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Message from the Superintendent



At TAS, we are lucky to have exceptional students and alumni. We see great accomplishments and character in you, our alumni, and we have high expectations that our current students will follow your lead. We want our students today to develop clarity about what is good and what is not good. We want them to have sound character, just as we hope that future generations will embrace the TAS values of honesty, respect, responsibility, and kindness in their daily life habits.

We need our students to develop the courage needed to act with conscience based on clarity about what having good character means and requires. Aristotle said that “You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.” And C.S. Lewis wrote that “Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at its testing point.”

We, our children, and all future generations should recognize that without the courage to stand up and be heard on these essential values, little will be accomplished during challenging, critical times. I

am delighted to tell you that we have officially added courage to our TAS values. In my judgment, little of import has ever been accomplished without it.

TAS will continue to provide cutting-edge academic programs that prepare our students well for success anywhere in a rapidly changing world. And we are equally determined to provide not just the knowledge and academics critical to success, but the intentional character education opportunities essential to assuring that TAS students leave us passionate about service and prepared to lead. Albert Pike said: “What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.” Passionate about service and prepared to lead: a worthy goal we have for all of our students, current and future. We hope you, our alumni, are proud of the TAS values and the emphasis on character education and are living this in your lives.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon W. Hennessy".

Sharon Hennessy



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From the Advancement Office

Dear TAS alumni,

I hope this edition of our TAS Alumni News magazine finds you, our alumni, healthy, happy, and productive wherever you are in the world -especially since "to inspire each student to be a confident, creative, caring and moral individual prepared to adapt and succeed anywhere in a rapidly changing world" is part of our mission.



Our new 2012-2016 Strategic Plan was developed to support achievement of the TAS mission. Our fundraising and outreach efforts to alumni, faculty, and parents for the Friends of TAS occur in order to accelerate the implementation of this plan. The Strategic Plan focuses on four Strategic Areas:

Strategic Area 1: Strong Foundation - supportive governance, financial strength, and worthy facilities

Strategic Area 2: Outstanding Programs – enhancing academic and personal excellence

Strategic Area 3: Highest Quality Personnel – committing to professional excellence through recruiting, retaining and developing

Strategic Area 4: Communicating the Value of the TAS Experience

Gifts to the school accelerate the Strategic Plan and we invite you to be a part of the development at the school today. Our faculty and parents are participating in increasing numbers and we would really like that to be the case for alumni giving as well. Thank you to those of you who have made a gift and participated in our annual giving program. Your support makes a difference for our students, past, present, and future. Details about what gifts have made possible is on page 36.

As an alumni donor, you can make a direct and immediate impact. Every gift is important to the school, just as every student is, and just as you were and continue to be. Your commitment to the future of TAS is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paige Summers
Assistant Superintendent for Advancement

Opening Ceremony for New Upper School Science and Technology Building



TAS moved to its current Tien Mou campus, home to over 2,000 international students from more than 30 countries, in 1989. On September 28, 2012, Teachers' Day, the school celebrated another significant step in upgrading facilities and resources. In a fitting celebration of teaching and learning, TAS hosted a Dedication Ceremony for the school's newly opened Upper School Science and Technology Building. Students, parents, alumni, faculty, local dignitaries, and TAS administrators, led by Superintendent Sharon Hennessy, gathered for the ceremony in the new facility, which features specialized science and robotics laboratories, classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology, and a state of the art lecture hall. Guests filled the new gymnasium and enjoyed the festive atmosphere, highlighted by a dragon dance and firecrackers intended to bring auspicious

blessings.

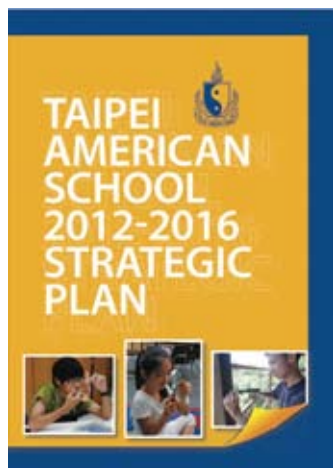
Recent TAS program initiatives have developed top caliber, signature programs in robotics, public speaking and debate, and character education, complementing the school's longstanding focus on excellence in core areas such as English, history, fine and performing arts, and STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

In addition to providing students with modern resources that are unmatched in the region, the new

building embodies the school's attention to eco-friendly, green initiatives. The building also includes expanded sports facilities, a new gymnasium the size of two basketball courts, covered and outdoor tennis courts, and soon a new health and wellness center.

Building improvement continues on campus, as a new arts building is well underway and upcoming renovations in existing buildings will provide increased cafeteria capacity and allow for the best use of academic spaces.





2012-2016 Strategic Plan

The new 2012-2016 Strategic Plan provides a four-year roadmap that builds on the accomplishments of the previous Strategic Plan and moves TAS closer to Dr. Hennessy's 2020 Vision for educational excellence. This Vision calls for modeling the very best of the public and private schools in the United States, with the objective of providing increased world-class opportunities, options, and support for all TAS students. Looking over the horizon to what children will need in the years ahead, the Strategic Plan outlines changes and improvements essential to preparing students for the future. The 2012-2016 Strategic Plan, adopted through an inclusive process involving input from students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and the TAS Board of Directors, focuses on four key strategic areas that drive the continuing success of the school and our students: Strong Foundation; Outstanding Programs; Highest Quality Personnel, and; Communicating the Value of the TAS Experience. Firmly established structures and recently implemented initiatives set forth in the last plan form the foundation for the achievement and development of new goals in the areas of English language proficiency, science and technology, character education, and more. The strategic planning process ensures the continuing delivery of the very best to every child at TAS. To view the full 2012-2016 Strategic Plan document visit the Strategic Plan section under About Us on the school website.

Have you heard about these new courses added within the last two years in the upper school?

Public Speaking: Graduation Requirement beginning with class of 2015

Political Science & Forensics (Public Speaking, Rhetoric, and Debate, International Relations, AP US Government & Politics, Honors Law & Policy Debate, Advanced Topics in Philosophy)

Upper Level Math (Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Advanced Topics)

Computer Science and Robotics: 0.5 credit Graduation Requirement beginning with the class of 2016

- Intro to Programming, Animation and Applications
- Intro to Robotics, Engineering, and Technology
- 3D Design, Sculpture, Robotics, and Programming

Research, Organic Chemistry,

Astronomy, Forensics Science, Acoustical Physics Stagecraft and Advanced Technical Theater

Middle school added these new electives:

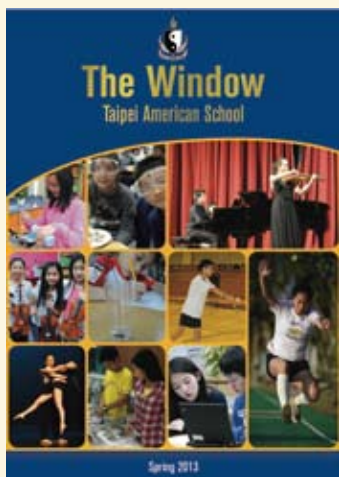
Advanced Robotics, Drama, Confidence Course, Dance, Economics, Journalism, and Expository Writing.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, middle school students will have the opportunity to study ancient languages in the World Languages track. Classics will also be offered to upper school students.

Just as training in classical music provides a foundation that allows students to build success in all music genres, training in classical literatures and languages is the foundation that informs sophisticated writing in English and a deep understanding of literature, philosophy, and other intellectual pursuits in western education.

Did you know...

- Lower school students K-5 take Mandarin classes 9 out of 10 days and are placed into the Heritage Track or the Learner Track?
- The science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum K-12 is a major focus at TAS?
- 12 upper school students presented their research findings at the first TAS Scientific Research Symposium?
- The robotics program is KA-12 and students participate in worldwide robotics competitions, including the annual VEX Asia-Pacific Robotics Championship held at TAS in November?
- The grades 6-12 Model United Nations (MUN) program sent over 100 students to various conferences hosted in Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, The Netherlands, Jordan, Germany, Qatar, and the United States?
- Former Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Dr. William Stanton, now teaches Honors English and AP US/Comparative Government and Politics in the upper school?



The TAS Window Magazine, available online in the Publications section on the TAS website, highlights outstanding programs, changes in the curriculum, and student achievements.

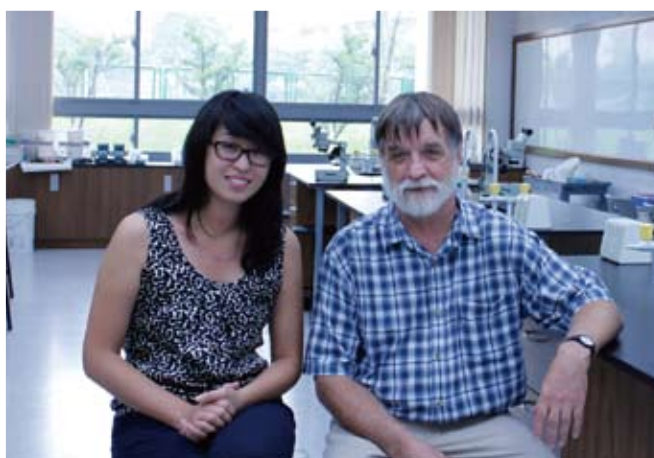
Special Guest Speakers at TAS this school year:

- Dr. David Ho, inventor of the AIDS Cocktail therapy, Time Magazine's Person of the year in 1996, was the keynote speaker at the IASAS MUN event hosted at TAS in November.
- Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a Grammy-award winning orchestra, led by principal clarinet player and assistant concertmaster, held master classes for students.
- Author Linda Sue Park, the first Korean American to be awarded the prestigious 2002 Newbery Medal by the American Library Association, visited lower school.
- Pat Bassett, President of National Association of Independent Schools, addressed parents on how to be a school of the future.

Alumni Working at TAS

EVELYN CHEN '03

Evelyn taught both academically challenged and academically gifted students before studying Mind, Brain & Education at Harvard University. She went on to join Project Zero's Understandings of Consequence at Harvard University to help students learn difficult science concepts. She was delighted to return to TAS to work alongside her biology teacher, Mr. Ross Olson.



Evelyn Chen '03 (Upper School AP Biology/ Algebra)

TEDDY TU '04

Teddy attended TAS during middle school and transferred to a boarding school in New Jersey. After graduating from Duke, he worked at HP, where the team environment in a highly competitive industry gave him a broad perspective of real world contexts and applications that he now transfers to his work with students.



Teddy Tu '04 (Middle School Grade 6 Math)

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 13 ALUMNI WORKING AT TAS. WE ARE DELIGHTED WHEN ALUMNI BRING EXPERTISE AND RETURN TO TAS. NEW FACES FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR:

MARIA TING '91

Maria moved back to Taiwan from New York City in 2009, when her husband, Michael Fei '90, took a job in Taiwan. After working as a consultant with Taiwan Mobile, she pursued a change in her career path because she wished to spend more time with her family and her daughters. Taking on a position as an art assistant at TAS was a perfect fit. Her love of art began in high school with her ceramics teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Wu.



Maria Ting '91 (center) and middle school art teachers Ms. Michelle Bruce and Mr. Cesar Reyes

PETER SHEN '03

Peter's primary responsibilities are to trouble shoot classroom technical issues, set up for special events, and maintain equipment in the IT/AV department. His knowledge in this area stems from his TAS days working with Mr. Glenn Wolfe in the Media Services Department.



Peter Shen '03 in the AV office (although he is rarely at his desk)

Adagio



Cynthia Sah '71, Alumna Sculptor

Michelangelo, the great Renaissance artist, said, "Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it." For Cynthia Sah '71, marble is her favorite medium and she says, "If you don't have a passion for working with marble, you just can't do it...If you really understand it, it's really like cutting into butter."

