration fees, and Shack Mercantile purchases. We provide forms that you can print, fill out and send in to our Annapolis, MD address for these purposes. As soon as our web page is secure, we will be able to take credit card orders over the internet. Thanks to Glenn Connolly '83 for doing all the work on the new web site. He has been active in keeping it up-to-date. You can check in periodically to see if there are any changes to the 1998 Reunion information.

Note to Non-Members

We would like to invite you to join the ISB Network. The ISB Network is a not-for-profit organization formed for the sole purpose of collecting and maintaining a database of people who attended ISB, and promoting/hosting a reunion every two years. You don't have to graduate from ISB to be a member (and you don't have to be a member to attend the reunions). Membership dues and sales from "The Shack Mercantile" are our only source of revenue. For information on dues and benefits, please see the Network synopsis on page two.

Reunion 1998 Tidbits ...

Golf Tournament

On Saturday, August 15, the ISB Network is sponsoring a 9-hole scramble golf tournament as part of the house games. Tee time will be 8:00 am and the green fee is around \$25/person. The fee includes a cart and clubs, if needed, and continental breakfast with coffee, juice, and sweet rolls. Each team will consist of four people competing for the best team prize. Individual prizes will be awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone wanting to play at other times or wanting information on the local-to-Long-Beach golf courses, can contact Dawn Twing VanAllen at (909) 629-2062 or email her at gardenthym@aol.com.

Bring Your ISB Memorabilia to the Reunion

If you will be attending the reunion, please bring along as much of your ISB memorabilia as possible. The ISB Network will be bringing a lot of stuff for display, but the more we have the better the presentation will be for everyone. Younger people are encouraged to bring videos if possible. These archives will be on display in the Marina Room. There will be a buffer area where no food or drink will be permitted to prevent possible damage to our treasures.

Dutch Treat Thai Dinner

Make a note when you register of whether or not you will be attending the Dutch Treat Thai Dinner Thursday night on the registration form. If you've already registered, contact Dave Wilkerson at (615) 242-2925.

Water Cities

1966:

In Bangkok overloaded buses groan
whose mission is to roar
down rivals' routes for passengers through fulgent tropic rhymes
of stilted shacks, officious cars, and night-times
cast round Patpong's lights, which spurn no whorish inquiries
I PECADILLOCATE WHEN I PLEASANTIQUE.

1967:

How often I leap clear of a trundling crowded step
onto a coded message (massage) parlor floor,
a nomad's land no young man can ignore.
I MISCASTIGATE WHEN I MISUNDERSTANDBY.

1968:

Some days while my high school meets
I instead intake a firmamental burst
of the amenable druggist's oeuvre
and ride some sweat-sheened woodhewn bus,
barely slowing, never stopping
past a Canaletto-burnished scene
of Thailand's Venice-like refrain
of ageless milky temple walls gridding fetid brown canals.
I AMERICANNOT STANDSTILL.

1969:

In Bangkok no dueling buses cross TV
news except when yawingly they
crush each other's row of arms that dangle out incautiously
and those days homeward bent
I greet my grinning, satay vendor-friend
who asks, "D-dit yuuh know dat buses chop off ahms today?"
I MUST PHILOSOPHICALIBRATE MY
PREDICAMENTALITY.

1994:

In New Orleans, who counsels me across her lanes
I cannot recall indifferently how nosing diesels' waft
commands me pre-sneeze gasps to spray Bangkok's olfactory
souvenirs
this hour my migraine augurs rain.
I PSYCHOLOGYRATE WHEN I AM PESSIMISTIFIED.

Mark Price (1997)

QUOTES

Jeff Lewis '71 sent this in:

A New England Yankee said something that we should all embrace given that we were offered the opportunity to travel at an age where our persona and "mindsets" were being shaped:

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness"

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.

The Indian Sandals are made from water buffalo, just like the ones we used to wear. When ordering, include a tracing of your bare feet along with your shoe size (men's shoe sizes only).

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

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(Address correction requested)

