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*From the
Head of School:
Dr. David Watson*

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2004 edition of The Accent Magazine.

Looking back on the past twelve months here at The Awty International School, Houston, I ask myself "What have we not done at Awty this year!" The year began with the Class of 2003 attaining a wonderful 98% pass rate on their examinations at International Baccalaureate level. In addition all 18 French Baccalauréat students and 26 Brevet students also passed with flying colors. This was a marvelous boost as we came back to Houston after the summer break. There was, however, plenty more to come, for just after Fall break the doors to our brand new Lower School building were opened to the students on October 13, 2003. More than 350 students from 50 nationalities proudly streamed into their beautiful new building, serenaded by a Scottish piper in the centre of Houston, Texas. How's that for "Mission accomplished" in an international school.

Shortly afterwards, the school hosted 15 schools from 11 countries at the annual student conference of The Council of International Schools in the Americas (CISIA). This was an

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Awty Celebrates Diversity!



Each year, there's one main event held on Awty's campus which celebrates diversity, the International Festival and Book Fair. Students, faculty, staff and parents learn about each other's culture during this two-day event.

This APPA (Awty Parent and Personnel Association) sponsored event began six years ago in April 1998 under the presidency of Karina Wilson. Each year the event has grown larger and more exciting.

This year, the opening ceremony on Wednesday, March 24 began with the traditional parade of flags carried by the Class of 2004 followed by opening remarks from Dr. David Watson, Head of School, and Mrs. Catherine Donohue-Weill, French Proviseur and Deputy Head of School.

The student body then received a truly inspirational speech from Dr. Bernard Harris, Awty parent, husband, physician, businessman, astronaut.

Dr. Harris became an astronaut in July

1991. As an astronaut, he has logged more than 438 hours in space and has traveled over 7.2 million miles. During his flight in February 1995, Dr. Harris became the first African-American to walk in space. Today, Dr. Harris is the President and Founder of Harris Foundation, which supports math and science education as well as crime prevention programs for America's youth.

Directly following Dr. Harris' address, the crowd enjoyed a traditional Thailand dance, performed by members of the Buddha Wat Temple. Thailand was the country of

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honor for our school, which I am pleased to say we carried off with some style at the Westin Hotel, Galleria.

Student trips this year have included our usual working visit to the St Ignatius Orphanage in Bolivia (where Awty students spend part of their summer vacation enjoying the company of the children and working with the sisters of St Ignatius, with whom the school has developed a close and mutually beneficial rapport); a twinning visit to the Collège Lou Trentanel in Gignac, Montpellier, France; a Model United Nations Trip to Washington DC; a Middle School Trip to Paris; and a Science trip to Costa Rica.

With the opening of the new Lower School, we were able to renovate and expand office space in existing buildings, including the creation of a new Staff Lounge ("The Plaza") and a new Student Lounge. For school year 2004-2005 we shall return to find a new suite of Science laboratories and a new theatre in the round in the Middle and High School.

We have expanded curricular services also for the coming year. College Counseling will grow to two full-time counselors and one full-time administrative assistant in a new suite of offices. IB Economics was introduced at the start of the current school year and we have been successfully piloting the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) since last August, which we intend to incorporate more fully in to our Lower School diet of subjects, as of August 2004.

The 2004 Gala broke all records at this school and contributed to a bumper Annual Fund, to which our parents and corporate friends gave most generously and cheerfully.

Our enrollment has grown from 400 in 1990 to over 1100 today. We are currently the third largest private school in the city of Houston and the second largest international school in the United States. These are exciting times at Awty. It has been a wonderful 12 months from the point of view of the institutional progress made by our school. As staff, students and parents, we can all be proud of our achievements over the past year.

At an international school one has to try to get used to the natural ebb and flow of friends and colleagues who join and leave the community as their professional assignments and personal circumstances change. At the end of the current academic year we shall sadly be saying "Au Revoir" to one of my most senior administrative colleagues in the school, Mme Catherine Donohue-Weill, the Proviseur of the French Section and Deputy Head of Awty. After five years in this demanding but rewarding position Catherine and her family have decided to return to Paris and pastures new (or at

Du Directeur de l'Ecole : *Dr David Watson*

Bienvenue à l'Édition Printemps-Été 2004 d'Accent Magazine.

En passant en revue les douze derniers mois qui se sont écoulés à l'École Internationale Awty de Houston, je me demande : " Qu'avons-nous fait à Awty cette année?! " L'année scolaire a débuté par la réussite (98%) aux examens du Baccalauréat International des élèves de la promotion 2003. Par ailleurs, tous les 18 élèves de terminale du Baccalauréat Français ainsi que les 26 élèves du Brevet ont brillamment réussi leurs examens. Une nouvelle merveilleuse qui nous a agréablement surpris à notre retour à Houston après nos vacances d'été. D'autres événements allaient encore nous réjouir comme celui de l'ouverture de la nouvelle École Primaire juste après le congé d'automne, le 13 octobre 2003. Plus de 350 élèves de 50 nationalités ont défilé fièrement dans le nouveau et magnifique bâtiment au son de la cornemuse, en plein cœur de Houston au Texas. C'est une "Mission accomplie" pour une école internationale.

Peu de temps après, l'École recevait 15 écoles venues de 11 pays pour la conférence annuelle des élèves du Conseil des Écoles Internationales des Amériques (CISa). Ce fut un grand honneur pour notre École qui s'est distinguée, je l'avoue, au Westin Hotel, Galleria.

Parmi les voyages scolaires de cette année, il y a eu : - notre habituelle visite à l'Orphelinat St Ignace en Bolivie (où quelques élèves d'Awty ont passé une partie de leurs vacances d'été en compagnie des enfants et ont travaillé avec les religieuses de St Ignace) : les relations d'amitié mutuelle qui existent entre nos deux institutions sont bénéfiques à tous; - un voyage au Collège Lou Trentanel de Gignac, à Montpellier en France; - un voyage à Washington D.C au Model United Nations (Modèle calqué sur celui des Nations Unies); - le voyage à Paris des élèves du Collège et le voyage du Département des Sciences au Costa Rica.

L'ouverture de la nouvelle École Primaire nous a permis de rénover et d'agrandir les bureaux dans les bâtiments déjà existants y compris une nouvelle salle pour les professeurs et le personnel ("The Plaza") et un nouveau salon pour les élèves. Au retour des grandes vacances, à la rentrée 2004-2005, une nouvelle aile abritera les laboratoires de Sciences et les Collège et Lycée auront un nouveau théâtre.