Cynthia returned to TAS in March to share her work with a large group of students. During her presentation, she showed photos of her creations displayed around the world in parks, museums, and corporate buildings. She also played a video of how her studio uses computers to carve out the forms from marble quarries, explaining the steps involved in producing a final product with a smooth finishing. She hoped to stimulate student interest in sculpture.

Ten years ago, Cynthia donated a piece of her marble art work to TAS and it is prominently exhibited outside of the middle school library. The piece is called *Adagio*, which is a musical term describing a slow tempo. As an artist, Cynthia pondered how to use marble to express abstract concepts such as the passing of time. Her final product is one with soft curves and allows a viewer to trace its lines. She believes that public art should be welcoming and she invites her viewers to touch and interact



with her art. She said marble has a unique quality that naturally draws people forward to reach out and feel the surface. She has received numerous commissions by corporations to execute large scale bronze and marble pieces, many of which are in private collections. Her work is exhibited in many places around the world, including museums and public areas in Taiwan.

She reflected on her years at TAS, "There were many intellectually stimulating discussions and debates on world problems, especially issues related to the Vietnam War, because there were many military dependents at the school. The experience of going to an American school in Taiwan trained me to be more adaptable and allowed me to assimilate more easily in a new environment, which I realized after I moved to Italy and had to learn a new language. TAS alumni also seem to have a curiosity for the world and always enjoy going to the local places."

For Cynthia, her biggest joy is waking up every day excited to work on her sculptures, bringing life to a hard piece of marble. Visit her website at <http://www.cynthiasah.it/>

Reference: Cheng, Scarlet. "Cynthia Sah: The Power of Marble." *World & I* 8.10 (1993): 130. Print.

Alumni Swimmers Return to the TAS Pool



Nick Driskill '98 and Trinidad Ruperez '02 returned to TAS this winter as swimming coaches for schools competing in a major swim meet on campus. Both Nick and Trinidad shared memories of their TAS days.

Nick is currently a swimming coach at the International School of Beijing (ISB), and this was his second return to TAS as the leader of the ISB team. His parents were faculty members at TAS – many alumni from the 90s are sure to remember Dr. Driskill's English class. Nick's former swim coach at TAS, Jeff Johanson, is now his supervisor at ISB.

Coaching and teaching PE may be more than a labor of love for Nick, as he claims he is paying off a debt to Coach Johanson, who still blames TAS' near miss on an IASAS gold on Nick's departure from TAS before his junior year.

Trinidad is an English/Spanish teacher at the Pacific American School in Hsinchu. This is her second year teaching at the school and her first time back to TAS as a swim coach. She attended TAS from grade 1 to grade 12 and started swimming with the Tigersharks Swim Team in 3rd grade. Since then she says she's rarely left the pool, so it's no

London Alumna Performer Rosie Hyland '03 Returns to Choreograph the Middle School Musical

Students performing in the new musical, *Annie*, were very fortunate to spend two incredible weeks in March with Rosie Hyland, hailing from London's theaters.

Rosie recently finished two years in *Shrek the Musical* as a 'swing' (ensemble member who covers all females in the show) and the stand in for Princess Fiona at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Before that, she was a swing on *Sister Act the Musical* at the London Palladium and ensemble/cover Julie Jordan on *Carousel* at the Savoy. She shares with the Alumni Office:

I did everything I physically could to perform at TAS! I was in *West Side Story*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet* and *Skin of Our Teeth*. I participated in IASAS Dance and Drama. I performed with the jazz band, wind ensemble, concert choir and Opus. *West Side Story* stands out to me as the most memorable performing experience. We really wanted to invest in it and stretch ourselves as performers! We had some incredible opportunities as arts students at TAS. I don't know

any high school kids in London who can say they jammed with Wynton Marsalis or choreographed a 20 minute dance piece and toured it to Manila or Kuala Lumpur! We are very lucky at TAS!

I have little nuggets of wisdom from all of my teachers. Deb Flemming, Doug Bishop, and Kirsten and Larry Love were part of a core group of teachers who gave me the

confidence to pursue performing as a career. Doug Bishop's theater trip to London gave me a first look at some of the theaters where I'd end up treading the boards as a professional. It was a very special and formative trip for me! Musicals can be such a fantastic and moving combination of drama, music and dance. I have always found it difficult to decide which I love most so I'm happy I get to do all three!

I am most proud of the middle school students who managed to learn ALL the choreography for the show within the two weeks I was there! I feel so fortunate to still be a part of the TAS community and to have the chance to give back in a small way.



surprise that she's found her niche leading her school's team. It's also no surprise that Trinidad found her way to a teaching position, as she recalls packing for school during the summer months and convincing her parents that school started at 6 AM on the first day. She couldn't bear to be away after graduating, as she participated in the TAS Summer School Teaching Assistant program for four years. She confessed that she was never a studious student and relied on the pokes and prods of her friends to get to the finish line. However, while in college, she realized that she too had this hidden drive to learn and achieve. "Being at TAS for so many years

ingrained in me a sense of responsibility to my past, which created who I am today, and a deeply rooted belief that anything is possible as long as I take the first step."

At this meet I saw my swimmers come together and experience a competition the way I remembered my childhood. There were setbacks, wins, cheering, lots of sleeping, and an abnormal amount of eating. Returning to the TAS pool as a coach to watch my own swimmers compete was a goal that I never thought I had, but now that I know it is one, we will be back next year stronger, faster, and better. — Trinidad Ruperez '02

Kelly Wang '00 and Jerry Tsao '00



Kelly and Jerry first met in 4th Grade, in Mrs. Eleanor Jones' homeroom class. She was a "quiet, nerdy looking girl with thick glasses" – according to Jerry – and "he was always carrying around his trumpet case" – from Kelly. They became friends in 8th grade during the Operation Starship trip to the States and remained friends through classes and after school activities, like Jazz Ensemble and Saturday Swim School. In college, they kept in touch frequently and met up at least once a year, either while visiting Taipei, or during their annual Thanksgiving get-together with other TAS friends. They finally started dating the Thanksgiving of 2004, but maintained a long distance relationship for another eight years, with Jerry in Nevada and Kelly in Texas. They have now settled down together in the Bay Area in California, where they enjoy the strong network of close TAS friends from across the decades.



Instant Noodles Back at TAS

In August, four members of the Instant Noodles Dance Crew received roaring applause from TAS upper school students and faculty after their performance on campus. Chuck Maa '03, Charles Lee '08, Mike Yang '08, and Geo Lee '03 also shared with students how they pursued their passion for dance while balancing studies and work.



Blue&Gold Student Newspaper Goes Digital!

The online website includes far more than just archived articles dating from 2008. It contains amazing graphics, photo galleries, and featured video stories. School events, promotions, and interview recordings are regularly updated. If you prefer the newspaper layout option, there are "flipbooks" on the website which are exact copies of the printed version. Blue&Gold has also collaborated with TigerTV, a student-led organization that reports on weekly school events. Blue&Gold's team scripts Tiger TV's bulletin, while they allow Blue&Gold to use and incorporate their videos. There is also a category dedicated to the arts: a section for the literary magazine Expression, which showcases writing and artistic works. Editors hope that the new digital Blue&Gold will present a new platform for communication that will pull the TAS community closer together.

Around Campus



Tom Tsai '05 shared technical knowledge with yearbook and photography classes with a special PTA grant. Tom returned to TAS in April to work with students taking classes from upper school art teacher, Mr. David Badgley. With a passion for video/photography and dance, he brought the class to the dance studio, mixing two of his favorite activities.



Kruti Khatri '08 volunteered in the middle school art classes in December and January during her summer vacation. She is currently studying towards a Master's degree in Art Therapy in Melbourne, Australia.



Simon Chang '96 coached the upper school girls softball team in April. He attended TAS K-12 and played four years of varsity softball. He continues to play in professional softball leagues as a hobby. TAS was fortunate to have him return as a coach.

Karishma Budhrani '07 returned to teach IB dance students in September. She was always a passionate dancer and continued dancing through university by joining a dance team that was Bollywood and hip hop. She created a mix of Bollywood styles with songs from 1913 to 2011 so students could get a feel of how Bollywood has progressed over the years. She currently lives in Toronto and works with a dance teaching company that offers dance workshops for younger students.



Eunice Png '07 is a singer and song writer. She performed with the TAS Jazz Band several times throughout the school year, including a concert with the Taipei Jazz Orchestra. In September, she competed as a contestant on Million Star, Taiwan's highest-rated regional reality TV singing competition, similar to American Idol.



Two TAS alumni performed with the Taipei Jazz Orchestra at TAS for a spectacular evening of Jazz in September. Max Yang '11 is a former Jazz Band trombone player and currently attends UC San Diego, where he plays in a wind ensemble. He was back in Taipei during the summer and only rehearsed with the Taipei Jazz Orchestra a few times before playing on stage.



Bertha Pan '86 judged the 2013 TAS Formosa Film Festival. Students submitted videos for categories in Public Service Announcements, Animations, and

Narratives. A new award named after former AV and Media teacher Mr. Glenn Wolfe was also presented. 20 films were selected as finalists and adjudicated by a panel of judges, including Bertha Pan '88 and Alex Lin '93. Bertha, the director of *Almost Perfect*, featured in the 2012 issue of the Alumni News, attended the festival and provided her comments on the creativity of these young filmmakers, "I often find teenager's films much more interesting, educational, even humbling to me – a lot more fun to judge than professional grown up film festivals!"

Alumni Speaker Event



In January, four alumni participated as panelists at the first Alumni Speaker event held in the newly opened Anni Lu Lecture Hall. They were Paul Lo '81 from Taipei's SES Group, Nick Peters '88, in Taiwan for a family reunion from Seattle where he works as the R&D Program Manager for Intellectual Ventures, Jeraldine "Jerri" So '89, the founder of Ginjer Cakes 'n More, and Sam Heagney '04, Social Media Strategist at Era Ogilvy's Taipei Office. 20 alumni, including a few college students, joined this event. The panelists started by sharing their educational backgrounds and career tracks. Interestingly, all of their current jobs have no relationship to what they studied in college and most tried out a variety of positions in various industries

before settling down to their current professions. All the panelists stressed the importance of internships as a way to gain experience, and pointed out that a successful manager can also learn from a college student because everyone has a story and we should learn to leverage our strength to create value. On the question of networking, one particular comment from a panelist resonated well: don't network for the sake of networking, look at those as opportunities to help other people. Young alumni in the audience learned about the various fields represented by the panelists and met alumni from different classes. Everyone enjoyed the casual mingling before the event and had a chance to sample Ginjer's famous cupcakes!

Faculty Awards

Retirement

Donald Smith, Upper School
Lynn Somers, Lower School
Spring Wu, Advancement
Peter Cua, IT

50 years

Min-Fa Kari Kao, Mail Room

30 years

Paul Fredette, Upper School

25 years

Ross Olson, Upper School

20 years

John Andersen, Lower School
Sherry Boyle, Middle School

15 years

Jennifer Anderson, Middle School
Carla Hughes, Upper School
Himiko Gurecki, Upper School
Nathan Paxton, Upper School

10 years

Brandon Maguire, Upper School
Rick McDonald, Upper School

Faculty Departing TAS

Joseph Auciello, US English
Donna Auciello, Communications
Lynn Cornberg, LS PE
Ginny Chang, LS Speech
Cathleen Drilling, US Science
Blanca Gamez Djokic, US English
Himiko Gurecki, US Japanese
Mark Gurecki, LS ESL
Nancy Gorneau, LS IT
Mark Hernandez, US Spanish Teacher
Olaf Lakin, US Math
Royce Mussman, US College Counselor
Brooke Phan, US History and Social Studies
Patrick Preisinger, US Science
Robin Preisinger, MS ESL
Chrisanne Roseleip, US Math
Shana Russell, US College Counselor
Michael Russell, Communications
Katie Seggerson, US English
Jenny Sohn, US English
Linda Soo, US Math
William Stanton, US Political Science
Pamela Stout, US Music
Kathleen Wilhelmi, LS Art



Mr. Don Smith Retires from TAS after 32 years

Mr. Smith was hired to teach a combination of upper school business classes at TAS. The school also needed a basketball coach. He accepted the offer, applied for a passport, got his visa, and flew to Taiwan with his family in 1981. Little did he know at the time that he would be teaching at TAS for 32 years, and that the experience would be so much better than he could have imagined.

