Joe Lurie, Executive Director, Announces Departure in June 2007

As nearly nineteen years of service as the third Executive Director in International House’s history, Joe Lurie announced in June 2007 that he will step down from his post to pursue new adventures. Said Mr. Lurie, “I’m interested in exploring the reinvention of International House, and in sharing the area that will have a positive impact on people’s lives.” Martha Herdendely, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, indicated that the news was accepted “…with regret, but also with tremendous appreciation for the leadership and dedication Joe has shown in serving International House for nearly two decades.”

Mr. Lurie accepted his position in 1988 after Sheridan Warick, the House’s second director, served 27 years from 1963 to 1987, stepped down. He was selected from among 185 applicants for the unique range of strengths he brought to the post: direct personal experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya for three years, professional background in major leadership positions with a variety of distinguished international exchange organizations, including AFS International and NAFSA: Association of International Educators, director of overseas academic programs in Ghana and France for the Experiment in International Living, and author of several publications on cross-cultural issues. Fluent in French and Swahili, Joe’s appreciation of the mission of I-House is and was enhanced by his status as spouse to Donna Rosenhall, 1-House Berkeley alumna (1966-70).

75TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN ENTERS HOMESTRETCH

As of October 1, 2006, 1-House was $800,000 short of securing a $500,000 Kresge challenge grant, one of the $10M for four key areas of operation: 1) Preservation of the building, 2) cultural programs, and funds for technology, will have secured $10M for four key areas of planning and implementation by the Board of Directors and through the involvement of alumni and supporters that literally span the globe. When complete, we’ll have ensured that the house’s mission.

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I-House as a Refuge
by Oscar Fekeiti, resident and former Washington Post Special Correspondent, Baghdad

Moving into International House this fall, I found myself the only Iraqi student among more than 550 new residents. Although my personal story, like anyone’s, is unique, I’ve come to recognize that today and throughout the history of I-House, thousands of students like me have found this place to be much more than a temporary home during their University studies, but a refuge: a refuge with priceless cross-cultural dimensions.

The Webster’s dictionary defines refuge as follows: 1) shelter or protection from danger, trouble, etc. (to take refuge from a storm). 2) a place of shelter, protection, or safety. 3) anything to which one has recourse for aid, relief, or escape.

A year ago, three residents of New Orleans literally took refuge from a storm at 1-House, leaving Tulane University in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and, like me, benefiting from I-House scholarships. One of these students, Rebecca Olson, at the time remarked, “It has been a wonderful experience, under the circumstances, to be around people who are all away from their homes.” Her words resonate with me, knowing that I am not alone in leaving my family behind in a place where I worry for their well-being. My own family remains in Baghdad.

For the three years prior to arriving here, I worked for the Baghdad office of the Washington Post as office manager and main Iraqi reporter. Although it was an exciting job and an advantage for me when jobs were scarce, it did come with a price that included death threats. The last one I

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Executive Director’s Message

Voices and Visions of Hope

By now the news of my upcoming departure in June 2007, after nearly twenty years, has reached many alumni and friends. While of course it will be wonderful to have an opportunity to try my hand at something else, I will always remain connected to the House in other ways. In the meantime, I look forward to tackling the important challenges that face the House in the coming months. The urgent demands of International House and our 570 new residents occupy my thoughts these days, and I wanted to share my own perspective on some recent events within the I-House community which you will read about in this issue of the I-House Times.

Meeting Dr. Sadako Ogata at our 75th Anniversary Celebration in Tokyo, Japan this June was among many special highlights of my tenure as I-House Executive Director. While the House has many notable alumni of whom to be proud, meeting Dr. Ogata and discussing her years of service to the United Nations as High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as the impact I-House had on her personal and professional development, was quite moving. This meeting took place less than a year after the House hosted an Anniversary event at the United Nations in New York to honor our 2005 Alumnus of the Year, Jan Egeland. His ongoing service as U.N. Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator continues to impress upon me how timeless the purposes of I-House remain. That the International House experience is cited by both of these prominent U.N. leaders as an important component of their education and efforts to build bridges among nations and serve the world’s most needy communities is no coincidence. The survey enclosed in this issue will help I-House better qualify the impact of our work beyond the overwhelming anecdotal evidence we have collected through the decades. I hope you will take a moment to complete this to help guide the House’s future.