Nous avons également élargi nos services pédagogiques pour l'année à venir. Le Département du Conseil d'Orientation a engagé pour ses nouveaux bureaux deux conseillers à temps plein et une

assistante administrative. Nous avons introduit un cours d'économie BI au début de cette année scolaire et nous avons mis à l'essai, en août dernier, un Programme International au niveau du Primaire (IPC) qui s'est avéré excellent; nous avons fermement l'intention d'ajouter ce Programme International au cursus de l'Ecole Primaire à partir d'Août 2004.

Le Gala 2004 a battu tous les records de l'Ecole, il a contribué au succès exceptionnel du Fonds Annuel auquel les parents, les sociétés et les amis ont participé si généreusement et avec tant d'enthousiasme.

Le nombre de nos inscriptions est passé de 400 en 1990 à plus de 1100 à ce jour. Nous sommes actuellement la troisième école privée de Houston et la seconde école internationale des Etats-Unis par le nombre. Awty vit des moments palpitants. Ces douze mois ont été constructifs pour notre Ecole. Les employés, les parents, les élèves peuvent tous être fiers de ce que nous avons accompli cette année.

Dans une école internationale, nous devons nous habituer aux nouvelles rencontres mais aussi aux départs des amis et collègues qui entrent dans notre communauté au gré des affectations ou des circonstances infligées par le destin. Au terme de cette année scolaire, nous devons tristement nous résoudre aux adieux d'une de nos précieuses collègues, Mme Catherine Donohue-Weill, Provisur de la Section Bilingue Française et Directrice- Adjointe d' Awty. Après cinq ans de bons et loyaux services,

Catherine et sa famille ont décidé de retourner à Paris où un nouveau poste l'attend. Catherine manquera à toute la communauté d'Awty, tant aux collègues qu'aux familles. Elle a beaucoup apporté à l'Ecole et à l'organisation de la Section Bilingue Française d'Awty. Je suis sûr que vous vous joignez à moi pour souhaiter à Catherine, à Bertrand et à leur famille bonne chance et une réintégration en douceur dans la culture Européenne. Bonne chance et merci! Notre nouveau Provisur entrera en fonction à l'Ecole en août et nous parlerons de lui dans notre nouvelle édition d'Accent Magazine.

En attendant, permettez-moi de souhaiter à tous nos lecteurs des vacances d'été reposantes et salutaires. L'école recommencera le 19 août 2004 pour le Collège et le Lycée et le 23 août 2004 pour la Maternelle et le Primaire. Bonnes vacances de la part de nous tous à l'Ecole Internationale Awty de Houston.

least, fairly familiar). The school community will miss Catherine's presence in and around school. She has contributed much to Awty and to the organizational integrity of the French Section of the School. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Catherine, Bertrand and their family all the very best for the future as they step back into the European swing of things. Bonne chance et merci ! Our new Provisur will be joining the school in August and we shall be featuring him in our next edition of The Accent.

Until then, let me wish all our readers a restful yet productive summer vacation. School begins once again on August 19, 2004, for the Middle School and Upper School and on August 23, 2004, for the Pre-School and Lower School. Bonnes vacances from all of us at The Awty International School, Houston.



“*A Letter from the Proviseur*”

Springtime once again and soon it will be summer; time to take stock of what we've accomplished during this year of spectacular events for our children of all ages. The youngest Preschoolers have now become students who are well-accustomed to passing from one language to another. Through their many wonderful projects, they have discovered reading and have been introduced to plants and plant life, in fact the four-year-olds are now ready for kindergarten. Thanks to their teachers, they will henceforth know the pleasure of sports and motor activities, which have helped them physically understand concepts like language, spatial relationships and the notion of self-confidence. In kindergarten, the older ones have been guided through artistic endeavors and were able to learn to imitate and compare Matisse and Picasso. They cultivated, throughout the year, not only their garden but their vocabulary. Now they, too, are ready to enter Lower School.

In Lower School, the new building with its lively colors was a place of amazement and wonder; it is important to be as proud of one's school as of what one learns therein. In colorful 'villages', the 1st through 5th grade classes learned to say hello in many languages, and develop a culture of shared spaces rather than territorial thinking. For this year provided the opportunity to organize common mealtimes for both sections, in order to encourage leaving the setting of one's own class, approaching others and getting to know them better. In this same spirit, the Fifth Graders from both sections presented a magnificent mini-opera for us, performed by seventy-six singers in unison. A beautiful symbol for translating the values of our school! To illustrate the theme of Art, a primary axis of our Program, the Lower School 1st and 5th graders produced paintings, sculptures and drawings, which are indeed priceless gifts: the reward for talent, strength and imagination in complement to academic excellence. To what more could we aspire than that our children enjoy learning?

The Lower School year finished with flourish for students in CM2 and 5th grade sports. In Middle School, sports take on the role of an important element toward inte-



“*Le mot du Proviseur*”

C'est encore le printemps et c'est presque déjà l'été, le moment venu de faire le bilan de notre année riche en événements spectaculaires pour nos élèves de tous les ages. Les petites sections sont devenues des élèves maintenant habitués à passer d'une langue à l'autre. Grâce aux nombreux projets ils ont découvert la lecture et la culture des plantes, ceux de 4 ans sont désormais prêts pour la grande section. Grâce à leurs maîtresses, ils connaissent désormais le plaisir du sport et des activités motrices qui permettent de comprendre physiquement le langage de situer dans l'espace, de prendre confiance en soi. En grande section, les plus grands ont mené à bien une réflexion sur l'art et ont su imiter puis comparer Matisse et Picasso. Ils ont cultivé leur jardin et, tout au long de l'année, moissonner le vocabulaire. Les voici prêts à entrer à la grande école.

