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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

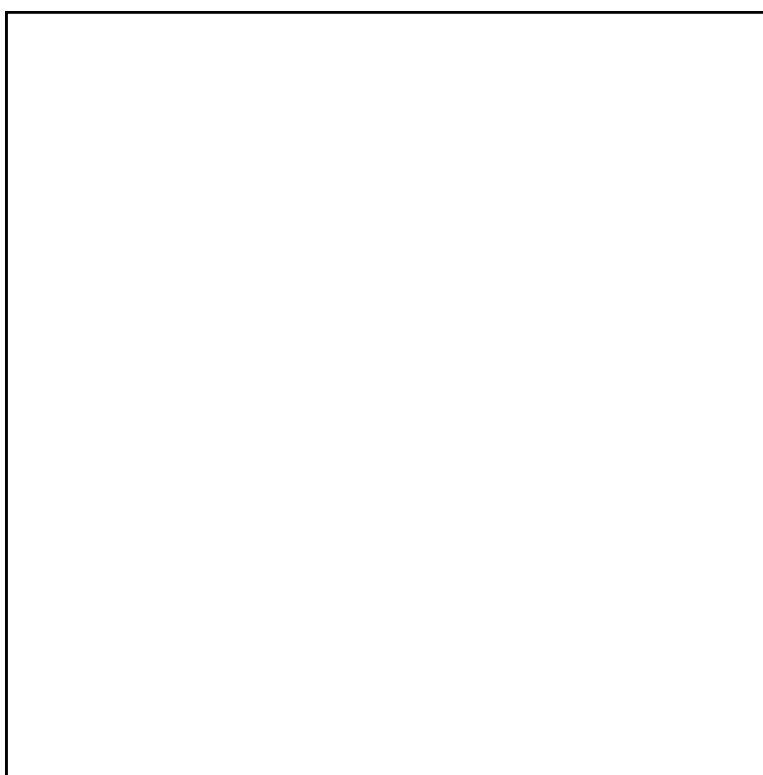
Dearest Alums,

Bath is bedecked with flowers and flags (yes, we are just recovering from Jubilee jollity and World Cup mania!) and bustling with visitors, buskers and starry-eyed ASE summer school students freshly arrived and up for absolutely everything.

THE ASE YEAR

We are enjoying the third in a succession of splendid groups who have made this a stimulating year for the ASE team. They have all (well, almost all!) achieved the delicate balancing act of doing justice to the ever-expanding curriculum Barbara has designed, hiking up hill and down dale with Andy and Interns John Kernis and Emily Hollister on organised events and, very importantly, branching out for their own personal odysseys into the community, culture and country. (Read their own stories further on.)

For us the year has also been enlivened by messages and, even better, visits from alums. In fact, LeeAnn McCoy (Sp 96, Grad intern 98/99) popped in one day, took pity on me as I struggled with a mountain of marketing tasks and stayed to 'sort me out'. She has promised to stay until this newspaper is safely mailed to you! We continue to be astonished and delighted at your continuing loyalty and friendship, your energy, your achievements and adventures. And, we love your visits!



Andy (L), Ann (centre) and spring semester students enter into the party spirit at the opening celebrations of the Bath Music Festival

As I look back, however, across a crowded year, the horror of September 11th casts a dark shadow. At the time, I was immensely moved by the way the staff, the local community and the students themselves reached out to each other both for mutual comfort and in an effort to understand. Neighbours of students in Northampton and Clarendon sent cards and brought in tea and cookies; shop keepers, bus drivers, and acquaintances in pubs all went out of their way to express sympathy; the ASE team worked tirelessly both to coordinate information and to simply 'be there' for shaken students. The students themselves were quite simply amazing. Su built on our existing strong communication network to reassure parents and schools. No one went home. Like all of you, we are still trying to come to terms with, and learn from, these events.

Two things that seem to me to be absolutely clear, now more than ever, are the huge importance of international understanding and the role that international education can play in developing that understanding and tolerance in our troubled world.

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Ann's letter, continued**ASE SPREADS ITS WINGS**

ASE is working very hard to play its part. We are delighted to have affiliated with a long-standing friend, Bucknell University, this year and look forward to an even stronger symbiotic relationship with them in the future. Students are coming to ASE from a widening circle of schools which now includes Williams, Yale, Smith and Mount Holyoke. Finally, in fine pioneering spirit, Barbara and Jonathan Hope went to Texas for the NAFSA conference in May to round-up some new recruits!

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to spread this network even further – and this is where you guys come in. First of all, heartfelt thanks for the many offers of help with fairs, school visits, and emailing prospective students and their parents. Such first hand testimony is very powerful and we are grateful for your willingness to speak on ASE's behalf. We have already been able to take up some of these offers and will do so increasingly.

Secondly, and very excitingly, we are beginning to see the first wave of ASE alums in significant academic positions in US colleges who can perhaps forge a link with their schools for us – and even bring their own students over for an ASE summer school! I am already in conversation with Katherine Frank (Au 92) who is Assistant Professor at the University of South Colorado and Rebecca LaRoche (Sp 89) Professor at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs about closer links with ASE. Are there any more alum academics out there who might like such a conversation? If so, please contact me SOONEST!