The local context when Mr. Smith arrived was quite different than it is today. After de-recognition of Taiwan by the U.S. in 1979, the student numbers at TAS dropped to 300 at one point. However, Taiwan started attracting foreign investment and the economy was developing rapidly. There was a large expatriate community in town and the local residents were warm and friendly, including store keepers. Mr. Smith felt that Taipei was a great place for kids to grow up and he counts it a blessing to have had his own two girls attend TAS lower school.

Mr. Smith has taught a number of classes, including general business, typing, marketing, accounting, economics, and in recent years, entrepreneurship. Of particular interest to some alumni from a specific time period was his course on short hand, which was only offered for a few years, but was deemed an important note taking skill at the time. When desktop computers became available, he set up his business computer labs with IBM PCs. Of all the classes he taught, he felt

typing was the most important and the one closest to his heart. He managed to salvage a typewriter which sat at his desk when computers replaced typewriters. Accounting was always a challenge to teach because students needed to learn the language and become familiar with accounting terms.

Mr. Smith is perhaps best known for being the sponsor of the Yearbook Club for more than ten years. He reflected, "Two girls talked me into it and told me I didn't have to do anything. And they were right. The yearbook crews were always very conscientious and responsible. I only managed the budget." He also took pictures himself which allowed him to have more personal contact with students, whether he had them in his classes or not. The students also got to know him better when he went to the games and activities.

After this school year, his tentative plan is to move to Colorado and enjoy retirement. He said he will miss his students, the warm and helpful TAS community, and ICRT, which provided daily news in English before CNN was available on cable TV. He will always remember the rice paddies, the water buffalos, and the dirt roads: a scene many alumni also hold dear in their memories of Taiwan.



The US Library Transforms into an Information Commons



This Spring, the US Library underwent a transformation that reflects the TAS commitment to ensuring student access to cutting edge information resources in a physical environment most conducive to effective learning, collaboration, and exploration. An updated layout provided three primary student benefits: expanded space for quiet study, opportunity for learning in an ever more electronic research environment, and, most importantly, provision of extensive access to consolidated and integrated information resources. Beyond the addition of new databases, the information commons will house engaging interactive technology and cutting edge practical utilities, such as digital work spaces and stations for group collaboration and presentations. Technology will provide further engaging information gateways with large interactive displays for world news and exploring new books and authors.

Alumni Families at TAS

This year, there were 51 families where at least one parent attended TAS as a student. When alumni enroll their children at their alma mater, this shows their strong connection and belief in the mission and vision of the school. Jason Chang '89 registered his son and daughter in 7th and 8th grade last fall. He shares with the alumni office:



I graduated from TAS so it meant a lot to me that my children may finally study at my school.

Of course, TAS is clearly the superior American school in Taiwan. As with most parents, we considered the curriculum, activities, great teachers (some of which were my own teachers), statistical acceptance of graduates into good universities, and the overall environment and hardware that the school provides. I found that these aspects have been greatly improved from when I was a student myself.

My children studied in Shanghai at a local Chinese school before transferring to TAS. We felt at the time that it is extremely important for our children to have a solid Chinese background and strong math skills. Now that my kids are attending TAS, my wife and I have observed that the open attitude of the school has brought out many good attributes in our children. They have become more willing to initiate



Jack Fu '00, his wife, and their daughter in Grade 1

participation in activities. My son joined the Tiger Sharks swim team and seems to be quite devoted to the competition. My daughter has picked up the clarinet for an instrument on her own and has become more open in expressing herself.

Of course, the most significant development is their English capabilities. Despite our efforts, their English was at a disadvantage when they enrolled at TAS. One semester later, I saw the drastic improvements in their use of



Karen Chyan '85 and her son in Grade 1

the language and willingness to embrace English as part of their daily repertoire.

TAS has definitely changed quite a bit from 1989. One obvious change is the campus. Granted, I do miss our old open Shilin campus, but the current TAS certainly has its benefits and creates a comfortable, safe, and fully utilized environment for the students. The computerization of the school is also quite impressive. We are very happy that our children are students at TAS now. — Jason Chang '89

Tiger Athletics and Activities

Students participate in a variety of athletic activities and the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman levels are offered for upper school boys and girls. At the end of each season, our Varsity teams compete in an IASAS tournament against the following schools: International School of Bangkok, International School of Manila, Singapore American School, Jakarta International School, International School of Kuala Lumpur, and International School of Manila. Support TAS Tigers wherever you are!

SEASON 1:
CROSS COUNTRY, VOLLEYBALL,
SOCCER
NOVEMBER: MODEL UNITED NATIONS

SEASON 2:
SWIMMING (HOSTED AT TAS),
BASKETBALL, RUGBY/TOUCH, TENNIS
MARCH: CULTURE CONVENTION:
MUSIC, ART, DRAMA, DANCE,
DEBATE, FORENSICS

SEASON 3:
TRACK AND FIELD, SOFTBALL
(HOSTED AT TAS), BADMINTON

For detailed game schedules, visit the TAS website -> School Life -> Athletics at www.tas.edu.tw

For live streaming and minute-by-minute onsite reports during IASAS events, visit www.iasas.asia

For a recap of games and competition results, visit the Blue and Gold Online at www.blueandgoldonline.org

Clash of the Classes Basketball Games in the New Gym

On the last Sunday in December, more than 80 alumni and current varsity basketball players formed 6 teams and competed in friendly games in the newly opened Upper School Gym, which has 2 full-sized basketball courts and 12 hoops. Many alumni were very interested in trying out the new facility. Referees and score keepers monitored the games while parents and alumni cheered from the sidelines. It was a great opportunity for everyone to relive the camaraderie from high school days. Special thanks to upper school PE teacher Terry Lagerquist and also Teddy Tu '04 for organizing this event with the professional assistance from Sean Cheng '02 and Glory Days Basketball League.





Welcoming College Students Back

More than 100 alumni from classes 2008-2012 returned to TAS in January for the annual College Student Homecoming Reunion. A highlight of the day for everyone was enjoying the all-time favorite, Chinese Chicken Leg, for lunch. This has continued to be the most popular item for alumni for the last twenty years. Special thanks to the following alumni panelists for sharing college experiences with parents: Laura Chang '12, Remmy Chen '12, Kevin Ku '12, Wei Shi Lin '12, Eric Ong '12, Sarah Ruggiere '12, and Cindi Yim '08.



College Counselor School Visits and Alumni Gatherings



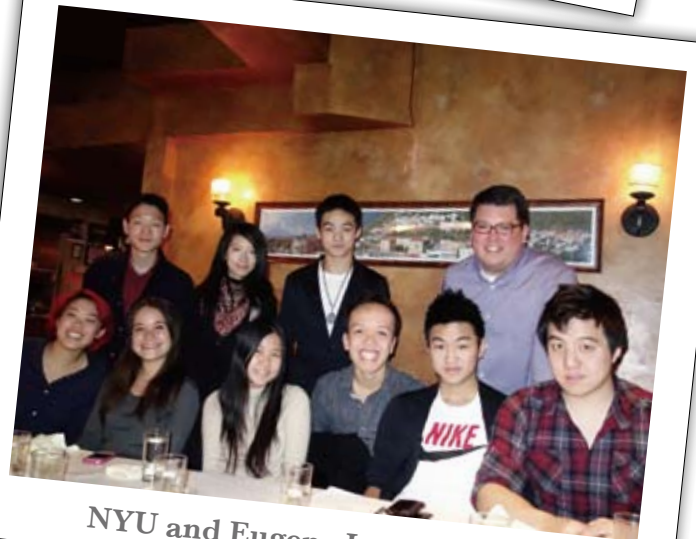
Boston Fall 2012



Bryn Mawr and Haverford Fall 2012



Columbia and Barnard Fall 2012



NYU and Eugene Lang Fall 2012



Tufts and Harvard Kennedy School Fall 2012



University of Pennsylvania Fall 2012

Alumni Visits



Rose (Chan) Loui '78 visited in August with her mother and two sons. Her mother taught for many years at Dominican International School. Rose is a lawyer now and so is her husband. She was always a very diligent student and has brought up her children the same way. She has kept in touch with her friends from TAS and from Dominican.



Janet Jen '72 only attended TAS for two years, but remembers her time from Taiwan fondly, especially because she met her husband while she was a high school student at TAS. He was a college student at Tatung University. On their recent trip back to Taipei, they were hoping to find Mandarin language classes for Janet so they can stay in Taiwan longer for her to pick up the language.



Karine Billarant Lima '88 visited TAS on January 25 with her husband Antoine and 6-year old son Louis. They decided to take three months off to travel to Taiwan. With round-trip tickets from France in hand, they landed in Taipei, and found an apartment. Karine left TAS during her senior year, but treasures her Taiwan and TAS experience. She enjoyed delicious food, met up with her TAS

friends, looked for new opportunities, and explored Taiwan with her family. Karine found a job in Taiwan and plans on staying a little longer.



Kevin Kim '07, Ji Eun Kim '07, Se Jin Justen Ahn '07, Kris Kil '07, and Sang Hyup Han '07 attended TAS in lower school and middle school. Three of them met up at Shanghai American School when they were in high school. The five of them stayed in touch because their mothers remained close friends after their families left Taiwan. They are all currently attending universities in Korea. During their winter break, they planned a special trip to Taipei and the highlight of the trip was their visit to TAS. They discovered the school hasn't changed a lot, but everything seemed smaller! A month later, Tony Beck '07 also visited TAS from Korea. He remembers playing soccer on the TAS fields and relived his memories during his TAS visit.



Tim Michael '86 returned to TAS in November as a faculty sponsor of the American School of Taichung MUN team that participated in the TAS MUN event. This is Tim's second year teaching middle school humanities at his current school. Previously, Tim taught at the Morrison Christian Academy in Taichung.

Mike Lemme '92 visited TAS in November, and focused his visit on the auditorium foyer area where posters for all TAS drama and musicals are displayed. He was the lead actor in Scapino! and the



musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, the first musical in the then new auditorium. He also starred in several productions including Flowers for Algernon, The Diary of Anne Frank, and many IASAS drama acts.

Frank Schreiber '77 (at TAS 1969-1974) visited in October during a business trip for a meeting with Eva Airlines and was pleasantly surprised to see a book on display with the cutout of an Airbus A380 in the TAS library. He is currently a Vice President at Airbus in France. He reflected, "A lot has changed but TAS today is very impressive. I felt quite a bit of nostalgia. I also visited the European school at the old site of TAS." After his return to France, he looked in his storage boxes and found his former soccer jacket, albeit too small to fit him now. TASSC stood for Taipei American School Soccer Club and each player's jacket had his or her name and the country of origin.



Dino Wu '90, the son of former upper school art teacher Kathy Wu, visited in March and met up with Maria Ting '90 and caught Shirley Ko '88 in the lobby. Although Dino transferred in and out of TAS, graduating from Exeter Academy, he felt a very close connection to the school. One of his missions on this trip was to survey possible art galleries for hosting his mother's next Taipei exhibit.