Pour l'élémentaire, le nouveau bâtiment avec ses couleurs vives a été le lieu de tous les émerveillements car il est important d'être fier de son école comme de ses apprentissages. Avec ses villages de couleurs, les classes du CP au CM2 apprennent à se dire bonjour en plusieurs langues, à passer d'une logique de territoires à une culture du partage de l'espace. Car cette année a été l'occasion d'organiser des repas en commun entre les deux sections pour apprendre à dépasser le cadre de sa classe, pour apprendre à

aller vers l'autre et à chercher à mieux se connaître. Dans le même esprit les élèves de CM2 des deux sections nous offrent un magnifique mini opéra de soixante seize chanteurs à l'unisson. Quel beau symbole pour traduire les valeurs de notre école ! Pour illustrer le thème de l'art que nous avons placé en axe prioritaire du projet d'école, les élèves du CP et du CM2 ont réalisé des tableaux, des sculptures, des séries graphiques qui seront comme autant de cadeaux sans prix : la récompense du talent, la force de l'imagination en complément de l'excellente académique. Que voulons-nous de plus pour nos enfants sinon le plaisir d'apprendre ?

L'année d'élémentaire s'est également terminée par les exploits inter sportifs des élèves de CM2 et de 5ème grade. Au collège, le sport sera un élément important d'intégration entre nos deux sections. C'est pourquoi il était important d'en donner le goût aux élèves du primaire en insistant sur l'éthique sportive, le sens de l'effort et la volonté de se dépasser. C'est ce même esprit que nous avons cherché à transférer dans d'autres disciplines de la 6e à la Terminale.

Des sorties, des projets, des recherches sur les différents systèmes d'écriture et de calligraphie et sur les écrivains : autant d'occasions en collège de donner le goût d'appliquer ce que l'on apprend et de prendre confiance en soi à l'oral. Lors de la Célébration de la journée de la Francophonie, nos élèves ont eu la possibilité de rencontrer et d'interroger l'écrivain Jean Paul Kauffman tandis que son épouse Mme Joëlle Brunerie-Kauffman rappelait les

principale étapes de la conquête des droits de femmes et abordait avec les lycéens quelques uns des problèmes éthiques auxquels il leur faudra bientôt faire face. Et puis cette année a été également celle du Théâtre avec de remarquables présentations par les élèves du IB et par ceux des clubs et ateliers théâtre.

En un mot de nombreuses occasions d'ouvrir le regard de nos jeunes sur le monde et sur le rôle qu'ils peuvent chacun jouer pour faire une différence.

Pour l'école internationale Awty l'année 2004 a également été une année d'éducation à la citoyenneté. Avec 51 nationalités dans notre établissement, il était normal que nos élèves comprennent la géographie du monde et ses différents équilibres. C'est pourquoi le Consul Général de France est venu présenter aux lycéens la nouvelle Europe à 25 et répondre à de nombreuses questions. De plus nous avons créé, parallèlement à notre partenariat avec un orphelinat bolivien, et dans le cadre du service d'intérêt collectif et d'actions de scolarité, un nouveau programme avec une école francophone d'Haïti située au nord du pays près de la frontière avec la République Dominicaine

Enfin, pour célébrer la parution par l'American College Board de la brochure qui met en parallèle les examens de A.P. (placement avancé) avec le Baccalauréat option Nord américaine (OIB) et engager nos élèves à choisir cette option, un

voyage à Washington a été organisé pendant les vacances de printemps. Celui de l'an prochain est déjà programmé pour Boston.

Il nous reste cette année encore à transformer l'essai avec les épreuves du Baccalauréat qui débiteront le 27 mai. Il me reste à vous dire au revoir. Après cinq années à Awty, après avoir vu mes deux aînés faire leur graduation à Awty et le plus jeune célébrer son passage au collège, je sais que je ne quitte pas l'école : je rejoins simplement le rang de ses anciens parents et puis, je laisse trop d'amis pour ne pas vouloir revenir. C'est cela aussi l'effet Awty: le sentiment d'appartenir à une nouvelle famille; on peut s'en éloigner, elle ne vous quitte jamais.

gration between the two sections. This is why it is crucial to give elementary students a taste of sportsmanship, an ethic for effort and the will to exceed their own limits. This is the same spirit we have sought to impart in other disciplines, from 6th grade all the way to 12th.

Projects, excursions, and research on different writing systems, writers and calligraphy led to some Middle School opportunities for applying what was learned and developing self-confidence and public speaking skills. During the Francophone celebrations, our students had the good fortune to meet and talk with writer Jean Paul Kauffman, while his wife Madame Joëlle Brunerie-Kauffman gave a talk about advances in the fight for women's rights, and held discussions with Upper School students about some of the ethical issues they will undoubtedly face in their lifetime. In addition, this was a year of theatrical treats, with remarkable plays presented by IB students and the Theater Clubs and Workshops.

In a word, this year's many events and opportunities opened our students' eyes to the world around them and to the role they must each play in making a difference.

For the Awty International School, the year 2004 was also a study in citizenship. With 51 nationalities in our institution, it is a given that students understand the geography of the world and its different balances. This is why the Consul General of France came to present the new 'Europe 25' to the Upper School students and answer many of

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their questions. Additionally, in parallel to the School's partnership with an orphanage in Bolivia, we have established a Community Service project to help provide schooling for disadvantaged children in Northern Haiti, near the border of the Dominican Republic.

Finally, to celebrate the brochure published by the American College Board declaring equivalence between A.P. (advanced placement) courses and the North American Option of the French Baccalaureate (OIB), and to inspire students to choose this option, a trip to Washington, D.C. was organized and took place with great success over Spring Break. Plans are already being made for next year's trip to Boston.

We still have an important task before the end of the year, that of putting our efforts to the ultimate test: Baccalaureate examinations began on the 27th of May. All that remains for me to do now is say goodbye. After five years at Awty, after having seen my two oldest children graduate from Awty and my youngest celebrate his passage to Middle School, I know that I am not really leaving the

school. I am simply joining the ranks of former parents, and then of course, there is the fact that I am leaving too many friends behind to never come back. That is the effect Awty has on us all: the feeling of belonging to a new family...as you all know well, though we may travel far, far away, our family never really leaves us.

- Catherine Donohue-Weill
Proviseur and
Deputy Head of School

Special Guests Visit Students At Awty



The Ambassador of Qatar to the United States, H. E. Bader Omar Al-Dafa, visited Awty on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. He spoke to the Senior Class and answered questions about Qatar, politics, and the differences between our countries. Bader Omar Al-Dafa became Ambassador of Qatar to the United States on September 5, 2000. Before his current assignment, Ambassador Al-Dafa served as Director of European and American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar. A career diplomat with more than 25 years of experience, Ambassador Al-Dafa has served in numerous posts including ambassador to France, Egypt, Spain, and the Russian Federation.



