



The Awty International School
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& Annual Report



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

Welcome to the Winter 2005 edition of Accent Magazine. On behalf of all here at Awty, let me take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a belated Happy New Year.

Good schools are places where good teaching and learning take place on a daily basis in a friendly atmosphere of respect, challenge and achievement. At all levels and in all aspects of our work in school, I see signs that Awty is genuinely making a difference in the lives of our children and our families. For parents, from whichever corner of the world they may hail, there is no substitute for total confidence in the professionalism and skill of your child's teachers. This is something we strive for at this school and judging from the growing lists of families who are making Awty their school of choice, it seems we are making progress towards achieving this goal we have set for ourselves.

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Students Lead Tsunami Relief Effort!



In response to the tsunami devastation, the students at The Awty International School joined together and designated January 10-14 as Tsunami Relief Week. The students went above and beyond all expectations, raising nearly \$8,000 for the relief effort.

Alejandro Cubria, a senior and Student Council President at Awty, along with members of the student council, led the effort and asked each student at Awty to participate by making a small cash donation. They placed donation boxes on campus and toured classrooms throughout the week to secure their goal of 100% participation from the student body.

As the second largest international school in the United States, The Awty International School student council felt strongly about supporting the relief effort. Many of the students at Awty have either visited or studied in the affected countries, or have relatives or friends who are living in the region. The student council members were amazed at the reaction of the student body.

"Knowing that community service and international understanding is at the heart of Awty's mission, and seeing such a tragedy, it was only fitting for us to help the victims," stated Alejandro Cubria. "The reaction to this effort was far better than expected. It was overwhelming."

As pledged, Mr. Anthony P. Banham, School Board of Trustees Chairman, matched every dollar raised by the students, up to \$5,000. This brought the total amount raised for the relief effort to nearly \$13,000.

"I am so proud of the students and their efforts to help with the devastation in South Asia," said Anthony Banham. "This typifies the international cultural consciousness that is an essential part of the Awty community."

Finally, Awty's Interact Club donated \$500 to the relief effort.

A check for \$17,133.96 was presented to UNICEF to help aid in the relief efforts in South Asia on Monday, January 24.

(Note: A small portion of funds raised was also collected by the students through the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" program last fall.)

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The recent tragic events in South Asia remind us all of our fragility and essential interdependence. Students at Awty were quick to respond to the crisis and showed a level of practical engagement which was both heart-warming and helpful in its sincerity and depth. With crisis, comes opportunity; after the rain, a few rays of sunshine and a child's smile.

International schools celebrate the diversity of the human condition and ensure that every act, every symbol, every exchange involving teachers, administrators, students and parents reinforces the belief that, in the end, human diversity is an enrichment and a source of strength. Couple this together with Mrs. Awty's vision of a compassionate school where every child might achieve his or her full potential in an environment of trust and encouragement, and you have captured something of the reason why our school remains so attractive to so many families.

In 2006, The Awty International School celebrates its 50th birthday! Mrs. Awty opened the



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

Bienvenue à l'édition d'hiver 2005 d'Accent Magazine. Au nom de tous ici à Awty, je profite de cette occasion pour souhaiter à tous nos lecteurs une bonne et heureuse année.

Les bonnes écoles sont celles qui dispensent un enseignement de qualité où l'apprentissage se déroule dans une atmosphère conviviale, stimulante, de respect, et de travail. Je constate qu'à tous les niveaux et dans tous les domaines scolaires, l'Ecole s'efforce de faire une distinction entre la vie de nos enfants et celle des parents. Pour vous parents, quel que soit le pays d'où vous venez, la confiance totale que vous avez dans le professionnalisme et la compétence des enseignants est primordiale. Nous faisons tout pour vous satisfaire dans ce domaine et il semblerait que nous soyons sur la bonne voie à en juger par le nombre croissant des familles qui choisissent Awty pour école.

Les récents événements tragiques de l'Asie du Sud nous rappellent que nous sommes fragiles et interdépendants. Les élèves d'Awty ont réagi très vite face à cette situation critique par leur action généreuse. Tout comme les crises amènent des opportunités et qu'après la pluie vient le beau temps, l'enfant lui aussi retrouvera son sourire.

Les écoles internationales qui prônent la diversité humaine s'assurent que toute action, tout symbole et tout échange impliquent les enseignants, les administrateurs, les élèves et les parents; nous sommes convaincus que la diversité culturelle nous enrichit et nous stimule. Ajoutez ce concept à la vision qu'avait Mme Awty d'une école humaine où chaque enfant pourrait se réaliser pleinement dans un climat de confiance et d'encouragement, et vous comprendrez

alors la raison pour laquelle l'Ecole attire tant de familles.

En 2006, l'Ecole Internationale Awty célébrera son 50ème anniversaire! Mme Awty a ouvert pour la première fois les portes de sa petite école maternelle le 10 septembre 1956. Toute la communauté Awty participera activement aux festivités qui se dérouleront dans le courant du premier trimestre de l'année scolaire 2006-2007. Pour plus d'informations, vous pouvez vous rendre sur le site internet de l'Ecole à www.awty.org.

Etant la deuxième école internationale importante des Etats-unis par le nombre d'élèves, Awty prépare les élèves de Houston à un avenir brillant et prospère. Le personnel, les élèves et moi-même vous invitons à venir visiter notre Ecole et nous nous réjouissons à l'avance de pouvoir bientôt vous rencontrer et bavarder avec vous.

Traduit par A.Ring

doors to her small pre-school for the first time on September 10, 1956. The entire school community will be involved in the festivities which will take place during the first term of school year 2006-2007. Look out for more details on the school's website at www.awty.org.

As the second largest international school in the United States, Awty is planning for a bright and successful future for all our students, here in Houston. The staff, students and I extend an invitation to you to visit our school and look forward to meeting and chatting with you sometime soon.



“A Letter from the Proviseur”

Dear Parents, Students, and Readers,

For six months now I have had the honor and the privilege of directing the Bilingual French Section at Awty International School.

Centrally located off the West Loop in Houston, Awty International School offers a complete academic curriculum based on bilingualism, from Preschool through the 12th grade.

A result of the fusion of a Texan school, offering the International Baccalaureate Program of Geneva, and an official French school, under the Ministry of Education and affiliated with the Mission Laïque Française, offering the French Baccalaureate, Awty is currently composed of 1145 students; 448 of whom are in the French Bilingual Section.

Faithful to the values of the Mission Laïque Française, "2 cultures, 3 languages", the Bilingual French Section of Awty International School has appointed itself the following several missions:

- Guarantee families, notably French expatriate families, a school that adheres to the official directives of the French National Ministry of Education. Thus its students are thereafter able to pursue their studies in France or in any French school worldwide.

- Take full advantage of the unique qualities of the school by providing students with the opportunity to become bilingual, offering up to 7 hours of English per week. For example, in Preschool, teaching is administered equally: one day in French, one day in English. In the Upper School, students may elect to follow the International Option of the Baccalaureate (courses in History, Geography and Literature are taught in English).

- Maintain the excellent standards of the school with regard to test scores (National Brevet Diploma for Middle School, Baccalaureate results).

- Promote French Language and Culture among the local community and within the student body at Awty International School.

The Mission of Awty far and away exceeds that of a simple language school. Awty welcomes students from every corner of the Earth (over fifty different nationalities



“Le mot du Proviseur”

Chers parents, chers élèves, chers lecteurs,

Voilà 6 mois que j'ai le grand privilège et l'honneur de diriger la Section Bilingue Française d'Awty International School.

Très bien située à la périphérie ouest de Houston, Awty International School propose depuis la petite section jusqu'à la classe de terminale un cursus scolaire complet axé sur le bilinguisme.

Résultat de la fusion d'une école texane proposant à ses élèves le Baccalauréat international de Genève et d'un établissement scolaire, homologué par le ministère français de l'Éducation nationale et dépendant de la Mission laïque française, proposant à ses élèves le Baccalauréat français, Awty accueille 1145 élèves dont 448 pour la Section bilingue française.

Porteuse des valeurs de la Mission laïque française, "2 cultures, 3 langues", la Section française bilingue d'Awty International School s'est fixée plusieurs missions :

- Garantir aux familles, notamment aux expatriés français, une scolarité en conformité avec les instructions officielles du ministère français de l'Éducation nationale. Ainsi ses élèves peuvent poursuivre leurs études en France ou dans n'importe quelle école française.