A Return Trip with the Rotary Exchange Team

Bill Molin '65

(TAS 1962-1964)

It was March of 1962 and I was in the final stages of 9th grade in Montgomery, Alabama. At the dinner table, my Dad had an announcement: he had received orders for his and our next PCS (Permanent Change of Station). We were going to "Formosa." I remember distinctly that he used that name because we all said, "Where's that?" He had a small government pamphlet with a title "Formosa." I wish I still had it. Inside were the answers to all the commonly asked questions. It also had some key phrases like "hello," "thank you," and of course, "how much is that?"

Travelling across the Pacific back then was such an adventure, not the torture of small seats and little leg room that it is now on airplanes. We arrived in Taipei sometime that summer aboard the Seaboard and Western, a Super Constellation aircraft. After getting off the aircraft, we were met with new sounds and smells as we travelled into Taipei to the hotel which would be our home for the weeks until my Dad used his new "chop" to sign a rental agreement for our new home in Tien Mou. I learned I would be attending the downtown campus of Taipei American School (TAS) for my sophomore and junior years and that we would ride the bus to school each day. My two brothers, Howard and Dennis, would be attending the Shih Lin campus for elementary school.

TAS was this very interesting conglomeration of students from military families, USAF, US Army, and some Navy and Marine Corps as well. We also had, unlike any



place I'd been, many Taiwanese students from families who could afford the tuition to attend the school and learn English. We also had missionary kids as well as some embassy children. All in all, the student population was a very eclectic group, and all wonderful people. I remember learning to play soccer not only from Taiwanese who played the sport all their lives but European and other Asian kids who, compared to me, were experts. School life settled down fairly quickly. The new experiences of school trips to Taichung to play Morrison Academy and other activities created lasting memories of us living in a foreign country. I remember some of the teachers were Taiwanese and I had to get used to their accents and figures of speech. Icons like Hope N.F. Phillips, S.H. Lee (biology), and P.T. Lang (languages) would become a part of my life, which in retrospect was never academically oriented. I was actually an awful student or possibly an incredibly unfocused teenager. At any rate, my stay at TAS and Taipei was enjoyable, interesting, exciting, and filled with experiences that I never forgot, including a few key Taiwanese phrases, like Ma Ma Hu Hu, Hsieh Hsieh, and Ni Hao.

I learned just before Christmas

of 2012 that I would be leading a Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Taipei. In my research, I found out that my TAS classmate, Dr. Winnie Tang '65, is currently working at the school as the Admissions Officer. I told my team how excited I was to return to the school and how much it meant to me. On our day of visit, when I saw Winnie, I knew in an instant that it was her as she hasn't changed a bit. We all chatted for a while, looked over the yearbooks, and then started a tour of the incredibly nice campus, a far cry from the downtown campus with Senior Island.

I did have a chance to try and find my house in Tien Mou. My host, Tony, took me out on that quest. I was recognizing NOTHING as we drove out to Tien Mou. Just past TAS, I asked him to turn left and I said if this is the correct road it will bear right in a sweeping turn and cross a river. I used to play in that area. Sure enough the road curved and then went over a river. The area behind and to our right was where I had lived. It was now four-story buildings with street-level retail, my house had been razed and a new town had sprung up where it had been. My... how times have changed, and in my opinion, for the better.

2012 Summer Internships and Alumni Mentors

*"EXPERIENCE IS THE TEACHER OF ALL THINGS."
– JULIUS CAESAR*



Jay Cheng '97, President of Gigafast, Alumni Mentor and Grace Chen '14

The TAS summer internship program aims to prepare our students for the working environments they will encounter in the years to come – and even more importantly, provide an opportunity to explore passions, learn skills, and be inspired.

Last summer, a record sixty-three students were placed in internships at an array of local and international employers, such as public relations firms, research labs, travel agents, fashion retailers, hotel chains, and media companies. Approximately twenty of these students pursued scientific research. Juniors are given first priority for internships. Sophomores are eligible to participate if enough positions are available. Internships typically last six weeks, though arrangements can be adjusted according to employer

needs. Students typically work closely with supervisors and colleagues who provide mentoring and guidance on diverse assignments.

Alumnus Sam Heagney '04, from Era Ogilvy Public Relations, interacted with five TAS students over the summer, and provided this glowing review: "The TAS interns were an incredible group of young adults, highly motivated, efficient and had a very professional work ethic. Throughout the five weeks, they showed a high level of commitment to their jobs, and were praised for their wonderful senses of humor and friendly dispositions, helping them fit in very easily with everyone at our agency."

Alumni and parents were among those who made the summer's exceptional learning opportunities possible by finding internship opportunities at their companies. For the first time, an alumnus served as an internship mentor. Jay Cheng '97, president of Gigafast, a world leader in powerline communication engineering and manufacturing, and host of intern Grace Chen '14, explained his motivation for participating in the program: "As a TAS alumnus, I'm interested in giving back to the school by providing students with the opportunity to gain some work experience to help them in the future."

There is no substitute for experience, and the students who interned last summer have surely gained invaluable advantages and insights that will serve them well as they look toward college and the world beyond. Jay reflected, "It's very important to gain experience working with others in an office environment. It is very different from school. The way work is assigned and assessed is not the same. The way co-workers interact is different. Because of this, many companies avoid hiring kids fresh out of school because they have to do a lot of extra training. Students with previous work experience end up getting jobs easier since they have had training before." We would love to have even more students participate in the internship program, and would of course welcome greater alumni involvement in identifying exciting and valuable experiences.

Interesting online publications about Taipei and Taiwan:

A reader survey of the Alumni News indicated that you would like information about news and events in Taiwan. We would like to suggest the following sites:

Centered on Taipei published by the Community Services Center
www.communitycenter.org.tw

Travel in Taiwan published by the Taiwan Tourism Bureau (iPad and iPhone versions are available)
<http://taiwan.net.tw>

Discover Taipei published by the Taipei City Government
<http://english.tpeidoit.taipei.gov.tw> ->Information > Reading Taipei > Discover Taipei

Taiwan Review published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<http://taiwanreview.nat.gov.tw>

Taiwan Panorama Magazine (formerly known as Sinorama magazine) published by the Government Information Office of Taiwan since 1976.
<http://www.taiwanpanorama.com.tw/>

Topics published by the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei
<http://www.amcham.com.tw/publications/topics-archive>



Foodie Philanthropy: TAS Alumni Pleasing Palates and Making a Difference

Anyone who has spent time in Taipei surely knows the pleasure of a great meal from a fine restaurant or a tasty treat from a street vendor. An even better feeling than satisfying your stomach is earning the satisfaction of helping people in need. Two enterprising and generous alumni have developed business concepts that combine these two pleasures, providing their customers with both delicious culinary experiences and the opportunity to make a difference.

Bob Perry '79 is the co-founder of The Elephant Walk restaurants, which serve French-Cambodian cuisine at three locations in Boston.

He is also the founder of The Benefit Restaurant® Project, through which he commits a percentage of sales to funding worthy charities. Bob's focus is on assisting charities and encouraging sustainable giving that address causes and implications of deep poverty, from local to global contexts.

Annie Yu '08 is the owner of Itizy, an ice cream truck that roams the streets of New York City selling fresh, locally made ice cream. She maintains a commitment to Scoops for Meals, a pledge to donate one meal to a needy child for every five scoops of ice cream sold. Through her own travels, Annie has come to appreciate the impact



that a regular meal can have on the health, education, and future of needy children. Bob and Annie got to where they are now through very different paths from TAS, but they share a similar sense of purpose and enjoyment in offering great food and in making and encouraging meaningful commitments to people in need. Find out more about their establishments at <http://waltham.elephantwalk.com> and <http://www.itizy.com>

Read the full story online at the TAS Website Alumni Section: Alumni News and Photos



The Retro TAS PE Shirts: Part 2



Lewis Hoffmann's 1970's retro TAS PE shirt project, featured in the Summer 2012 TAS Alumni News, wasn't conceived as a fundraiser, but evolved into one as nearly 200 alumni bought more than 400 shirts.

"I hoped our contributions could be useful in ways that would resonate with everyone who contributed." Lewis commented.

Lewis divided the first US\$1,000 equally between the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund and the TAS Orphanage Club. Support for the school and its good works in the community has been well-received.

"Both the school and the Orphanage Club sent beautiful Thank You cards, photos, and hand-written



Feature Story



greetings, which I shared with the 1970's Facebook alum groups. The Orphanage Club has used our contributions to help with their Chung Yi outings, which began

in 1970. The Club has the same advisor, Mr. Arnold, as when I attended TAS (1976-78). That continuity is remarkable."

And compelling. A second US\$500 donation to the Orphanage Club included a generous gift from an anonymous donor.

Another vintage TAS reproduction shirt is in the works. The "Beast From the Far East" design from the late 1970s is on tap for spring 2013. Proceeds are earmarked for the Orphanage Club.

"The 'Beast' may be the last shirt in this project, but I'm looking for ways to continue our support. Ideas, anyone?"

Reflections from the First Graduation Class of 1956

A letter from Jeanne McKim '56, Class President



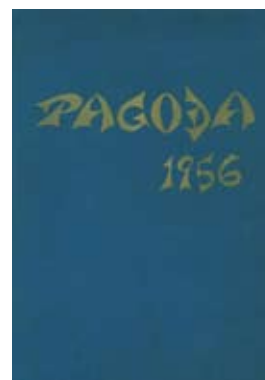
When Dad came home from work one afternoon in 1954 and told my family we were going to Formosa (as Taiwan was called then), I did not even know where Formosa was located. He had to get out an atlas and show me that little island 90 miles off the coast of China. I was somewhat jealous of my friends who were going to places like Germany, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Little did I know then the impact that two years would have on my life. I often tell friends that the happiest time of my life was the two years I spent in Taiwan.

My family arrived in Taiwan

by ship in 1954 because my father was assigned to the MAAG Headquarters in Taipei as a supply and support officer. Before TAS, I had attended 16 other schools. I was at TAS for my junior and senior years, which was the longest I stayed at any school until I went off to college. Taiwan in 1954 was unlike any place that I had ever lived (including Europe in 1946): open gutters along the streets; pedicabs; the address system of roads, lanes, and alleys; the searchlights in the sky at night; men carrying loads on sticks across their shoulders; rice paddies along the roadside that

we passed going home; the water buffaloes working in the fields; and the funeral parades in the streets.

What I remember most about TAS was the sense of camaraderie between students of so many different nationalities, religions, and cultures; and also between the students and teachers. I considered it a great honor to be in the first graduation class of TAS. Not only was I a member of the class, I was President of the class and Editor of the first TAS yearbook, the Pagoda. I knew even then that there was something special about that school and that class. Over the years since graduation, I have managed to establish contact with a few from my class. The impact TAS made on me was how different nationalities can come together, work together, and in the process, become lifelong friends. I wish the world could learn that lesson.





Peter Shek '56 and his wife Margaret during their TAS visit in November 2011

A Letter from Peter Shek '56

I grew up in Shanghai during WWII and I was ten when the war was over. My family moved to Hong Kong and then Taiwan. Because I had transferred between different types of schools using different languages, I became an academic misfit and was unable to enter any middle school in Taiwan. I finally applied to the newly opened Taipei American School and was admitted into grade eight, the highest grade level. Back then, the school was organized by the diplomat, business, and

missionary communities in Taipei. The school also moved from the Shuang Lien Presbyterian Seminary to the Nung An Street location, formerly the compound of the Japanese Embassy. The American community was made up largely of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), and the majority of the student body was made up of military "brats". Socially, the students formed two clubs: the Teen Age Club and the Young Life Club. Most of the families spent their free time at the Grand Hotel which offered an excellent dining room and a swimming pool.

