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ISB 50TH REFLECTIONS

In this issue, we wanted to share some thoughts from the alumni who were lucky enough to attend the ISB 50th birthday party and reunion in Bangkok. At last count, there were about 175 alumni, spouses and partners who came together for a very special week in January. Alumni from the '70s and '90s were the largest turnout, but all 50 years were well represented. Visit www.isbnetwork.com to view photos of the reunion events, of the City, and of each other, donated by your fellow alumni.

From the very moving welcoming ceremony at the new campus to the magnificent fireworks at the Saturday night gala dinner, ISB faculty and administrators made us feel as if we were ambassadors, royalty and VIPs. Four alumni share with us their thoughts about that memorable reunion. Their words reflect best what so many of us felt during that amazing week in Bangkok.

"It was so wonderful to see everyone after so many years. It was as if the years did not make any difference and we caught up with each other's lives within minutes. I learned that relationships formed during high school hold a very special place in one's heart. The love and trust between friends never dies no matter how many years we don't see each other. Thanks again".— Urmi Shah '87

"The best part of the whole trip back to Bangkok was going back to the Soi 15 campus. The feeling was incredible as the school bus carrying our group of ISBers drove down Soi 15, and once again turned into the school parking lot. There was a collective gasp as we all caught sight of the buildings for the first time in many, many years. They say you can't go home again, but the emotions of being back at that campus sure is as close as I've ever felt to being "home."

- Kate Johnson '76

"At gatherings like this, there sometimes are people that one ends up unexpectedly spending a considerable time with, getting to know them better, and having a great time. Maile McCoskrie-Lindley and her husband Brian were definitely that. Thanks for your friendship, easy going ways, and invitations to join in your activities. Between all the golf games, the ISB functions, and the goings on after the main event was over, I very much enjoyed your company."

- Kip Schaaf '65

"Did you ever see Spalding Gray in the movie
"Swimming to Cambodia", where he's in search of
"the perfect moment" in Thailand while he was
making the movie on location? Well I had a few
perfect moments on my recent visit to Thailand in
celebration of ISB's 50-year anniversary. The best
one that comes to mind was on Saturday afternoon
in Bangkok at the Marriott Hotel. Many of us
participated in the scavenger hunt at the weekend
market that day. The weather had been kind to us
that week. The locals reported that they were
experiencing the coldest winter in over a decade.
That translated to 90 degrees for those of us visiting
Bangkok.

In any case, the weekend market was extremely crowded with shoppers, not to mention it was also very hot and humid. Within the first 15 minutes we began losing our team members one-by-one. I began to feel the effects of the heat and the crowds and decided to venture the hour-long journey back to the hotel alone. I swear the only thing that kept me from passing out right there on the streets of Bangkok was knowing that there was a refreshing pool waiting for me at the other end.

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After finding my way out of the never-ending maze of the market I took the sky train and then a boat ride up the Chao Phrya River to the hotel. I breezed past everyone at the pool and headed to my room to change into my swimsuit. I quickly made my way back to the pool, unable to focus on anything or anyone but that cool inviting swimming pool. Not uttering a single word to my fellow schoolmates, I simply walked into the pool and sighed a relief of pure ecstasy. I knew then that I was going to live! I'll never understand how I lived in Thailand those many years back without being affected by the heat.

I wasn't in the pool two minutes when I eyed the poolside bar; no one was there and it was calling out to me. I swam over and ordered the tropical fruit drink of the day and a plate of Khao Pad. Within a matter of minutes some of my most treasured friends made their way to me. I felt like I was a magnet attracting everyone to share in my perfect moment. We spent the next couple of hours just hanging out, drinking French champagne, telling tales, and bringing new people into our fold.

At last we needed to leave our "perfect moment" or should I say "perfect two hours" and head up to our rooms to get ready for the grand finale dinner/dance. That's another perfect moment story which I will reserve for another time. . . "- Kris Stahlman, '71

Yes, it's true- - this well preserved VW Bus was waiting for us on our return to the ISB Campus...



JOIN THE ISB NETWORK ... if you got this in the mail your membership is current -THANKS! How about passing a copy of this on to someone who isn't a member. They can join by simply sending us (see address and /or FAX in the column to the right) on a separate maintains a presence on the web and sheet of paper: their Name, Phone, Street Address, City/State/Zip, E-Mail Address, Years they attended ISB, Year they did/would have graduated and \$40.00 payable by check (preferred) or credit card (VISA, Master Card, AmEx.). Any information on siblings or friends that is known to be accurate is appreciated.