- Tirer profit au maximum de la spécificité de l'école, en offrant la possibilité aux élèves de devenir bilingue en leur assurant jusqu'à 7 heures

d'anglais par semaine. Par exemple, en maternelle, l'enseignement se fait à parité : 1 journée en français, 1 journée en anglais. Au lycée, les élèves peuvent suivre l'Option internationale du baccalauréat (enseignement de l'histoire, de la géographie et de la littérature en anglais).

- Maintenir l'excellence de ses résultats scolaires (diplôme national du brevet des collèges, baccalauréat)

- Promouvoir la langue française et sa culture auprès du public local et des autres élèves d'Awty International School.

Le projet scolaire d'Awty dépasse largement celui d'une simple école de langue. Awty accueille des élèves provenant de tout horizon géographique (plus d'une cinquantaine de nationalités différentes). L'école est un lieu social où des valeurs telles que le civisme, le respect, la fraternité, la tolérance et l'intégration se pratiquent au quotidien et fondent son projet scolaire. De nombreuses activités (cours en commun, classes vertes, sorties pédagogiques, clubs ou événements de la vie sociale) permettent aux élèves d'intégrer des groupes où se mêlent les élèves français, francophones, américains ou étrangers.

Awty International School est une école d'excellence. En témoignent ses résultats au baccalauréat (100% de réussite et 80% de mentions) et les orientations post-bac de ses élèves (grandes écoles, universités prestigieuses). Les élèves sont peu nombreux par classe et bénéficient ainsi d'un suivi individualisé.

Quoi de neuf depuis le début de cette année scolaire?

Une rentrée en Août à l'image des rentrées des années précédentes: de nouveaux professeurs ont rejoint l'équipe (Mmes Guidon, Meier et Srour), des nombreux élèves venant d'horizons divers sont arrivés, de nouveaux laboratoires de sciences ont été mis à leur disposition.

En septembre, ce furent les traditionnels voyages d'automne... Qui ont été encore une fois encore, de grands moments pour nos élèves.. Les 4ièmes se préparant sur notre terrain de foot à cette grande aventure que va être le voyage à Big Bend; les 6ièmes visitant Fort Alamo; les 5ièmes à Austin pour explorer la capitale politique du Texas ... et les Terminales descendant le Buffalo Bayou. Là il faut que je m'arrête un peu, car ça a été un moment de bravoure pour nombre de nos seniors, accompagnés de leurs professeurs, du Directeur d'Awty et du Proviseur.

Aussi étonnant que cela puisse paraître, le Buffalo Bayou (entre Woodway et Allan Parkway Landing) fait plus penser à une rivière de Bornéo ou du Viet-nam...un monde étrange de verdure, de senteurs, de bruits, serpentant aux pieds des immeubles d'Uptown. Tracer son chemin sur cette voie d'eau a été une expérience intéressante, parfois difficile pour certaines de nos élèves qui ont dû prendre sur elles pour poursuivre leur route dans ce milieu si différent de Galleria ou du Mémorial City Mall.

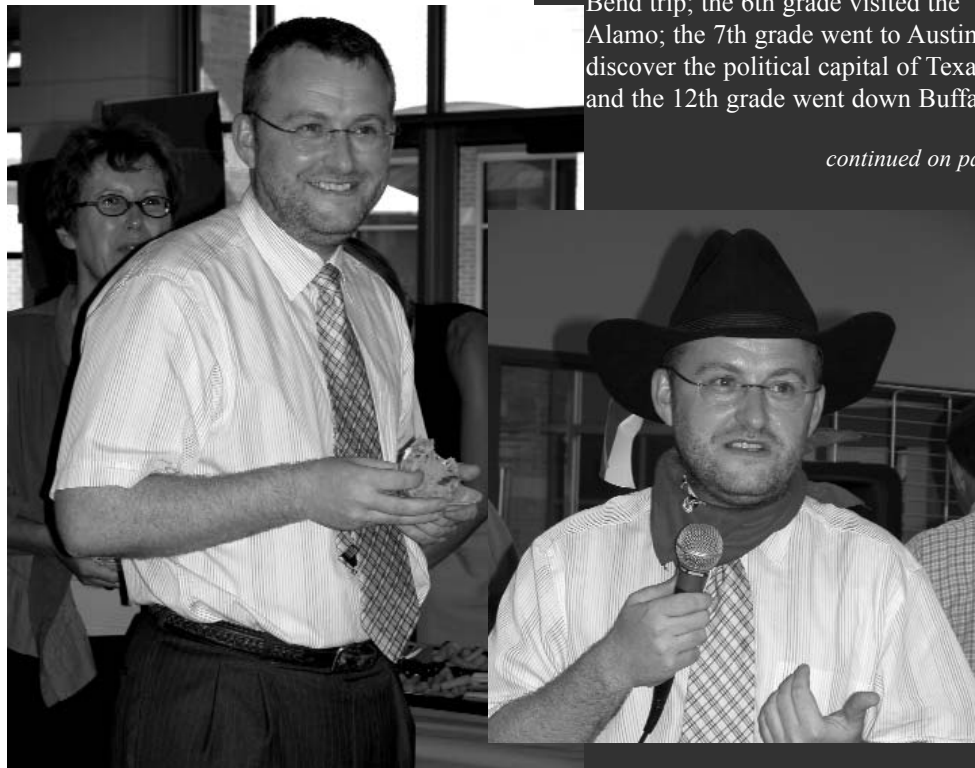
Octobre, Novembre, Décembre ont vu une succes-

sion de festivités: les citrouilles d'Halloween chassées par les dindes de Thanksgiving, elles même dégagées par Frosty le bonhomme de Neige et Rudolf le renne au nez rouge, le tout sous la surveillance des Rois-mages qui attendent leurs galettes sous le bras que Janvier arrive.

Chacun de ces moments sont commémorés dans notre école, par un spectacle ou un moment de partage: le Fall Fun festival, le repas de Thanksgiving, l'allumage du sapin de Noël... des moments qui rassemblent une communauté scolaire et qui fait qu'Awty International School est si particulière.

Janvier est le mois du Bac Blanc pour les élèves de terminale et de premières et du Brevet Blanc pour ceux de 3ième. C'est une bonne occasion de faire le point sur le travail accompli depuis le début de l'année.

Jean STEPHAN
Proviseur



ties). The school is a social entity wherein values such as civic duty, respect, tolerance and integration are practiced on a daily basis and form the very basis of its mission. Numerous activities (classes in common, recreational activities and sports, field trips, school events) give students the opportunity to become a part of a group in which French, French-speaking, American and other foreign nationals are mixed.

Awty International School is a school of excellence. Its Baccalaureate results speak for themselves (100% success, 80% with honors), as does the list of its students' Post-Baccalaureate institutions of learning (elite and prestigious universities, 'grandes écoles'). Class sizes are small, thus students benefit from individualized and attentive instruction.

What's been going on since the start of this school year?

Back-to-School in August just as in preceding years: new teachers joining the team (Ms. Gidon, Ms. Meier and Ms. Srour), students from many different horizons joining the student body, and new science laboratories being made available for the benefit of all.

In September, there were the traditional Fall Trips...which were once again a great experience for the students... The 8th grade did a dry-run on the soccer field for the great camping adventure that is their Big Bend trip; the 6th grade visited the Alamo; the 7th grade went to Austin to discover the political capital of Texas... and the 12th grade went down Buffalo

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Bayou. Here I must pause, for this was a moment of courage for many of our Seniors, along with their teachers, the Head of School and their Proviseur. As amazing as this may seem, Buffalo Bayou (between Woodway and Allen Parkway Landing) rather calls to mind a river in Borneo or Vietnam... a strange world of greenery, scents, and sounds that snakes around the heels of Uptown's great buildings. To follow its path, along this water-trail, was quite an interesting experience - at times a difficult one for certain female students who had to take it upon themselves to navigate this byway so different from the Galleria or Memorial City Mall.

October, November, and December saw a succession of festivities: the pumpkins of Halloween chased by the Thanksgiving turkeys, who themselves were banished by Frosty the Snowman and Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer, all under the watchful eyes of the Three Wise Men, awaiting the King's cake that would arrive under January's arm.

Each of these moments is commemorated at our school, through performances or occasions to share: the

Fall Fun Festival, the Thanksgiving Meal, the Holiday Tree-lighting Ceremony. These are moments that bring an entire school community together...moments that make Awty the unique, special place it is.