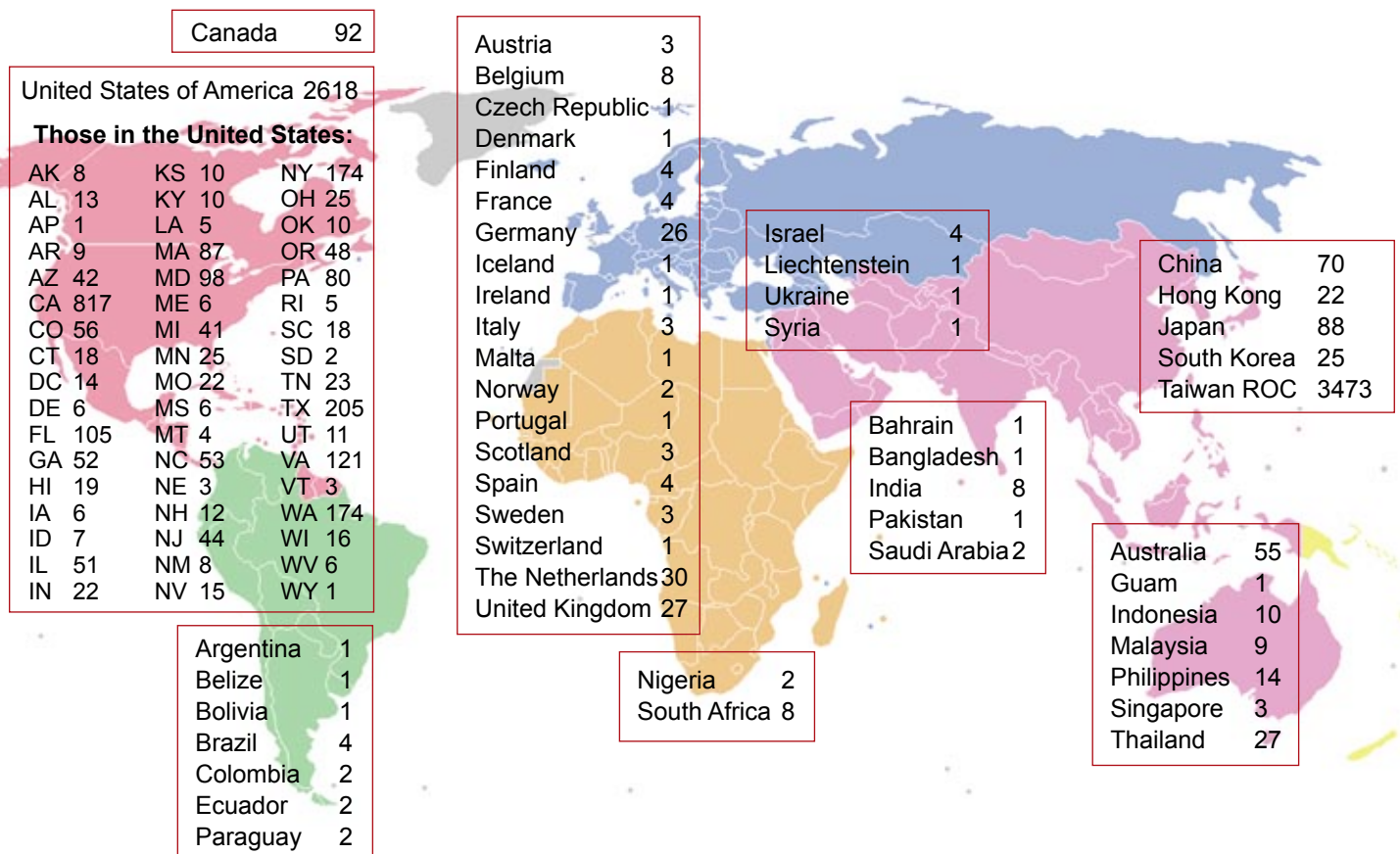
After grade nine, TAS didn't have enough students to start a grade ten class, so I had to discontinue my schooling. I enrolled again two years later and was placed in grade eleven. I was one unit short of the requirement to graduate. Fortunately, the administrators at the time found a way to grant me the credit. The Class of 1956 held our commencement exercises at the Youth Center in pouring rain! The speaker was Taiwan's Ambassador to the U.S., George K.C. Yeh. There were 16 graduates all together.

Looking back over the years, my TAS experience stands out as a very special chapter of my life in that it places me in a unique position and opened up incredible opportunities in my life.

The Ties that Bind
by Richard Vuylsteke documents the history of TAS's first fifty years by featuring recollections from alumni, faculty, and community members. The book is available for purchase from the Alumni Office. Contact us for a special order.



Where in the World are TAS Alumni?



Frances (Bowden) Affandy '63 Honored for Cultural Preservation Work in Indonesia



Last fall, Frances was honored by the community of Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, for her tireless efforts on heritage conservation. This was the first time that a foreigner has ever been so honored – although Frances does not exactly consider herself foreign after living in Bandung for over 30 years. Bandung City's Mayor presented her with the award, which read: "The government of Bandung City bestows this highest of awards to Frances Affandy for her services and unstinting commitment to the City of Bandung through her efforts in the fields of the arts and culture."



Frances shared with the TAS alumni office the story of her organization and explained what its work involves.

In 1987 a small group of interested people in Bandung formed a non-profit grassroots organization called Bandung Heritage Society. We gave ourselves over to work to "strengthen and enhance" the "unique culture and heritage of Bandung," which we believe forms the community's identity and "most important preserve." We work in areas of intangible traditions (dance, arts, drama, etc.), natural environment, and the built environment. We are now the best known group in the country for architecture conservation, research, and "celebration of city heritage." Along with forming ties to the tourism business in Bandung and the national tourism marketing efforts, I have over the years helped translate, create leaflets, and other general marketing tasks. As a red head in a country of Asians, I perhaps get more attention than some of my more capable friends, but we use that anyway to bring attention to our causes.

The Mayor of Bandung has for some six or seven years given awards, called Anugerah Budaya Kota Bandung (Bandung Award for Culture). Bandung Heritage Society as a group received this award four years ago. The 2012 award was given to me personally. I was very surprised and highly complimented to have been so recognized. There was a lovely evening dinner party, a framed certificate, and \$1000 cash prize.

Bandung Heritage is now in the midst of celebrating our 26th anniversary! This alone has been an achievement in an environment where longevity and durability of grassroots movements is not common. We have a seemingly endless list of projects accomplished, prominently including monuments restored and built inventories compiled - not only for our community but for 12 others in West Java. Unfortunately, we have also lost a number of battles to save heritage buildings and lost them to parking lots and rowdy malls. To learn more, visit www.bandungheritage.org

Pursuing Passion: Fusing Opera and Violin to Electronic Rhythm Maki Hsieh '92

TAS is amazing because its primary focus is on providing a stellar education that develops the complete person. The school offers opportunities in any area that a student and the family want to pursue. The campus has a really inviting environment where students feel that they can explore new things.

I began playing the piano at the age of four and I started singing and playing the violin from seven. We had a great curriculum for the performing arts. When I was in second grade, there were music class, choir, theater, and Ms. Cipriano's strings



program. Through 10th grade, I won awards every year for both choir and orchestra. I also played piano for the jazz band and concert band in middle school and high school. I was in drama productions from second grade through high school (I remember Ms. Webber and Mr. Corelli!). At the community center, I trained in ballet, modern dance, and tap dance. Being on stage in all aspects of the arts was possible because of the encouraging community and the focus on being the best you can be.

I finished 11th and 12th grade at Andover and continued my music, singing and acting. Although performance was my passion, I did not feel that it was an option to pursue this dream. I noticed the entertainment industry in America did not have roles or jobs that hired Asian women. So instead, I attended Johns Hopkins University, while training at Peabody Conservatory. After graduation, I had a career as a corporate executive for 15 years and started another parallel career as a professional musician. A turning point in my music career was when The Walt Disney Company relocated me to Los Angeles five years ago. Many people in the entertainment industry encouraged me to pursue my passion in performance. I started to create a new musical sound called electronic opera and violin. My teenage daughter suggested that I audition for *America's Got Talent*, so I auditioned last November. The show asked me to re-audition this coming November 2013 with my new act, which is electronic operatic vocals and violin with dance.

Since then, I've been pursuing music full time. My YouTube channel launched in April and I started a fundraising campaign on kickstarter.com, raising money for creating a new album and taking the show on the road leading up to the TV auditions in November.

As an artist, I have hopes for several things. One is creating an exciting new music genre that reaches broad audiences and brings cultures together. The second is opening up opportunities for Asian women in the entertainment world. But the third, which is the most emotional for me, is following buried dreams. I hope that by following my passion, others will see that they can also follow their dreams and change their lives.



Fiddler on the Roof 1971 and 2012

Lynn Raley '71 visited TAS in October with his family to watch a performance of the musical production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. He was delighted to relive memories of his own involvement with the first

TAS production of *Fiddler* in 1971 when he was in high school. Lynn returned to Taiwan for a year as a Senior Fulbright Scholar, teaching in the elite graduate music department at National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu.

Recalling the 1971 production, Lynn said, "It's hard to remember details, but I do remember the Yamaha grand piano over on stage left of the auditorium (at the Shilin campus), and Dave Baker '71 playing the fiddler, on a shakily constructed 'roof' above me and to my right. I recall writing out some sketchy string parts and I believe Lucy '71 and Steve Jones '71 played with me. We were the 'orchestra.' I also remember



Bruce Thweatt '71, as Tevye, precariously balanced on top of a human pyramid in the 'L'Chaim' scene. I have no idea how good our production was, but it had energy, and we had fun."

Seeing students in the new Fiddler production made Lynn proud. "It was wonderful just being there. I was quite impressed by the tightness of the ensemble and the energy of the cast, who seemed to be really enjoying all of it." This year's show was a larger production than the one Lynn was involved in, with 50 actors, 25 crew, and 26 orchestra members. The show's timeless theme of community and

adaptation was as relevant as ever. It provided a fitting context for an alumnus' return to campus, because even as the times change and traditions evolve at TAS, the school is always eager to welcome back our diverse alumni to relive your common memories, revive the relationships you hold on to, and share and build together on the individual paths you have followed since your days at TAS.

Reflecting on his time at TAS, Lynn noted that his love of music developed here. He recalls many hours spent chatting with Mr. Ramos, tapping into his encyclopedic knowledge of classical music. Lynn's journal entries from "Mom" McGrath's English class include many pages of his explorations of music. He treasures memories of recording music with Steve Jones '71, Joe McGrath '71, and Michael Lloyd '71, and performing in Taipei; experiences that "helped cement my desire to be a professional musician." One performance in Ximending of a piece written by his friends may have been

a high point in his performing career: "I played mouth harp, gutbucket, and washboard. There were at least a thousand screaming Chinese teenagers, the closest I ever got to being a rock star."

Lynn acquired a new set of devotees during his year in Taiwan: graduate students from his Jazz History class, seminar in Contemporary Music, and courses in Performance Practice and American Music. He is also very involved in contemporary music, conducts research, and performs new music by Taiwanese composers. "It's an exciting time for a musician to be back in Taiwan, because there is so much going on here. And as a 'third-culture' person who has spent a lifetime with 'contemporary' music and the perspective of both cultures, I hope I have brought a wider worldview to my students."

Although Lynn and his family felt some culture shock when they first arrived in Taiwan, after a few months, "it felt familiar, like coming home."

In May, Lynn visited TAS to speak to students. He shared stories from his high school days and performed pieces from contemporary composers from the USA and Taiwan. He captivated students by showing what some musicians have been doing with experimental music, including playing with fists, whole arms, and elbows. He even demonstrated unusual techniques of plucking piano strings and knocking on the piano.



Send us your stories!

We want to hear from you!

Email alumni@tas.edu.tw about fascinating adventures, your accomplishments, reunions, or memories of Taiwan. TAS reserves the right to edit letters for length, style, and clarity.