In the meantime, our love and best wishes to you all,

Ann

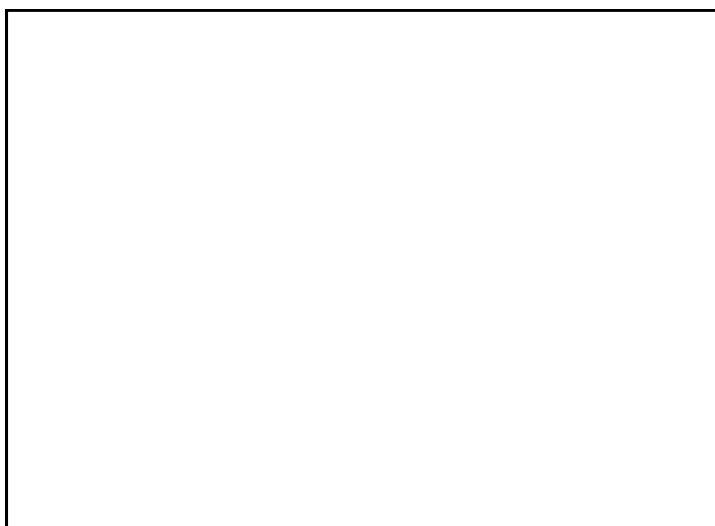
BATH and CHAOS THEORY

It's mid May in Bath and it is raining – but we like the rain. If it weren't for the rain falling on Bath and its surrounding hills, we wouldn't have a million litres of hot, mineral water rising everyday from three springs in the centre of Bath. And then the Italians wouldn't have come and we wouldn't have had the Roman Baths. And then we wouldn't have been able to buy our Aqua Sulis body gel from Mementos gift shop. But most importantly, if it weren't for the rain, we wouldn't be looking forward to the exciting event of 2002 when Bath's brand new spa will be officially opened. The new spa is situated behind Stall street (100 yards from the Roman Baths) and in front of the old Hot Bath. The new complex is going to combine five restored historic buildings with a new state-of-the-art leisure spa which includes an open-air rooftop spa pool (so you can soak up some more of that rain) and look out over Bath's skyline. (This is the way I want to do the Bath Skyline walk).

When it opens, this is going to be the only place in England where you can bathe in natural hot spring water, and with any luck, locals won't be throwing dead dogs and cats into the water as they used to enjoy doing in the eighteenth century. I think ASE might want to move its offices there as the spa is going to offer thermal pools with whirl-pools, neck massage (for those stressful days writing papers) steam rooms, massage rooms and complementary spa treatments.

If you follow the course of the spa water from the springs, it empties into the river and if you follow the river, you eventually get to the canal (keep with me, this is my feeble attempt at a link to the other bit of interesting news). On the canal, you will come to one particular narrowboat and inside the narrowboat you will find Simon. Many of you will remember Simon, the mild-mannered pavement artist, who spent his days sitting on piles of plastic bags beside his bicycle at the corner of the Abbey. His drawings, which he weighted down with heavy stones were, well how shall I describe them, how about 'naive'? Some of you will remember his classic drawing of 'A Pint of Beer and a Pint of Cider' which eventually became an exhibit in the Tate Modern Museum in London. This drawing captured the imagination of an American couple and they came down to Bath to meet him and bought him his very own narrowboat on which to live. Isn't that a lovely happy ending? So now Simon doesn't have to sit by the Abbey any more, he can sit in his very own narrowboat and look out of his very own window and stare at the sodding rain.

— Barbara White



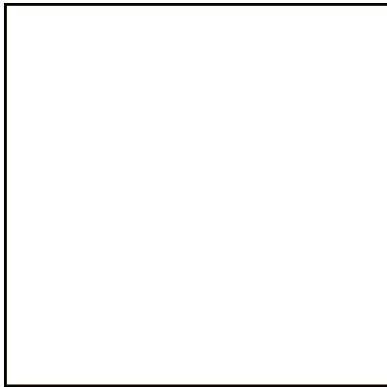
Not long to go...the New Spa is scheduled to open in October 2002. Barbara may be relocating her office a bit sooner than we had expected.

The Secret of My Success

By John Kernis

10 days before I left for ASE, I wrote to the intern to ask what kinds of things I would be doing when I arrived. He replied, "You can't prepare for it at home. You'll make mistakes, and they'll be big, but you'll certainly get it right sooner or later." Treacherous ambiguity, I thought. What does that mean? What task could be so precise, so new, and so important that I couldn't practice at home?

Tea. But not just anyone's tea – Barbara's tea.



John Kernis, intern and tea-maker extraordinaire joins students at the Dirty Duck in Stratford

The first day Su and Barbara led me up past my office to the kitchen. "It is here," they said, "that you must fill your most important duty." Su hit the button on the kettle and set the water gurgling. She pulled a mug from the cabinet, slammed it down on the counter while simultaneously lifting the kettle from its base. She dropped one tea bag into the mug and drowned it with a precise and effortless measurement of water. Swiftly she lifted the bag from the mug with a spoon and flicked it into the bin. Last, a lug of milk dropped and swirled to make a mixture of what appeared to be, well, dirty dish water.

"Look at that," said Barbara, "perfect."

Yes, I thought, there is no way to prepare for this. "Don't worry," said Barbara as though she could hear my thoughts, "you'll get it right."

The next day put me to the test. Right, water, bubble, mug, er, tea, drop, pour, milk, wait – tea bag, milk swirl, stir, perf...oh shh...urely that's the way to do it! What is that?

"What is that?!" exclaimed Barbara.
"That's what I said," I said.
"Well what did you do?" she said.
"Just what Su did yesterday," I said.
"You're not going to make it here, are you" she said.

It's May now, I'm still here and making cups of tea that are apparently "spot on." The internship is, by its nature, filled with unexpected duties and projects which make for an exciting time at ASE. (Making good tea also makes Barbara more exciting and friendly.) Thus, it's a straightforward recipe if you want to succeed as the intern: work hard and mash well (don't worry – it's technical).