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

Dues and Benefits: Dues are paid on a bi-annual basis. The current dues are \$40.00 and are now renewable for everyone. We attempt to send 3 newsletters per year and in the 1st Quarter of each year a Membership Directory. To join simply print the membership application found on the web site or on a separate sheet of paper send the information requested below on the left. The Directory is not for commercial use.

As an added benefit you will be part of the group that is funding the effort of the all volunteer Board of Directors that maintains the data base, publishes the ISB Network newsletters and directories, plans the bi-annual reunions - we thank you for supporting our volunteer efforts on your behalf.



ISB Network CEO, Dave Wilkerson is pictured with Thai dignitaries from the Department of Education prior to announcing the name of the scholarship winner

ISBN CARES SCHOLARSHIP

In the last newsletter, we were proud to announce the establishment of "ISB Network Cares", an annual scholarship to be given to a student of Thai nationality selected by ISB faculty.

"The reason we come together year after year is because of the time we each spent in Thailand, in the land of smiles, and the time we spent at ISB", commented David Wilkerson, CEO, ISBNetwork, just before he announced the winner of the ISBN Cares Scholarship. "The Board wanted to find a way to give back to Thailand, and give back to the school we all love so much. Setting up a scholarship fund let's us blend our love for Thailand with our love for ISB."

During the Thursday commemorative ceremonies at the new school, ISB alumni once again felt a common pride when David Wilkerson and Thai official Mrs. Pornnipha Limpaphayom, Secretary General of the Private Education Commission's Ministry of Education, presented ISB senior Pudihla Srisontisuk with the first "ISB Network Cares" scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Ms. Srisontisuk will use the scholarship money to be the first in

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SPECIAL THANKS

Never one to stand in the background and wait for someone else to get the job done, Maureen Salahshoor stepped up to the plate again. Seeing a need to get people organized as a group to get to the 50th Celebration at ISB, Maureen did just that. She contacted a local travel agency and arranged flights, hotels and sight-seeing in and around Bangkok. Many that wouldn't have made the trip alone became part of her group that totaled 40, of which 20 were alumni. As if that wasn't enough, Maureen has volunteered to be on the ISBNetwork BOD as the Web Master. She has already instituted several changes and updates. Check out our website, it has lots of new and updated information.

Maureen, we are sure glad to have you on our team!



Hanging in the Senior Lounge

(Left to Right) Kate Johnson ('76), Marian Lockhart ('75), Mike Bunting'74), Kate's husband John Colclough, Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor ('75), Brian Burleigh ('73), Tim Lockhart ('75)

THOUGHTS FROM AN ALUM

"I spoke with Dave Wilkerson the other day, an old dear friend I've known for 35 years. We talked about the recent anniversary at ISB, which he attended and I, for a myriad of reasons, did not. We all arrived in Bangkok in the mid 60's, incredible years in retrospect. After leaving ISB in '71 I had no contact until the early '90's.

Our reunions are so important, the friendship that we have should not be neglected because of time or distance. For many of us our formative years were spent in Thailand. The bonds that we have forged and the fact that we were introduced to a foreign country, met people form all strata's of society and of many nations makes us all the more tolerant and less rigid in many ways. At least that is my hope. See you in Phoenix."

Jeff Lewis '71

family

Only 3 months to go until the "Hot Fun in the Summer Sun" ISB Network All-Years Reunion!

Hello fellow alums! It's reunion time again and time to help us out with our room block. Here's how it works. We currently have a room block of 200 rooms at the Wigwam. In May our second review will come in to play. We need as many rooms reserved by then as possible, so we can request more. In Williamsburg we filled the 200 room block and had to use two additional properties as the hotel had no more rooms available. Since we expect between 400-600 people at this reunion, it will help us to have at least half the block filled by then.

Don't miss out on the fun! Reunion dates are August 2-4, 2002, with special room rates of \$89.00 available from July 31 through August 5. Activities include Thursday night Thai dinner (optional), Friday night "official welcome" mixer, Saturday's BBQ, "house games", gala dinner/dance and Sunday's continental farewell breakfast. "Hot Fun in the Summer Sun" ISBN Reunion Aug 2-4, 2002 reserve your room NOW at the Wigwam Resort! Call 800.327.0396 and ask for Group code ISG29A.