As Dr. Ogata devoted years of her career to assisting refugees, International House continues to serve as an important refuge for people from many nations, as current resident Omar Fekeiki describes in his article on page 1. The caliber of residents like Omar, who comes to us as an experienced correspondent for the Washington Post, never ceases to amaze me. I have no doubt that many of the students traversing our halls in these fall months of 2006 may also find themselves upon the world stage in years to come.

Within the House, many facility improvements are taking shape as a result of our 75th Anniversary Campaign and the critical facility upgrades it is helping to realize. Renovations to restrooms throughout the building are helping improve services for residents and visitors with disabilities while replacing infrastructure that was dangerously near the end of its lifespan. Crossing the recently refurbished I-House patio and reading the names of so many alumni and friends who have supported this effort, as well as the plaques now being mounted outside many named resident rooms, is an inspiration as we look to conclude a campaign that has been more than five years in the planning and making. Steven Rockefeller was eloquent in his remarks at our 2006 Gala. He said, “The building of a multicultural global community is humanity’s ultimate social and political challenge. In the 21st century, meeting this challenge has become essential to human survival... The mutual respect and cross-cultural dialogue promoted by International House are fundamental to achieving this goal....Pessimists and political realists may tell us that ideals have no place in international affairs. However, it is the struggle to realize the ideal—what is true, good, and beautiful—that gives history and our individual lives their deeper meaning.”

I-House as a refuge (continued from page 1)

received was in mid-June. At the time, I knew I would be attending Cal as a graduate student in Journalism, but my situation was unresolved and I had few financial resources to afford rent or fees in Berkeley or I-House. A few weeks later I fled Iraq to Jordan, and an e-mail from the PhD and J-School told me my new home would be at International House.

Arriving here I noticed at the beginning of one hallway in the fourth floor a sign welcoming visitors to “Lebanon Street.” Seven Lebanese residents share four rooms in this hallway, the doors festooned with Lebanese flags. I was told even more Lebanese students had stayed in the House over the summer, unable to return home given the violence erupting in their native country. The hallway is a place they can gather together and, with other residents, tell jokes and share daily life stories to overcome the feeling of war’s terrorism. Ramzi Younis, a Lebanese engineering student who has hand made his native flag and displayed it on his door, told me he’s made so many I-House friends that he can’t keep count. “This place is so international... he remarked. I know he shares the same experience I do in being struck by the diversity of residents all around us.

The opportunity the House presents to encounter so many people from all walks of life in every country is remarkable. “You don’t need to travel for 20 years,” says my new friend Fabio Paolocci, an Italian resident, “you just sit and they all come to you.” It is fun to be talking to different people and enjoying fine different cuisines without having to pay for airfare, guides or drag luggage around airports and train stations.

As an Iraqi, traveling around the world isn’t easy. It is very hard to get a visa to almost any country in the world. My only chance to meet people from other parts of the world has been to coincide be in a place where foreigners are. Other than meeting fellow journalists in Iraq, it was almost impossible to meet more foreigners. Here I have a visa to dozens of countries, metaphorically speaking. The neighbor on the right side of my room is German, on the left is Korean, and opposite my room are American and Taiwanese students.

Given the Iran-Iraq eight-year-long military conflict in the 1980s, I’ve never had the chance to meet Iranians. Here I’ve met two of the three Iranians living in I-House. It is a great chance to exchange thoughts on our different understandings of the war between our countries. In the 1980s, we didn’t have the chance to talk to each other about the war and casualties. I’ve learned so much from them and we’ve answered for another several questions about the war that we’ve had for a long time.

Paolocci, an Italian resident, has become one of the best friends I’ve made in Berkeley. He takes a big burden off my chest when I talk to him. Without him, the news from home could depress me to the point of stopping all functioning. Because I have a new friend, now when I feel down, I call Paolocci and meet him at the I-House cafe. We talk almost every night.