If you would like more information about tea preparation or other aspects of the graduate internship, please write to John Kernis (jkernis@hotmail.com), Emily Hollister (ehollister@neo.tamu.edu) or the current intern, Kristen Peck, at kristin@ase.inty.net.

Tempted? Graduate Internships

Are you interested in being considered for the ASE Graduate Internship for the academic year of 2003-2004, or for the Summer of 2003?

ASE offers one full-year and one summer Administrative Support and Student Liaison internship.

The full-year internship runs from the middle of August until a week after the Spring Semester. The summer internship runs from early June to late July.

Both are funded by full ASE scholarships.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact us by phone (1225 447134), or email admin@ase.inty.net for details. Mail or fax your completed application to Ann Nunes by September 27th. Decisions for positions will be made by December 2002.

Belly Dancing in Bath?

Spring '02 students step up to new experiences at Bath Uni

Dear Alum,

Remember when you were eagerly awaiting your departure for ASE? What thoughts went through your head? What did you expect? What did you want from the experience? Two of the most frequently asked questions are: 'How much of a cultural experience is ASE?' and 'Will I make British friends?'

While ASE students meet Brits in their daily interactions with the community, meaningful relationships result from involvement with Bath Uni or volunteer organisations. Whether it's making a Thanksgiving dinner for homeless adolescents at the Bridge Project, going to Wales for the weekend with the conservation volunteers, joining the planning committee for an after-school play project or taking an art class such as ceramics or stained glass, ASE students have always thrown themselves into such activities with enthusiasm and commitment. Each semester's students find different clubs to join and new activities to try; I hope you enjoy the sampling below from the class of Spring '02.

Andy

Jasmine Walker, Wells College

Dancing has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. When I decided to come to ASE, one of my first questions was whether I would be able to continue to take dance classes. Barbara assured me that I would find classes at Bath University, and after a bit of a fiasco with the registration process, I decided to take a Modern class (called Contemporary here in England). Each Monday night, I caught the Bright Orange bus to the University Arts Theatre and had the opportunity to stretch my muscles and boogie to the beat. Since I was the only American in the class, I could really mingle with the British students. One of the girls who I met is even going to come and visit me in the US this summer. Though I only got to go five or six times because holidays and trips so often fall on Mondays, I thoroughly enjoyed dancing in England.

Angela Cross-Eitel, Wells College

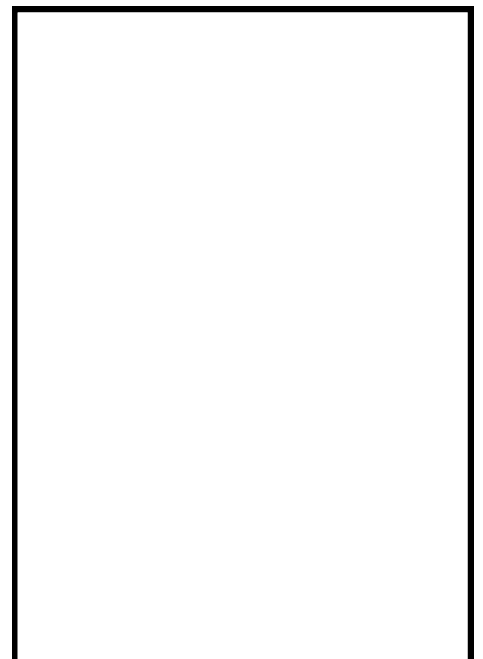
I was very excited to find a one-day belly dancing class at Bath Uni. I've always been interested in dance, although I'm not in any formal classes. Belly dancing seemed like a wonderful way to meet British people and learn something new.

Belly dancing was traditionally a dance done by women for women to entertain each other while stuck inside. We also were a group of all women, some college age and some older. We learned how to walk like a camel and shimmy and shake our hips, having lots of laughs all the while. One woman I talked to was excited to go home and perform for her husband and four-year-old son who wanted to come with her. I'm excited to show my other dancing friends at home — it's not what they expected me to learn in England! I just hope I can remember it all!

Morgan Parton, Hobart & William Smith

I doubted that I would ever play American football again after I stopped my first year in college. When I first ventured up to Bath Uni, posters for the American Football club caught my eye. I came home and talked over the idea of joining with my roommate, Mike Irvine, who currently plays football in the US. We decided we would join but were worried that we would be joining a team that endured gruelling practices and the tortures of conditioning programs. We arrived at our first practice and asked if we could play, not expecting to join the action immediately. Within ten minutes of our arrival on the field we were suited up in the *Killer Bee's* uniform and getting ready to hit. Honestly, practice in England was nothing even compared to the high school standards back home. The entire approach of American football in England is to enjoy the game and have fun. We learned this quickly at a weekend tournament in Wales where coaches, players and game officials partook in a pub crawl the night before the games. The Americans on the team played like all-stars in their positions and were asked to give insights about the game to the coaches. My time spent on the gridiron of England will be remembered fondly as I once again fade back into retirement and resume my role as a spectator.

The comeback kids...Morgan Parton and Mike Irvine (Spring 2002) step out of retirement and tackle American football at Bath Uni



Maya

Maya Walker, Hobart & William Smith

The Afro-Caribbean Society at Bath Uni organized a show earlier this term to showcase the talents and culture of its members. There is no precise way to describe the event: it was a mix of talent show, fashion show and sketch comedy performances, the best of which had a student act as the host of Weakest Link—complete with glasses, wig and fake teeth—and quiz the audience on their knowledge of African history. The affair was a successful blend of the old and the new with some students doing traditional dances from different African nations while others sang contemporary R&B songs by Brandy and Craig David. I was impressed by what the students had to offer even though the MCs were a lot more laid back in their hosting duties than I had anticipated.

meanwhile, far beyond Bath . . .