The 20-Year Reunion Class of 1992

TAIPEI, DECEMBER 2012



The Class of 1992 welcomed classmates and family members back to TAS on December 22, 2012. More than 70 alumni and family enjoyed a BBQ at TAS, followed by a friendly basketball game where children cheered for their fathers. More than 50 gathered over dinner at Joyce Café and rekindled friendships. Special thanks to reunion organizers: Sherry Hsia, Cheney Wang, Levy Lieu, Rosalind Wang, Sophie Tonegawa, and David Ko.



The 20-Year Reunion Class of 1992

LAS VEGAS, JULY 2012

The Class of 1992 also hosted a reunion in Las Vegas in July 2012. Thanks to Teresa Lee for coordinating this event for classmates living in the United States.



The 10-Year Reunion Class of 2002

TAIPEI, DECEMBER 2012



DENVER 2012

Five best friends met in Denver last summer. We try to get together as often as we can, but we live all over the USA so it's not always easy. Here we are pictured from left to right: Elena Hidalgo '71, Linda McElroy '71, Eric Johnson '72, Sue Bridges '72, and Becky Calhoun '72. We missed having Linn Wilson '72 and Vicky Bigony '71 with us, maybe next time!

Submitted by Becky Calhoun Buchanan '72



For the second year, a 10th year reunion was held in the TAS lobby over winter break in December. More than 80 alumni and friends from the Class of 2002 gathered for an evening of laughter, photos, and many stories. A questionnaire was handed out and these were the responses:

Sum up the last ten years of your life: Colorful, Focused, Nomadic, Delirious, Phenomenal, Adventurous, Fun, Humbling

Favorite TAS memories: Middle School Dances, 6th Grade Camp, Spirit Week, Hanging out around the lockers after class, Everything

Sum up your TAS experience: Enriching, Privileged, Unforgettable, Challenging, Focused, Amazing, Rewarding, Best experience ever

Thanks to reunion organizers: Tammi Lee, Kevin Chang, Jonathan Tung, and Allen Fang



ALUMNI LUNCHEON IN LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER, 2013



More than 40 alumni attended the event where Assistant Superintendent for Learning Karen Moreau, Lower School Principal Catriona Moran, and Middle School Principal Michelle Hiteman represented TAS and provided an update on recent school developments. Alumni participants ranged from the Class of 1978 to the Class of 2009. Our appreciation to Fred Voigtmann '85 for his valuable input on venue selection. Special thanks to Angela Hwang '95, Caroline Ma '95, Roland Lee '93, and Vincent Long '78 for on-site assistance and photos.



SHANGHAI ALUMNI

Most of us have seen each other in Shanghai over the years, but this is the FIRST time we've seen Caroline Roux since we graduated from TAS in 1979! She's been living and working in Shanghai for 8 years now!

Submitted by Freda Fung '79



Eric Wang '78, Theresa Chao '79, Caroline Roux '79, Jamie Huang '81, Dorothy Huang '79, and Freda Fung '79

70s ALUMNI IN TAIPEI

A group of 70s alumni get together regularly in Taipei, especially when someone is in town from abroad. If you know some of these pictured, contact Maggie to be included in the next gathering.



*Back: Helen Chen, Ken Hsiang, May Su, Bruce Bateman, Donald Cho, Bill Lichtenstein, and Eugene Hu
Front: Pauline Yuan, Bessie Lee, Ann Su, Carol Yen, Florence Wu, Cathy Chen, Rossana Ma, and Maggie Ma*



SHELLEY MAYO COUTS '76 AND LAURA VINOGRADOV '76

What a serendipitous reunion! From TAS in 1968 to Wesley Chapel, FL in 2012, Shelley Mayo Coutts '76 and Laura Vinogradov '76 almost literally walked into each other at a community event! The photo was taken in front of Laura's booth, The Barking Lot, at Dogtoberfest.



Update your contact information!

We'd really like to reach all TAS alumni and to have contact details for everyone. You can assist us by keeping your contact details updated and by informing us about address changes of your TAS friends.

ALUMNI GATHERING AT JEFF '77 AND MICHELLE MASSA'S '79 HOUSE IN NOVEMBER, 2012



L to R: Audrey Van Gessel '79, Brigit Donnelly '79, Francie Burnet '78, Susan Cramer '79, Debbie Kemper '79, Dan Forney '79, Sue Costlow '80, Diana Liu '79, Kim Goodman '79, Heather Thompson '79, Lew Hoffmann '78, Jeff Massa '77, and Ken Grant '77



L to R: Jeff Massa '77, Audrey Van Gessel '79, and Heather Thompson '79

A couple people were going to be in Arlington, VA, so I decided to see if I could organize an event. We had a great time! I was amazed at how many were in the area and how many were from my class of 1979. There were actually more from our year that could not make it this time! *Shared by Michelle Massa '79*



L to R: Ken Grant '77, Diana Liu '79, Jonathan Sprague '79, Heather Thompson '79, and Brigit Donnelly '79

UPCOMING REUNIONS:

Happy TAS People Get Together

August 3-4, 2013

Las Vegas, NV

Organizer: Anna Rae Bamberg Gilder '74

Class of 1980 Reunion

September 27-29, 2013

Cocoa Beach, FL

Organizers: David Farlow '80 and Sandy Kimple '80

Class of 1993 & 1994, Joint 20-Year Reunion

July 27-28, 2013: San Diego

Organizer: Roland Lee '93

Dec. 27-28, 2014: Taipei

Organizer: David Tang '94

Class of 2008, 5-Year Reunion

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2013

New York, San Francisco, Taipei

Organizer: Eric Tsai '08

Class of 2003, 10-Year Reunion

December 2013

Taipei

Organizer: Jeff Wang '03

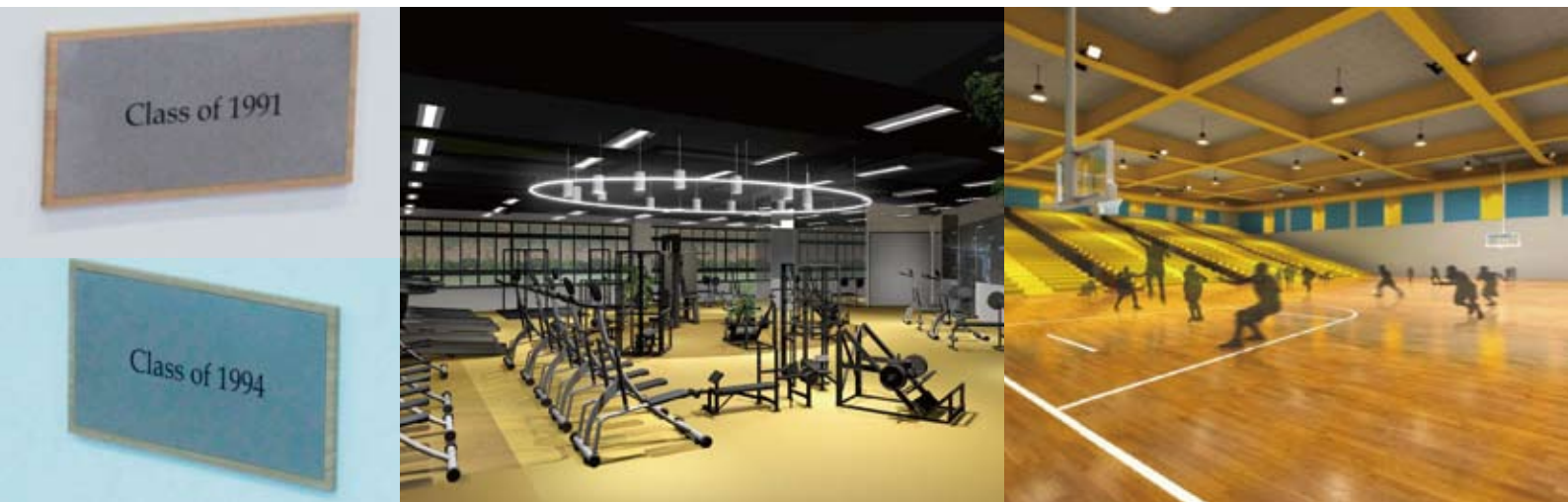
Visit the Alumni Section on the school website for direct links to specific reunion websites and facebook groups. If you are thinking about planning a reunion of any scale, contact the Alumni Office to let us know at alumni@tas.edu.tw. We can assist with communication and we'll even send you some TAS items for a raffle drawing!

A Thanksgiving Celebration in Taipei

The annual Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner held at TAS attracted an unprecedented 100 alumni and family members. Attendees ranged from the Class of 1965 to 2008. Everyone enjoyed the traditional turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Entertainment was provided by Eunice Png '07, who sang two songs she composed. During the school year, she performed several times with the TAS Jazz Band and received roaring applause at the Taichung Jazz Festival in October.



The **Alumni Online Directory** contains the email addresses and mailing addresses of TAS alumni. Log in to your Alumni Portal to look up alumni featured in this issue as well as to reconnect with your classmates.



Gifts restricted to Building Excellence Part 2 from members of the Class of 1991, 1992, 1994, and 2002 are recognized on plaques in the new building.

It's not too late for you and/or your class to make a gift to TAS! Donations restricted to Building Excellence Part 2 between NT\$25,000-NT\$499,999 are recognized on plaques in the new building.

For more information, please visit the Supporting TAS section on the website or contact the Alumni Office.

The Friends of TAS Foundation is a non-profit organization established to enable the Taipei American School to extend its long-standing tradition of excellence in education. Through charitable support from parents, corporations, alumni, and faculty, the Friends of TAS allows the school to achieve goals that would otherwise be unattainable.

Thank you to the following alumni who have chosen to participate in our annual giving program for the 2012-2013 school year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. This list is generated as of May 15, 2013.

Multiple Anonymous

Peter T. Shek '56
Susan Lynch '58
Barbara Blandford Helm '60
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Sandra Crane Worssam '61
James Payne '62
F. Samuel Gibson '63
Jamie Osgard Huizinga '64
Gordon Brooks '66
Diana Trubiani '69
Harold E. Lemke '70
Teresa Shyu Mayer '71
Phil Peach '74
Deanne Sayles '75
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Caroline Yen '77
1960-70's TAS Gym Shirt Project
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Diana Liu '79
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Takehiro Kawano '93
Roland Lee '93

George Sya '93
Timothy Wenger '93
Denise Young '93
Allen Chang '94
Daniel Chang '94
Janet Chen '94
Aileen Chen '94
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Chris Hansen '05
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Conrad Hu '09
Peter Lee '09
Kevin Lee '09
Joseph Lu '09
Oliver Silsby IV '09
Ervin Tsay '09
Julian Yao '09
Jeremy Ho '10
Andrew Huang '11
Laird Silsby '11
Eugene Tai '11
William Cheng '12

Former Faculty and Former Administrators

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Erwin Shyu '76 and Tina Fan
Rossana Ma Hsu '78

Oliver and Heidi Silsby '80
Emmet '81 and Jackie Hsu '81
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Aki '84 and Therese Liao
Karen Chyan '85
Simon Chen '86 and Daisy Chen
Nancy Chua '86
Charlotte Kuo '86
Timothy Chang '80 and Shirley Ko '88
Gilbert Bao and Kay Ling '88
Jason '89 and Carita Chang
Nancy Chua '89
Jeffrey Dawn '89 and Grace Tsai '89
Basco Kintzley '23, Byron Kintzley '21
and Bella Kintzley '19 (Benjamin '89
and Rebecca Kintzley)
Amanda Shen '23 (Ben Shen '89
and Chuan-Chuan Hsu)
Patrick '90 and Patricia Chiu
Philip Chiang and Joyce Yu '91
Richard '91 and Ting Ting Yang '93
Henry Ho and Rosaline Wang '92
Michael Chu '93 and Fantine Wang
Felix Ho '93 and Sylvia Chao '94
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Organizations

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- An alumni gate pass
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- Use of the four TAS libraries and book checkout privileges
- Campus parking permit for use before and after school and on weekends
- Priority admission for school-age children

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In memory of Marianne Moore

Susan Lynch '58

In memory of LTC and Mrs. O.E. Payne

James Payne '62

In memory of William Chen

Diana Trubiani '69

In memory of Mr. de Beauclair

Teresa Shyu Mayer '71

In memory of Karen Krancic

Deanne Sayles '75

In memory of Susan Ing '77

Caroline Yen '77

In memory of Tien Fu Hsu

Lawrence R. Hsu '96

In memory of Helena Hsu '93

Roland Lee '93

In memory of Donald Liu '80

Diana Liu '79



Conrad Lo '98 with Dr. Benjamin, the "Mathemagician"

Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar Dr. Arthur Benjamin

For the first several weeks of the school year, students were treated to daily displays of "Mathemagics", the astounding brand of mathematics performance and teaching of Dr. Arthur Benjamin, the second annual Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar. Dr. Benjamin is a professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College and a world renowned presenter, who is #12 on the most viewed TED talks.