I do wish there were more Iraqi residents at the House. I don’t have country mates like Younis from Lebanon to share stories from home with and I would like other Iraqis to experience life here. I am, however, reassuring the International House I-House has presented, and the sense of shared safe harbor in a world that is, in so many parts of our planet, troubled. Though I am alone among my countrymen here, I am not alone. I am a resident of International House—my international refuge and home.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and for the ways in which you carry the deeper meaning of the I-House purpose into your own daily lives.

Resident rooms debut in Fall 2006

Residents arriving at I-House in the fall of 2006 from around the world are, for the first time, moving into resident rooms that are formally designated with plaques honoring House alumni and friends. The first commemorative plaque was established outside room 495 and alumnus and donor Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952-54) was present for the installation. Also present was current room 495 resident, Mr. Paolocci, a visiting scholar at Haas School of Business from Germany. Jeanne’s former room carries both her name and that of her late husband Ladd, whom she met at International House.

“It’s a great idea,” said Thomas, when he met Jeanne, commenting on how unusual it was to get to meet someone who lived in the same room fifty years prior. He provided Jeanne with a tour of her former room, although a quick one, given the relatively narrow dimensions of private rooms. “I remember the room and the view from the window,” said Jeanne, who used to talk with Ladd from their respective windows when they resided around the corner of the fourth floor from one another.

The Room-Naming Project of the 75th Anniversary Campaign has already inspired over 20 alumni and friends to dedicate resident rooms in memory of a loved one or in recognition of their own time at I-House. Supporters of the Room-Naming Project end the Resident Education project to move forward while leaving a permanent mark on the halls of the House.

Another plaque installed naming room 81T this fall honors former resident Ron Olson (IH 1959-62), currently living in Brazil, who recently established a generous bequest toward the 75th Anniversary Campaign. Mr. Olson still maintains contact with many I-House friends whom he reconnects with each year in the US and Thanksgiving.

The heartfelt sentiments of Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Olson, along with dedications from other alumni and friends, will adorn the halls of the residential floors and become a part of the lives of current residents. By integrating a sense of the past in the I-House of the present, we hope to help today’s students appreciate the alumni who have been the heart of I-House throughout its seventy-five years.

NAMED ROOMS DEBUT IN FALL 2006

Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952-54) holds the House plaque dedicating her former room in honor of her and her late husband Ladd Griffith (IH 1952-53) with room 495 current occupant, Thomas Paolocci of Germany.
Café Patio Refurbished with Donor Bricks and benches

The outdoor terrace adjacent to the International House Café has recently been refurbished thanks to bricks and benches donated by contributors to the Architectural Heritage fund of the House’s 75th Anniversary Campaign. These contributions are working to support much more extensive renovation work inside the house to address upgrades to original plumbing and ventilation systems at the end of their lifespan, while improving amenities for students and visitors with disabilities.

Over 160 bricks have been sold, enabling contributors of $500 or more to create personal inscriptions for this popular site for residents and visitors. In addition, new benches have been dedicated, some as “loveseats” by I-House couples, through contributions of $5,000 or more.

Among the initial set of installed bricks was the first dedicated by a current resident. A master’s student in design/visual studies originally from Santa Cruz, California, inscribed his brick: “Thank you I-House, 2004-2007… I’ll take you to the Ballgame!”

Current residents may dedicate bricks at a reduced $300 level that correlates to room deposit fees.

Nathanial’s brick lies near the I-House for Breakfast, in October, 1958. Pat & Ken Taylor, a brick like dozens of others commemorating the union of couples who met at I-House. Also nearby are two bricks bought by long-time residents who moved on from I-House this year: Alberto Di Minin from Italy and Zalila Rybkowski, an American who came to I-House after living in Japan and Hong Kong for 10 years. Zalila, who dedicated her brick to her “improving parents,” had this to say: “This is an institution whose values I believe in, and I wanted also to thank my parents, who raised me with very similar values.”

New donor bricks will be added to the patio periodically as they are received. A grid for contributors to identify where their brick is placed is posted online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/donors.