Sam Buckingham (Cornell) runs the Madrid Marathon

It's 0430 and despite the fact that it's dark outside, I stumble around my room and get ready to leave for Madrid. Four days away from race day and I'm feeling antsy already. I throw down some cereal, pound half of my Nalgene water bottle, and head off on the 0545 train to Reading...and ultimately Madrid.

Marathon. The signs of it are everywhere. I step off of the plane and there are posters, fliers and airport monitors playing reruns of last year's race. I'm super excited and feel sort of stupid smiling to myself, but I can't help it. I'm here alone in Spain to run a marathon and not only do I not speak a lick of Spanish, but I haven't even made a hotel reservation. I'm on my third Nalgene bottle of water and don't know how to ask for the bathroom. Oh boy.

2 hours later, I've found a perfect, but windowless little room in a hostel at the center of the city. I figure out the metro and go to the convention hotel across the city to get my running goody-bag. On the bottom of the bag are my bib (numero 134 - that's me!) and a little blue chip to lace into my shoes. The chips are a tracking device that record location and time during the race. It also is a preventative measure against cheaters looking to skip out sections of the course. The runner's fair is packed. Adidas representatives let runners try on the newest shoes, while Powerbar and Gatorade employees give out free samples. I size up some of the runners — typical lean and long legged men in their thirties. I look down at my short legs and picture myself coming in last.

Madrid is beautiful but hot. Two days away from race day I take a very short run just to stretch out my legs. Men catcall (thank God I don't understand Spanish), and I run through the city sweating bullets. My mind wanders back to my long runs in Bath and the training I have put into this race. I feel a lot like the Little Engine That Could. I think I can I think I can I think I can... through the Plaza Mayor, past Porto Del Sol, the Palais Real and the Prado Museum before heading back to the hostel. Mentally I'm ready. My goal is to make it under 4 hours.

Race Day. 0615 and I practically jump out of bed. Before I know it, I'm stretching out with thousands of other runners. By now it's only 0830 and I've peed 4 times. My shoulders are sunburned from the day before and I mime to the man next to me *give-me-some-of-your-sun-screen-yes?* He smiles, nods and hands the bottle over to me - he's on my side. 0900 and I move up to the starting line to wait for the race to begin. "Mustang Sally" seems to be the theme song, intermittently blasting from the announcer's grandstand along with machine-gun Spanish. The crowd occasionally cheers at something said and I, out of pure excitement, cheer too... why not?

Soon it is 0925, five minutes before the race begins. I turn around and wish the couple packed in behind me from DC good luck and God speed, then, with the fire of a gun, the race is on! Adrenalin carries me through the first hour with wings on my feet. Along the way, my Spanish vocabulary grows with words such as "ANIMO!" and "VAMANOS CHICA!" being yelled at me everywhere. Every 5 km there are water bottles given out and between water stations are tables with wet soaked sponges. The streets are littered with discarded bottles and sponges and I have to look down so as not to trip.

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Unexpectedly discovering diversity at ASE:

*Nyle Washington,
Hampton University, Spring '02*

It was a warm, sunny day when I ran into the Hampton University English office to take care of some last minute business before class. As usual I was rushing and in a hurry, yet amazingly my eyes caught a poster promoting a study abroad program in England called ASE. My mind reeled as I read the poster and I thought to myself, "This would be a great break from Hampton, plus an opportunity to study in a different environment," but what I did not realize was that this experience would change my life.

Nyle Washington, Maya Walker, Victoria Balestriere, and Arliss Prass enjoy the springtime sun at Wilderhope Manor

Coming to England was something I never thought of until I set my eyes on the ASE poster. The morning that I landed in London was a foggy, dreary day. I remember looking out of the airplane window into the early morning and saying to myself, "Here goes nothing!" As I left the airport and attempted to dodge the rain, I made my way to Bath completely unaware of all that I was to encounter in the following months.

While I have been a student in Bath, I have had some truly enlightening experiences. Being one of six minorities in the program, I have at times been an educator, as well as a student. Living with seven students, I quickly learned that few of my housemates had ever had any interaction with African American culture. Thus, it became my job to enlighten my fellow housemates about cultural customs, food, music- Jill Scott and John Coltrane, and books- Ralph Ellison and Toni Morrison. In my educating, I in turn was taught about some of my fellow housemate's customs, food- tuna and cucumbers, music- Dave Matthews and Bon Jovi, as well the difference between certain English beers and ciders. Together we learned to break down simple barriers of ignorance on both ends.

Being immersed in a program with varying cultures and backgrounds allowed me to see how different and diverse we all truly are. I learned so much more than I ever expected, and will leave the program with a more diverse outlook on life.

With only a few weeks left until I return to the States, I sometimes look back and reminisce over all that I have learned and all the experiences and opportunities that I have been afforded. I truly thank Ann Nunes and the ASE staff members for not only bestowing me with the Don Nunes Memorial Scholarship, but for also allowing me the opportunity to learn, meet and live with people who will forever make an imprint on my heart and mind. Recently a new friend in the program asked me, if given the opportunity to do the ASE program again, would I. My answer to this was and will forever be, "You bet your life!"

marathon, continued

3 hrs and 40 minutes later my body decides that I have to finally use the bathroom. Now. So, off I run behind the pillar of a business building. Not a very pleasant stop, but a necessary one. My legs cramp up from the sudden break and I run the last few kilometers feeling like an old woman hobbling toward the finish line. Almost there. I run through five giant balloon archways. People are screaming from both sides and I glance at the giant clock hanging over the finish line as I cross - 3 hrs and 57 minutes. I slow down and walk gingerly on my poor abused feet. Walking feels so sweet and refreshing, as does the finisher bag they give me, filled with fruit, water, chocolate, a can of non-alcoholic beer (gross!), and my medal. I stretch out for a good 30 minutes, eat some watermelon and then head off to collect my bags. I shuffle back to Bath exhausted, but happy. Already, I can't wait until the next one.

