

# .. President's message

Most of us can still feel our hands start to tremble at the thought of the events of September 11. However differently we may have lived that day, we share a sense that the world has been changed. With so many of our alumni in motion at any one time, it is still not possible to say with absolute certainty that none of our graduates were among those lost. We do know that we had some very close calls among the families of our faculty, staff and students, that one of our Trustees was spared only because of a business trip and that one of our former trustees lost friends, family and colleagues. The only thing greater than the number of letters of condolence and consolation we have sent out has been the incredible volume of such letters we have received from the French community which has surrounded us with support.

In the midst of that support, we have carried on our work with the sense that now more than ever, there is a desperate need for our



international approach to education. From the conversations in our hallways to the explorations in our classrooms, students from nearly one hundred nationalities are working with each other to understand not only what has happened but how the world might be better tomorrow.

Guiding these students in this endeavor is not only a superb faculty and staff, but a growing supply of personal examples drawn from the lives and work of our alumni. In the pages of this issue of *Au Courant* you can read some examples drawn from graduates whose international careers in service to humankind provide proof to our students that life after graduation can be fulfilling and worthwhile.

I hope you enjoy these stories. I also hope you might share your own stories with us so we can present more examples of the kind of lives that inspire our students to hope for a better future.

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# Making a Difference

For three generations, AUP has been preparing its students for work in international service. According to alumnus Stephen Kooshak '98, there is a direct link between his work as a Peace Corps volunteer and his experience of AUP's unique student body, which he describes as «the most diverse in the world.» «Everyone at AUP is different,» he explains, «and everyone is on an equal footing.» The value of diversity is something he works for in Bulgaria, a country facing post-communist ethnic division and difficulty adapting to the demands of democracy and capitalism. He develops local community projects in the small town of Pazardjik and takes a special interest in the Roma, an ethnic minority often called by the pejorative term, «Gypsies.»

Like Kooshak, Mary Margaret Dineen '91 is devoting several years of her life to improving other people's lives. She is stationed in Albania where she directs a program called Civic Forum for the National Democratic Institute, an American non profit organization. In this small country with the lowest per capita



Stephen Kooshak '98 overseeing work site providing water and sewage lines

income in Europe and a dire lack of basic infrastructure, Civic Forum provides a discussion framework through which local citizens learn the basic legal aspects of their own constitutional democracy, share their problems with their neighbors and at a later stage, work together to define policy and development priorities for their communities. It is development work on the most basic of levels, the level of individual participation, which Dineen says, «is what really counts in building stable, lasting democratic institutions.» For Dineen, the link to AUP resides principally in the University's international outlook which fosters awareness of the importance of cultural and historical contexts as well as the opportunities that being in Paris provides.

For one of the University's early graduates (from The American College in Paris), Dr. Judith Hermanson Ogilvie '65, vice president of the Cooperative Housing Foundation, an important international development organization, it isn't simply a matter of how AUP promotes intercultural understanding, but also of the values of an American style education. As the Foundation's chief operating officer, Ogilvie spends 30 to 40% of her time traveling to countries that have requested CHF's expertise or funding.

«I remember meetings in one country where we traveled to 6 or 7 major cities looking at housing issues.» A new housing policy had just been handed down from the central government. The people we met were involved in all ends of it, from mayors to people in the building industry. They were all highly educated and intelligent but asked us, «How can we possibly meet these directives?» We answered, «What are your assets, have you got empty housing, tracts of land at your disposal?» Sparks began to fly as they took the problem apart. This «taking a problem apart» is what is taught in American higher education. It's what AUP alumni from all over the world take back home with them.» Dr. Ogilvie,

who also serves on AUP's board of trustees, is working to make sure that it can continue to happen.

### Unforgettable experiences

«I didn't come to Bulgaria to work on minority issues,» says Kooshak, but he discovered when he got there that it was sorely needed. Roma children do not often attend school. «They have more pressing concerns,» explains Kooshak, «like scrounging for food or searching for warmth and shelter during the cold winter months.» This is why he obtained both international and local funding for installing natural gas heating systems in the schools. If they are heated, then the children are more likely to attend and, Kooshak says, «hopefully they'll learn something while they're there.» Though his many development projects have brought him satisfaction, what he will probably remember most is the group of Roma children he found begging. «I told them I'd give them money only in exchange for learning something. So I started teaching them English in my spare time. Now, after just a few months, those kids can conjugate verbs in four tenses! Some of them manifest remarkable talent, and it's tragic that most of them will never have the opportunities to realize their full potential.»

Wasted human potential is something Dineen has also encountered: «On a bad day,» she admits, «I can cry over it. Until you've lived through it, you can't understand what a difference infrastructure – being able to use the phone, having electricity, roads– can make to what people can or can not accomplish.» What she will retain most from this experience is a sense of isolation. Not the political isolation of Albania which, for so many years, was closed to foreigners, but the personal isolation of its inhabitants that continually shows itself in little things, in the off-hand comment and ingrained ways. «I imagine each person standing on their own little



Judith Hermanson Ogilvie '65 with Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan

square of land, an endless checkerboard, each person alone.»

In one discussion group, focusing that day on the role and responsibilities of elected officials, the problem of corruption was raised. Discussion turned toward definitions: What does and does not constitute corruption? To what extent are private citizens responsible for it? In Albania, as in many poor countries, civil servants are often underpaid or not paid at all. They make up for this by accepting tips or, «backshish», from individuals. Thus, if you don't want to spend a day waiting in line to collect a pension check, you tip a civil servant so that you can always go to the head of the line. Is this corruption, compromise, or just local adjustment to a difficult situation? What about those who are too poor to tip? Where does common interest lie? And what are the affects on society at large when such practices are multiplied and compounded? «We don't answer these questions for them,» says Dineen. «We don't parachute in with answers, condemnation or praise. Such questions are up to each society to decide. What we do is empower people to raise these questions so that much farther down

the line, citizens can take an active part in policy decision making.»

Judith Ogilvie's strongest memory of her years in development is sharing a podium with Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan. Hermanson was impressed by the Queen's strong commitment to women's and children's issues as well as her advocacy of the kind of micro-enterprise loans that CHF has financed for many women in Jordan. Women's issues are important at CHF and that is why the \$13 million loan fund for micro-credit that Hermanson personally oversees is often used to finance individual women's projects around the world.

### Diverse backgrounds

Making a difference in the world, however great or small, is something all three alumni share, yet the paths that led them to it are unique. Stephen Kooshak's Armenian immigrant parents raised him in rural Pennsylvania where he says, «being different wasn't considered positive.» He tells how he felt singled out for speaking Armenian and how, when one of his classmates asked the teacher

where Armenia was, she answered, «There is no such country as Armenia.» Kooshak left home and school early to seek the more cosmopolitan environment of New York and then Paris. After studying French at the Sorbonne, he was accepted on a scholarship to AUP where he fit right in. He recognizes that his early experiences contribute to his work in Bulgaria and, particularly, to his identification with the Roma.

In contrast, Mary Margaret Dineen's family background might be described as 'all-American.' «My family never traveled,» she says. Her interest in people and development work is something she attributes to her mother's example: «My mother was always involved in community action. We were taught to express our opinions, to strive for what we wanted.» This expressing and striving are Civic Forum's principals in a nutshell. «In some ways,» she comments, «I feel like I've been doing what I'm doing at Civic Forum since I was 8 years-old.» Nonetheless, the idea of working in an international setting came later and, she claims, was reinforced by her experience at AUP.

Dr. Ogilvie's story is yet again different from the preceding two. As a child, she was no stranger to foreign lands. Her father was a diplomat and during the family's travels, she remembers feeling concern, as only a child can, for the people and populations that development had left behind. When it came time to go away to school, Ogilvie's says, «I didn't want to lose the international environment, but I definitely wanted an American style education.» The education she obtained at AUP met her expectations, «it prepared me for competing with the best,» says Ogilvie's who left what was then still a two-year college to graduate magna cum laude from Smith. After graduate work in public policy and two years with the Peace Corps in the Philippines and Uganda, her eyes turned toward America. Ogilvie's turned down an offer to work at the United Nations, «because I felt that it

# Congratulations Class of 2001!



Mary Margaret Dineen '91 conferring with Albanian colleagues

It was intellectually and empirically necessary to have a domestic American experience, to understand the dynamics and issues at home." So she chose to work for Vista.