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Eleven international I-House residents were invited to experience an American baseball game first-hand as guests of Chevron at the August 24, 2006 Giants game against the Cincinnati Reds. For many of the students, this was their first taste of the great American pastime, relished with hot dogs and Cracker Jacks, courtesy of the San Francisco Giants and the Cincinnati Reds. For many of the students, this was their first taste of the great American pastime, relished with hot dogs and Cracker Jacks, courtesy of the San Francisco Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.

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For 75 years, International House has opened its doors to students and scholars from around the world. Some facts about this year’s residents:

• 554 residents represent 62 countries
• 181 residents are from the USA
• USA, Korea, China, France, Germany, Japan have the greatest representation
• 264 are undergraduate students
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• 202 are undergraduate students
• 102 on international exchange programs
• 69 receive I-House financial aid
• Over 350,000 meals are served per year
• Most popular foods are spaghetti & meatballs, potstickers, shrimp & scallops, newborn chicken adobo
• 289 were introduced to I-House and to fellow residents at fall retreats
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Café Patio Named in Honor of Alumni

Egon von Kaschnitz, Austrian I-House alumnus from 1951-52 and current board member, and his wife Joan von Kaschnitz have recently agreed to lend their names to the newly refurbished café patio, allowing I-House to recognize their generous and ongoing support of its mission. A dedication ceremony is planned in 2007.

Divali Celebration Dinner in Dining Room

I-House observed the Divali Festival of Lights with a celebratory dinner in the dining hall on October 28, 2006. A special Indian buffet menu was offered, featuring Channa Masala, Gobi Aloo, Lamb Vindaloo and other Indian dishes. Divali is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs alike and symbolizes the victory of good over evil. Lights in the form of candles, lamps and sometimes fireworks are lit as a sign of celebration and hope for mankind. The Divali dinner is part of a series of theme dinners offered at I-House throughout the year. Other celebrations include Oktoberfest in the fall, Chinese Lunar New Year and a Native American dinner in the winter. Mardi Gras and an African American dinner in the spring.

Back row, from left: Taha Ozturk, Turkey; Burcu Biliker, Turkey; Benjamin Messia, France; Peter Robertson, Chevron Vice-Chairman and I-House Board Member.

Residents, alumni and the general public enjoy sunlight and shade and a Golden Gate bridge view on the newly improved I-House Café patio.

Cal’s Services for International Students and Scholars Expands

The need for increased staffing within Cal’s office of Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) inspired a major reconfiguration of I-House office spaces during the summer of 2006. The Arun and Ramsam Srinivas Program Office and the I-House Information Office Systems and Technology are now located on the first floor between the mail and laundry rooms, while the SISS offices were moved to accommodate the expanding staff of the SISS office. SISS is tasked with the challenge of assisting international students in navigating the regulations governing international student visas which have grown more complex since 9/11. SISS has added six new offices over the course of three years in order to keep up with the growing demands of international student advising.

Every international student who comes to Cal passes through the doors of I-House to access SISS, an autonomous administrative unit housed at I-House, which by virtue of its presence in the building helps recruit prospective residents to participate in House activities.

Berkely was originally chosen as the home for International House in 1930 because it was home to the largest number of international students on the west coast. Today, roughly 3% of undergraduate and 19% of graduate students come from overseas to complete degrees at UC Berkeley, along with thousands of visiting scholars and exchange students who visit each year to enrich their studies with time at Cal. In all, nearly 6,000 international students and scholars rely on the support of SISS each year.

Resident essays Capture I-House Experience

Each year, residents are challenged to describe their International House experiences in the Barbara Lynch Crossing Borders Essay Contest. In the winning essay for 2006, Nazanin Shahrakosi, an Iranian-American sociologist student, writes: I am sitting on a couch in the Great Hall, doing my readings… On the other side of the room, four people are playing cards. “Nazeran! Whose side are you?” Staff, from Israel, and Farhad, from Iran, in one team, Ivan, from Serbia and Cihan, from Turkey, in the other.

Come on! Are you on the Iranian side or on the Serbian side… An Iranian allied with an Israeli? No way! I am on the Serbian side. We all laugh. Strange faces fade away. I look around the Great Hall. Familiar faces smile at me. There is, now, a familiar face for me in almost all the countries in the world.