*Sam Buckingham (L), Jen Cardellichio (Centre), and Katie Allnutt (R)
enjoy a relaxed moment at the Bath Music Festival*

African-American & Asian-American perspectives

Sue Menon, The University of Rochester, Autumn '01

Going abroad was the best choice I have made during my college career. Bath was a wonderful experience, a beautiful place with much to offer. Being from New York City, I purposely decided not to study abroad in another big city. I wanted a different experience.

As an Asian-American, I knew that there would not be many (if any!) members of the Bath community or fellow ASE students that would share my heritage. This is why I am writing this article – to express to other minority ASE students that feelings of isolation may occur at first, but that these feelings are normal and there are ways to express your culture if you choose to do so.

My parents are from India, and I am very involved with the South Asian organization at the University of Rochester, where I go to school. I also live in New York City, which has no shortage of ethnic neighborhoods. Even though I had wanted a different experience, being in Bath was hard for me at first. I was far away from my family and friends. I had no obvious outlet to express my culture. The sort of diversity that is present in New York City is not readily available in Bath. You have to seek it out.

Even though certain aspects of being in Bath were difficult initially, the attitude of my fellow ASE students and staff was really encouraging. They always were there to support me. Andy Venn put me in contact with the South Asian organization at Bath University, and gave me the address of the Hindu temple in Bristol. This temple was the closest one for me to visit, as there are no Hindu temples in Bath. My (non-Indian!) housemates came to Bristol with me so I wouldn't have to go alone. Ann Nunes was always available to hear about my newest adventure. When there was a celebration for Diwali, the Indian festival of lights at Bath University, ASE students and members of staff came to check it out. This kind of encouragement and interest really meant a lot to me.

I tried to do the same for my friends as well. When one of my fellow ASE students wanted to go see the annual Afro-Caribbean talent show put on at Bath University, I gladly went along. As a minority, if you experience feelings of isolation, this is normal at first. Acknowledge your feelings and know that there are ways to seek out places and events that will make you feel better. Use your friends and the ASE staff to help you – they are there! Be there to support your friends if they need you as well!

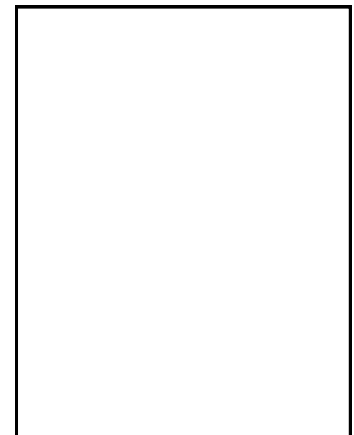
My experience in Bath was an extremely positive one. I integrated myself in the Bath community and made a lot of really good friends

A CHANCE TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK...

Sue Menon (see above) and Nyle Washington (page 6) were beneficiaries of the Don Nunes Memorial Scholarship which seeks to increase the diversity of ASE.

We invite you to contribute to this aim and support the work of ASE (which is a non-profit organisation) either by a single donation or, like Davina Hunt, by planned giving. Davina (née Davis Au 96) who is an Army officer living in South Carolina with husband Donnie and young son Devin and who has been making regular donations over several years, wrote recently:

"I hope my donations help because ASE was a wonderful experience for me. I want more minority students to have similar experiences".



Kristin Schram (Sp 02), recipient of the Paul Lapworth Memorial Shakespeare Scholarship, meets Paul's widow, Mary Lapworth at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

THE Alumni Association

Update from Aubyn Demian, ASE Alumni Coordinator

It's been a busy and exciting first year for the Alumni Association. More than 80 alumni became members by completing last year's questionnaire on the web. The info you gave us has helped us to produce the alumni news-iest Alumni News yet! One thing many of you expressed was a desire to get back in touch with alums from your semester. Those of you who are members will find an alumni association contact list in your Alumni News. Others who wish join post haste can go www.studyabroadbath.org to submit the questionnaire online.

ASE would really like to provide its alums with an on-line alumni directory; unfortunately, this exceeds our current resources. Is there a computer-minded alum out there who would like to lend his or her expertise? If so, please get in touch with (a very thankful) Ann. Meanwhile we hope the contact sheet will help put you in touch with each other. As you can see below, we have the beginnings of three regional clubs, and Ellen Volker ready to organise one in the New England area. With more people joining the ranks, we hope to have a club or chapter in a city near you in the coming year (want to head up a new chapter? contact me at aubean@hotmail.com). On a more personal note, my husband Andre and son Aidan are returning to California after three, long Ohio winters. We'll be living in Marin County, and I'd like to invite all Bay Area alums to get together on Saturday, September 28th (contact me for details)! — Aubyn

Mark your calendars!

Alumni get together

LA area

Saturday, August 17th at 1pm
'Ye Olde King's Head' Pub in Santa Monica
(Erin Poll Blankenship, false_elysium@hotmail.com)

Bay area

Saturday, September 28th at 12 noon
San Anselmo, location TBA (aubean@hotmail.com)

Regional Clubs

- **DC**— contact Christine Dempsey, Sp 93 (cdempsey@madeira.org) or Katie Malague, Sp 93 (katie_malague@hotmail.com)
- **Boston**—contact Ted O'Connell, Sp 99 (oonneed@hotmail.com)
- **Southern California**—contact Erin Poll Blankenship, Sp 97 (false_elysium@hotmail.com) or Emily Miller, Sp 98 (miller_ejm@hotmail.com)
- **Vermont & New Hampshire**—contact Ellen Volker, Au 98 (elle080977@aol.com)

News of Alumni

This year, our alums have gotten married, had babies, moved cross country and around the world, served in the Peace Corps, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, and had their picture taken with Clifford the Big Red Dog. If you haven't shared your latest news with us, please get in touch! You can now make contact via our new alum page on www.studyabroadbath.org in addition to good ol' email, letters, cards, gifts (oops) and visits. We sometimes rely on second-hand information, so our apologies for any inaccuracies in the news below.