### Gearing for the Future

The role of non governmental organizations like the ones these alumni work for is becoming more important as governments everywhere call increasingly on NGOs to deliver policy at home and abroad. Such organizations also provide a promising arena for young graduates to test and prove their skills. "If I was back in the United States working for corporate America," says Kooshak, "I wouldn't have the opportunity to develop my own projects. The freedom to do so is what really motivates me." In Bulgaria, he organized an international film festival, drafted a project for installing internet in 43 schools using computers donated by a city in Wisconsin, has had a project approved for a business incubator providing 2,300 square meters of space free to individuals willing to start their own businesses and recently had the excitement of seeing the ground broken for a project to supply water and sewage lines

to 7,800 inhabitants. He spends his evenings reading economic development reports and says he has become "a fervent supporter" of the idea of Europe. In Albania, Mary Margaret Dineen has had the opportunity to build her grassroots project from the ground up. "I arrived her in October of 1999. At first Civic Forum in Albania was just me and a stack of notes." The organization now employs 16 staff members in addition to Dineen and more are being hired. Fifty citizen groups are meeting regularly in 22 communes. New groups are forming on an on-going basis. Operations are expanding into new districts. Nearly 1000 citizens have become involved. Early groups have moved on from the first stages of discussion and acquiring skills to pinpointing and prioritizing concrete infrastructural needs in their communities. They are overcoming political differences as well as tactical and strategic problems, to work with elected officials towards implementing those goals.

At the other end of the spectrum and after 20 years of work in development,

Dr. Ogilvie's is now responsible for management, development and planning of CHF programs in 35 countries, oversees administration of a \$180 million program portfolio, as well as liaising with Usaid, the World Bank and major foundations. She has gained the perspective which enables her to say, "What's changing in the non-profit international development field is that people are no longer seen as well-meaning amateurs but as real professionals whose expertise can be used elsewhere." People move in and out of non-governmental, governmental and business organizations. In fact, Ogilvie herself is an example of this: She co-founded and managed from start-up to sale a privately held consulting and policy research company which was bought by IBM in 1982. But whatever the prospects for people working in development, the bottom line is how you feel about it when you wake up in the morning. And for all three alumni, that feeling is, in Ogilvie's words, one of "immense satisfaction." ■

Elisabeth Hamilton



A CHF program in Honduras provides home improvement and sanitation solutions



Class speakers delivering the graduation address

The elegant and newly gilded Theatre Marigny on the Rond Point des Champs Elysées served as the venue for the Commencement Exercises of the Class of 2001. This year, Masters Degree candidates from the Diplomatic Academy of London joined our ceremony for the first time. Proud parents, families, and friends beamed, as the graduates entered the hall, lead by members of the Faculty, clad in colorful academic regalia, and marched to the strains of Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*, played by a 5-piece brass band. The Marshall, Dr. David W. Pike, called the Assembly to order and entrusted the mace to in-coming SGA President, Monika Gueorguieva. President Michael K. Simpson welcomed the 1000 strong audience and congratulated the graduates.

Co-chairmen, George Thiel and Mel Croner, presented the Board of Trustees awards. The Valedictorian award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement went to Katarzyna Klosowska, an International Affairs and International Economics major who achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.840, the highest in the class. The Award for Distinguished Teaching for 2000-2001 went to Professor Roy Rosenstein, Department of Comparative Literature & English and to Professor Steven Frankel, Department of European Cultural Studies & Philosophy.

The Sin-Ming Shaw Award, which recognizes excellence in academic performance by a graduating senior based on a review of outstanding senior papers and projects, was conferred upon Alex Kunadze, a Computer Science major,

who authored and engineered the "Student Government Network Broadcasting and Communication System."

SGA awards for outstanding service to the student body were presented to students, Alexander Lojovic and Alexei Kunadze and to Professor Celeste Schenck. Paul Marcille, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Philippa Nevin, Assistant Dean of Students, and André Piddoubny, Chief of Operations for the Computer Center, were all recipients of the Administration Awards.

The winners of the hotly contested position of Senior Speaker for the Class of 2001, Aline Gisele Varre and Erik Petersson, delivered a witty graduation address together. They delighted the crowd by performing a duet with Aline singing a beautiful melody in her native Senegalese, accompanied by Erik on the drums.

Attendees participated in an inspiring and entertaining commencement address, delivered by Peter C. Goldmark, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the International Herald Tribune. Degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, were awarded to two distinguished representatives of the field



Peter C. Goldmark, Jr. addressing the graduates

of letters and philanthropy, Mr. Goldmark and Mr. Willem Pepler, former Chairman and Emeritus member of the AUP Board of Trustees. Michael Vincent, Vice President and Dean of the University, delivered a motivating message to the graduates.

Following the conferring of degrees by Dean Vincent and President Simpson, members of the Class of 2001 were welcomed into the AUP Alumni Association with the symbolic yellow rose, presented by alumni, Graeme Wright '82 and Tara Butler '96. Following closing remarks by President Simpson and Alumni Affairs Coordinator, Janet Steinmetzer, Professor Ali Fatemi delivered a special tribute to Distinguished Professor Emeritus, David W. Pike, as he prepared to lead the processional of Faculty and Graduates, in his last act as Marshall, into the reception halls to the congratulatory applause of the attendees and champagne toasts. ■



Graduates, Hannah Molin and Erik Petersson, celebrating with friends and family

# Body Computing

*Sophomore Dharit Anjaria '04, student worker for Alumni Affairs, majoring in Computer Science, recently had his article published in the October, 2001 issue of PC-Quest, India's largest computer magazine. This summer, he was invited by the editor to research the topic of Biometrics. Never having heard of this term, he began the daunting task of doing thorough research and preparing material to submit for the actual writer. However, much to his surprise, his version was published in its entirety, which you can read below.*



After the events on September 11 in the U.S., personal security and access security are on top of most minds. Until a few years ago, using computer technology to implement access security was limited to sci-fi movies. In real life, it was like a box of chocolate cookies kept on a shelf too high to reach, for the average company or person. And for those serious enough to implement it, there just weren't enough options. However, this is fast changing, thanks to advances in biometrics.

In the movie Mission Impossible I, only one authorized person can access a high-security computer room. His retina is scanned and only when it matches, is he allowed admission into the room. This is biometrics being used for verification in movies. In real life, though, it is today being used for a very sad cause - to identify the victims of the carnage in the US. The FBI is asking the relatives of victims to send in their toothbrushes, combs, or other personal objects from where they can get the victims' DNA samples.

Biometric technologies are used to accurately identify and verify an individual's identity. This involves identifying his physiological and behavioral characteristics. Biometrics, in general, refers to the study of biological characteristics. With reference to computer security, it refers to authentication techniques using biological characteristics that are measurable or identifiable, and unique to an individual.

Biometric systems are not flawless. Just as any new technology, biometrics, too, has drawbacks. Some biometric systems are easy to fool, while some are just not feasible to implement, because of their exorbitant installation and maintenance costs and resource requirements.

The accuracy of any biometric system is measured in two ways: FAR (False Acceptance Rate), where an impostor is accepted as a match, and FRR (False Rejection Rate), where a legitimate match is denied access. For a system to be successful, both have to be within acceptable low limits.

In the pages that follow, you'll get an insight into the pros and cons of some of these technologies. But before that, take a quick look at the evaluation methods used by these technologies.

**Fingerprint verification** involves the user placing his finger over a glass-plate which resides over a high-resolution CCD (charge-coupled) camera. The image captured is compared to that in the system's database. Positive identification or rejection, as the case may be, is based on the number of minutiae (small lines on the surface of the skin) that match. The number that must match for the result to be a 'hit' or 'no hit' can be defined. These images are relatively large in size and so there can be many permutations and combinations to adjust the threshold value. This technology is neither too expensive, nor does it require extensive user-training. It's also simple

to implement since a fingerprint-reader can sit on a mouse or keyboard, or simply connect like one. It also gives a high level of accuracy.