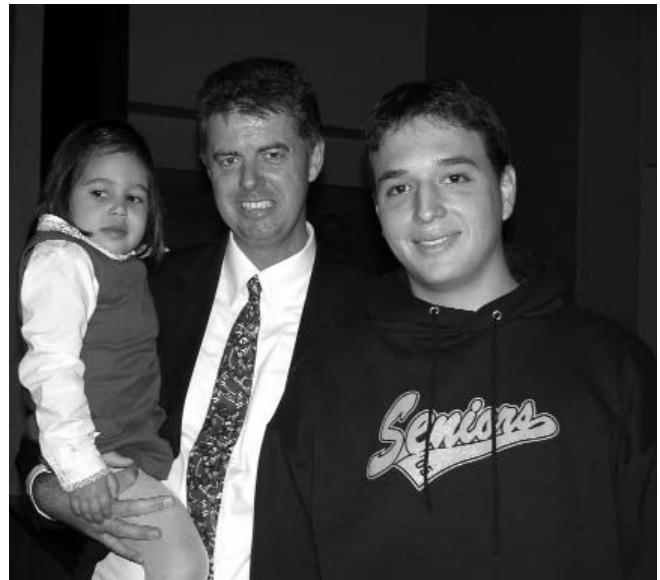
January is the month of the Practice Baccalaureate for students in 12th grade and the Practice Brevet for those in 9th. It's the perfect time to take stock of all that we have accomplished since the beginning of the year.

- Jean Stephan
Proviseur and
Deputy Head of School

Awty Continues Annual Holiday Traditions



Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!...Frosty the Snowman made a surprise visit to the Pre and Lower School during Snow Day on December 16. Mrs. Rossi Rodriguez and her 4th Grade Spanish class including Melissa Blott (front row from left) Chelsi Marks-Sellers, Fauzyya Nagji, Isabelle Smithard (back row from left), Troy Han, Nitya Shridhar, Charles Purkayastha, Collier Pruner, and Kelsey Rhebergen were all happy to see Frosty as he made his way to each classroom. Throughout the day, the Pre and Lower School classes took turns joining Frosty and playing in the snow, which magically appears each year before the holidays.



O' Christmas Tree...Giancarlo Bianchi, 12th Grade, and Sydney Lewis, PK3, were honored with the responsibility of lighting Awty's Christmas tree at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3. Dr. Watson is accompanied in this annual tradition by the student who has been at Awty the longest and by the student who has been attending the school the shortest amount of time. The entire student body along with staff and faculty are in attendance for the ceremony each year. Before the tree is lit, the students sing traditional holiday carols.

Marie Le Pichon Receives Scholarship From FACC

On September 21, 2004 the French-American Chamber of Commerce presented a \$5,000 scholarship to the Awty International School. Ms. Marie Le Pichon is this year's FACC scholar.

Marie is 17 and is studying in Terminale or 12th grade of the French Bilingual Section of the Awty School. Her siblings Sarah, 13, and Thomas, 10, are also attending the French section of the school.

In 1995, the FACC voted to award a scholarship to help deserving students continue their education in Texas. The criteria for eligibility are among others, that the recipient should be a full-time student of Awty School, of French nationality and preparing the French Baccalaureate or the full International Baccalaureate. Moreover the student, both in attitude and accomplishments, must be a merit to the school.

Marie is involved in many activities at school: she participates in the Awty Singers during lunch break and the Madrigal (select choir) after school. She is also a member of the Texas Private School Music Education Association. She says, 'I have a passion for art which has driven me to work with teachers from Awty to further develop my artistic abilities as well as help me with my portfolio that I will submit with my college application. I spend four hours a week practicing Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art, and I just joined Red Cross'.

About her future, she says, 'My long term college plans are to get a BS and MS in Game Art and Design. I am applying to Art Institute of California in Los Angeles,

Parsons in Paris, Savannah College of Art and Design and the Art School of Florence. I want to specialize in Game Art and Design because it combines art and technology, two of my interests. It is a fairly recent major, specific to only a handful of colleges.'

The FACC wishes good luck to Marie in all her endeavors and to start with, 'bonne chance pour le bac'.

The first scholarship was granted in 1996 and since then, seven students have received a financial support from the FACC. Every scholarship is made possible by the funds raised during the annual Beaujolais Festival.



Marie Le Pichon (center) receives a \$5,000 Scholarship from the French-American Chamber of Commerce presented by John Eldridge, Awty Board Member and FACC Board Member (from left), and Dennis E. Petito, FACC President. Also present for the ceremony was Jean Stephan, Proviseur and Deputy Head of School and Dr. David Watson, Head of School.



Hard at work... Kinder students in Ms. Marie Dominique Lee's classroom including Margaret Schroeder (from left), Khalid Al Ruwaih, Yann Belougne, and Joseph Duboille worked hard to plant their own garden outside their classroom. They planted and harvested cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, green beans, carrots and more. As the students planted their garden, they learned the names of the vegetables and they classified each vegetable according to whether one eats their roots, their leaves, their fruits, or their seeds.

Awty Students Continue Support of Orphanage in Bolivia

Last summer, five Awty students traveled to Bolivia to serve in the Hogar San Ignacio de Loyola orphanage including Alejandro Cubria, 12th Grade, Arzhang Salahshoor, 12th Grade, Thomas Martin, 12th Grade, Thibault Ciesielski, 12th Grade and Quentin de Caudron de Coquereaumont, 11th Grade.

Awty has adopted and supported the orphanage over the years through monetary donations and by providing clothing, educational materials, supplies and other donations. Each summer, Awty also tries to send some of the students to the orphanage through our community service program, which is managed by Marcelle Gharibeh. The students gain community service hours while helping the orphanage with chores such as feeding the animals, clearing fields, and washing clothes. They also help the children in the orphanage with their studies.

The Director of the Hogar San Ignacio de Loyola was so grateful for the students' help last summer, she sent the following letter to Mrs. Gharibeh extending her gratitude to the students, their parents, and the entire Awty Community...

With the help of the Awty students who spent some time over the summer 2004 in the fields and at the farm, the center was able to provide for the meals of the children at the center as well as for the animals in the farm. Their help was greatly appreciated and we would like to thank their parents for letting them come over the summer and volunteer their time, knowledge and their dedication to work. We also want to thank the Awty school for its financial contribution which will help us continue to build new classrooms for our students.

- Sister Gloria Esposito B.

Director, Hogar San Ignacio de Loyola



Top photo: Quentin de Caudron de Coquereaumont, Alejandro Cubria, and Thibault Ciesielski take a break from the daily chores and play music; Middle Photo: Thomas Martin helps clear some of the fields; Bottom Photo: Arzhang Salahshoor and Thomas Martin help some of the boys shuck and clean corn.

THE AWTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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ExxonMobil Donates to Science Dept.

John Cousins, Executive Vice President, ExxonMobil (second from right) and Deedra Prevost, Community Relations Advisor, ExxonMobil (right), presented \$10,000 to Robert Sload, Science Chair (center), David Watson, Head of School (second from left) and Kirsten Joel, Director of Advancement (left). This donation will be used to purchase lab equipment for Awty's Science Department. It will also fund Awty's team for the 2005 Team America Rocketry Challenge.

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Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this list is accurate and complete, as of December 31, 2004. However, despite our sincere desire to avoid errors, they do occasionally occur, and for this, we apologize in advance. If your name has been mistakenly omitted, misspelled, or listed under an incorrect heading, we implore you to notify us so we may correct our records and help prevent future errors.

The Advancement Department was established to strengthen the ties with all members of the broader Awty community with a comprehensive program in alumni relations, philanthropy, stewardship, gift planning, and communications.

*Please visit our website or contact us:
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Dear Awty Parent,

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As you know, Awty is dedicated to promoting in its students a system of values based on community service and international understanding. Your philanthropic support allows the School to offer students a unique, innovative and challenging education and sound preparation for higher education in the United States or abroad. No matter their country or origin, the Awty family strives to provide its students a piece of home right here in Houston.

*Adrienne Brown-Franklin,
Annual Giving Chair*

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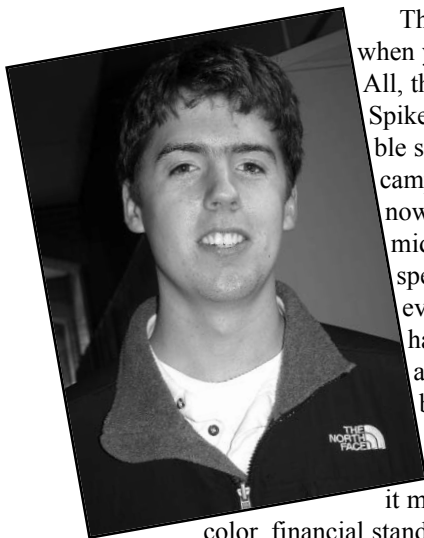
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Camp Spike 'n' Wave



The first thing that hits you when you arrive at Camp For All, the location of Camp Spike 'n' Wave, is the incredible sense of belonging. The camp seems to rise up out of nowhere, like an oasis in the middle of a desert. It is a special place; a place where everyone is accepted, and having a disability is an advantage. I say this because all the campers are bound together by their disability, whatever it may be. Race, creed,

color, financial standing - none of these things matter, all that matters is that the campers are together and that, for one week, they will be able to forget their troubles and just have fun. I spent one incredible week with these kids, and I walked away with enough memories to last ten lifetimes.