Ruth Steinfeld, a Holocaust survivor, visited Awty and told her incredible story of survival to the 11th Grade class on Monday, January 26, 2004. Born in Germany around the time Hitler came to power, Mrs. Steinfeld, along with her sister and her parents were taken from their home and forced into a concentration camp because they were Jewish. With the help of others, she and her sister survived. Mrs. Steinfeld, today, shares her experiences by speaking at churches, schools, and universities.

Awty "Almost" Olympics: No "wardrobe malfunction"

Despite the lack of a "revealing" half-time show, the Awty "Almost" Olympics, hosted by the Awty Rams Booster Club on Saturday, February 7, in the PAAC was a resounding success, thereby helping to secure Houston's title as "the" capital city of sports.

Now in its third year, the event drew a crowd of over 160 parents and friends of Awty, who spent the evening becoming acquainted with other parents, having fun and participating in contests and games while raising money for the school's numerous athletic needs. A record amount of slightly more than \$6,000 was accumulated by the end of the night. These monies will be used to help finance this year's Booster Club goal of adding lights to the outdoor sports field. Special thanks to the many Awty teachers and coaches who volunteered their time during the evening to help the event run so smoothly.

The event started with a short briefing from the genial MC, Chris Taggart, a buffet dinner and Trivia Quiz. Then, the fourteen teams, which were formed, began to compete in the events. What followed can best be described as a massive esprit de corps in which all of the team members participated in group activities such as Soccer Dribbling, Target Badminton and Paper Airplane target flying.

After the team games, the evening moved on to separate activities, allowing the players to exercise their individual skills in basketball, putting, baseball, darts, and dice. There was even a table set up for the less athletically-inclined to try their luck at Blackjack. In addition, the evening featured a Silent Auction, Tombola and Raffle for a weekend trip to Mexico (including airfare and a stay at The Fairmont Acapulco Princess Hotel.) The lucky couple was Mr. & Mrs. B.J. White.

By the close of the evening, when the final bell sounded, "The Clever Bs" Team comprised of Les Nutt, Cindy & Charlie Jackson, Liliane & Nils Sopnel, Anja & John Hesse, Patricia & Thierry Fabre and Capt. Donna Taggart led the field with 532.5 points, followed closely in second place by the "Commonwealth" Team, captained by Margaret Kelly, (520 points) and, in third, The "Barbarians" led by Tony Mace (477.5 points)

In the recent past, the Awty Rams Booster Club headed by Amanda Gelb and supported by a host of school Moms and Dads, has generously donated time and monies raised from the "Almost" Olympics and Booster Bistro over the year to help the school purchase various athletic equipment, t-shirts, sports bags, warm-up suits, PA system, software scheduling programs, coaching reference materials, scoreboard and sprinkler system---all for the benefit of the Lower, Middle and Upper School students. The Olympics brings this year's goal a bit closer.



Surprise! Happy 50th Mr. Waugh!

The Upper School students and faculty along with Dr. David Watson, Mrs. Arlene Carre, Mr. Tom Beuscher, Ms. Janet Bridger, several staff members, and Awty Alumni surprised Sam Waugh for his 50th Birthday on March 4.

Awty Alums, Derek and Evan Dunivan, gave a special performance singing one of Mr. Waugh's favorite Rolling Stones' tunes, *You Can't Always Get What You Want*. Several faculty members and students also helped out with the song including Randle Seymour on the bongos and Frederic Houville on guitar. The back-up singers included Judy McEnany, Arlene Carre, Kristy Hamilton (Grade 10), Susanne Achilles (Grade 12), Angela Daniel (Grade 9), Clay Chiles (Grade 11), and Ross Hamilton (Grade 9).

Mr. Waugh was then presented with two gifts. The first gift presented by Mr. Beuscher on behalf of the faculty and staff was a Montblanc Special Edition F. Scott Fitzgerald pen. He then received a special gift from Dr. Pepper including a case of Dr. Pepper, a tour of the oldest Dr. Pepper bottling plant in Dublin, Texas, a card, a replica of the delivery

truck from the 1920s, and free refreshments at the Old Doc Soda Shop in Dublin.

After the presentation, several alums, faculty and staff members joined Mr. Waugh in the conference room for coffee and two birthday cakes, which were specially made by Mrs. Becky Johnson.



Mr. Beuscher presents the Montblanc Special Edition pen to Mr. Waugh on behalf of the staff and faculty.



Mr. Waugh visits with Awty Alums, Derek and Evan Dunivan, after their special performance.



Ms. Vanitta Clarke's 4th Grade International section class gets a close-up look at a Texas longhorn. Go Texan Day! was celebrated at Awty on Friday, February 27 and each Lower School class spent a portion of their day learning about the Texas longhorn. Many thanks to John Fisher for bringing the longhorns to campus and spending time with our Lower School students.



On Saturday, March 6, Mrs. Sylvia Crispin (left) and her husband, André hosted an "All Things Beautiful" fashion show on the Awty campus featuring designs by California artist/designer Vaughn Greditzer (center). Also pictured above is Ms. Beverley Maurice (right) who helped coordinate the event.

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Awty Dads' Club: A Hole-In-One

Dave Pruner and Joe Mongrain, co-chairs of the The Awty Dads' Club presented a check to Dr. David Watson for the School's Annual Fund. The Awty Dads' Club donated \$12,677 to the fund. This money was raised at the First Annual Golf Tournament held in December 2003. The mission of The Awty Dads' Club is three-fold: to develop community spirit among Awty Dads; to aid in the forward progress and development of the school; and to set up an "Internship Bank" for Upper School students (in the near future).

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2003-2004 Annual Fund Surpasses Goal

With your contribution to this year's Annual Fund, the school was not only able to meet the goal, but it was also able to surpass it. Your contributions to the Annual Fund helped the school purchase the following items:

Seating for the theatre in the PAAC

Pavers near the Sarofim Library

Landscaping

Three Benches

Library books

Fifty-one Computers

College Counseling software

Clinic software

Programming/graphics software for the Upper School students



Diamond Gala 2004: A Flawless Night!

The Diamond Gala 2004, The Awty International School's annual Gala, was held on March 12, 2004, at the beautiful Houstonian Hotel. The event raised more than \$160,000 for the school's annual fund. Over 400 guests enjoyed cocktails, dinner, music by Mango Punch, and an exciting live and silent auction.