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If you have any comments or need help accessing the site, please email ihhousealumni@berkeley.edu. We look forward to seeing you online!

ALUMNI NEWS

ARCHIVE Project Volunteer Needed

Learn about the past 75 years of International House by participating in our photo archive project. Volunteers are needed for research and identifying cataloging and organizing photos from our archives. Contact Alumni Relations at ihhousealumni@berkeley.edu.

STAY @I-HOUSE

Plan a stay in one of two guestrooms or former resident of International House Berkeley.

To join @I-House Cafe! you must be a current or former resident of International House Berkeley.

To Register for @I-House Cafe, go to: http://ihouseline.berkeley.edu

• For those with PINs, printed on their mailing address label of this newsletter, click on Sign Up Today! (Your PIN is a unique number assigned to you by UC Berkeley when you complete a degree at Cal.)

• If you don’t have a PIN, click on Verify your I-House residency to request an account.

To view a slide show of pictures from the Gala, visit: http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni

GALA 2006 MAKES A SPLASH!

Nearly three hundred guests experienced the thrill of a traditional Japanese sake ceremony, or “Kagami Biraki.” At the 2006 International House Celebration and Awards Gala on May 9th, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, Board Member Steve Mannus and two current residents, Josephine Mutuga from Kenya and Kevin Stallan from Ireland, smashed the lid of a sake barrel to open the 75th Anniversary Gala. Seated at the head table, within splashing distance of the sake barrel, were keynote speaker, Professor Steven C. Rockefeller and I-House Global Citizen of the Year, Martha Hertelendy. Rockefeller, noted environmentalist and grandson of International House benefactor John D. Rockefeller, Jr. spoke in his keynote address about the need for a global ethic to embrace the common humanity of all people (see excerpt, page 2).

Ms. Hertelendy reflected on the meaning of “global citizen,” saying: “For me, it means being able to look into the eyes of anyone in the world and see myself reflected back, with the realization that we have the same aspirations and dreams for food, shelter, security, and livelihood for ourselves, our family and our community. A global citizen embraces diversity but see differing cultures as expressions of the same humanity.

In addition to these thought-provoking speeches, guests enjoyed inspiring musical and dance performances by I-House residents while feasting on a delectable menu designed by renowned Bay Area chef Narsai David. A roaring finale by the Oakland Interfaith Gospel choir brought the Gala to close. In all, the event raised a record-breaking $120,000 towards the House’s 75th Anniversary Campaign and the Alumni Times.

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UNITED NATIONS DAY: MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

The Chevening Auditorium was filled with residents, alumni and community members on October 2nd at I-House celebrated United Nations Day with an awards banquet cosponsored by the East Bay Chapter of the United Nations Association (UNA).

The theme of the evening was “Make Poverty History” and the program featured I-House alumni Julianne Carveright Taylor (IH 1951), and former Chancellor of the Monterey International, International, USA board of directors and current member of the board of the UNA. Other voices heard during the evening included a panel of representatives from Bay Area Consulates who presented their perspectives on how to fulfill the UN’s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

A Middle Eastern buffet was served in celebration of the end of Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting.

Later in the evening, East Bay community members were honored as “Diplomat Stars to End Global Poverty” for outstanding actions to fulfill the MDGs that have directly impacted the lives of the world’s poor. Honorees included Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Larry Brilliant, Executive Director of the Google Foundation. Guests also learned about how they can get involved in the movement to eradicate global poverty. This banquet was an expansion of the 1-House tradition of Lodestar dinner programs. Lodestar dinners host are held twice annually, local alumni and community members alike enjoy spending an evening at I-House, sharing dinner and conversation with current residents while listening to an interesting presentation. To be included on the mailing list for future Lodestar programs, simply check off the Lodestar item on the RSVP panel on page 7.

ALUMNI INVITED TO ELDERHOSTEL 2007

International I-House will host two week-long Elderhostel Programs in June 2007. Participating in these programs is a great way to return to the House, enjoy lunches by outstanding Cal faculty, and participate in activities with people who share your interests. Some alumni attend with I-House friends and have their own mini-reunion.