**Hand-geometry** involves comparing a 3-D image of the user's hand to that present in the system's database. This is fairly complex in usage and thus calls for greater discipline from the user's side. Accuracy is as good as, if not better, than fingerprint verification. Implementation is, however, expensive since it involves high-resolution 3-D imaging.

**Signature dynamics** involves breaking-down of the way a signature is made. Some qualities looked into include acceleration rates, directions, pressure, and stroke length. A flaw with this technology lies in the randomness or the inconsistency with which a user makes his signature. Due to this, multiple matches might result in a higher number of FARs or FRRs. Accuracy is thus below satisfactory levels and so can currently only be implemented in areas where precision is not the only relevant factor in decision-making.

**Voice dynamics** relies on a voice 'template' created by the user during a training phase before first usage. He is asked to repeat several phrases so that the system can create a unique 'image' of the person's voice patterns. However, this technique is prone to inaccuracy since it relies on the behavior of the subject rather than the physical characteristics of the voice. Inconsistent repetition of phrases can lead to incorrect results. It's inaccuracy overshadows the inexpensive equipment required to implement it.

**Retinal scan** is currently the most dependable because of its high level of accuracy. It involves imaging of the blood vessels in the retina of the eye when infra-red light of a certain frequency and wavelength is incident upon it. The extent to which this energy is absorbed by the blood vessels is different in different individuals.

However, this method of imaging is personally invasive since it involves the projection of a laser-beam through the cornea of the eye. Also, diseases like cataracts or infections affect the evaluation by the system and could return inconsistent results. Extreme skill and discipline (not to forget patience) is required on both the operator's and the end user's side.

**Iris scan** uses a concept similar to retinal scanning, but uses a conventional CCD camera instead of infra-red radiation. The subject is made to stand 12 to 14" from a camera, which frame-grabs an image of the iris. Since this is a very high-resolution image, the accuracy of this technology is the highest after the retinal scan system. This is, however, in the prototype testing stage and so it will be a while before it is commercially available.

**DNA analysis**, which involves checking the DNA patterns of a human, is used when the physical characteristics are unrecognizable, especially to identify dead people. It is also used to find out relationships, like in cases involving identifying a child's natural parents. This is one biometric technology that is judicially accepted. Since no humans have identical DNA patterns (with the rare exception of twins), this is one of the most foolproof methods of all. Modern technology allows the system to scan the DNA directly by taking dead cells from a person's external skin.

Other biometric technologies include face-recognition systems and vascular-pattern recognition systems. Both of these, however, are in their initial development stages and so cannot be compared to the other biometric systems already available. Personally, if it is a question of verification for my bank-account, I wouldn't mind being zapped or even electrocuted. At the same time, I would prefer to look at someone's photograph instead of his skull's watermark-embedded digital images. Call me old-fashioned or call me whatever...■

*Dharit Anjaria '04*

## French Honor Society at AUP

**Phi Delta Phi**, a French Honor Society, was founded at the University of California at Berkeley in 1906. The purpose of this society is to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature as well as to stimulate cultural activities. Presently, there are more than 300 chapters in almost every state in the United States. The Kappa Beta Chapter at the American University of Paris was established in 1987 on the initiative of Dean Charlotte Lacaze. In recognition of her work, a Pi Delta Phi medal was awarded to Maud Nicolas, the chapter's moderator for the past 14 years.

Each year, new members, French majors and Minors, displaying outstanding achievement, are welcomed into the chapter, during its initiation ceremony. Please consult the AUP alumni web pages to view list of the chapter's membership.

Every summer, AUP offers a paid tuition summer session scholarship to an undergraduate Pi Delta Phi member chosen through a nation-wide selective examination within the U.S.

# Faculty News

**Shahram Alijani (Economics)** spoke on "New Applications and the Technological Innovations of the Net Economy with a Reference to Smart Clothing and Communicating Garments", at the First Tuesday Conference (an Internet event) organized by UBS in Geneva & Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Richard Beardsworth (European Cultural Studies and Philosophy)**



has been named winner of the Modern Language Association's Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Scholarly Study of Literature for his translation of *The Confession of Augustine*, by Jean-François Lyotard. This award is certainly the most prestigious of its kind in North America and probably one of most important in the world. Professor Beardsworth will be honored at a ceremony at the annual Modern Languages Association convention in New Orleans.

**Madeleine Beaufort (Art History)** published an essay entitled, "Paris et la presse illustrée durant les années 1840," included in an anthology *La Modernité avant Haussmann*, under the direction of Karen Bowie, published by Editions Recherches. Another article, "The American art trade and French painting at the end

of the 19th century," appeared in *The Van Gogh Museum Journal* 2000, p. 101-107.

**Stefanella Boatto (Mathematics)** has received several grants from the Visiting Professor Fellowship (a Brazilian Research Agency), from the department of mathematics at the Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil. She has published her article, "Diffusion et agrégation des particules en milieu turbulent créé par des tourbillons" in the *Journées Scientifiques, Institut de Mécanique Céleste* (June 2000 issue).

**Ann Borel (Library)** was the recipient of an ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) scholarship grant to attend the 2001 ACRL Conference. Complementary funding from the A.W. Mellon Foundation grant at AUP, allowed her to travel to Denver, Colorado to participate in seminars on information literacy.

**Kathleen Chevalier (Art History)** spoke at a conference entitled "Le Mythe de Diane en France à la Renaissance", organized by the Société des Amis d'Agrippa d'Aubigné on "Appartements des Bains" at Fontainebleau. The papers will be published shortly thanks to a grant from the Centre National des Lettres.

**Larry Eaker (International Affairs)** organized a conference attended by over 150 international business law professionals on international commercial arbitration at the Maison de la Chimie in Paris. The ESSEC Business School and the international law firm, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer jointly sponsored the conference. Horacio Grigera-Naon, Secretary General of

the ICC International Court of Arbitration, was a principal speaker.

**Steven Ekovitch (International Affairs)** appeared on French television and radio to comment on the American presidential election. He was also interviewed on Fox News about President Bush's foreign policy. He lectured on the same topics at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and Strasbourg as well as at the Université de Lyon, the Paris section of the Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale, the officers of the French Air Defense Command in Metz and to the association France-Etats-Unis in Lorraine. He has published an article on the foreign policy of the new American president in *Géostratégiques*.

**Rachel Frankel (Mathematics)** published the article, "A Numerical Method for Two-Phase Flow Consisting of Separate Compressible and Incompressible Regions," in *Journal of Computational Physics*. (166, 1- 27) (2001).

**Hall Gardner's (International Affairs)**



chapter, "NATO and the UN: The Contemporary Relevance of the 1949 North Atlantic Treaty" has just been published in Vol 1 of *A History*

*of NATO: The First Fifty Years*, edited by Gustav Schmidt 3 vols (Palgrave, 2001) A paragraph of his book, *Dangerous Crossroads: Europe, Russia and the Future of NATO* has been cited in the opening chapter, "50 Years of NATO as History: Perspectives on the Tasks Ahead" by Gustav Schmidt. Professor Gardner was interviewed on by the French press agency, *Agence France Presse*, on U.S.-EU relations. He spoke at the Second Conference of "The New Transatlantic Agenda: Facing the Challenges of Global Governance" on the topic of "Transatlantic Policies Towards Russia and China: Divergence and Convergence" by the *Instituto Affari Internazionali* in Rome. Hall Gardner's article, "China: From World Revolution to Raw Pan-National Interest" has been published in both French and English in *Geostratégiques* No 3 April 2001.