I was a counselor for Camp Spike 'n' Wave, a camp for children with epilepsy. Before you ask, I do not have epilepsy. As a counselor, having epilepsy was not required of me (although some counselors are former campers). My job was to have fun with the kids, and to make sure that they had the most incredible experience of their lives in the safest possible way. I was neither paid for my services, nor forced to give them. Did I have an ulterior motive? Sure, I had service hours to fill. But this is beside the point. There are many ways to serve your community. I chose Camp Spike 'n' Wave because it truly is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Many prospective counselors are put off by the idea of spending a week of their summer looking after kids. I

know: it's babysitting without the perks of cable TV and good wages. However, these are not your typical kids. Of course the camp is no cakewalk. Epilepsy is not necessarily difficult to handle, but many campers have other problems, ranging from ADD to mental retardation. It is a challenge to look after these campers for a week, but it is also a privilege. Knowing that you are providing these campers with opportunities that they would rarely otherwise have is an unbelievably great feeling.

Activities include archery, horseback riding, swimming, biking, dancing, nature, and barnyard studies, high and low ropes, canoeing and fishing. Camp Spike 'n' Wave offers the full spectrum of activities to cater to any taste. Just to be clear, the counselors are able to partake in these activities as well, and you'll often end up having as much fun as your kids. However, the real fun, believe it or not, comes from the immense responsibility counselors carry. These kids look up to their counselors. They envy them, they emulate them, and they strive to impress them. When a counselor uses this to his or her advantage, they can make a camper accomplish anything. I had campers who were terrified of anything from bike riding, to barnyard animals, to canoeing. Lead by example. The camper thinks, "Hey, if they can do it, then I can do it too!" Actually, the inverse is truer. Watching a camper conquer his fear of heights to experience the rush of the zip-line, the counselor thinks, "Hey if he can do that, imagine what I can do."

Nothing compares to the experience of Camp Spike 'n' Wave. I gave up a week of my summer so that I could spend it in the company of some of the finest people I know. Like I said at the start, I have many memories. I remember Tom, Colin, Erik, Cody, and Jay. They are five young men who proved that, when faced with adversity, humans can and will achieve anything.

By: Colin Grubbs, 12th Grade



Ambassador pays a visit to Awty...His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, French Ambassador to the United States, made a special visit to The Awty International School on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, while he was in Houston for a speaking engagement at a Houston World Affairs Council luncheon. From left: Dr. David Watson, Head of School; His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, French Ambassador to the United States; Mr. Jean Stephan, Proviseur for the French Bilingual Section and Deputy Head of School; Denis Simonneau, Consul Général de France; Mr. Jeruzel, Vice Consul de France; and French Sénateur André Ferrand. During the Ambassador's visit to Awty, he spoke to the 11th and 12th grade students and answered questions about the history and importance of the United Nations.

Happy Birthday
Awtty!



50th Jubilee
CELEBRATION

1956 - 2006

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Fall 2006



*Top Photo: Casino Night Co-Chairs Frances Howard and Adrienne Brown-Franklin;
Center Photo: Elvis and a Vegas Showgirl;
Bottom Photo: Danielle Trettin, Mary Margaret Mongrain and Marbella Shrader*

Viva Las Vegas Casino Night and Auction

The Viva Las Vegas Casino Night and Auction, which was held on Saturday, November 6, 2004, was a huge success - even Elvis made a special appearance!

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the event including:

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*Clockwise from top:
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Karpen and Hani Yakan;
Ronald Jackson and David
Watson with Vegas Showgirls;
Ed and Ellen Hirs; and Jean
Stephan, Joe Mongrain, and
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APPA

Letter From The APPA President



On behalf of the Association of Parents and Personnel of The Awty International School, I would like to send you my warmest wishes for the New Year. I hope that 2005 will bring you all the best, peace, love, and prosperity. As we begin this new year, we reflect on the past and plan for the future.

The APPA History is so closely linked with Awty School History that one cannot be revisited without discussing the other.

The Parents Association of Awty began with the founding of the school in 1956 by Mrs. Kathleen Awty. At the opening there were fewer than 30 students in the Pre-school, with a monthly tuition of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents. During this time the parents, both European and Texan, were working hard for the common good of the school. From the beginning there was a blending of influences which uniquely shaped the school.

By 1969, the parents' organization had a long tradition of service and fundraising for the school. In 1970, the Middle School was added, followed by the Upper School in 1973. During all of these years the parents' participation enriched the life of the school with their supportive work. By the end of the seventies, Mrs. Awty merged her school with the French School of Houston. With this blending, the parents group added a vital, extra dimension to the school.

By 1980, the parents' organization was renamed the Awty Parents and Personnel Association (APPA). With an eye toward the legacy of parental involvement at Awty, we forge the ongoing history as families continue to enrich the school with their involvement, and the APPA tradition of school support evolves.

Future plans are to work with the school to improve our website, as we strive to reach all of the school community. We want to hear from you. We will continue to raise funds

to assist the school with its wish list.

Last year in 2003 we partially funded the new patio, so loved by the students for study, lunch, or meeting friends. Additionally we helped to fund the new fencing of the soccer field. Over the past years, the APPA has donated thousands of books to the school's three libraries, along with tens of thousands of volunteer hours offered by our tireless members. Some events hosted by the APPA include the Welcoming Coffees, Pot Luck Supper, Holiday Market, International Festival, Bookfair, Teacher In-Service Luncheon, and Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. The APPA organizes the room parents and thanks them for year-round class support.

We appreciate all of you for helping us to continue the tradition of supporting the school through our volunteer activities, whether in the classroom or fund raising capacity.

The APPA is not a melting pot, but rather a diverse stew where we share friendship, language and culture, from which all of us are enriched. The role of the APPA continues to expand and diversify, just as our membership. We thank you for your continued support.

- Brigitte Fornage
APPA President

*Thanks to Kathleen Offner, APPA
Historian/Parliamentarian for her help.*

APPA Contributions to Awty

The following is a representative list of APPA projects undertaken in the past years:

- ♦ Creation and support for Art a la Carte in 1992
- ♦ Lower School and Pre school playground equipment
- ♦ Acoustic Shell for the Performing Arts Center (\$6,000 contribution)
- ♦ Teaching materials for Music, Language, Science, History, Computer and Math Departments
- ♦ Weather Net for Science Department (\$2,000 contribution)

Trick or Treat!

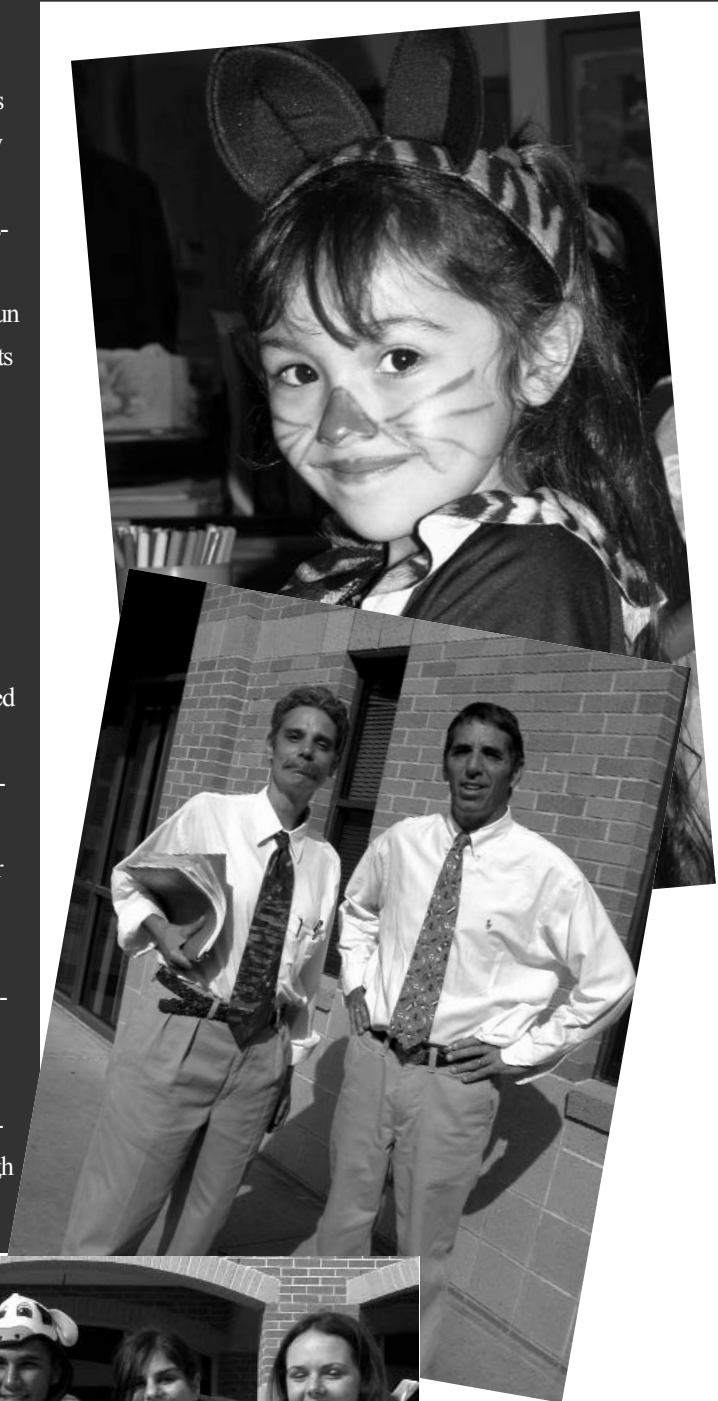
Despite the rain, the ever-popular Fall Fun Festival was once again a great success, bringing in \$10,000 for the Awty Parent and Personnel Association (APPA) after expenses.