Dr. Benjamin came to TAS last fall to share his love of numbers and patterns with our students. His goal during his stay was to broaden students' horizons, illuminate the fun, creativity, and endless possibilities that mathematics presents, and ultimately to encourage an approach focused "not just on solving X, but figuring out Y." He maintained a busy schedule, teaching at least two classes every day in addition to inspiring and entertaining students at assemblies where he dazzled with his mental acrobatics. According to Lauren Liang '14, "His presentations were extremely eye-opening because they highlighted the ways in which math could actually be fun and interesting to the ordinary student. Dr. Benjamin was able to portray problem-solving as less of a task, and as more of an intellectual exploration."

Taipei American School is privileged to continue to offer such extraordinary learning experiences. This Scholar in Residence program is made possible by a very generous annual gift to the Friends of TAS Foundation.

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Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund

Opening Doors of Opportunity

Taipei American School established the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships—temporary tuition support—to families experiencing financial difficulties. This scholarship fund allows students who would otherwise have to leave the school because of financial hardship to continue their education at TAS.

The scholarship deservingly bears the name of Hope N.F. Phillips, former teacher, principal, board member, and alumni ambassador at large. This scholarship had been her dream for many years. It bears the name of one who has greatly enriched the history of the school, and it ensures that capable and valued students are able to continue their education at our school.

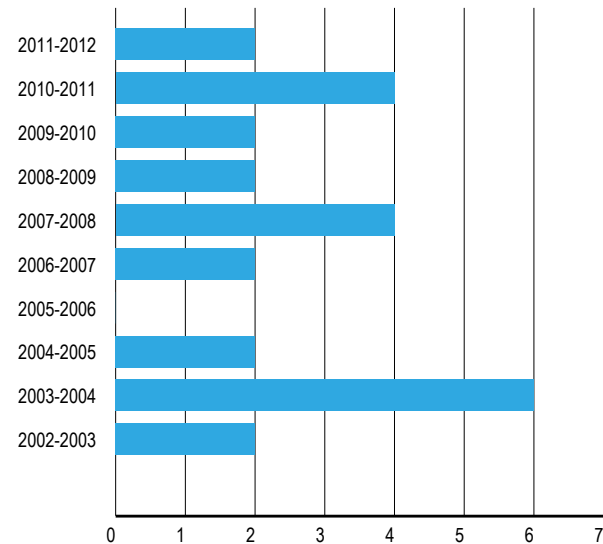
As an educational institution, it is our responsibility to provide an outstanding education to all who attend. We must also be prepared for the unexpected in the lives of our students. The Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund has directly impacted students at Taipei American School and will continue to do so now and for generations to come.

Following is an excerpt from a letter to Mrs. Phillips written by the parents of a scholarship recipient:

Our children have been studying at TAS a very long time. We are faced with financial difficulties due to business getting worse under world-wide economic situation. We seriously considered our children's education due to our financial issues and were very depressed before applying for the scholarship. We are very appreciative, grateful, and encouraged by the scholarship fund. We will never forget it and our children will have a chance to continue their wonderful education.

During the 2012-2013 school year, **four** current TAS students whose families experienced financial difficulty were assisted by the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund.

For previous years, the following numbers of students were assisted:



The ultimate goal of the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund is to build an income-producing endowment that will support students at TAS for generations to come. Parents, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and corporations are invited to contribute and assist us in growing this fund. Please support the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund.

Recent Visit with Hope N.F. Phillips

By David Koo '68

I took a detour just after New Year's 2013 through Washington, DC on my way from Santa Cruz, California, to McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. As a Professor of Astronomy at the University of California, I was invited to give an astronomy talk on super massive black holes. I planned to intersect with Mrs. Phillips and her daughter upon their return from a trip to Africa. Her daughter, Hope, had just retired from her position with the World Bank and lives in Virginia. Mrs. Phillips was on her way back to her home in Texas. We met up at a country Italian restaurant, Finemondo, in downtown DC. This is a favorite of Robin's as he also lives near DC. The meal was delicious and we had a delightful time together catching up with each other's lives and over mutual friends.



Photo from left to right: David Koo '68, Mrs. Hope N.F. Phillips, Hope C. Phillips '69, and Robin Phillips '65

Gifts to the Friends of TAS in Action: 2012-2013



Contributions to the Friends of TAS create opportunities for all students. Thank you to those who have participated in annual giving.

Gifts to the Friends of TAS continue to enhance the robotics program. Lower school teachers participated in professional development in the United States and middle school robotics students have access to 2 MakerBot Replicator 3D printers.

Thanks to gifts to the Friends of TAS, upper school students had the opportunity to attend an MUN conference in Qatar at the beginning of February.

Thanks to contributions, the middle and upper gymnasiums are equipped with 300-inch electric screens for the accompanying large venue projector, enhancing presentation capabilities for class meetings and public speaking events.

Thanks to a gift to the Friends of TAS, Chris Lehman, Senior Staff Developer with the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, returned to TAS from April 8-12 to work with grades 3-5. Chris taught and coached in lab sites, supporting teachers and administrators in developing rigorous and passionate literacy instruction across content areas.



Thanks to funding from the Friends of TAS, students in the Yearbook class, supervised by upper school visual arts department chair and yearbook sponsor David Badgley, have software to create a digital version of the yearbook.

Dr. Arthur Benjamin visited TAS for the first month of the school year as the second Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar. In addition to teaching at least two classes every day, he entertained students in all divisions with his "Mathemagics" assemblies.

As a donor, you can make a direct and immediate impact. Every gift is important to the school, as is every student.

Gala Ball



Heidi Silsby '80, former parents Boon and Siew Kang, and Oliver Silsby, Chair of the Friends of TAS

Gala Ball



The 10th annual Friends of TAS Gala Ball held on March 16, 2013, attracted a record number of alumni at the most well-attended Gala Ball. NT\$ 4.5 million was raised, and proceeds were designated to the TAS Annual Fund to support our Building Excellence Part 2 initiative to build a Health and Wellness Center and acquire bleachers for the new gymnasium. A special silent auction item was offered by Lynn Raley '71: a spectacular live piano concert with music by Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, and American composers. Rosalind Wang '92 was the top bidder for this item and her guests enjoyed a great performance at their home. Special thanks to all of our alumni volunteers, contributors, and participants.



Send your updates to TAS! We love hearing news from our alumni, especially when you meet up with other TAS friends. We are always delighted in receiving photos of these gatherings. Send submissions to alumni@tas.edu.tw.

RYAH WHALEN '01 MARRIED MAX DE GROEN IN ST. PAUL, MN ON JUNE 16, 2012



From left to right: Jessica Van Roo '01, Katie Travers '01, Jake Whalen '04, Ryah Whalen '01, Joyce Whalen (retired teacher), Ralph Whalen (current lower school counselor), Kathy Keenan (current middle school science teacher), and Dr. Louise Tolbert (former teacher).



MAGGIE RANK '10 AWARDED A MASTERCARD SCHOLARSHIP

Students at the University of Virginia enrolled in the Department of East Asian Languages Distinguished Majors Program automatically become eligible for the annual Mastercard Scholarship offered to encourage the study of Asia. The scholarship is awarded based on merit as evidenced by excellence in language study and creative approaches to Asia-related topics. The recipient, Maggie, a dual East Asian Studies and Chinese Language and Literature major with a minor in Religious Studies, has decided to take on the challenge of completing a Distinguished Major thesis in Chinese Language and Literature in her fourth year. Her project will focus on a collection of previously untranslated short stories by pre-revolutionary Chinese fiction writer Shen Congwen.

JANE CHANCE '63 (TAS 1955-57)



*Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished
Professor Emerita of English at Rice
University*

*Jane taught medieval literature and
medievalism at Rice between 1973-2011
and is now retired.*

I was honored by the Medieval Foremothers Society with a day-long symposium of papers by medievalists influenced by my research and discussion of my work at the Annual International Conference on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University on May 11. The day before that, I was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Social Science from Purdue University. I recall my years in Tien Mou as a child fondly. <http://swg.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=129>

Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs)

In addition to mastering a rigorous academic curriculum, TAS students will become:

- Enthusiastic collaborators
- Information-savvy learners
- Skillful communicators
- Conscientious citizens
- Creative thinkers
- Healthy individuals
- Ethical people
- Versatile learners



Former Faculty Visits



Mr. Richard Arnold with Mary Satian and her husband Sarkis

Mary Satian (formerly known as Mary Hodge) taught TAS second grade from 1973 to 1976. She and her husband Sarkis were on a tour of Southeast Asia and stopped by Taipei on their return trip. She has been an adjunct professor at NVCC since 1977 and teaches basic sociology now. She taught elementary school in northern Virginia for a few years and then became a visiting teacher in the same district (Prince William County) and retired in 2003. She reflected on her return to Taipei, "We hear of modernization, but to see all the freeways, subways, Starbucks, etc., was really a huge change! I am glad that TAS is still 'alive and well' even though in a new location!" She's in close contact with former faculty Connie Greathouse.

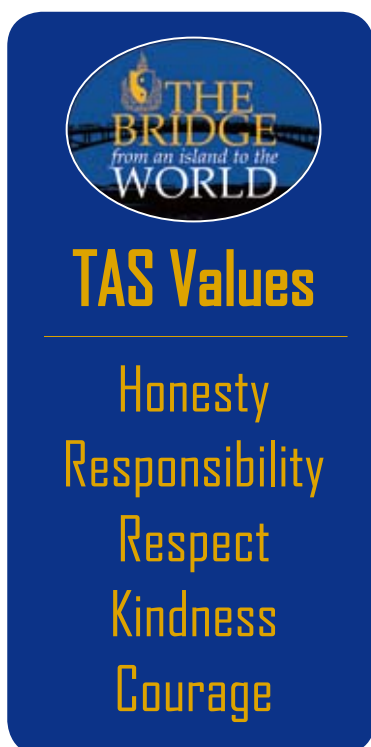
Geraldine (Geri) Fain and her husband Richard stopped by TAS in November on their way to a wedding in Hong Kong. Geri only taught at TAS for one year from 1970 to 1971, but they have fond memories of Taipei and Taiwan.



Mary Chua, a middle school teacher who retired in 2000, returned for a visit with her husband. She reunited with many friends in Taiwan. She enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren in the United States.



Dave van Eijnsbergen visited with his friend, Lucy Jacobs, in March. He started a Dutch program at TAS in 1986 and taught for two years. He finished a PhD in Art History and currently manages Asuka Tours in the Netherlands.