We would like to send our sincerest appreciation to the event underwriters:

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Diamond Gala 2004! We apologize if you were inadvertently left off of this list. Please know you are greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to M.D. "Shorty" Yeaman of Yeaman Enterprise Services for serving as this year's Auctioneer.



The grand ballroom at the Houstonian Hotel was the site for the Diamond Gala 2004. It was a flawless affair!



Awty friends and guests were the finest gems at this year's gala for raising more than \$160,000!



Awty Plus Kids' Gala, A Great Success!

Awty Plus, The Awty International School's after-school program, hosted the first-ever Kids' Gala on March 12, 2004. Students, ranging in ages 3-13, escaped to the Houstonian Hotel for a "Treasure Island" adventure. The students, dressed in their finest attire, enjoyed a live pirate show, feasted on a three-course meal and an abundance of snacks and candy, sang karaoke, and then danced the night away.

The night's festivities were made possible thanks to

Ronald Jackson, Awty Plus Director,

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Awty Plus is an enrichment program that is uniquely designed to meet the physical, creative and academic needs of The Awty International School students. Awty Plus offers a variety of activities including soccer, gymnastics, fencing, creative art, computer, yoga, drama, homework assistance, private tutoring, various music lessons and much more.



Budding Young Poets Among Us



For the second year in a row, Cléa Nicaud was the first runner-up in her age category in Instructor Magazine's 5th Annual National Poetry Contest. Her winning poem is entitled *Space Poem*.

Cléa, who was in the 3rd grade French section this past year and studied English under the direction of Mrs. Lynda Buttle, received a prize package in April with copies of the magazine (her name was listed), a certificate of merit, and a gift certificate for \$25 in Scholastic products. Her poem was also published on Instructor Magazine's web site.

Congratulations to Cléa and to Mrs. Buttle!

Space Poem

*Little star
you shine so bright
that I could almost kiss you.*

*And you moon,
all night you light towns,
I wish I could come see you.*

*Saturn you are so funny,
when you turn around your ring,
you are so pretty and magic,
I wish to ride my bike on your ring.*

*Rocket you are so fast,
and your fire is so pretty,
I wish I could go on every planet like you.*

Mariella Issa is a talented and studious young lady who was in Mary Herendeen's International Section First Grade class this past year. Mariella is already a published poet, having written her first poem at the age of three! Mariella always does her work and is advanced in Math and Language. She is great at expressing herself with words, and loves ballet. Mariella speaks French and Arabic fluently and she is in the Spanish program. *Bravo Mariella!*

*As I whisper in my prayers I gaze up at the moon
so round and full as a balloon. As if hung by a
string or perhaps an invisible child
but where is the string and the invisible child
but the moon did not answer she simply smiled.*

"Hand in Hand"

*Little white girls and little black boys
now hold hand in hand
Little black girls and little white boys
now hold hand in hand
They jump and play and twirl and land
Little girls and little boys
now hold hand in hand*

"Ode to the Sea"

*The sea as clear as rain
slowly dripping in pain.
As if the cloud were crying
it turned to sighing.
Ode to the sea
the clean saltwater.
Ode to the sea
mother natures daughter.*



Lower School Celebrates La Journee De La Francophonie

On March 19, the Lower School was transformed into a quaint French village celebrating La Journee de la Francophonie (French Speaking Day).

Each classroom in the Lower School represented a different aspect of a French village including a bakery, flower shop, town hall, postal office, beauty salon, fire station, clothing store, photography studio, and much more.

Students of all nationalities strolled through the "French town" and enjoyed the different shops. They took photos, bought clothes, mailed letters, saw how a doctor sets a cast, and even said wedding vows.

Yes, they even said wedding vows. The town-hall was the highlight of the day as the students paired off and took turns dressing in nice gowns and top hats to walk down the aisle and pretend to get married to one another.

La Journee de la Francophonie was a great success and enjoyed by all thanks to all of the Pre and Lower School faculty and staff as well as the many parent volunteers.



Seventh Grade Student Scores Big on SAT

Taro Yamaguchi-Phillips, a 13-year-old student at Awty scored 700 on the SAT verbal exam through the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP).

Due to this high achievement, Taro was invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University on May 17. He was accompanied by his father, Mr. Ronnie Phillips, to the event. Students invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony must meet at least one of the following criteria:

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| ACT | ACT English | Greater or equal to 28 |
| | ACT Math | Greater or equal to 28 |
| | ACT Reading | Greater or equal to 30 |
| | ACT Science Reasoning | Greater or equal to 27 |
| SAT | SAT Math | Greater or equal to 650 |
| | SAT Verbal | Greater or equal to 650 |
| | SAT Math + SAT Verbal | Greater or equal to 1260 |

Taro scored a 1270 overall on the SAT exam, a score many high school students never reach. Taro, who will be in 8th grade next year, has attended Awty for two years. Besides school, Taro enjoys playing games, reading books, and watching television.

The Awty International School encourages its students to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program each year. Duke sponsors qualified seventh grade students to take the SAT based on their scores from a broad range of subtests including the Comprehensive Testing Program IV to maximize identification of qualified students. Students have to score 95% or better in one or more of the following categories: Quantitative Ability, Mathematics, Verbal Ability or Reading Comprehension in order to qualify.

All students at Awty, including those students in the French Section with the English level, are included in the CTP IV testing during the spring of their 6th grade year. From the current 7th grade, twenty students qualified to

take the SAT including Polina Abdoulina, Ayana Andalcio, Samantha Borland, Rachel Carrig, Nicolas Cummings, Anna Fisher, Peter Flink, Greg Jones, Siobhan Mahaffey, David Mallett, Jeremy Martin, Sean McGinnis, Maxence Ryan, Eyad Saqr, Mansi Sheth, Iain Stewart, Harmke Visser, Laurie Walk, Sam Watts, and Taro Yamaguchi-Phillips. Of those twenty qualifying students, fourteen chose to take the exam. Ten students scored well enough for the State Recognition Ceremony and Yamaguchi's high score brought him an invitation to the Grand Recognition Ceremony.

According to the Duke TIP website www.tip.duke.edu/index.html, the program is dedicated to being a national leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their optimal educational potential. Duke TIP identifies gifted children and provides resources to nurture the development of these exceptionally bright youngsters. Through Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search program, which focuses on the identification, recognition, and support of high-ability 7th graders, students take college entrance exams alongside high school students. A large number of 7th grade Talent Search participants earn scores that many high school seniors would envy.