Spring 1991

Ten years after leaving ASE, Mark and Jenn Redman (née Romano), both ASE grads, announced the birth of their son Luke Joseph on May 17, 2001.

*Luke Joseph Redman,
class of 2021?*



Spring 1992

We're sorry we missed Pamela Vahdat as she passed through Bath this May. Are we a good enough excuse for another trip?

Autumn 1992

Katherine Frank called in to see us. See page 2 for more detail.

Spring 1993

Stephen and Shelly Mark (née Smith), also both graduates of ASE, announced the arrival of their daughter Rebecca Taylor Keys on August 22, 2001. Sarah Kueser (née Thumm) and her husband John announced the arrival of their daughter Mary Reynard on March 10, 2002.

Autumn 1993

Kate Deeming just completed her Masters from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. She splits her time between Philadelphia and Glasgow, where she is creating performances for site-specific locales and having a grand time doing so! She also teaches a course on presentation skills at the Glasgow School of Art. Adam Artigliere returned to England (and Bath!) this summer on his honeymoon. Michele Falcey (full year Au 93/Sp 94) and her husband Alex Ewing are moving to NYC in July. Michele is a communications consultant at Watson Wyatt and Alex is completing a pathology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Jen Herink (née Volpe, full year Au 93 /Sp 94) married Chris Herink on November 11, 2001 in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The couple met on a blind date in Washington, DC. They now live in Hanoi, Vietnam, where Chris has taken a job

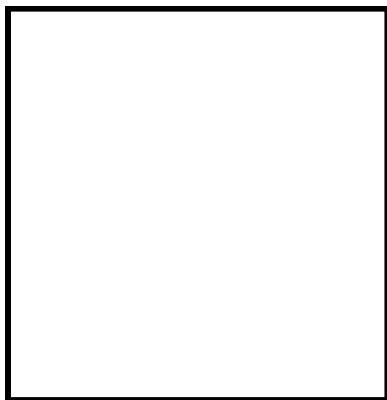
with World Vision. Jen is enjoying being back in Asia and has noticed many changes in Vietnam since she vacationed there in 1996. She is hoping to build on her economic development experience from Pricewaterhouse Coopers, and is exploring how she can turn that into NGO work in Vietnam.

Spring 1994

Debbie Kirk got married this spring in Atlanta. **Jeanette Bettes** served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala from 1997 to 1999. Currently she is a Massage Therapist and Head Developmental Swim Coach for a year round team with an outdoor pool – great in the summer, not so fun in winter! **Siri Shank** is continuing to work in the music industry and has moved to Minneapolis, where she has been working for three years with the Musicland Group, a division of Best Buy Enterprises. Currently managing video marketing, she hopes to transfer back to the music side of the business soon. Siri occasionally hears from **Chhoti Rao**, who is back in Bombay, looking to go to graduate school.

Autumn 1994

In his time away from Bath, **Robert Busek** got married and received his Masters degree in Medieval Studies from Catholic University. He has a full-time job as a Group Administrator and a part-time job teaching History to undergrads at Marymount University. **Beth Lease** (full year Au 94/Sp 95) is a first year high school teacher in Milford High School, MA. She says she needed a big change and she got it!



Karen Diehl (FY94/95) and Brad Yurish announce their engagement. The couple plans to wed on September 28 in Leesburg, VA.

Spring 1995

John Sayles is still living in Seattle and working as a technical writer for a masonry manufacturing company. He got married this October. **Geoffrey Hird** got married two years ago, finished his PhD in Organic Chemistry at Duke this past spring, and is doing drug research for a Japanese pharmaceutical company in North Carolina. Remembering Andy talking about his trip to Africa, Geoffrey and his wife took a three week trip last summer, going on safaris and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. **Steven D. Smith** tells us he's in his fourth year of grad school at Boston University, working towards his degree in Classical Studies.

Autumn 1995

Michael Crowley (full year Au 95/Sp 96) is living in Bologna, Italy for his first year of an International Studies Masters

Program though Johns Hopkins University. When not studying international relations with a concentration in American Foreign Policy, he is practicing his *italiano* in the many fine *osterias* of Bologna, arguably the culinary heart of Italy. Over Thanksgiving, Mike met fellow full year and former roommate **Derek Walker** in Paris. **Kate Browne** (née **Beam**) is living in Atlanta, GA and working at a school Development Office. She reports that **Brian "Thunder" Hoss** graduated from Law School and got married, and that **Pete Rooney** is living in San Francisco and doing really well in the commercial real estate world. **Jennifer Cecatiello** is living in upstate New York (close to Skidmore), working for a staffing agency and coaching rowing at RPI. And planning a wedding for the autumn. **Melissa Kolinsky** (full year Au 95/Sp 96) is doing graduate work in counselling at Barry University in Miami.