A ghoulishly good time was had by all at this year's festival held Friday, October 29 at The Awty International School. Students of all ages and nationalities joined in the fun during this Halloween event. Pre and Lower School students enjoyed carnival rides, ultra slides, games, crafts and more. The Middle School students showed off their creative side during the pumpkin carving contest and they tried their best to soak their favorite teacher at the dunking booth. The Upper School students created a haunted house and held a talent contest.

Many of the staff and faculty showed off their favorite costumes including art teacher Mrs. Alessandra Albin dressed as Tom Beuscher, Head of Middle School. Dr. Watson also joined in on the fun by dressing in a prisoner's uniform complete with handcuffs and a ball and chain.

Many thanks to the 2004 Fall Fun Festival Coordinator Shaun Schindewolf. Thanks also to the APPA Board, Lisa Wolff, Rebecca and Bang Tran, Jane Dabney, Dr. and Mrs. Cary Hoffman, Mr. Johnny de Leeuw, and the countless volunteers who played a role in this successful event.

The APPA is the sponsor of this popular annual event. 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.



Top photo: Madeline Torres, Kinder; Center photo: Mrs. Alessandra Albin, Art Teacher dressed as Mr. Tom Beuscher, Head of Middle School along with Mr. Sam Waugh, Head of Upper School; Bottom photo: Seniors Laura Avila, Sara Mansur, Liz Morrison, Charlotte Namtvedt, Philippe Baron, Idil Bayram, and Suzanne Culshaw.

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Brigitte Fornage, APPA President, presents a Gingerbread House, made by Andre's, to Mailene Walker, 2nd Grade Teacher. Ms. Walker was the lucky winner during the door prize contest at the Holiday Market on December 14.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

THE AWTY PARENTS AND PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
presents

2005 AWTY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL & BOOK FAIR

APRIL 14 & 15, 2005
Quadrangle on the Awty Campus

India is the country of Honor this year!

If you would like more information, please contact Marbella Shrader,
International Festival Chair at 713-467-9961.

RAMS BOOSTER CLUB

A Note From The Awty Rams Booster Club President



The Awty Rams Booster Club is made up of individuals and businesses that support the school's Athletic Programs. The funds raised are used to supplement existing sports programs and benefit the girls and boys from Lower School through Upper School.

The Booster Club has purchased all kinds of athletic equipment: coaching reference materials, a soccer scoreboard, software scheduling programs, uniforms, warm-ups and t-shirts, and Lower School playground equipment.

A large group of dedicated volunteers ensures the Booster Bistro is open daily at break offering snacks of all kinds. The Bistro and Ramshack are also open for home games as a service to our athletes and the visiting teams.

The Awty "Almost" Olympics is our single largest fundraising event of the school year. This year's Olympics was held on February 5th. This is an evening of friendly competition of trivia, skill and creativity between teams of Awty parents.

We recently accomplished our most ambitious goal to date with the installation of floodlights on the soccer field, which allows games to be played after dark.

Our next goal focuses on the updating of the workout room, which is in need of new equipment for athletic training and conditioning suitable for boys and girls.

Most importantly, we have great fun attending the games and showing our support for our fine athletes and coaches.

We very much hope you will join us. We are always in need of helpers and new ideas. Go Rams!

*Thank you all for your support,
Amanda Gelb,
Rams Booster Club President*

Booster Club Officers

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What is the "Booster Club"?

The Awty Rams Booster Club is made up of businesses and individuals who support the school's Athletic Programs. All of the funds raised by this group are used to supplement existing sports programs at Awty for the boys and girls of all ages.

What has the Booster Club accomplished?

In the past several years, the Awty Rams Booster Club has generously donated time and monies raised from the "Almost" Olympics and Booster Bistro to help the school purchase various athletic equipment, t-shirts, sports bags, warm-up suits, a sound system, software scheduling programs, coaching reference materials, a scoreboard and sprinkler system - all for the benefit of the Lower, Middle and Upper School students.

Why should you become a member?

The tuition at Awty does not provide all of the funds necessary to cover the costs of its expanding sports programs. Your membership in the Booster Club helps to:

- ◆ Supplement the needs of the Athletic Department
- ◆ Provide the school's individuals and teams a better competitive edge
- ◆ Benefit every boy and girl who participates in any sport

If you are interested in joining the Rams Booster Club, please contact Silvia Espanol-Flavin at Oots2gore@aol.com.

It's Time to Play Under the Lights

The Rams Booster Club celebrated the successful campaign to provide floodlights on the soccer field by inviting everyone for a fun night of soccer under the lights on Friday, January 28.

Dads, Moms, Alumni and Coaches played a quick game of soccer against the Awty Boys Soccer Team. The Awty Boys prevailed, winning 5-1.

Booster Club members, APPA members, Dads' Club members, coaches, and board members were all in attendance for the event.

Anthony Banham, Chairman of the School Board of Trustees recognized Amanda Gelb, Chris Taggart, Rob Schoenbeck, Gordon Wittenberg, and Craig Shrader for their dedication and support to the Rams Booster Club. Each played an instrumental role in bringing the lights to the soccer field.



Havana Night: One to Remember!

No visas were needed to join in the fun at the Havana Latin Grill and Bar on October 23 when the Awty Rams Booster Club hosted an evening to celebrate school spirit and soccer field lights. There was even greater spirit on the dance floor as everyone danced the night away to the Latin rhythms! A great turnout of coaches, teachers, school administration and parents enabled us to raise \$590 towards projects for the athletic department. Thank you for joining us, and a very special thanks to Jose Luis Cubria for organizing the event.

AWTY DADS' CLUB

A Message from the Awty Dads' Club Co-Chairs



Now in its second year, the Awty Dads' Club is gaining momentum, gathering new members, and hosting new activities. Under the auspices of Awty Dads' Joe Mongrain and

David Pruner, the Club was formed to provide a community for Dads to network with each other, as well as to support the development and cultivation of the school and its students.

The recent Awty Dads' Golf Tournament, held in November under beautiful skies, was a great success, bringing together members of the Awty community to enjoy a day of golf and resulted in raising more than \$16,000 for the School. The Tournament was generously supported by generous Awty families, members of the community and leading businesses, which sponsored raffle prizes, the event, and the various holes. Mark your calendars as the 2005 Golf Tournament has already been scheduled for November

2005. This upcoming year will highlight the International aspect of Awty, with an eye towards focusing on multinational companies, the local diplomatic corps, and the cultural diversity of the Awty population.

The Awty Dads' Club has also organized a series of pick-up soccer matches on Saturday mornings, providing a venue for Dads (and others) to work out their hearts and hamstrings and get to know each other.

The First Annual Awty Dads' Scotch Tasting has been scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005, providing a one-week recovery after the Gala. Limited to the first 25 couples who RSVP, the event will be hosted at the Mongrain home. Please visit the Awty Dads' Club page at www.awty.org for details and registration information.

There is no fee to join the Awty Dads' Club. Parents interested in joining should visit the Awty website and click on the "Dads' Club" page.