THE INTERPLAY OF RELIGION AND POLITICS, JUNE 3-9

Religion plays a powerful role in political issues and conflicts around the world. The world’s great religions inspire hope, understanding, and commitment to human rights yet they can also foster intolerance and conflict. Does living in a diverse world mean that there will always be violent conflicts? What is the political impact of growing fundamentalisms? What are the relationships between religion, democracy and human rights? Professors will discuss religions around the world that shape contemporary politics.

In addition to an exciting mix of academic programs, field trips include a campus tour, local museums, the UC Botanical Garden and a day-long trip to San Francisco to the stunning new De Young Museum followed by a ferry boat trip on the bay.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN TODAY’S CHINA, JUNE 10-16

China’s thriving economy is having a profound impact on the world’s economy and balance of power. What are the effects on contemporary Chinese society and on relations with the U.S.? What will replace the U.S. as the world’s superpower? What are China’s human rights issues and the prospects for democracy? What are the environmental impacts and effects on global warming? Explore current issues with University of California professors and other experts in a program co-sponsored by the Berkeley China Initiative. We will also enjoy field trips including a campus tour, local museums, the UC Botanical Garden and a day-long trip to San Francisco to the stunning new De Young Museum followed by a ferry boat trip on the bay.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The program fee for 685 includes lectures, accommodations, meals, and activities (including tours and Napa trip). To register or receive a catalog call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at www.elderhostel.org.

Elderhostel is open to adults, ages 55 and better. Registration for June programs begins in January. More information is also available on our website at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu.

To receive a flyer, check off the box on the RSVP form on page 7.

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Board Member Transitions for 2006-2007

After serving for nine years on our Board of Directors, three committed I-House supporters stepped down from their positions at the end of the 2005-06 year. Revere Gould, retired architect (IH 1943-44, 1946-48); Elizabeth Gordon, philanthropist, and George Foss, senior management consultant in financial services, have each completed the maximum of three three-year terms of service on the Board. Mr. Gould and Mr. Gould will continue to serve on Board committees for the coming year, and Ms. Gordon remains an important friend of the House as well. UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, President of the I-House Board, acknowledged the long-standing services of each member at the spring Board meeting and distributed small power models of I-House as a token of appreciation.

The Nominations Committee is currently reviewing the potential appointment of three new women nominees to the Board, and a vote will be taken at the annual meeting on Saturday, May 19th. A further update on new board members will be included in the spring issue of the 1-House Times.

TOKYO REUNION (continued from page 1)

I-House alumni ranging from the 1940s to the 2000s enjoyed the festive gathering, including a raffle with prizes, and a delicious assortment of sushi and other culinary treats.

The Tokyo reunion was organized as part of a series of I-House events centered worldwide in celebration of the House’s 75th Anniversary. Similar gatherings have been held across the US, Europe and Asia. A slide show of photos from the Tokyo event is posted on our website at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/events.
I-House Barbecue A Festive “Global Homecoming”

Residents joined alumni and friends on October 7th for a hearty barbecue buffet on the Heller Patio before the Cal versus Oregon Homecoming football game. Joe Lurie, Executive Director, welcomed the alumni and friends to the House and introduced new Executive Director Channing R. McDonald. “I am forever grateful for my years of association with I-House and its residents in personal as well as professional ways. I-House has become and will always be a permanent part of our lives.”

Joe Lurie Announces Departure in June 2007

“I have grown immeasurably in personal as well as professional ways from my association with International House and its many constituencies,” said Mr. Lurie in his departure announcement to I-House alumni and friends among residents, staff, alumni and board members. “I will hold them close in the years ahead, and will, with Donna, remain connected to I-House and its residents in personal ways. I-House has become and will always be a permanent part of our lives.”

Gideon Sofer Campaigns for Postage Stamp

Gideon Sofer, an I-House resident who has Crohn’s disease, met with the U.S. Postmaster General last spring to discuss the possibility of a stamp that would feature Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Gideon is on a campaign to raise awareness about Crohn’s disease, a chronic inflammatory disorder that has repeatedly landed him in the hospital for months at a time since he was twelve years old. “This doesn’t sound like a sexy subject, but it’s got to be talked about” Gideon says.