Spring 1996

Melissa Johnston (née **Polasik**) has been busy since her spring with ASE. She remained in the UK, did an internship with the Fulbright Commission, then worked for Pepperdine's London study abroad programme and married an Englishman. She completed an MA in Modern International Studies in 2000 at the University of Leeds and in 2001 she moved back to Boston, where she is an International Study Advisor at Boston College. **Michele Gemelos** has one year left in her D Phil in English Lit at Oxford and has been teaching American Literature. **Mandy Lake** is in her second year of law school in Santa Clara, California. **Dani Barbour** is teaching religion at a high school outside DC. This summer she is working for a program that brings high school students into the city to learn about government and do mock Congress simulations. In August, she and her boyfriend (a French teacher at her school—ooh la la!) are taking a group of students to Nice and Paris. She can't wait to return to Europe, even if there are teenagers in tow! **Kathy Ehrlich-Scheffer** has just told us that she and her husband Matt are in the process of moving from California to Boxborough, Massachusetts. And they are expecting a baby in December!

Autumn 1996

Brooke Lenz (née **Baeten** full year Au 96 /Sp 97) got married in December 2000. She is working toward her PhD in 20th Century British Literature with a minor in Women's Studies and teaching at UNC. She reports that **Jennifer Raspert** (Sp 97) is living in Wilmington, NC and working toward a Masters in English. Jennifer was Brooke's maid of honour. **Sandy Schatvet** is in Guatemala as a missionary with her church, where she works with women and children at local churches near Guastatoya. **Jeremy Blain** is working in Arthur Andersen's government consulting office in Washington, DC. He really enjoys living in DC and keeps busy by playing on a couple local soccer (football to us Brits!) teams and visiting the local Irish bars that remind him of the Dark Horse. **Damion Mannings** came to visit us in April. He was spending a bit of time in England before starting a new job, still at Scholastic, which will allow him to better use his creative writing talents. He's also beginning night classes in creative writing. We eagerly await the first novel!

Damion Mannings (Au 96), Lauren Rossman (Sp 96) and Clifford the Big Red Dog at a Scholastic Publishing Christmas party.

Spring 1997

Jenn Skoczelas finished Law School, passed the Illinois Bar, and is working in litigation in downtown Chicago. **Abigail Letts** had moved to Connecticut where she is the Director of Special Events for the Connecticut Chapter of the

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. **Amy Woodman** is living in DC, working for Senator Blanche Lincoln from Arkansas on education, environment, and energy issues. She loves it! **Kim Simon** graduated from law school (Syracuse University) last May, and after her bar exam, went to work at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York. **Cory Ness** reports that he's finally found a way to get paid for being a bit of a joker. After living in Australia for awhile, he moved to Las Vegas where he taught World Literature and Business Writing at UNLV, wrote for a large weekly newspaper, and started an on-line lit magazine. This July he's moving to San Sebastian, Spain for a few months to explore the heavily mopeded region and participate in Basque rebellions. He 'reunions' with **Katherine Edison**, **Billy Foley**, **Todd Krummel**, **Rob Andrejewski**, **Matt Rosen** and sometimes **Amy Sprott** on a regular basis. The group still gets great emails from **Dana Szalontai** who is teaching in Japan.

Summer 1997

Doshka Harvey and **Joel Helfrich** had an adventure travelling in Thailand last summer. It took a day and a half to fly there with stopovers in Japan, but Doshka says the whole experience was certainly something to talk about!

Autumn 1997

Jill Larson is roommates with **Valerie Galasso** in New York City. Jill is in advertising and Valerie teaches high school English. Also in New York City, **Amber Hoover** is an assistant editor at Random House. She hangs out with her former ASE roommate, **Gabrielle Mitchell-Marell**, who is working for a literary agency. **Megan McMichael** got her degree in Environmental Sustainability (MSc) from Edinburgh University and is now working just outside of Edinburgh at the Business Environmental Partnership, a non-profit consultant on environmental performance.

Spring 1998

Lindsey Rosenberg has returned from Oborniki Slaskie, Poland, where she spent two years teaching for the Peace Corps. This year, Lindsey was an Administrator in Residence Life at Gettysburg College. After working at a camp outside Philly this summer, she will be joining many ASE alums in Boston, and starting a grad program in International

Development with a focus on Refugee Work and Human Rights at Brandeis University. She tells us that **Ted Smith** is teaching second grade in inner city Philly and **Holly Redding** is at Simmons for Clinical Psychology. **Susan Evans** lived in Boston for two years after graduation where she worked as a paralegal in a law firm. She has since moved to Connecticut to attend the University of Connecticut Law School. **Kate Maxwell** has graduated from James Madison University with a masters in Speech-Language Pathology. She loves her work on the inpatient stroke team at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC, and she sees **Meredith McBride (Sp 99)** every few weeks. **Emily Miller** is currently working in Los Angeles doing national promotions for 2,600 radio stations. Emily would really like, however, to get her Masters in Art History at some point. She's been living in Santa Monica for a year and loves it, and is now involved in the ASE alum group with **Erin Blankenship (née Poll, Sp 97)**. Emily hears from **John Armingier** who is in West Africa doing the Peace Corps – it sounds as if it's both the hardest and the most rewarding thing he's ever done.

Summer 1998

Susan Evans lived in Boston for two years after graduation working as a paralegal at an immigration law firm. She has since moved to Connecticut, where she is attending the University of Connecticut School of Law. **Stephen Weber** (Graduate Intern 2000-2001) is working toward his grad degree at UC Santa Cruz. He's presented a paper at a conference, done a lot of work examining race and its complicated history in the Americas, and is developing his thesis for next year which will have something to do with race, literature, and education (not necessarily in that order). Having successfully read his first novels in Spanish, Stephen is looking forward to two very hot months in Havana studying Spanish and Cuban culture at la Universidad de Habana. After UCSC he hopes to move to either San Francisco or New York City and work for Teach for America.