*-Joe Mongrain and David Pruner
Awty Dads' Club Co-Chairs*



Thanks A Million! The Awty Dads' Club would like to send a huge THANK YOU to moms Mary Margaret Mongrain and Alie Pruner for the time, support and dedication they have given to the Dads' Club. Mary Margaret and Alie have been instrumental in the development of the Dads' Club and in the organization of the annual golf tournament.

Officers Needed

The Awty Dads' Club is establishing board positions. The Club board will work together and communicate primarily through emails with occasional planning meetings held at local, preferred establishments.

If you are able to assist with any of these vacancies, please email Joe Mongrain at mongrain4@houston.oilfield.slb.com or David Pruner at david.pruner@woodmac.com by April 15, 2005.

President - Joe Mongrain
Vice President - David Pruner
Treasurer - needed
Membership - needed
Social Chair - needed
Development Chair - needed

Awty Dads' Club 2nd Annual Golf Classic

The Awty Dads' Club 2nd Annual Golf Classic, which was held on November 11, 2004, at the Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land, scored a hole-in-one! The Awty International School would like to gratefully acknowledge and thank those who made this year's tournament a great success:

DADS' CLUB CO-CHAIRS

Joe Mongrain and David Pruner

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Dads' Club Co-Chairs Joe Mongrain and David Franklin congratulate the 1st place team of Olivier Lehman, Blanca Rivollier, and Christophe Person. Their net score totaled 44.0.



Second place went to the team of Phil Hoge, Campbell Kinnear, Dencan Newlands, and Jean Stephan. Their net score totaled 44.8.



Third place went to the team of Jay Barksdale, Jim Baumgartner and John Bishop. Their net score totaled 45.9.



Cheryl Mace, Romy Camillo Delom, Jacqueline Genssler, and Veronique Lhemann were recognized at the reception for being the first and only all-women team at the tournament.



Awty Alumni News

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Melissa Harbich, Development Coordinator for The Awty International School. I will be working directly with the Alumni Association, replacing Gwen Cario's role as the Alumni Coordinator. Gwen will now be responsible for all public relations and publications for Awty. In addition to working with the alumni, I will also be supporting the Awty Rams Booster Club, the APPA, and the Awty Dads' Club.



My immediate goal for the Alumni Association is to update the Alumni database and collect updated information on each alumnus/a. In order to accomplish this, I need your help. Please complete the information form on page 28 and return to the Alumni office as soon as possible. If you have information regarding fellow classmates, please send that in as well.

The school has numerous plans and ideas once the database has been updated. Some of these plans include creating a more interactive Alumni directory, expanding the Alumni Association, planning more Alumni networking events, and making much needed additions to the Alumni section of the Awty website, www.awty.org.

If you would like to help update the database, organize the Alumni Association and future events, or be a class representative, please contact the Alumni Office at (713) 686-4850 ext. 433. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

*Sincerely,
Melissa Harbich
Development Coordinator
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Sahar Hassan ('95)	Rob Mark ('04)

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 Melissa Harbich, Development Coordinator, at 713-686-4850 ext. 433 or email her at mharbich@awty.org or contact John Weatherly, Alumni President at 713-402-3842 or email him at weatherly76@yahoo.com.

CLASS NOTES

Christophe Roux ('84)...currently resides in Chantonay France where he works for Saint Cloud International. He attended Montpellier and holds a Maitrise in Biology, a MBA in Management, and a DESS in Marketing.

Bernardo Buzali ('87)...is a physician for Hoffman La Roche in Mexico where he currently resides.

Andrea Paoloske Pogach ('88)...resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with her husband Adam and their baby Mattie Beck Pogach.

Sheshe Taylor Evans ('90)...and her husband Tony reside in Houston with their children Khari and Nia. Sheshe is currently an attorney here in Houston.

Alexandra Gajewski ('92)...ran in the Houstonian Lite 30K held this past December in Sugar Land, Texas. She finished first in her age division.

Autumn Thomas Murillo ('93)...and her husband Tracy welcomed their daughter, Jules Lynn on April 12, 2004. She weighed only 3 pounds, 4 ounces but is healthy and doing fine. They reside in League City, Texas and they both work in the Maritime industry.

Carlos Benjumea ('95)...currently resides in Madrid, Spain.

Sahar Hassan ('95)...accomplished one of her goals by racing in the HP Houston Half Marathon on January 16, 2005. She completed the race in a little over two hours.

Sarah Khoja, ('95)...was married in May 2003 and now lives in California. She and her husband Fahd will be moving back to Saudi Arabia in June 2005.

Jacek Mucha ('97)...was one of the translators at the HP Houston Marathon on January 16, 2005. He was translating the race in Polish.

Vanessa Thomas ('97)...received her bachelor's degree in International Studies from the University of St. Thomas in 2002 with honors in both Philosophy and Spanish. She is currently a legal assistant clerk for Baker Botts, LLP here in Houston.

Anne-Indriati Voisin ('98)...has a minor in Business Administration and she is working on her bachelor's degree in Public Relations. She currently resides in France where she works for Avanade as a Recruitment Assistant for France and Belgium. She is a member of the University of Florida Rotaract and a visitor at the Paris Rotaract. She also

worked for the Boggy Creek Camp founded by Paul Newman in Florida.

Robbie Sabbahi, ('98)...started University of Texas Dental School this past fall.

Kari Castilow, ('99)...will be starting nursing school at Philadelphia's Drexel University at the end of February.

Benjamin Chopra ('99)...currently resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He recently received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech in 2004. He also recently volunteered to serve as the class rep for the Awty Class of 1999.

Benoit Goyens ('99)...holds a bachelor's degree in Management from Georgia Tech and master's degree in Management from Ceram, Sophia Antipolis (French Riviera).

Ferdinand Houwink ('00)...is attending Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he is currently studying Econometrics and Management Science. He is expected to graduate in 2007.

Olivia Dorster ('01)...is an intern for Repertoire Culinaire Ltd. in London, England. She is expected to receive a bachelor's degree in International Marketing this year. She also represented France in the 2004 Edition of the Scotia Bank International Case Competition at the Richard Ivey School of Business in London, Ontario, Canada.

Amauric Jarry ('01)...currently resides in Levallois, France, where he is studying Aeronautics. He has studied at



Datra Roter Quin ('93)...and her husband Paul were tickled pink on December 2, 2004, when they welcomed their daughter Molly Sophia. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 in. long. Molly is their first child. Congratulations!

We want to hear from you!

Send us your news and updated information by completing and returning this form to the Alumni Office.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Class of _____

Years at Awty: _____ to _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Education after Awty: _____

News: _____

Please send completed form to:
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Or e-mail your information to: mharbich@awty.org

Don't Forget To Send Us Photos!

Lycée Carnot, Ecole Centrale de Lille, and Royal Institute of Technology (KTH).

Garrett Johnson ('01)...ran in the Houstonian Lite 30K held this past December in Sugar Land, Texas. He finished first in his age division and sixth overall in a field of over 1500 people. Garrett was also the Florida Sun Conference Runner of the Week twice during his final season of cross country for the Savannah College of Art and Design. He ran the Tybee Island Half-Marathon on February 5 and finished 10th overall in 1:18:30. He's now training for marathons.

Lisa Hedge ('02)...is studying Fine Arts at the University of Southern California.

Susan Colton ('03)...completed her freshman year at the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied English in the Liberal Arts Honors Program and Finance in the McCombs School of Business. She transferred to Wellesley College in Massachusetts this past fall, where she plans to major in Economics and minor in English. At Wellesley, she was elected the treasurer of her dorm's House Council and she is employed as a student assistant in the Economic's department.

George Hittner (1988-1990)...is currently running for Houston city council.

Abrash Khanmalek (1988-1990)...is currently self-employed in Los Angeles, California. He holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science specializing in database management. He is also working on a master's degree in Business.

Aurélie Jory (1989-1991)...resides in France, where she is working on a doctorate in Genetic Development at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

Class of 2004 Universities

Scarlett Boulos - Rice University
Chloé Querin - Rennes 1 in France
Jessica Johannes - McGill University
Rob Mark - Davidson College
Jared Mark - Vanderbilt University
Julien Masbou - INSA in France
Eric Namtvedt - University of Houston
Olivia Ostrand - Carnegie Mellon University
Megan Simon Thomas - American University
Hélène Simonnet - Paris Jussieu in France
William White - University of Portland

Alumni Reunion Weekend

Despite Tropical Storm Ivan looming over the Houston area, many alums from near and far attended the alumni events on September 24-25. Some alums from as far as Germany, California, Illinois, and New York made their way back to Awty.