**Christopher E. Goscha (History and Social Sciences)** recently published "The Borders of Vietnam's Early Wartime Trade with Southern China: A Contemporary Perspective," *Asian Survey*, vol. XL, no. 6, (November / December 2000), pp. 987-1018 and - "L'aide chinoise au Viet Minh, (1948-1954)", *Revue Historique des Armées*, no. 3, (2000), pp. 15-24. - "Vietnamese Revolutionaries and the Early Spread of Communism to Peninsular Southeast Asia: Towards a Regional Perspective", *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*, no. 14, (2000), pp. 1-41. - He also organized a major international conference on contemporary Vietnam at Sciences Po earlier this year, with Jean-Luc Domenach and Benoit de Tréglodé. The papers will be published in French and English as an edited volume in early 2002.

**Daniel Gunn (Comparative Literature)** published an article, "Peace and the Monomaniac," reviewing two exhibitions in London on the works of the Italian painter, Giorgio Morandi, in the *Times Literary Supplement*, July 13, 2001, p. 19.

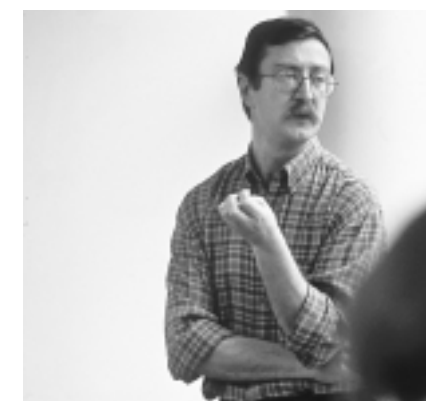
**Linda Martz (International Economics and Politics)** recently published an article, "Quelques hommes pour les Sept Sœurs : la coéducation et les 'Women's Colleges 'en Amérique depuis la Deuxième Guerre Mondiale.'" Jean-Paul Barbiche, ed., "*Dévolutions et Fédéralismes : des Faits et des Idées*", Paris: l'Harmattan, 2001.

**Marie-Christine Navarro (French Studies)** lectured on the connections between "Voice, Gender, and Women's Liberation Movement in France" at the Institut Français de Rabat (Morocco) during the celebration of International Women's Day. The lecture and an interview of Professor Navarro by the Moroccan journalist, Farida Moha, were published in the Moroccan independent newspaper, *Libération*. Professor Navarro also published her new essay about the great French humanist psychiatrist Edouard Zarifian in March, 2001. The title of her book is "Edouard Zarifian, une certaine idée de la folie," Editions de l'Aube.

**Farhad Nomani (Economics)** presented two co-authored papers on labor force stratification and the problem of women's employment marginalization in Iran at the annual conference of the Allied Social Sciences in New Orleans, and at the conference on "History from Below: the case of Iran" at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam. Nomani's co-authored

article on Involution and Deinvolution in Iranian Employment has been accepted for publication in the *International Journal Of Middle Eastern Studies*.

**Professors Nomani and Rahnama's (Economics)** book on Islamic Economic Systems has been chosen as the core textbook for the course on Economic Development in the



Middle East at University of Durham, and for the course on Comparative Economic Systems at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. The Islamic studies MA program at Georgetown University has chosen the same book as required reading, and it is identified as a basic reference book for different articles of the Encyclopedia Europa on the Middle East and North Africa.

**Susan Perry (International Affairs)** facilitated a training session on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills for women leaders from Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Sudan and South Africa. Women As Partners for Peace in Africa, the US State Department and the Women aging Peace Alliance, part of the Women and Public Policy Program at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University, sponsored the training session, resulting in three distinct international policy recom-

mendations for the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, to be presented to the UN by Under-Secretary General Olara Otunnu. Professor Perry was recently invited to give a paper at the OECD's Conference on Social Protection in China. She spoke on China at the Conference on Corruption, sponsored by AUP's Centre for the Study of Corruption and Extra-Legal Systems, the OECD and the Diplomatic Academy. Finally, Professors Perry's co-edited volume with Professor Celeste Schenck - *Eye to Eye: Women Practicing Development Across Cultures* (Zed Books), appearing this fall under the Zed Books label.

**Anne Petrov (Computer Science)** presented a paper: "Innovations dans la topologie de la démonstration géométrique: les Eléments d'Isaac Barrow" at REHSEIS (Université de Paris I) and spoke at a seminar, "Mathématiques et sciences sociales en histoire, XVII<sup>e</sup>-XX<sup>e</sup> siècle" EHESS in February. She presented a paper: "Les Leçons d'Isaac Barrow sur la théorie des proportions" at the CNRS colloquium, Université de Lille III. She participated in a Round Table session on the History of Mathematics in the 16th and 17th centuries. Among the speakers were the historians Peter Dear (Cornell) and Alessandro Mazzotti (Yale) at the Institut Henri Poincaré in Paris.

**David Pike (Distinguished Professor Emeritus - History)** published two books in the past year: *Spaniards in the Holocaust* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000), and *The Closing of the Second World War* New York and Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2001. He attended the 23<sup>rd</sup>



Mediterranean Conference in Tunis-Carthage to give two papers: Hannibal in Spain and Gaul, and Montgomery in Tunisia.

**Kristen Ralf (Economics)** recently published the following article, "Do complementary factors lead to economic fluctuations?" *Economics Letters*, Vol. 71, No. 1 (2001) pp 97 - 103.

**Margery Arent Safir (Comparative Literature)** is general editor and contributor to the book, "Connecting Creations: Science-Technology-Literature-Arts". AUP is represented in the book with an essay by **Filiz Burhan (Art History)** on art and science in 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century France, and a dialogue between **Anne Hogan** (former AUP Alumni Coordinator and professor), and choreographer Yacov Shirir about "cyberdancers".

**Lydia Scher-Zembitska (History)** recently published a book, *L'aigle et le phénix: un siècle de relations franco-polonaises 1732-1832*, CNRS editions (Centre National de la Recherche scientifique). Edith Taieb (French Studies) presented "Corps réifiés, corps souffrants, une image des corps des

femmes dans le discours d'Hubertine Auclert" at the annual CIEF conference in Portland, Maine. Her presence as an AUP French professor was cited in the *Portland Press Herald*.

**David Tresilian (English)** attended an international seminar on the Management of Heritage Cities in the European Countries-in-Transition on behalf of UNESCO in Bucharest, Romania. The Seminar, organized by UNESCO in co-operation with the French Government and the Council of Europe, included participants from eight countries in the region to exchange experience and ideas on cultural tourism and heritage management in the former Communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

**Myriam Wissa (History)** gave 10 lectures at Malta University on the Islamic civilization from the early Islamic period to the late Ottoman period.

**Douglas Yates (International Affairs)** completed his one-year apprenticeship and was officially received into the corps of Maîtres des Conférences, in Section 01 (Droit Privé). He has been appointed to the Faculté de Droit at the University of Cergy-Pontoise. He participated in 2000-2001 United States Government sponsored trips to Africa, speaking on comparative electoral systems in the State Department's "Democratization" program in the African Regional Services "Speaker's Program." An upcoming conference, "Towards a Pax West Africana: Building peace in a Troubled Sub-Region," Abuja (Nigeria): received a fully funded travel grant from the International Peace Academy (IPA). ■

## AUP Curriculum Attractive to Peers

The new AUP general-education curriculum "Liberal Education for Global Citizenship" received a warm welcome at conferences and meetings this past semester, as we have begun to take our show on the road. The new First Bridge learning communities, which all incoming freshmen will take this September, were of particular interest to writing program directors at Cornell, Harvard, Pittsburgh, and Missouri recently, when Charles Talcott, Ann Mott, and Celeste Schenck attended for the second year in a row Cornell University's Summer Consortium on Writing sponsored by the Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines.

This year, we were presenters at a session on Global Writing, focusing on curricula designed for international student bodies. Our motto - "there's no place like AUP" - was particularly apt at this conference, where virtually all the participants were entranced by our description of nine entry levels of English. Clearly the special challenges we face make our



Professors Talcott, Mott, and Schenck simulate the Eiffel Tower for Conference colleagues in New York

curriculum review process particularly interesting, especially to colleagues stateside.