Big Bend: More Than Just A Desert

Something almost magical happens when you take a group of students out of the classroom and into the outdoors. It has been seen year after year here at Awty on the Big Bend trip. The annual 8th grade trip to Big Bend has recently completed its fifteenth year with many changes along the way in organization and number of students. One constant is that at the heart of the experience is a journey that has a positive effect on those who participate. The Big Bend experience usually makes the list of the top three most worthwhile experiences of Awty graduates.

Like many aspects of Awty, this trip demonstrates the synergy achieved when different cultures work together. Whether a student in a small group or a staff person leading that group, there comes a point during the week when everyone ceases to be from either the French or the International section. We all lose track of these divisions and become students and teachers learning together from the magical desert known as Big Bend.



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honor at this year's festival.

Following the opening ceremonies, parents, staff, faculty, and students from all divisions spent time during the two days enjoying the decorated booths, their cultural information as well as the many ethnic foods. Over 25 countries were represented by the booths which aligned the Quad.

They also enjoyed sorting through and selecting various books in the annual book fair. This successful event allowed the APPA to donate over 600 books (English and French) to the library.

Family night closed the two-day event with an array of multicultural entertainment in the Quad and PAAC and a delicious meal catered by Kim Son. The "Pop Show" topped it all off at the end of the evening.

Despite the rain, the 2004 International Festival and Book Fair soared to new heights thanks to the APPA and the endless group of volunteers, parents, teachers, and staff alike, who spent hours upon hours organizing every little detail.

The APPA is a voluntary organization made up of Awty parents and staff whose purpose is to support the School through its social, educational and fund raising events and projects. The APPA organizes many of the fun events held on campus throughout the school year including Fall Fun Festival, International Festival and Book Fair, Snow Day, and the Pot Luck Dinner.



Awty: It's a Family Affair

For many, Awty is more than your average private school. After a while, it becomes much more like a family...an international family.

This past year, the Awty family increased by seven. Dr. Gregory Harvey and Mrs. Carey Brandfield Harvey selected Awty as the school for their daughters...their five daughters Addie, Bitsy, Cammy, Neely, and Winnie.

From the beginning, Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Brandfield Harvey were attracted to Awty's challenging academic program and intensive language curriculum as well as the international community.

"We were impressed by the sophistication of a truly global community," stated the parents, "and we felt as though we belonged right away."

Although the girls were exposed to many different cultures and lifestyles, they each made friends quickly and found the differences intriguing.

"It's been exciting and amazing to learn about so many different cultures," stated Addie, who will advance to 5th Grade next year.

Her sister Cammy, who will move on to the Middle School in August, agreed "It's been fascinating to have friends from Malaysia, Belgium, Russia, France, Iran, and Great Britain."

One of their younger sisters, Winnie added, "I've made friends from Pakistan, Japan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, and Venezuela." Winnie and her twin sister Bitsy will be in 1st Grade in the fall.

The Brandfield-Harvey family were also impressed with Awty's comprehensive language program, which begins in preschool.

All five girls studied Spanish during their first year at Awty and they found learning a second

language can be fun, fulfilling and a new way to communicate.

"I can talk to my friends in Spanish now," stated Bitsy.

Her older sister Cammy added, "being able to communicate in a language other than English is muy bien!"

The eldest sister Neely, who will be in 9th Grade next school year, not only enjoyed continuing her Spanish education at Awty but she also looks forward to learning a third language in Upper School.

In addition to the school's language program, the Brandfield-Harvey family also found the entire academic curriculum exceptional. They are also extremely impressed with the I.B. program.

"Awty has exceeded our expectations in terms of the curriculum and the expertise and dedication of the faculty," stated the parents.

Both Cammy and Addie enjoyed studying science this past year. Their dedicated teachers played a big role in making learning fun.

"My favorite subject was science because Mr. Wallis made it interesting and entertaining," said Addie.

Cammy agreed, "my favorite subject was science, a subject I never liked before Mrs. Gilchrist made it so cool."

Even at a young age, Bitsy and Winnie were exposed to elements of advanced learning. In Kindergarten, they



learned about numbers and money, cursive writing, fractions, music and computer. The parents claim Awty's Kindergarten program is at least one to two years ahead of their previous private school.

The girls have not only liked their classes, but they have also enjoyed the many events that are held on campus each year, particularly the Fall Fun Festival.

"The best Halloween party I've ever had at school," exclaimed Cammy.

All of the girls are involved in extra-curricular activities on the Awty campus as well as in their own neighborhood. Most of the girls play soccer and softball in West University. Neely is nationally ranked in fencing. She is also involved with drama and the newspaper at Awty. Cammy has enjoyed choir and drama under the direction of Mr. Jamail at Awty and she plays tennis, piano and takes sculpture. Addie is also in choir and hopes to be in drama next year. She takes fine art classes and plays the harp outside of Awty.

Overall, Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Brandfield Harvey are more than satisfied with their decision to bring their daughters to Awty and they are thrilled to be a part of the Awty experience, especially during the school's growth.

"We not only believe that we made the right decision, we wish that we had made the move two years earlier," stated the parents. "We have encouraged many Houston-based

families from our neighborhood, at our work, and from our former private school in Houston to come and be a part of the exciting growth at Awty."

This past year, the Brandfield-Harvey's became a part of something unique; they became members of the Awty family. And Awty is glad to have them on board!



Neely Brandfield-Harvey came home with a first place medal at the recent Southwest Regional Youth Fencing Tournament in El Paso on May 29. Neely is ranked 6th in the country in the 14 and under epee class. She is now in intensive training for the U.S. National Tournament, which will be held in Charlotte on July 5.



Dagny Pruner, 8th Grade - International, receives a trophy from Astros Outfielder Craig Biggio for her second place finish in her age group at the 2K "Run for Greenspace." The race benefitted the redevelopment of the largest youth sports park in Houston, the 64-acre South Campus project.



Shelly Ronen, 11th Grade; Lise Van Dun, 11th Grade; Katie Spicer, 10th Grade; and Kristy Hamilton, 10th Grade join Awty teachers Mrs. Yahia and Mrs. Gharibeh as well as Mr. Chapuis, CEO of Total, at the EOP 3rd Annual Foreign Language Luncheon series. The goal is to reward students for their efforts in learning a second language as well as to recognize teachers for their work in fostering a love of languages. The luncheons were hosted in Spanish, French, Russian, and German.