The following Wigwam facilities and activities are available for you check out their website www. wigwamresort.com to learn more:

- Three 18-hole championship golf courses
- Two swimming pools
- Nine tennis courts
- Waterslide
- Health club
- Spa services
- Bicycle trails
- Basketball
- Croquet
- Sand and water volleyball
- Desert jeep tours
- Day trips to Sedona and Grand Canyon
- Camp Pow Wow for kids

Send in your reunion fees NOW. We have extended the early bird registration rate until May 1, 2002. Go to our website to download the registration form http://www.isbnetwork.com/reunion/sbn 2002/index.htm

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES OFFERS 10% DISCOUNT GROUP RATE

Southwest Airlines is offering a 10% discount on most of its already low fares for air travel to and from our Phoenix reunion. You or your travel agent may call Southwest Airlines Group and Meetings Reservations at 1-800-433-5368. Reference the ISB Network ID Code R8614. Reservations Sales Agents are available 8:00 am - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday, or 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Saturday and Sunday.

As an added benefit you may get to fly with Kip Schaff '64, a Southwest Captain and fine pilot. Be sure to introduce yourself as an ISB alum if you are ever on one of his flights.

DISCOUNTED AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION OFFERED BY WIGWAM RESORT

The Wigwam Resort is offering discounted airport transportation to all ISB Network Alumni attending the 2002 Reunion. The rate is \$20.00 per person (one-way) for two or more people in the same vehicle. The rate for one person requiring airport transportation will be \$25.00 (one-way). Once you have booked your flight call the Wigwam's transportation department at (623) 856-1068 to book your reservation. Make sure you tell them that you are attending the ISB Network Reunion. The charges will be billed to your hotel room. They require a 48 hour notice to cancel the reservation. No-shows will be billed to your hotel room.

CALLING ALL REUNION VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to give one to two hours of their time to help the reunion committee members. To sign up send an email to kris@ikos.com letting her know which of the following areas you want to volunteer your services. Make sure you identify time of day and for how long you are available to help:

Wednesday, July 31,2002 set-up

- *SHACK Merchandise -Set-up hours: 10:00 AM until finished. Need to be ready to sell by 5:00 PM.
- *Registration Area Set-up hours: 10:00 AM until finished. Need to be ready to register by 5:00 PM

Thursday, August 1,2002

- *SHACK Sales a fun retail experience to help sell logo items 10:00 AM 5:00 PM.
- *Registration help sign-in attendees, review database information, distribute reunion packets, make badges, sign up alumni for Saturday house games 9:00 AM 5:00 PM.
- *Thai Dinner Sign-up walk-ins/collection of funds Noon - 4:00 PM, in the Registration Room.

Friday, August 2, 2002

- *SHACK Sales a fun retail experience to help sell logo year. A check for \$30/per person should be sent to items 10:00 AM 5:00 PM.

 Dave Elder at P.O. Box 959, Rehoboth Beach, DE.
- *Registration help sign-in attendees, review database information, distribute reunion packets, make badges, sign up alumni for Saturday house games 9:00 AM 5:00 PM.
- *Update database with new/corrected information. Must have thorough knowledge of working of Excel spreadsheets 9:00 AM 5:00 PM.
- *Hospitality Room Meet and greet alumni, run videos 10:00 AM Midnight.

Saturday, August 3, 2002

- *SHACK Sales a fun retail experience to help sell logo items 10:00 AM 5:00 PM.
- *Hospitality Room Meet and greet alumni, run videos 10:00 AM Midnight.
- *House games volunteers meet with Debbi (Twing) Thomson to get their assignments at 10:00 AM for House Games from 12:30 PM 2:00 PM.

Sunday, August 4, 2002

*SHACK Sales – a fun retail experience to help sell logo items - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Pack-up Shack merchandise & archive material 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

THURSDAY NIGHT "DUTCH-TREAT" THAI DINNER

Over the years it has been increasingly popular for alumni to arrive early for the reunion weekend. Some alumni wrap a family vacation around the reunion arriving early, others simply learn that their fellow alumni are arriving early and decide to make a long weekend of it. Consequently, the little "Thursday night Thai dinner informal gatherings" has grown from 20 people participating 10 years ago to over 100 people these past few reunions. Although this event is not sponsored officially by the ISB Network Association, and is not covered in the reunion fees, we have provided assistance to Sandy Ferguson '69 and Dave Elder '69 – the real people re-

sponsible for the overwhelming success of hosting these dinners. Sandy will be with his family in Vietnam during this year's reunion so the Network is taking on a more active role in setting up this dinner.

As of this writing we are in negotiations with a Thai Restaurant to host this Thursday night event. Please note that these fees are NOT included in the reunion registration fees. Please email Dave Elder at isbalmde@dmv.com to make your reservation. Be sure to include your first and last name and class year. A check for \$30/per person should be sent to Dave Elder at P.O. Box 959, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Dave needs to receive your check no later than July 1, 2002. Anyone signing up after July 1, 2002 will be considered a "walk-up" reservation, the fee will be \$35 and is subject to seating availability.