In early June, a multidisciplinary team of faculty -Karen Serieyssol, Jim Clayson, and Claudia Roda- as well as two administrators, Celeste Schenck and Michael Vincent attended AAC&U's Asheville Institute for General Education. Celeste Schenck was invited by AUP former Dean Andrea Leskes to describe in a plenary session the process that led to ratification of our General Education

Goals Statement. Throughout the conference other teams approached us to share ideas and ask our advice on that part of the process. While we were there, we began to fashion an exciting new problems-based, math/science sequence for our general education program. Members of that department will go forth with the planning in the fall.

This autumn, several members of the Intensive English Program will attend a conference at the international Universidad de las Americas in Pueblo, Mexico to share to share their vision of EFL across the curriculum with teams from all over the world. Wherever we land, we find that other schools find our new programs compelling- as indeed no other US-based American institution can claim to educate for global citizenship in the same way- and, of course, speak longingly of our international location in the city of cities. ■

Celeste Schenck, Associate Dean for Curricular Development

## Expanding Study Abroad Opportunities

Usually, we think of AUP as a favored destination for American students who would like to spend a semester or two studying abroad. Our programs and Paris do, indeed, regularly attract visiting students from some of America's most distinguished colleges and universities. Recently, however, AUP's own students, nearly 65% of whom are not American, have been taking more advantage of AUP's growing list of partnerships with American colleges and universities to gain valuable experience studying abroad.

Over the last year, AUP has broadened this list to include The University of Cape Town, in South Africa, and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Monterrey Tech), the largest and most prestigious private university in Mexico. In the United States, AUP has added a student exchange program with the Goizueta School of Business, at Emory University.

Another major new study abroad partnership has just been established with the University of California system, one of the premier universities in world. Under this agreement, the

University of California, which has eight undergraduate campuses, including Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles (UCLA), Santa Barbara, San Diego, Irvine, Riverside, and Santa Cruz, has designated The American University of Paris as its Paris study abroad program. This means that students from across the California system will join us as visiting students beginning Fall 2002. Limited to a maximum of 50, these students will add another dimension to our rich diversity.

In return, the University of California will accept up to 10 AUP students as visiting students, again, beginning Fall 2002. This is a unique opportunity for AUP students, since securing a place at one of the University of California campuses is very difficult, especially as a visiting or transfer student. Although both AUP and UC students will benefit from this unique cooperative program, AUP's visibility and prestige throughout the United States and abroad will be greatly enhanced. ■

William Black

## Search for New AUP President

In June, 2001, Dr. Michael K. Simpson, Ph.D., tendered his resignation as President of The American University of Paris to AUP's Board of Trustees. President Simpson's decision was based on the failing health of his father who resides in the U.S. and his ever increasing need to be near his father during this difficult time. It was with deep regret that the Board of Trustees accepted President Simpson's resignation.

President Simpson has made numerous and material contributions to AUP during his 3\_ years of tenure here. Major achievements under President Simpson's leadership include: creating modest reserves rather than adding to cumulated deficits; the purchase of the Bosquet building; and, the anticipated completion of steps necessary for AUP to receive its "ouverture" from French education authorities.

This past summer, Mel Croner and George Thiel, Co-Chairmen of AUP's Board of Trustees initiated a search process, leading to the identification, evaluation, and selection of a new president. In August, several meetings were held with different members of the AUP community and trustees to discuss the position and the process to be followed. It was decided to place advertisements in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *The Economist* magazine. Despite several interesting responses, it became apparent that advertising, alone, would not suffice to identify the breadth and depth of the desired candidates.

At its September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the international search firm of Boyden International ("Boyden"), selected by the Executive Committee. Julia Hirsch, a senior partner of Boyden with over 25-years of experience as a Boyden Vice President, as well as in-depth experience in education including serving as a

Vice President of Stanford University, will conduct the search. Ms. Hirsch spent the week of October 1 through 5, 2001 on the AUP campus, holding 29 meetings with 82 members of the AUP community... trustees, faculty, administration, staff, students, and alumni.

Charged by AUP's Bylaws with the responsibility to select its President, the trustees have created two committees that will be actively involved in the search process. A **Search Committee**, composed of non-trustee members of the AUP community, has been formed and has held three meetings during October, including a joint meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Trustees meeting in Paris. The Search



Committee will review the final Position Specification that will be used as the standard for evaluating candidates. The search consultant will identify a "short list" of candidates for referral to the committee who will review and evaluate potential candidates as well as play a leading role in interviewing and determining the final candidates who will be invited to visit Paris. The Committee will also be responsible for explaining and "selling" AUP to the selected candidates, and will act as the primary advisor to the Selection Committee.

The **Selection Committee**, composed entirely of trustees, intends to meet weekly, face-to-face and / or telephonically, during the search. The Selection Committee, via the Co-Chairs, will maintain an ongoing liaison with the search consultant. The Committee also will approve the final Position Specification once the Search Committee has reviewed it.

Once the consultant has presented a "short list" of candidates, the Selection Committee will, along with the Search Committee, review and evaluate the candidates. The members of the Selection Committee will interview the final candidates presented by the consultant, either in Paris or elsewhere. The other trustees, as available, will also interview the final candidates. Based upon its interviews with the final candidates, the input of the Search Committee, and the final candidates' evaluations by other members of the AUP community, the Selection Committee will recommend a final candidate to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in New York on February 22 & 23, 2002. The Board of Trustees anticipates that the new President will begin his or her transition into the position at AUP during the end of the 2001-2002 academic year. A website on the search has been created and can be accessed at <http://www.ac.aup.fr/psearch> ■

## Career Development Update

The Aup Career Development Office assists students and alumni with their CV's, cover letters, graduate school applications, job searches and career networking. Below you can discover some of the services provided through this office:

### **Job Offers Online:**

Position offers received by the Career Development Office (mostly for France and Europe) are now posted online! To consult them, go to [www.aup.edu](http://www.aup.edu), click on Student Life, and then on Career Development. The page is called "Current Job Offers." The user name is "jobs" and the password is "amex31." A related page, entitled "Looking for a Job," includes links to the recruiting pages of companies who have hired AUP graduates.

### **Online Resume Viewbook:**

Two years ago, the Career Development Office began compiling the annual bilingual AUP Resume Viewbook, which included resumes of current and former students. The book was sent to several hundred employers in the Paris area, including IBM, L'Oréal, the International Chamber of Commerce, the OECD, Coca Cola France, and the American Hospital. This year, an online version of the Viewbook was created, thanks to current student, Ahmed El Bacri. If you are looking to hire international graduates, you may wish to have a look at these resumes by going to [www.ac.aup.fr/~careers](http://www.ac.aup.fr/~careers). You will need the employer user name (companyone) and password (aup2001). Interested in having your resume included? Contact us to obtain format specifications.

### **International Careers Day:**

The International Careers Day held at AUP in November 2000 drew over 120 students and recent graduates to hear speakers (many of whom were AUP alumni) discussing their professional areas and giving job hunting advice. Given the success of this venture, it is clear that this will be a yearly event. If you are interested in participating in a future International Careers Day, either as a speaker or a participant, please contact us. Please consult the AUP web site for the date. Alumni are welcome.

### **Interviewing Workshop:**

Last semester, the Career Development Office organized a workshop on Preparing for Job Interviews. Led by Avivah

Wittenberg-Cox, Career Counselor at the INSEAD graduate business school in Fontainebleau, the lively two hours covered such topics as researching potential employers, opening and closing the interview, and most common interview questions. The session began with a short mock interview, which got participants in the right frame of mind. Student response was very positive, and we hope to have Ms. Wittenberg-Cox on campus on a regular basis.

### **Business Advisory Council:**

The Career Development Office was instrumental in the creation of the Business Advisory Council, a group of senior executives in international and multinational companies presented to AUP by members of our Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Council is to bring its members on campus to interact with IBA faculty and to inform students about the realities of the business environment they will be entering after graduation. Last year, four talks were scheduled at AUP involving BAC members or their colleagues, and one internship opportunity was developed for a current student. More information on the Business Advisory Council can be obtained from Prof. Ali Fatemi ([fatemi@aup.fr](mailto:fatemi@aup.fr)) or Denise Nickerson ([nickerson@aup.fr](mailto:nickerson@aup.fr)).