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A special thank you to Fadi's Mediterranean Grill for providing the delicious meal at the luncheon.



Top Photo: Mrs. Becky Johnson, Art Teacher; Nesrin Bunkheila, Class of 1996; and Mrs. Marcelle Gharibeh, Community Service Director. Middle Photo: Sahar Hassan, 1995; Laura Kirk Eggers, 1988; Karen Kirk, 1985; and Malcolm McCorquodale, 1979. Bottom Photo: Nadine Hijab, 1998; Mike Geehan, 1995; Sahar Hassan, 1995; Taymur Bunkheila, 2000; Mrs. Gharibeh; John Weatherly, 1994; Alex Forrest, 1997; Jose Luis Cubria, 1997; Julia Steffen, 1997; and Ruqqayya Maudoodi, 1997.



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The Awty International School
Houston

letter from the chairman

Dear Parents and Friends of The Awty International School,

I am very pleased to report that the school has had another successful year. In all areas of school operation, time and talent, resources and funds have been translated into action and accomplishment in a variety of different ways by all members of the Awty community, from parents, students and teachers, through the members of the administration, volunteers and the Board of Trustees.

Enrolment continued to grow steadily over the past year. Our graduating class of 72 students in June 2004 achieved outstanding results. The IB pass rate at Awty was 96% compared to a North American average of 78% and 81% worldwide. Awty's French Baccalaureat pass rate was 100%, with 81% Assez Bien or better. Like you, I am proud to pay tribute to the teachers whose dedication and diligence across all grade levels of the school have made possible these and other accomplishments throughout the past year.

Many of the physical changes which have taken place on the campus offer tangible evidence of the investments which the Board is making in the future of the school. The new Lower School building opened officially in October 2003; in summer 2004, two new science laboratories were added in the Middle and Upper School, a new theater area was completed as was the new Courtyard area. The school also was able to purchase eight acres of land a few hundred yards north of the present campus, which we intend to use, in the short term, for much needed parking but which, longer term and, subject to funding, will provide us with a full sports field and another access point to North Post Oak Lane.

Moreover, subsequent to the end of the school year 2003-2004, we were able to substantially strengthen our Development (now renamed Advancement Department) with a Director of Advancement and additional staff. This will be key to the success of our future fundraising activities.

This Annual Report 2003-2004 is a testament to the generosity of the many donors who have made gifts to our Annual Fund as well as various unrestricted gifts to the school and have participated in the Gala. These gifts have allowed us to limit the increases in tuition over the past few years and keep the costs of attending The Awty International School among the most reasonable in the city of Houston.

By giving to The Awty International School, you are making sound investments in the future of your child and of this school. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank all the school's constituents for their support over the past year and look forward to your continued commitment over the coming years of growth and success here at Awty.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Banham
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



"By giving to the Awty International School, you are making sound investments in the future of your child and of this school."

Chers Parents et Amis de l'Ecole Internationale Awty,

J'ai le plaisir de vous annoncer que l'Ecole a connu une fois de plus une année fructueuse. Tous les membres de la communauté Awty: élèves, enseignants, personnel administratif et membres du Conseil d'Administration ont participé activement et de bien des façons à la vie de l'Ecole en offrant leur temps, leur créativité, leurs ressources et leurs dons.

Les effectifs ont augmenté l'année dernière et en juin dernier, 72 élèves de Terminale ont obtenu des résultats exceptionnels. Le pourcentage de réussite au BI fut de 96% comparé à la moyenne Nord-Américaine de 78% et 81% pour les écoles internationales à travers le monde. Le pourcentage de réussite au Baccalauréat français a été de 100%, avec 81% d'Assez Bien ou mieux. Je suis fier, tout comme vous, de rendre hommage aux enseignants de tous niveaux qui, par leur dévouement et leur travail, ont contribué tout au long de l'année à ces résultats.

Les nombreux changements qui ont eu lieu sur le campus prouvent que le Conseil d'Administration investit à fond pour l'avenir de l'Ecole. En octobre 2003, la nouvelle Ecole Primaire a officiellement ouvert ses portes; en été 2004, deux nouveaux laboratoires de sciences sont venus s'ajouter au Collège et au lycée ainsi qu'un nouveau théâtre et une nouvelle cour de récréation. L'Ecole a fait l'acquisition d'un terrain de huit acres situé à une centaine de mètres au nord du campus; nous l'utiliserons comme parking à court terme mais il deviendra, selon les capitaux, un terrain de sport avec un accès sur North Post Oak Lane.

Par ailleurs, à la fin de l'année scolaire 2003-2004, nous avons renforcé notre équipe du Développement (rebaptisé Département des relations publiques et de Développement) en recrutant une directrice pour les relations publiques et le développement et d'autres membres du personnel. Ces changements sont essentiels pour le bon déroulement et le succès des collectes de fonds à venir.

Le rapport Annuel 2003-2004 est le témoignage de la générosité de nombreux donateurs qui ont contribué au fonds annuel, offert des dons illimités à l'Ecole et participé au Gala. Tous ces dons nous ont permis de limiter les majorations des frais d'inscription au fil des années et faire en sorte que les cotisations pour l'éducation à l'Ecole Internationale Awty soient parmi les plus abordables des écoles de Houston.

En donnant à l'Ecole Internationale Awty, vous contribuez aussi à l'avenir de vos enfants et de cette école. Au nom du Conseil d'Administration, je remercie tous les membres de l'Ecole pour avoir apporté l'année dernière leur soutien à Awty et je me réjouis à l'avance de votre participation future au développement et au succès d'Awty.

Très cordialement,

Anthony Banham
Président du Conseil de l'Administration

(Traduit par A. Ring)

la lettre du
président

message from the head of school

through the years here at The Awty International School, students, parents, alumni, teachers and friends have worked together to make a difference in the education of Awty students. With their support, Awty has become a diverse, academically challenging school which prepares students for success in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing world.

2003-2004 saw the school make considerable strides in terms of our physical surroundings. The new Lower School building opened in October 2003 as did the new Senior Lounge. Since then the school has built a new staff room and has converted three former classrooms into two new Science laboratories over summer 2004 to create a six-laboratory Science wing in the Middle and Upper Schools.

The new Courtyard in the Middle and Upper School area, which opened in summer 2004, has provided students with a refreshment/seating area for break times. Our new Theatre-in-the-Round at the back of the Performing Arts and Athletic Center had its successful inaugural production, Moliere's *Tartuffe*, in November 2004.

After many years of playing soccer in the half light of the Texan winter, new flood-lights on the soccer field, jointly funded by the Booster Club and the school, were turned on in January 2005.

Our enrollment continues to indicate a healthy and increasing interest locally and internationally in this school. From 970 students in summer 2000, we have grown steadily to our current level of 1150 students from 52 nationalities.


As we plan for the future, (Awty will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2006), we are mindful of the past and the progress that has been made with the help of supporters of the school up until now. As a non-profit school, The Awty International School relies heavily upon the tuition and fees we receive from parents to maintain the high quality of education we offer our students everyday. However tuition and fees only cover about 80% of the actual costs of educating your child at Awty.

We need the support of parents, alumni and corporations to continue to bridge "the excellence gap" between what we receive in revenue and our total operational costs. By increasing contributions to the school's endowment, we can in time become less dependent upon tuition income. This must eventually be our goal over the long term and we look to our parents and friends for support and help in achieving this objective for our children at Awty.

In this Annual Report, I am therefore delighted to offer my sincere thanks to all those parents and friends who have contributed most generously to the school over the past year, and who by doing so have helped to provide financial aid to qualifying students and helped to keep academic standards high and tuition rises to a minimum.

Thank you, from all of us at Awty, for your continued commitment to the ideals and to the future of this remarkable school.

Dr. David Watson
Head of School



"Thank you, from all of us at Awty, for your continued commitment to the ideals and to the future of this remarkable school."

a l'Ecole Internationale Awty, les élèves, parents, anciens élèves, enseignants et amis ont travaillé de concert au fil des années pour offrir aux élèves d'Awty une éducation exceptionnelle. Awty est, grâce à leur soutien, une école dynamique où règne la diversité, elle prépare les élèves à réussir dans un monde en perpétuel changement et de plus en plus complexe.

En 2003-2004 l'Ecole a fait des progrès considérables sur le plan de l'environnement. La nouvelle Ecole Primaire a ouvert ses portes en octobre 2003 et le salon des élèves de Terminale (Senior Lounge) aussi. Depuis lors, l'Ecole a fait construire une nouvelle salle du personnel et a converti trois salles de classe en deux nouveaux laboratoires de sciences au cours de l'été 2004, créant ainsi une aile comprenant six laboratoires de sciences pour les Collège et Lycée.