Former and current TAS administrators and teachers at the recruiting fair in Bangkok, Thailand



Back Row: Tom Pado, Catriona Moran, George Kaye, Maya Nelson, and Catherine Ventura

Front Row: Eric Sands, D.J. Condon, and Ed Ladd

Portland Reunion 2012



The Portland, Oregon, TAS group that gathers on a regular basis invited their Seattle friends to join them on July 14, 2012. Word spread and people from four other states joined the crowd, as did Kathy Cutler, the only current TAS teacher among the friends and former faculty. Cathy Funk was absent this year because she was in London where she is currently a MS principal. Her husband, Bill, joined the group at the Golden Horse Restaurant in Chinatown. There were 37 in attendance! Jan Clark and Susan Rinker, who spearheaded the event, called it a huge success. Henry Schwarz led a group on a walking tour of the Chinese Gardens and shared his knowledge of the lovely, tranquil spot.

The Alumni Office supplied many items for a drawing and participants added some of their TAS treasures to the assortment of prizes awarded. It appeared that a TAS shirt is still a hot item even to someone who left Taipei many years ago! There was never a lull in conversation as we shared news of people from the past, school events of the present, and memories we hold in our hearts from years in Taiwan and at TAS. The Portland folks proved to be great hosts, as they planned the event, provided housing for guests, did airport runs, and gave so many the opportunity to share fun and friendship. Thanks to them and to Glenn Wolfe who took photos from the exciting event.

Submitted by Louise Tolbert



CNY Portland 2013

Jan Clark, Dan Castelaz, Carol and John Chadwick, Mary and John Crull, and Charlene and Fred Schneiter attended the CNY celebration at Wong's King Seafood Restaurant in Portland on February 16.

We were delighted by a lion dance that paraded through the restaurant as we enjoyed our dimsum.

Photo courtesy of John Crull



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Founder

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Gordon Hwang '96 (TAS 1990-1995)
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Clarissa Shen '95, Vice President
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Randy "Skip" Doty '69 (1950-2012) of Perdido Key, Florida, passed away on July 31, 2012.

Skip was born in Jacksonville, NC. As a military child, Skip grew up in numerous places, graduating from TAS. Skip trained as an Engineer at the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School in Maryland. Skip had a lifelong love of the sea, and enjoyed a distinguished career as a nautical engineer and Merchant Marine. In 1982, while working aboard the LNG Aries, Skip risked his life to rescue 47 Vietnamese refugees from a 35 foot wooden boat in heavy seas about

200 miles off of the Vietnamese coast. For his bravery he was awarded the Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal by the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration. Skip served as Chief Engineer beginning in 1991 and retired in 2001. When not out at sea, Skip stayed close to the water, eventually moving to Perdido Key, FL. After his retirement, he repaired and renovated marine vessels and also worked as a yacht broker. Published in Star-Telegram on July 13, 2012



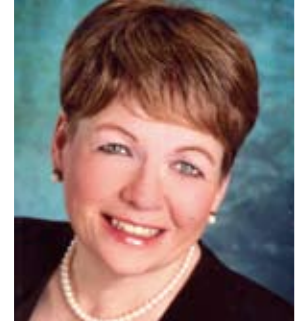
Michael Turner '71 died in late January

surrounded by loving family. He was overcome by illness in his home in Somerville, MA and died over a week later. He is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Felicity, and his beloved sons Miles and George. He also had two sisters, Linda and Kathy. He touched many lives with his loving and kind nature, his openhearted dedication to serving others, and with his integrity in his work as a carpenter and small business owner. He remembered his time at TAS with great fondness, often recalling the great friendships and carefree days in Taiwan.



Peggy Moore Powell '72 (1953-2012) was released from a valiant struggle

against cancer on Dec. 18, 2012 surrounded by family. Vacancy will go unfilled, but heaven is sweeter. Published in *The Oregonian* on December 31, 2012.



Debra Arlene Sloan '74 (1956-2012) passed away on July 12, 2012. Born in El Paso, she attended several schools as a military dependent and graduated from TAS and Golden Gate University. She worked for the Shaw Air Force Base Credit Union, Educational Employees Credit Union and as office manager for Dr. Ronda Beene, D.O., her best friend. Debra was a member of

A Tribute to Timothy A. Giddens '75 (1957-2013)



Submitted by Claudia LaGueux '75

It was late summer of 1970. The Vietnam War was escalating. The CIA sent my family to Taipei, Taiwan. During the same period, Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals sent the Giddens family to Taipei. I first met Tim Giddens at the school bus stop. We were 14 years old, both 8th graders at TAS. Tim was shy, maybe even a little awkward, but he had a big, engaging smile and the brightest blue eyes. We quickly became good friends. I have fond memories

of dances at Tien Mu Teen Club. When the band called "Mother Goose" played a slow song, Tim would point at me from across the room and we would dance. Time passed, Tim and his family moved to Indiana, and we lost touch. After TAS, Tim attended Culver Military Academy and later he graduated from Purdue University. He married Lydia, his college sweetheart. They were happily married for 30 years. Together, they raised two beautiful and successful children, Jessica and Christopher.

Southcliff Baptist Church and maintained a close personal relationship with our Lord. She loved her many dogs and had a real passion for knitting. She loved knitting for premature infants until her eyesight failed.



On March 30, 2013, **Grace Chen '95** passed away after a battle with leukaemia. She is known to her TAS friends as a talented musician and many alumni remember her on stage playing alto saxophone in the TAS Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble. She also played the piano, the flute, percussion, and she was

a great singer. In recent years, she devoted most of her time as a volunteer for the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, translating, editing, recording, and participating in a variety of activities. Her infectious positive attitude even in the face of misfortune and her unfailing generosity will remain with all who knew her.



Marianne Guppenberger '12 passed away from a fall in April at Syracuse University. She was a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. Her friends remember Marianne for her kindness, confidence, and ability to

bring people together. She was never seen without a smile and would greet every student she passed in the school's hallways. She had a "budding talent" for soccer and she held various leadership

positions at TAS. She was also very active at her university, serving as a founding member of the International Student Organization. Her kindness definitely left a mark.

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In Tim's words:

In 1983 I first noticed some spasms in my left leg. I was walking when my leg folded from under me. The spasms lasted for a couple weeks. I was given a spinal tap and the diagnosis was inconclusive. The symptoms went away.

In 1998 I began to feel numbness in my feet, making it difficult to walk. The numbness progressed rapidly to become very painful. I was given an MRI and a spinal tap. I was diagnosed with Chronic Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. Over the next 10 years my legs continued to weaken. I needed to use a cane to keep my balance.

From 1998 to 2008 I had two severe infections that caused an increase in my MS pain, and a decrease in my mobility. I was hospitalized each time and was given an antibiotic for the infection, and steroids to intensify the antibiotics. The steroids made me feel dramatically better. I had no pain, and I was walking normally. I was certain my MS was gone. In reality the steroids masked the symptoms temporarily.

In 2008 I suffered several life-altering losses.

My wife was diagnosed with aggressive uterine cancer. After a hard fought battle, Lydia died. My MS symptoms worsened. My business failed, I had to foreclose on my home, and I was forced to declare bankruptcy. I have lost the use of my legs and I am confined to a motorized chair.

I have always amazed my doctors with my positive attitude. I was fortunate enough to sit next to the president of the MS Society on a flight several years ago. She told me she was so impressed with my attitude that she wanted me to speak at one of the MS conferences. We never coordinated schedules. Today I want to help make a difference. I want to help find the cure.

Tim died on January 25, 2013 from complications of his MS. Tim never gave up. He battled enormous challenges and heartbreaking losses, the likes of which most could not endure. Tim Giddens was the strongest among us. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



*Submitted by Donald's sister
Diana Liu '81*

A Tribute to Donald C. Liu '80, M.D. Ph.D. (1962-2012)

2012 while trying to save two boys in the rip currents of Lake Michigan (the boys were saved), I knew in my heart that my simple childhood wish for "happiness" had been granted in the gift from God that was Donnie.

Donnie embodied everything that is beautiful in humanity. Underlying the professional achievement of being an internationally acclaimed pediatric surgeon and beloved Surgeon-in-Chief at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital, Donnie was extraordinarily compassionate, humble and generous with himself. The countless sick and severely injured children whom he saved loved him, and he was also known to visit the home of a dying child just to spend some time playing video games in the remaining days of the child's life. Outside of work, Donnie was a devoted husband to his wife Dr.

Dana Suskind and a giving, loving father to his three young children – Genevieve, Asher, and Amelie. Donnie was my best friend. Like twins (at only 10 months, 11 days apart), we often finished each other's sentences and were fiercely loyal to, and protective of, each other.

I thank TAS, the wonderful teachers, dear classmates, and friends (including those who came to TAS with Donnie and me from Bethany Christian School) for comforting my family, especially our parents Dr. Donald H.Y. Liu and Dr. Emilie Chua, in the wake of Donnie's death. I hold fast in my heart Donnie's great smile, which became even brighter whenever we talked about TAS and its good people (the last such time being our time together in Shanghai in July, 2012).

As children, we are often asked, "If you could wish for anything, what would you wish for?" Very few of us would wish for a sibling that would become our best friend who would be there to share the happy times and the challenges we face during our lives. We are simply too young when asked to make such a wish. When my brother Donnie tragically lost his life on August 5,

Former Faculty



Stephen Dennis Lane (at TAS 1979 – 1991) passed away in August, 2012 in Connecticut. He was a middle school teacher and loved by his colleagues and students. Known to very few people, his heroic military duty in the Vietnam War is featured in the book The War in I Corps by Richard A. Guidry.

The American Community School in Cobham, Surrey England, and The Rabat American School in Morocco. Dennis taught English in middle and high school at TAS from 1981-1985. Returning to the U.S. in 1986, Barbara began teaching at Indian Lake Central School, a position she held until her retirement in 2002. In a letter from Dennis, "After her retirement, she continued in volunteer leadership positions in our local community, raising funds for the library and serving as president of the local historical society. She was



honored in 2011 by the Chamber of Commerce for her contributions. Innovative, intelligent, and dedicated, I found these qualities to be characteristic of so many at TAS, and I have always been thankful that I had the TAS experience. I know that Barb would agree."

Barbara Wilson (middle school teacher 1976-1978 and 1981-1985) passed away in May, 2012 in Chestertown, NY. Educated at Illinois State University, Barbara majored in elementary education. She began teaching in 1968. After several years, she and her husband, Dennis, decided to see the world. They embarked on a 10-year odyssey that took them to three foreign countries, where they taught international students at Chengchi University in Taipei, Taipei American School,

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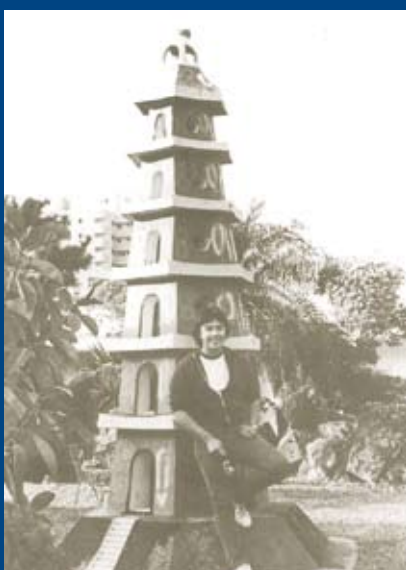
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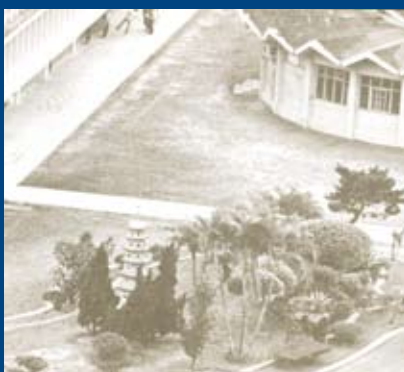
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