Autumn 1998

This September, **Jeff Michaels** (full year Au 98/Sp 99) is beginning a one-year Master's programme in War Studies at King's College in London. He is looking forward to being back in England and hoping to work Washington, DC this summer. **Nicole Davis** is living in Boston, where she often sees **Cara Alaimo** and **Joe Famighette**. She still keeps in touch with many Bath friends, and in July, a teammate and friend from Bath Uni came to visit. After finishing her Master's Degree in Mental Health Counselling and Dance Therapy next year, Nicole plans to move back to the Bath area! **Cynthia Scherer** is already this side of the big pond, at Trinity College's Education Program. She is teaching three classes at a secondary school in Dublin as part of her course and hopes one day to teach in an independent school in Northern Ireland. **Ellen Volker** has finished her Masters of Science in Public Health this June and is beginning medical school at the University of Vermont in August. After graduating from Bucknell in 2000, **Elizabeth Barrows** travelled to England where she spent the summer rowing at Henley. Since returning

to the US, she has been teaching first grade in Princeton, but is now applying for grad school.

Spring 1999

Megan McCarthy sought out a sunnier island after leaving England: she's living in Honolulu, Hawaii. **Laura Morelle** graduated from a Masters in Education program at Harvard University. She is now teaching middle school Reading and English in Boston. **Tracy Olson** is also teaching in Boston at a small private high school. Last year she lived with **Carolyn Jamison** (flat four continued on!), who is now living in Rhode Island. **Meredith McBride** found herself in England on the way home from spending a summer in India. She is living with **Kristin Legore** (her Linley housemate) in D.C. **Andrea Schmidt** works as the communications manager for a non-profit science association in D.C. She wants to tell everyone to move there! **Laurie Austin** (née **Claing**) married Trent Austin in Maine in October 2001. Laurie has just completed her Master's in History at Northeastern University with a certificate in Museum Studies. Now she's hunting for a job . . . After graduating from Hobart College in 2000, **John Kernis** taught English and American Literature to high school students at the inner city school near his home. He came back to ASE in 2001 to work as the Graduate Intern for the year. He is teaching English as a second language in Spain this summer and will return to England in September for a Master's Degree in Modern Literature. **Lester Powell** (Graduate Intern Su 99) has just completed his first year of graduate school at Tufts in Boston and will be graduating in December with a Masters of Education. He is about to do his teaching practicum in a third grade classroom in a city school in Boston, and recently met up with **Ben Lally** (full year Au 98/Sp 99), **Becky Masferrar**, **Ted O'Connell**, **Nikki Rusch** and **Tad Bradley** for a great softball game and quiz night afterwards.

Summer 1999

Karol Kozak is finishing up her master's degree in International Service at the University of Surrey Roehampton in London— she couldn't stay away from the UK and brought her parents to visit Bath in March. She is returning to the States this summer find a job in the non-profit sector and to finish her dissertation.

Autumn 1999

Jill Ashton is working at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which allows her to attend a variety of performances, a habit she acquired whilst living in Bath. **Amy Weidner** lives in Queens. She works at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is continuing the ballroom dancing classes she started at Bath Uni.

Spring 2000

Kimberly Tucker's family has moved to London, and Kimberly popped into ASE whilst visiting them for Thanksgiving. After travelling to Costa Rica last summer, Kimberly accepted a position with Congressman John Lewis from Atlanta. She loves living in D.C. and working as his staffer / personal

assistant, and she often sees **Elizabeth Ridler** who works in D.C. as a paralegal. Deciding to 'turn his insatiable appetite for attention into something productive', **Fox Walton** is performing at a community theatre in Charlotte. Still an investment banker by day, he spends his nights performing as George Deever in Arthur Miller's 'All My Sons.'

Summer 2000

Charles Ptak is teaching 9th grade English at the Webb School, just outside of Nashville, TN. He also coaches varsity soccer and lacrosse. **Jenn Storck** is attending graduate school at the University of Maryland. **Sam Willis** is working as a processing administrator for a publishing company outside of Philadelphia and is responsible for handling tens of thousands of customers from almost every country in the world. He also owns his own financial services company and has just taken the Pennsylvania life insurance exam. As if this weren't enough, he plans on moving to New Hampshire this summer to get his teaching certificate so he can teach English to high schoolers!

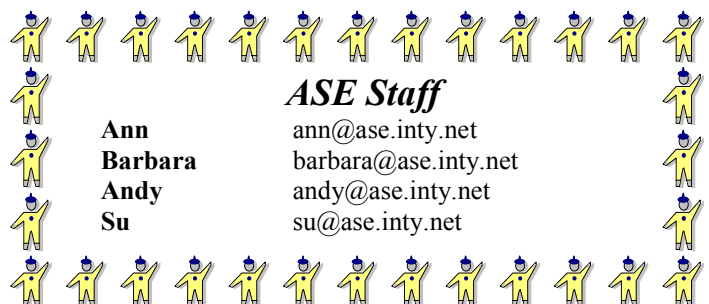
Autumn 2000

Renee Conklin dropped into Nelson House after graduating cum laude from Hobart & William Smith this spring. This summer she's attending the Summer Publishing Institute at the University of Denver. She then plans to move to NYC to pursue a career in book publishing. **Crissy Spivey** spent a year as an Admissions Counselor at the University of Rochester and is now heading off to Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communication for Television, Radio, and Film.

Liz Reil with her fiance Jay.

Spring 2001

Liz Reil announced her engagement to Jay Foster. **Kristen Erickson** has accepted a two year position with Teach for America. After spending six weeks in training this summer (teaching elementary school in the Bronx!), she's headed for San Francisco, California.



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