Change Continues on Awty Campus

The grand opening of Awty's new Lower School facilities was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for parents, staff, faculty, board members, and friends of Awty.

The school itself is currently undergoing a period of considerable capital development. During the summer of 2002, Awty completed the purchase of the neighboring two-acre property, including land and several buildings. This past fall the conversion of the existing buildings into the school's new Lower School facilities was completed.

The new Lower School building opened in October 2003 to parents, teachers and students. The new facility enables the Lower School students to have much improved library provision as well as a new multi-purpose hall. The former Lower School building has now been transformed to house Middle and Upper School students and now includes a new staff lounge as well as a senior lounge.

Future changes to the Awty campus include three new science laboratories to be added over the summer. This will create a discrete seven-lab science wing in the Middle and Upper School. Another addition will include a small but distinct theatre-in-the-round at the back of the current Performing Arts and Athletic Center.

As the second largest international school in the country and with enrollment increasing on a yearly

basis, the school has had an urgent need for more space.

These added facilities to the campus have allowed us to enroll more than 1100 students. These new additions to the school are a marvelous step forward for the school and one which heralds the continuing growth of Awty and the expansion and enrichment of our facilities available to students and teachers.



Mme. Catherine Donohue-Weill, French Proviseur and Deputy Head of School; Dr. David Watson, Head of School; Mr. Anthony P. Banham, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Ray Leiker, Member of the Board of Trustees and Lower School architect; and Mme. Chantal Vessali, Head of the Lower School all joined together to cut the ribbon and celebrate the Lower School's grand opening.

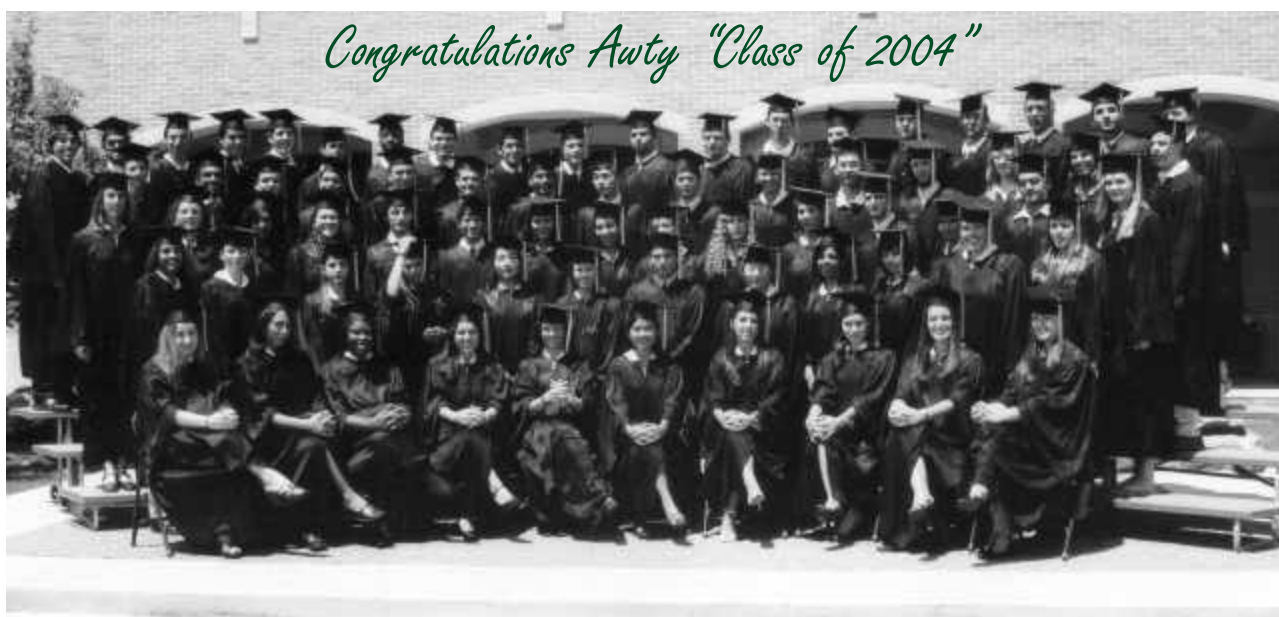


Rachel Holden, Chloe "Alex" Fisher, Sara Heidecke, and Jocelyn Coffin, all 7th Grade students, convened for an important meeting in the Headmaster's office while Alex acted as Head of School for the day on May 14, 2004. During her tenure, Alex welcomed everyone to the Fiesta de Mayo celebration, held a private lunch for her closest peers, and lobbied for a "cookie cake party" for the entire 7th Grade.



Elizabeth Sorkin and Gabriella Mahan, 2nd Grade students, pose after their class danced to "El Gitano Señorón" at the Fiesta de Mayo celebration in the Lower School on May 14, 2004. This year, each grade level celebrated music/dance from different eras as it evolved in the Spanish culture. Bernardo Cubría, an alumnus (Class of 2000) helped coordinate the dances for each grade.

Congratulations Awty "Class of 2004"



Class of 2004 College Acceptances

United States

American University
 The University of Arizona
 Austin College
 Babson College
 Barnard College
 Baylor University
 Bentley College
 Boston Architectural Center
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 University of California at Irvine
 California Institute of Technology
 Carnegie Mellon University
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 Fordham University
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 The George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
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 Haverford College
 Houston Baptist University
 University of Houston
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Manhattanville College
 Middlebury College

New York University
 Northwestern University
 Occidental College
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oxford College of Emory University
 Pitzer College
 Pomona College
 University of Portland
 University of Puget Sound
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 University of Richmond
 Ringling School of Art and Design
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 University of Rochester
 Rollins College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
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 Texas A&M University
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 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
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Awty Alumni News

Dear Alumni and Friends:

So it's out with the old and in with the new. With that I'd like to congratulate the Senior Class of 2004 on their graduation and be the first to welcome them to the Alumni Association.



Good luck to all of you with your endeavors and I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future. I'd like to give a special thanks to Rob Mark and Khaled Al Attar for serving on the Alumni Board this past year as the Senior Class Representatives. We enjoyed having you both.