All monies collected are non-refundable and the rates are non-negotiable. This fee will cover the dinner (including tax and tip) and bus transportation to and from the restaurant. There will be a cash bar available with plenty of Singha on hand.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The bi-annual ISB Network Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at 8:00 AM. For those of you who haven't played in this tournament before, it's a 3-3-3 game played over 9 holes. The first three holes play best ball, the next three holes play a scramble and the last 3 holes play alternate shots. The resort has waive the additional fees for those interested in continuing on and playing the back side of the 18 holes at the end of our tournament, just keep playing. The winning group will be announced and awarded the trophy during Saturday night's dinner/dance.

We are finalizing the details with the resort and anticipate that the cost to play in this year's tournament will be \$30.00 plus tax if you use your own clubs and \$50.00 plus tax to play with rented clubs. The rental clubs are top quality and include names such as Callaway and Taylor Made. Anyone interested in signing up please email our Special Events Director, Debbi (Twing) Thomson at dmt@cruzers.com.

As a side note, for those interested in playing a round of golf during your visit, the normal golf rates are \$38.00 plus tax. They also offer a twilight rate of \$26.00 plus tax. Rental clubs cost \$40.00.

Bi-Annual ISB Network Alumni Association Reunion 2002 Registration Form August 2- 4, 2002 Phoenix, Arizona

(This form can also be downloaded from our web site at http://www.isbnetwork.com.)

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

Use this form to register for the 2002 Bi-annual Reunion to be to be held in Phoenix, Arizona August 2-4, 2002. Simply complete this form and either fax it (301-228-3962) or return it with your payment to:

> ISB Network, Inc. P. O. Box 165 Adamstown, MD 21710 fax: (301) 228-3962

Class Year	Years Attended	Name of Attendee: First/Last(Maiden/Married)	Classification (Please Specify)	Fee Schedule/ Person*	Cost
			ICC/ISB Alumni	\$99/\$109/\$119	
		May distribution and the	ICC/ISB Alumni	\$99/\$109/\$119	
-01			Spouse/Friend	\$89/\$99/\$109	
			Parent/Child	\$79/\$89/\$99	
			Parent/Child	\$79/\$89/\$99	
			Child	\$79/\$89/\$99	
			Child	\$79/\$89/\$99	
ISB Network Membership Fee**			Jan. 2002 – Dec 2003	\$40	
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*Registration Fee Schedule: Early Bird Rate - Pay by May 1, 2002: Alumni \$99, Spouse/Friend \$89, Parent/Child \$79 May 2, 2002 - July 31, 2002 Rate: Alumni \$109, Spouse/Friend \$99, Parent/Child \$89 After July 31, 2002 (including registration walk-ins) Rate: Alumni \$119, Spouse/Friend \$109, Parent/Child \$99 **Membership fee is not required to attend reunions. However, we do appreciate your support by becoming a Please select payment choice: [] Personal Check/Money Order made payable to: ISB Network, Inc. [] Visa [] MasterCard [] American Express Credit Card Number: _____ Expires: (Month) ____ / (Year) 20 Name as it appears on credit card (print clearly): Authorization Signature: Address to mail receipt and registration acknowledgement (please include daytime phone number): Name: _____ Street: City: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Daytime Phone: () Email Address: Check here if you are interested in attend one of the optional activities (fees are not included in the above registration fees and will be collected at a later date): [] Thursday evening "Dutch-Treat" Thai dinner [] Saturday Golf Tournament