La nouvelle cour des Collège et Lycée, aménagée en été 2004, est une aire de récréation où les élèves peuvent déjeuner et se retrouver entre les classes. La mise en scène inaugurale et réussie de Tartuffe de Molière a eu lieu en novembre 2004 dans notre nouveau théâtre circulaire à l'arrière de l'actuelle Salle des Sports et Spectacles (PAAC) .

Pendant plusieurs années, nous avons joué au football à la lueur de l'hiver Texan, mais depuis janvier 2005 de nouveaux projecteurs, financés par le Booster Club et l'Ecole, éclairent le terrain de sports.

Nos inscriptions indiquent que l'intérêt porté à notre Ecole sur le plan international et local augmente sans cesse: nous sommes passés de 970 élèves en été 2000 à 1150 élèves à ce jour et 52 nationalités sont représentées.

Awty célébrera son Jubilé d'Or en 2006, mais n'oublions pas pour autant le passé car ce progrès, qui a été réalisé jusqu'alors, n'a été possible que grâce à l'aide des supporters de l'Ecole. Etant une école à but non lucratif, l'Ecole Internationale Awty table entièrement sur les frais de scolarité et les cotisations des parents qui contribuent à l'excellence de notre éducation pour nos élèves. Les frais de scolarité et les cotisations ne couvrent cependant que 80% des frais actuels d'éducation à Awty.

Nous avons besoin de l'aide des anciens élèves et des entreprises si nous voulons combler l'écart entre ce que nous recevons en revenus et les frais de fonctionnement. En coopérant davantage au fonds d'investissement, nous serons moins dépendants du revenu provenant des frais de scolarité. Cela sera notre objectif à long terme; nous espérons que parents et amis nous aideront à atteindre cet objectif pour le bien de nos enfants à Awty.

J'ai donc le plaisir d'offrir, dans ce rapport annuel, mes remerciements sincères à tous les parents et amis qui ont généreusement apporté l'année dernière leur contribution à l'Ecole, ce qui nous a permis d'obtenir une aide financière pour les élèves méritants, de maintenir une éducation de qualité tout en gardant une majoration minimale des frais de scolarité.

Un grand merci de nous tous pour votre fidélité à l'égard des projets de notre Ecole si remarquable.

Dr. David Watson

(Traduit par A. Ring)

message de la part du
directeur de l'école

class of 2004 awards/accolades

GRADUATION AWARDS

State of Texas Award
Guillaume Pignol
 Debra Shannon Memorial Award for
 Visual and Performing Arts
Laura Everill
 Community Service Award
Scarlett Boulos
 European Council of
 International Schools Award
Khaled Al Attar
 Kathleen Awty Award
Khaled Al Attar
 Head of School's Award
Scarlett Boulos
 APPA Citizenship Award
Rob Mark

COLLEGE COUNSELING AWARDS

National Merit Scholar
Christina Clemer
Christopher Zerhusen
 National Hispanic Recognition
Tania Albin
Jon Gutierrez
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Liselotte Dieckmann Scholar
Christopher Zerhusen
 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship
Christopher Zerhusen

INTERNATIONAL SECTION AWARDS

English
Rosalind Herendeen
 English A2
Gladys Labza
 History (Don Koenig)
Jennie Howard
 American Math Competition 12
Christopher Zerhusen
 Math Studies
Jennie Howard
 Math Methods
Scarlett Boulos
 Higher Level
Guillaume Pignol
 Computer
Guillaume Pignol
 Art
Sarah Lake and Jennie Howard
 Biology
Scarlett Boulos
 Physics
Guillaume Pignol

Chemistry

Christopher Zerhusen
 TOK
Cihan Kadipasaoglu
 Extended Essay
Eric Namtvedt
 Arabic (abinitio)
Scarlett Boulos
 Arabic B HL
Mohammed Salamah
 Dutch A1
Allerd Roes
 Dutch A2
Megan Simon Thomas
 French A2 HL
Guillaume Pignol
 French B HL
Scarlett Boulos
 French B SL
Susanne Achilles and Jessica Johannes
 Spanish A1/A2
Tania Albin
 Spanish BHL
Rob Mark (H.L.)
 Spanish BSL
Hiba Siddiqui (S.L.)
 German A 1
Gladys Labza
 Norwegian
Eric Namtvedt
 Drama
Graeme Baxter
 Music

Susanne Achilles and Min Joo Kim

Athletic Service Award
Christopher Zerhusen and Dylan Skone
 Model UN Award
Rob Mark
 Newspaper
Maryse Cheviere
 Community Service
Tania Albin
Austin Blanks
Scarlett Boulos
Christina Clemer
Paul Colwell
Martijn Flink
Kirthi Narasimhan
Mohammed Salamah
Christopher Zerhusen

FRENCH SECTION AWARDS

Anglais
Matthieu Couturier and Marion Auplat
 Littérature
Alice Weill
 Histoire-Géographie
Justine Chapuis
 Economy Terminales ES
Clémentine Duvivier
 Math S & Spec
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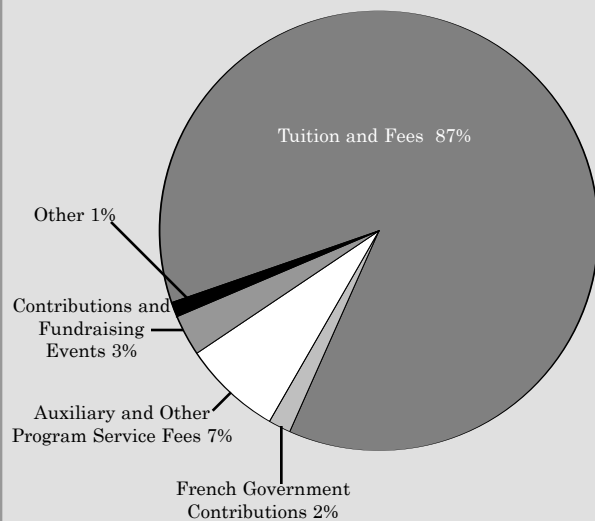
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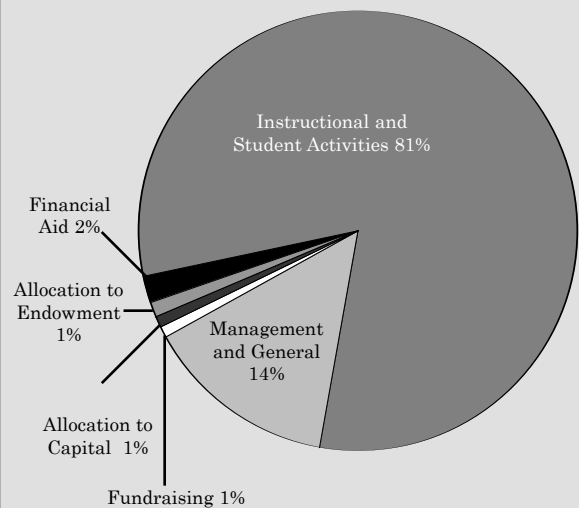
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Tuition and Fees	\$13,288,090	87%
French Government Contributions	247,919	2%
Auxiliary and Other Program Service Fees	1,125,159	7%
Contributions and Fundraising Events	457,128	3%
Other	176,187	1%
Total Revenues	\$15,294,483	100%

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Instructional and Student Activities	\$12,358,631	81%
Management and General	2,163,174	14%
Financial Aid Provided by the School	315,648	2%
Fundraising	145,344	1%
Allocation to Capital	150,000	1%
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Total Expenditures	\$15,282,797	100%

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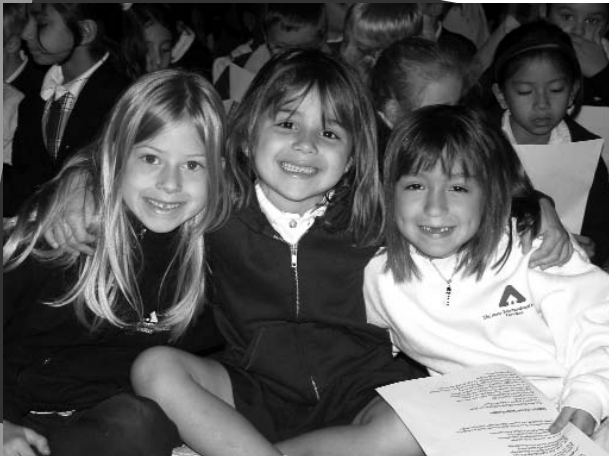
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