Our first Alumni event to kick-off the new year will be Homecoming on September 24-25. So mark your calendars now and be sure not to miss out. Something to make note of is that we've decided to move Reunion Weekend so it coincides with the Homecoming festivities. Classes being recognized this year are 1979, 1994, and 1999. Details on the weekend's events will be coming soon.

Don't forget to keep in touch and keep us posted on any events, accomplishments and changes in your lives as well. You can send your news to me at weatherly76@yahoo.com or to Gwen Cario at gcario@awty.org. You can also complete the class notes form on the Awty website at <http://www.awty.org/us/alumniinquiry2.htm> or send an email to your class rep.

Hope everyone is well and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

- John Weatherly
Alumni Association President

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Class Reps Are Still Needed!

Class reps are still needed for several classes. Class reps serve as liaisons between the Alumni Board and Alumni office at Awty and their class. They would help to update and maintain contact information and they would also gather news about their class members. Class reps will also help coordinate class reunions for their class. If you don't see your class listed above and would like to serve as a class representative or would like more information, please contact Gwen Cario, Alumni and Public Relations Coordinator, at 713.686.4850 ext. 360 or email her at gcario@awty.org or contact John Weatherly, Alumni President at 713-402-3842 or email him at weatherly76@yahoo.com.

CLASS NOTES

Scott München ('80)...and his wife, Stace, reside in Houston. Scott works in real estate.

Abdelaziz Mir ('81)...is a restaurant manager and consultant for La Belle Province in Sainte Foy, Quebec. He resides in Sainte Foy with his wife Rafika.

Chris Herpin ('83)...currently resides in Boise, Idaho.

Jeff Dyke ('86)...is the President of Champion Automotive Group for AutoNation. He lives in Bellaire, Texas, with his wife Jody and his two daughters Ashley Marie and Erin June.

Frederick Register ('86)...resides in Chandler, Arizona, with his wife Connie and three children Jordan, Katherine and Henry.

Mauricio Martinez ('87)...resides in Mexico City, Mexico with his wife Arantzazu and his son Mauricio.

Star Alexander Fuller ('93)...and her husband Mark will be traveling through Europe during July. Their journey will begin in London where they plan to visit family. Then they will move on to Scotland and Paris, where they will join another couple and together they will explore the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest in Germany, Brussels, Brugge and finally Amsterdam.

Elodie Dumay ('93)...who currently teaches at Awty will marry fellow teacher Nicolas Godard on July 3-4, 2004, in Caseneuve, France.

Datra Roter Quin ('93)...and her husband Paul are expecting their first child in November 2004.

Maria Alvarez ('96)...received her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 2001 as well as her master's degree in biomedical engineering in 2003 from the University of Texas in Austin.

Marianne Massart ('96)...studied law for five years at the University of Brussels and she has been working as a lawyer for Coudert Brothers in Belgium since 2001. She is also working on a post graduate diploma in fiscal law.

Maureen Berg ('97)...received her master's degree in aquatic ecology in 2003. She spent three months at the Charles Darwin research foundation in Galapagos, Ecuador to study the impact of tourist boats on insect dispersal.

Romain Parry ('99)...attends University of Houston and works as a counselor for Awty's after-school program, *Awty Plus*.

Satrap Yuksek ('99)...received his bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2003.

Sabine Achilles ('00)...studied business administration in Germany, Argentina and Mexico and graduated in 2004. She currently lives and works in Munich.

Jon Curutchet ('00)...is currently in his second year at Grenoble Ecole de Management. He will graduate this year and will study in Bilbao, Spain next year.

Brian Kelley ('00)...resides in Houston where he is studying psychology and French at the University of Houston. He also works as a counselor for Awty's after-school program, *Awty Plus*.

Alexis Crow ('01)...currently studies international relations at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Alexis is



Stuart Holden, Class of 2003, was selected this year to play for the U.S. Under 20 National Soccer Team. He was recently selected to play for the Under 20 National team at a four nation tournament in Korea during June. Their first game will be against Brazil. Stuart finished his freshman year at Clemson University in South Carolina with a 3.0 GPA. He is currently studying Business Management at Clemson.

due to graduate with MA Honors in May 2005.

Sara Avila ('02)...attends Pomona College where she currently is a double major in sociology and visual arts with a focus in photography.

Farnaz Faiaz ('02)...is studying public health at John Hopkins University. She is scheduled to receive her bachelor's degree in May 2006.

Neveena Gill ('02)...attends the University of Sydney in Australia where she is studying accounting and finance and is scheduled to graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce in 2005.

Manuel Sastre ('02)...resides in Bogota, Columbia where he is studying at Universidad de los Andes.

Alexis Offner ('03)...has been named to the President's List at Rice University. Her GPA this semester was a 3.9. She was also named to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She has also landed her dream job as a lab assistant in a research chemistry lab at Rice. She will get credit for being a part of the research team and may be asked to present the results at professional conferences.



Nancy Massart ('92-'96) studied economics for one year at Iche and studied secretarial studies for three years at ISES, both in Brussels. She was first of class during two years of secretarial studies and valedictorian during her last year of secretarial studies. She worked for a lawyer for four months and now works for Solvay SA as an executive secretary. She also takes photos for French and Belgian magazines.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Awty Alums from All Classes
are invited to the
Awty Alumni Reunion Weekend &
Homecoming Event
September 24-25, 2004

Honoring the Class of 1979, 1994 and 1999!

Stay Tuned for More Details!

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Scarlett Boulos ('04)...will remain in Houston and attend Rice University in the fall.

Nathalie Dufoulon ('04)...plans to study at AIM (International Academy of Management) in Paris, France.

Chloé Guérin ('04)...will be attending Rennes 1 in France where she will be studying law.

Jessica Johannes ('04)...plans to study economics and finance at McGill University in Canada. She also received a scholarship from Schlumberger.

Rob Mark ('04)...will be going to Davidson College in North Carolina where he plans to major in Middle Eastern studies.

Julien Masbou ('04)...plans to study physics at INSA, France in the fall.

Eric Namtvedt ('04)...will attend the University of Houston in the fall.

Olivia Ostrand ('04)...will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh where she plans to study economics.

Hélène Simonnet ('04)...plans to study science and physics when she attends college in the fall.

Megan Simon Thomas ('04)...plans to attend the American University this fall.

Caroline Delorme ('90-'94)...resides in Puteaux, France. She received her master's degree in human resources from the University of Tours in 2004.



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