### **JOBTRAK becomes monsterTRAK:**

JOBTRAK has merged with Monster.com to become monsterTRAK. MonsterTRAK.com provides full-time, part-time, temporary and internship opportunities targeted by employers to students and alumni of member colleges and universities. To access, type in [www.monstertrak.com](http://www.monstertrak.com) ([www.jobtrak.com](http://www.jobtrak.com) still works) and click on "Search Jobs." AUP is listed alphabetically under "The American University of Paris." The AUP password is amex31. In its Best of the Web, Forbes.com has this to say about Monster.com: "Monster.com keeps getting better. There are more than 370,000 job postings... Recently, Monster acquired JobTrak, so it now provides jobs and resume databases for more than 1,000 university career centers. There is an impressive research section where you can pull up profiles of thousands of companies." ([www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com), 2001).

We welcome your comments and ideas for the Career Development Office. AUP Alumni are our best source of information and job offers! Please contact AUP Career Counselor Danielle Savage at [careers@aup.fr](mailto:careers@aup.fr). ■

# Good Friends and Fun Bring Alumni Back



Sharon Faccinto receives congratulations for her Distinguished service award from co-Chairman Mel Croner, and her husband Randall

Arriving from Hong Kong, Chile, Turkey, Lebanon, Europe, and the U.S., AUP alumni, standing true to tradition, came from around the globe to attend this year's Global Alumni Weekend in Paris. The Global Alumni Weekend (GAW) annually provides the ideal occasion to renew friendships with former classmates, while rediscovering Paris and AUP in an atmosphere of celebration and fun. Whatever the reasons to attend this year's GAW, it was clear that a good time was had by all with representatives from the first class, Leigh and Laurent Sauerwein'62 to new alumna, Aislynn Thomas '01. Special mention must be made of the

enthusiastic group of 80's alumni who rallied to the reunion call and actively participated in the weekend's activities.

The **Commencement Exercises** on Thursday, May 17th at the elegant Théâtre Marigny officially marked the opening of the weekend's activities and initiated 154 graduates from the Class of 2001 into the ranks of the alumni. In celebration of their new status, graduates received their traditional yellow rose from AUP alumni, Graeme Wright '82 and Tara Butler '96. (See Graduation article.)

On Friday afternoon, May 18th, alumni toured the fabulous **Opéra Garnier** with its exquisite interior, its famous Chagal ceilings, and its delightful Cinderella Exhibit, expertly commented by the Opéra's head guide with simultaneous translation graciously provided by AUP's Bill Gadsby. All were in awe of this impressive institution and its legendary past.

They were anxious to share their experience with fellow alumni, faculty, trustees, and staff at the **President's Reception** on Friday evening in the elegant Grand Salon of the Bosquet Building. There was a congratulatory note in the air as everyone felt a sense of pride with the imminent purchase of the building. President Michael Simpson toasted and thanked the alumni for their contributions to this ambitious effort so important to the University. Following the reception, many alumni retired to the familiar depths of the AMEX for a dose of nostalgia and camaraderie.

The cooking demonstration at the world famous **Cordon**



Trent Oliver and Brian Kelley 80 share the news of their engagement with Laurence and Franklin Craig 81 and Marion Craig Morisson 85

**Bleu** tantalized the palates of our aspiring alumni chefs on Saturday morning, May 19th. Relishing the tasting of the morning's delicacies, they heartily endorsed this experience as a regular GAW offering.

Meanwhile back in the **Marais**, another group of early risers set out to trace the origins of its numerous historical buildings from the Renaissance to the Revolution on a walking tour with Kathleen Chevalier, Associate Professor of Art History. Alumni marveled as her enthusiasm and expertise unlocked the secrets of the Marais, which few had suspected. By the end of the tour, the fellow adventurers had bonded and were already looking forward to next year's tour.

Alumni were resplendent in their evening attire as they arrived in the **Pavillon Dauphine** gardens for cocktails, generously provided by RICARD and Jean Perrier & Fils. They mingled to the soothing strains of a jazz ensemble in the background. The guests were treated to a delicious 4-course dinner, accompanied by an exquisite E & J Gallo Cabernet Sauvignon.

Following dinner, the Alumni Association chose to recognize two very deserving individuals whose enthusiasm and sense of service to the University set examples for all to follow. President Michael Simpson presented the Distinguished Service Awards to **Franklin Craig '81** and to **Sharon Gruver Faccinto '87**. We congratulate them and thank them for their long-standing service to our alma mater. After the awards, it

was time to party. GAW revelers chatted and danced to the live sound of the Simon Lockwood Band, reconnecting, sharing old times, and forging new AUP memories.

While most hard-core partygoers were fast asleep on Sunday morning, 20 adventurous spirits chose to explore "**Champagne Country**", dousing the night's memories with doses of aspirins and coffee on the 2-hour bus ride to Epernay. However, the first glass of "Mercier" helped to revive the group, who became quickly absorbed in discovering the methods and history of the bubbly. Following the tour of the Mercier Caves, the group was treated to a special menu, featuring specialties of the

Champagne region. (The group highly recommends the raisins macerated in Marc de Champagne.) After another tasting at a local "caviste", our AUP oenologues became true connoisseurs, loading boxes of champagne onto the bus without regard to the Metro rides to follow. Following a final adieu to the tomb of Dom Perignon, the group headed back to Paris, enthusiastically making plans for next year's GAW and the next wine tour excursion to Bordeaux. ■

## Alumni Affairs Coordinator's message:

As the Graduation Coordinator for the past two years, I have had the opportunity to witness the great breadth of talent present within the AUP student body. I am extremely pleased to assume the position of Alumni Affairs Coordinator and to serve as the link between your alma mater and yourselves.

This is an exciting time, especially in this year of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our founding. I hope that you will be able to attend the various events that we are planning throughout this year in many different locations. I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as possible our the coming year.

Wherever your global adventures may lead, please remember that the Alumni Affairs Office is here to work with you, to help you keep in touch with your institution and other alumni, and to welcome you back to AUP whenever you are in Paris. Remember: "There's no place like AUP."

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# California Alumni Meet Prospective Students



On the evening of April 25, California alumna, Susan Pickings Harper '77 and family, opened their home for an AUP information reception. Students applying to AUP for the fall 2001 semester and their parents were invited to learn more about our school.

Vice President for Enrollment Management and External Relations, William Black, and Gil Jackson '98, West Coast Regional Representative,

gave an overview of AUP's programs before opening a group discussion among alumni, parents, students and administrators.

Prospective students were able to discover the opportunities that an international education can bring to their futures. With stories from classroom lectures, internships, study trips and some funny anecdotes, the alumni painted a clear picture of life as a stu-



dent in Paris. While enjoying desserts, cheese, and coffee, AUP's present and future came together for a lovely evening.

## 1960's



**Barbara Bruni Freminier '63**, member of first ACP class of '62, recently introduced her two cousins to AUP as prospective students while visiting Paris. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with her husband, Jean and hopes to return for the 40th Anniversary celebration during this year's GAW.

**George "Terry" Theriault '63** attended ACP as sophomore, which he assumes makes him one of the oldest ACP/AUP alumni. Following ACP, he attended Middlebury College. He is currently residing in New Hampshire where he is the President and CEO of the McCreal Sight Center, The New Hampshire Society of the Blind.

**Gabriella Biello Coroneos '64**, BA in French from Marymount College (1966). She worked for Pan Am World Airways in New York until 1991. She has been working for Delta Airlines since 1991 when it acquired a large portion of Pan Am's international routes.

**Lili Wilson Hishmeh '64**, is the owner and director of a private Montessori school with a pre-school, kindergarten, and 1st grade outside Washington D.C. Her school serves as a first front for many immigrant families,

in need of English and settling in. Lili's son, Omar, 20, is studying environmental science and biology at the University of West Virginia, where her daughter, Leila, 17 is also studying. Leila is hoping to go to AUP.