THE SHACK MERCANTILE

T-Shirts	
Black T-Shirt with Gold ISB Logo	\$15.00
Black three color T-Shirt new logo design with "I Survived Youth In Asia" below.	\$15.00
White T-Shirt with black and white picture (transfer) "The original Sonics"	\$18.00
White three color design with "Royally Connected @ R2K.VA" - limited edition reunion shirt.	\$10.00
(We only have XL and XXL sizes and it will not be reprinted.)	
Black or Gold Sweat Shirt with ISB School Logo (specify color)	\$22.00
Embroidered Golf-Polo shirts w/ ISB School logo &ISB Network URL on left chest	**********
White	\$22.00
Black Houndstooth " #1 high quality"	\$38.00
White Arrowhead (mixed kaki-black collar and sleeve) #1 "high quality"	\$40.00
Hats and Sports Apparel	*10.00
Black or White Baseball Hat with ISB Logo (specify color)	\$ 6.75
Stone (cross between white and khaki) embroidered golf hat	\$16.00
Black (washed look) embroidered golf hat	\$16.00
Black Track Shirt (tank top) with Gold Panther and ISB Lettering	\$19.00
Black Track Shorts with Gold Panther and ISB Lettering	\$18.00
Black Bicycle Shorts with ISB Logo	\$23.00
White (button up) Baseball Shirt w/ ISB School & Network URLs embroidered on left chest	\$24.00
White Golf Towel with ISB Logo	\$ 6.75
White Beach towel with large red ISB School logo centered with blue Singha on each end	\$15.00
Glassware and Novelty items	\$15.00
Singha Beer Mugs: glass with gold Singha imprint	\$10.00
Large Coffee Mug: Black with gold ISB School logo	\$12.00
License plate frame: Plastic two hole black w/ gold. Imprinted URL on top and ISB on bottom	\$ 5.00
Vanity plate: Black w/ gold imprint of ISB logo, URL & ISB ALUMNI below	\$ 4.00
Collapsible foam drink huggie: black with gold ISB logo & URL	\$ 4.00
Misc:	\$ 4.00
VHS Video: "Perspectives" 30-minute history of ISB	\$11.00
Compact Disc by Tony Doggett 70 "Please Don't Send Me To Zaire"	\$17.00
Thai Cookbook: Written by Vongphachan "Shay" Chamberlin 85 "Savor The Sensation"	\$11.00
School Ring: Men's 14 k gold with ISB School logo designed & made by Daniel Grandi 73	\$275.00
School Ring: Women's 14 k gold (same as above) by Daniel Grandi 73	\$240.00
Hat-Lapel pin: gold with ISB School logo approx. size of a quarter	\$ 7.00
Tie tack pin: gold with ISB School logo approx. size of a dime	\$ 6.00
Thailand Travel Guide:	\$25.00
15 X 15" canvas tote bag (off-white) w/ ISB logo &, URL imprinted	\$ 5.00
NEW Thai Heaven by Jacques "Zip" Bailhe '70 Epic 1st novel set in Thailand)	\$24.95
NEW Animated map of Bangkok by graphic artist Nancy Chandler	\$10.00
NEW Animated map of Chiang Mai by graphic artist Nancy Chandler	\$10.00
	410.00

Visit our web site for pictures of items and more information at http://www.isbnetwork.com and click the SHACK button

ALL PROCEEDS FROM SHACK SALES GO TO THE ISB NETWORK

Ordering Information:

If you are ordering an XXL, please add an additional \$2 for shirts, and \$3 for the sweatshirt.

Normal express mail (2-3 days) by U.S. Postal service within the United States is \$4.20 S&H for first item and \$1.00 per additional item for clothing, license plate frames, and the like. All glass items, Singha Mugs, Coffee Mugs and Books are \$5.00 for first item and \$2.00 for additional items. Please contact David Wilkerson for overseas shipping costs, or any other questions concerning The Shack Merchandise.

The ISB Network offers you the choice of paying by Check (payable to **ISB Network)** or Credit Card.. For your ease of use, we have created a Credit Card Ordering Form you can print out and use (from the web site). Simply mail your order along with either a check or the credit card form, to:

David Wilkerson, c/o Techstar Services, 750 Cowan Street, #9, Nashville, TN. 37207 (615) 242-2925

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"I AM A MILITARY BRAT" - My hometown is nowhere, my friends are everywhere. I grew up with the knowledge that home is where the heart is, and the family? Mobility is my way of life. Some would wonder about roots, yet they are as deep and strong as the mighty oak. I sink them quickly, absorbing all an area offers and hopefully, giving enrichment in return. Travel has taught me to be open. Shaking hands with the universe, I find brotherhood in all men. Farewells are never easy. Yet, even in sorrow comes strength and the ability to face tomorrow with anticipation....when we leave one place, I feel that half my world is left behind. I also know that the other half is waiting to be met. Friendships are formed in hours and kept for decades. I will never grow up with someone, but I will mature with many. Be it inevitable that paths part, there is constant hope that they will meet again. Love of country, respect and pride fill my being when Old Glory passes in review. When I stand to honor that flag, so also do I stand in honor of all soldiers, and most especially, to the parents whose life created mine. Because of this, I have shared in the rich heritage of Military life. (Author Unknown)

A very short story.... While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 35 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school. "Yes," he replied. "When did you graduate?" I asked. He answered, "In 1967" "Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?". (Author Unknown)

Special Dates

August 2-4, 2002 – ISB Network Bi-Annual Reunion Wigwam Resort, just West of Phoenix, AZ Dues for the current period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003 are now payable – please consider joining if you haven't already. See the Reunion Registration form to renew or join now.