**Roy Lachman '64** is currently living in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

**Peter D'Aprix '66** and his wife, Linda, live in Ojai, California. Each year, they spend a few months in their house in Provence near Moustiers-St-Marie doing food and travel stories for their e-magazine, [www.gourmetvoyageurs.com](http://www.gourmetvoyageurs.com), which covers French chefs and upscale hotels. This is an obsession for which he places full blame on his two years spent at ACP during the '60s. Peter and Linda travel with their "little surrogate child," Doogie, a Lasa Apsa, who makes them friends wherever they go.

**Paul Elmen '66** visited AUP while vacationing in France with his family. Earning a B.M. from Berklee College of Music in Boston, he remained as a member of the Faculty where he is currently an Assistant Professor - Ensemble. Paul also performs with numerous groups, and in the past he has performed most notably with Urbie Green, Ice Capades, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Arnie Lawrence, Hal McIntyre Orchestra, Philharmonic Choir of Paris, The Temptations, and TKO.

**Michael D'Aprix '69**, living in Sydney, Australia, works in the computer/internet field giving seminars on making the most

of the internet for businesses' bottom lines. Michael has three children.

**Anne-Marie Fauroux Smith '69** is married to a JAG officer, stationed in Würzburg, Germany. Her son is currently a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., and her daughter, a high school senior, is considering AUP. Anne-Marie would love to hear from fellow class-mates and urges them to e-mail her at [smitham29@yahoo.com](mailto:smitham29@yahoo.com).

## 1970's

**Victor Vance '70** has been working for the past 17 years for Philip Morris in Lausanne, Switzerland. His tasks have covered most functional areas of a major data center. His company provides IT services to Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the ex-USSR countries. Victor is presently working on a totally new function, focusing on communications with the IT world. This is non-technical communications dealing with Public Relations, inter-functional communications, client communications etc. A real challenge in a "Techy" environment.

**Lorraine Stuckgold Van Nes '74** met her Dutch husband on an AUP school trip to Bruges and Amsterdam. Following regular commutes between Paris, Gare de Nord to Amsterdam Central Station, they married in 1976. After residing and working in NYC, they chose to move to Badhoevedorp, a small village just outside of Amsterdam with their two children, Kendra (17) and Alec (15).

**Karen Zuro '78** has recently moved to the country in Reva,

Virginia with her two children, aged 12 and 7; 3 horses; 2 kittens; a dog and 2 puppies.

## 1980's

**Michel de Bona '81** is currently working as Project Director for Semantis, a Paris-based translation services company with a client base consisting of large multinational (Louis Vuitton, l'Oréal, BNP-Parisbas, etc.) He has been working in Paris for the last 10 years.



*Those were the days... Can you name these 80's alumni?*

**Michiel Kupers '81**, pursuing his interest in scientific subjects after graduation, went on to study electrical engineering at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Graduating in '88 from Delft University of Technology in Holland with the equivalent of a master's degree in electrical engineering, Kupers joined ASML, a company specializing in the manufacture of equipment for the semiconductor industry. He worked as a software customer support engineer from '88 - '94. He then worked in Tempe, Arizona from '94 - '98 in this same capacity. He spent 6 months in South Korea in '98 working with Samsung on a joint project. In '99, Kupers moved back to Holland, where he

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began working on the next generation of lithography machines, a product of ASML, recently acquired by an American firm.

**Kathy Nance '82**, after returning to Sarasota, Florida in 1996, became VP and shareholder in a .com company which helped foreign students apply to US colleges with a 100% acceptance rate. Last year, she changed directions entirely and specialized in commercial and investment real estate. Kathy loves it and encourages anyone looking for investment or commercial property on the west coast of Florida to contact her. She was married on June 23rd.

**Maggie Wunsch Scott '82 and John Scott '82** live in Los Angeles, California. John is a Financial Advisor and First Vice-President of Investments for the Beverly Hills branch of Prudential Securities. Maggie chairs the Governing Board of their children's elementary school, sits on the board of the local Jewish Community Center, and serves on an Early Childhood Education/Childcare Task Force for the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

**Jansen Press '84** recently married Jolyann Daniel of Des Moines, in Madison County, Iowa. Tony Leventhal, AUP alum, '85, was the best man. Jansen is currently involved in Pro Audio Consulting in his hometown of Nashville, TN.

**Rex Koontz '85** is planning to move to the University of Houston in August, 2001 from the Department of Art, UTEP, El Paso, Texas. He has

published an edited volume, "Landscape and Power in Ancient Mesoamerica" (May 2001) with Westview Press, and hopes to complete the next edition of "Mexico" (in Thames and Hudson's series on Ancient People and Places) by late 2001.

**Wendi Hardigg Okun '85** worked at the OECD until 1991. Afterwards, she moved to San Francisco, to attend the University of San Francisco law school. Graduating in 1994, she established and ran the legal department at Wind Rivers Systems, a public software company in the Bay area, and presently is the Senior Corporate Counsel for Liberate Technologies, a public software company in the Silicon Valley. Wendi married Steve Okun, and now has a son, Alexander, 3, and is 7 months pregnant with their daughter, Olivia. They live in Redwood City, California.

**Michel Simiaut '85**, living in Paris, is currently working as General Manager for France for a new Greek private international airline, AXON Airlines.

**Paul Tocatlian '86** married in 1990. He and his wife have a beautiful daughter born in 1998. Paul and his family moved From New Jersey to San Jose, California in 1999. Since graduating from ACP, Paul received his Masters in Computer Science from the University of Pennsylvania. He then worked for Bell Labs, Novell, BEA Systems. Presently, Paul works for Propel where he is responsible for the Consulting, Education, Customer Support, and Service Engineering organizations.

**Guy Harris '88** joined the Bass Brewing and Hotel Group since graduation, where he remained for 11 years in various Sales/Marketing and Procurement roles. He left and joined Commerce One, the leader in E-Procurement and Marketplace technology. It was a gamble that so far has paid off. He was only the 4th employee hired in Europe out of a current team of 300 employees. Guy lives in Derbyshire, England with his wife and their 8 year old son. Guy is Director of Supplier and Content Services EMEA for Commerce One Inc.

**Niva Drysski Sintes '88** is married to an architect and they have one child. After her graduation, Niva moved to Michigan for three years where she obtained a MA degree in Economics, while working as a sales person in "B to B". After obtaining her degree, she decided to move to London where she worked for three years. In 1993, Niva decided to return to Paris, where she works for Wanadoo as Sales Director.

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**Charles Kinsky '90** has been living in Argentina for the last 4 years and was married in Buenos Aires to Dolores Beccar Varela.

**Ilise Gerstein Bush '90**, living in San Diego, California, is pleased to announce the birth of her second son, Samuel Bush, on September 14, 2000.

**Tara Epps '91** was married to Jehan Tamboowalla on November 25, 2000 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Tamboowalla's live in Tampa, Florida where Tara is a

Human Resources Manager for Johnson Controls.

**Susan Lowther '91** is currently working on a Ph.D in English at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

**Javier Rueda '91** studied for two years at the University of Houston in a MBA program after his degree in Business Administration. He was hired by the central purchasing department of Carrefour in Spain, where he became Director of private label food products after three years. In '96, Javier started the company, Ibernaco S.A. in Spain. This company imports all types of beverages and food products for the Spanish market. They have a 2000 m<sup>2</sup> of warehouse and employ 10 people, and represent European companies in the Spanish market such as NACO, CEREAL GROUP, RYSEN, SUPREX, S. ORSOLA, etc.



Grant Calder '92 and, his wife, Katrin Wallman Calder '92, are currently residing in Stockholm, Sweden, where they attended an alumni reception in August.

**Jennifer McAllister Jhun '92** received an MA in Clinical Psychology in 1996. On July 1, 2000, she married Kevin J. McAllister at St. Patrick's

Cathedral in New York City. **Ross Pruden '92** just finished shooting his first film entitled, "Metronome." The film was shot in digital video and is a scant 3 minutes long. It is his first film of many to come. The "Metronome" premiere was scheduled for mid-June in San Francisco.

**Silvia Sannella '92** was married on June 30, 2001 in Italy "with a nice Italian." They are living in Paris and she is working for GE Medical Systems.

**Anne-Marie Jabbour Petros '93** lives with her husband, Sam Petros, in Brecksville, Ohio. She received her MBA from Case Western Reserve University in May, 2000, two weeks after giving birth to twin boys, Maximos and Luke. They joined their brother, Sami (4) and sister Yvana (3). She is a busy mom, a volunteer for a children's charity as well as a local children organization, and an advocate for organic agriculture.

**Lydia El-Hajj Vosgimorukian '94 and Patric Vosgimorukian '94** were married on January 2, 2001, and now live in London, England.

**Slim Bouker '94** is currently living in London and holds the position of Vice President for JP Morgan Chase & Co. He is the Business Manager for Corporate Business Services in the Europe, Middle East, and Africa Region.

**Roshni Abayasekara '95** is living in London where she is pursuing a career in broadcast journalism at the BBC.

**Jean-Christophe Bieselaar '95** and his wife **Kaiko Matsuhima '94** moved to Queens, NYC where Jean Christophe is a pastor at Queen's Christian Alliance Church. He is involved in counseling adults, ministries, and teaching. Keiko also helps in the church and takes care of their daughter, Anne Megumi, who turned one year old in January. Jean-Christophe is also a part-time student at Westminster Theological Seminary in the Th. M program in Apologetics.

**Tricia James '95** is living in Atlanta, Georgia, where she works as a consultant for Small Business Services. Tricia recently organized a greater Atlanta alumni gathering.

**Jean-Ralph Perillon '95** is currently living in Los Angeles. He is a Sales Manager for Titus Software Corp. / Virgin Interactive, a French company which is one of the major producers of video games in the world.

**Vicky Vitali Schmitt '95** took over her father's vineyard in September, 2000. She and her husband have now become "perfect gentlemen farmers" in Italy.

**Carla Suhr '95**, upon completion of her MA at Emory University (Atlanta, GA) in 1997, moved back to Finland and worked as a high school teacher. Deciding to go back to school, Carla has been studying at the English Department of the University of Helsinki since 1998. She is hoping to obtain her MA by the end of this year, and plans to go on for

her PhD. She also works as a departmental research assistant for one of the professors.

**Laurence Vagassky '95**, a recent AUP graduate and now a doctoral student at the London School of Economics, was the recent winner of the Royal Geographic Society's International Fellowship. Vagassky, who was recommended for the award by Dr. Susan Perry, will now be able to use the fellowship grant to study the upgrading of urban development projects in the expanding settlements on the outskirts of Dakar, Senegal, and its impact on economic transformation. This research will serve as the basis for her Ph.D. theses. Thirty-seven PhD candidates from 20 British Universities competed for this award. The selection panel was headed by Dr. Lorraine Craig, the RGS's head of Research and Higher Education and included distinguished geographers from several U.K. Universities.

**Francesca Beausang '96** is currently a lecturer at London School of Economics.

**Helena Bergh de Medeiros '96** works as a Programme Officer for the Swedish Section of the International Commission of Jurists. She deals with legal aid projects in South Africa that have been ongoing for several years and with a new Human Rights and Access to Justice Programme in West Africa, East Africa, and Southern Africa. All of the projects are financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

**Kevin Brule '96**, although living and working in

Singapore, now spends most of his time in Florianopolis and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he will be opening a nightclub in November 2001.

**Fabrizio Casaretto '96** married in August 2000 Miss Verda Saral. The ceremony was held in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Iker Espel '96** works as a controller of exact software (ERP and CRM Dutch company). He is in charge of the finance and administration department of a recently acquired company in Spain (Dimoni). Iker was fully involved in the integration process of this acquisition by the Dutch software group.

**Tara Goody '96** is a Business Manager with IPC Communication Services and lives in Grenoble, France.

**Nina Penna '96**, after obtaining a graduate degree in economics at the University of Wyoming and working in Colorado, Nina moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland. She currently works as a senior analyst with Institutional Shareholders Services, a provider of global corporate governance services.

**Ole Rollag '96** is currently attending the HEC MBA Program in Paris.

**Tara Wapelhorst '96** is currently serving as the Associate Product Manager for Lovnox Marketing with Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, N.J. She recently visited AUP while attending a medical congress in Paris.

**Giulia Cafilisch '97**, returning to Switzerland after graduation, has worked in Corporate Communications at UBS for two and half years

followed by two years at Julius Private Bank. Presently, she is working as a consultant for Farner PR and Consulting, one of the oldest PR firms in Switzerland.

**Justin J. Hodges '97** is a Flight Attendant with United Airlines and is based in Chicago, Illinois. He is a qualified speaker of French and Italian for United. He is currently a studying Dutch.

**Tristan Kwiecinski '97** is the Education Coordinator for a small non-profit museum, housing the artifacts of the Salmon Ruin of Anasazi construction dating from 1088AD in Farmington, New Mexico. Tristan also organizes tours of the Chaco Canyon, a World Heritage Site as well as mock archeological excavation outreach programs for Boys and Girls Clubs in surrounding town.

**Suzan Taher '97**, living in London with her two dogs in her apartment in Highgate, is working on her Masters in Marketing.

**Darius Yektai '96** was featured in an exhibition: "Re-emerging Artists" at the Elaine Benson Gallery in Bridgehampton, N.Y. from May 12 - 28, 2001.

**Sally Amos Young '97** is now living in Geneva, following three years in London. She has a full-time job looking after her two, daughters, Madeleine, aged 4 and Charlotte, aged 2, 2 dogs, and a hard-working husband! She is loving life and remembers AUP with fond memories.

**Daniel Dersen '98** co-founded and worked as marketing director for an Internet based company called Autoo.com. As of January, 2001, Daniel is working for Spray in Stockholm, Sweden, where Daniel is responsible for business development and partnerships.



**Catherine Taylor '98** was married to Peter Colorado Gajic in Las Vegas on July 14, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Juliane Lenzner '99** has moved from Barcelona to Zurich. She is working as a project manager for Brand Management and Creative Services in the

Corporate Communications Dept. for ABB Group HQ in Zurich.

**Johannes de Millo Terrazzani '99** works for the foreign services of the Principality of Monaco where he is in charge of all the United Nations Affairs related to the Principality. In May, Johannes was preparing for the September conferences on the rights of children and against racism.

**David Macquart '99** is working as Director of Communication for the European Press Network, an educational non-profit organization in New York City.

**Poupak Sepehri '99** is living in New York City, where she is currently a MBA candidate at NYU's Stern School of Business.

**Rafi Ur Rehman Khan '99**, after studying Archeology and Environmental science at AUP, maintained his interest in learning more about these two very interesting fields. In Sri Lanka for a few months, Rafi is working on projects with a journalist, a former environmental activist. Rafi also spent one semester studying solid and liquid waste management. Since this time, Rafi has developed a fascination with the Aedes Aegypti or Asian Tiger Mosquito and is anxious to

learn more about this interesting and very dangerous insect.

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**Hanna Duner '00** is working as a consultant for Waymaker, a PR/IR information distribution agency within the Observer Media group. She serves as a consultant for companies wishing to distribute and publish information such as press releases, and assists them in reaching their target audiences by selecting the right choice of media and other distribution channels.

**Astrid Schmidt '00** has been accepted to attend Columbia University in January. This summer, she worked with 13 year olds from New York City in a summer camp adventure.

**Sara Kellner '01** found a job in Manhattan after 3 1/2 weeks of job hunting, using 9 different headhunters, revising her CV 5 times, going through tedious interviews, and traipsing around Manhattan in a business suit pretending to be working girl. She is working as the assistant to the First Vice-President/Creative Director at Sentinel Real Estate Corporation, a company dealing with high-end living complexes around the U.S. ■

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### Reunions:

Is this your reunion year? Come to the GAW and get your old group together. This year all classes with years ending in 2 or 7 have a reunion to celebrate. All other classes are welcome. Contact: Alumni Affairs for planning and assistance.

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