The meeting with the Postmaster was arranged by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that reaches out to young people who have diseases that may end their lives. “I’m so lucky to be alive,” Gideon recently told the Berkeleyan. “It’s not always easy to tell myself this when I relapse, but that’s what really gets me out of bed in the morning, and that’s what is motivating me to do whatever it takes to get this stamp approved.” Read more about the IBD stamp campaign at http://ibdcure.org.

Callaghan Hall Reunion

On April 28, 2006, a group of Navy men who lived at I-House during World War II returned for a reunion at their old home. Callaghan Hall, as I-House was known from 1943-46, housed the Navy’s V-12 program and was home to 900-950 Navy student trainees at a time. Six of these men returned, along with their spouses, to spend a weekend at U.C. Berkeley and reunite with old friends. All of the reunion attendees had spent two years living on the eighth floor of Callaghan Hall while studying to become engineering officers. The gathering was organized by Jack London of Auburn, CA.

Joe Lurie raises a glass with two World War II-era alumni: Dick Maguire (1943-44) and Jack London, who lived here while I-House was used by the Navy and known as Callaghan Hall (1943-44). See below for more on Callaghan hall.

Joe Lurie with former residents Joyal Laikam, Rudi De and Lily Yan as shown in an issue of the I-House News in 1988

Save the Date! Global Homecoming October 13, 2007 International Barbeque before the Cal-Oregon State game Go Bears!

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Gideon Sofer in his role at I-House displays one of the Websites he created to publicize his stamp campaign.

“Bay Area Hosts Needed

You can extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, visits to local attractions or a friendly connection through the International Friendship Program. To receive more information, please return the RSVP panel on page 7 and check off the box for the International Friendship Program or call (510) 642-9460.

Country Contacts

http://house.berkeley.edu/countrycontacts

Are you looking for a contact in another country? The alumni listed on the website noted above have volunteered to receive inquiries from alumni living or traveling in their area.

To volunteer to be a Country Contact or to update your listing, contact Bethann Johnson at johnsonb@berkeley.edu.

KUSUN ENSEMBLE WOOS THE HOUSE CROWD!

Performers from the Kusun Ensemble, visiting the Bay Area from Ghana, wowed a crowd of I-House residents, alumni and friends who attended their exuberant presentation of Ghanaian music and dance on September 26, co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Resident Student Council. The Kusun Ensemble’s style integrates traditional music with modern, innovative rhythms and is strongly influenced by African jazz. Their colorul and energetic performance electrified the crowd, many of whom couldn’t resist the impulse to dance to the powerful West African beats.

International House Couples

I-House couples from near and far: Titin and Margarita Horvaz (1939-40) of Berkeley and Valeria and Willie Yeh (1939-70), visiting from Australia. Both couples met at I-House and attended Homecoming, which was held on the patio where the Horvaz first held hands. The Yeh’s will live at I-House in 2007.

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Dave Carlson, far right, with his wife Janet Carlson, attended Homecoming with their son Dan and his girlfriend, Angie Jackson. Mr. Carlson’s father, Douglas Carlson, lived at I-House 1945-46.
Lillian Wuerfel writes, “Still going strong at 93—active in many community affairs. Works monthly column for local and public libraries’ Chaplet’s Newsletter.”

Betty Greenwald Sherman has completed some 35 plus years with US Foreign Service and now lives at the Trinidadian Public Service Association in St. Lucia, Van. Her husband Earl E. Sherman.

Anita Laurits Egeland and her late wife, Rhoda, received their grandchildren. Anita enjoys her art. The couple has 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

Bea takes money to “I-House with their children in August 2006 to “show their love for our son”. They now live in Houston, T exas. They still have four children and seven grandchildren.

Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, is working as Senior Staff Orthopedic Surgeon at the United States Navy for a traditional Nepalese engagement ceremony. Anita is currently attending the Harvard School of Public Health.

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A long-time resident of Los Angeles, born in Yosemite Valley.

Robert Bridges

June 16, 1968

A partner in the细me firm Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges.

Pauline’s Grandson

November 20, 2005

San Diego area man and property owner.

Betty Grant Austin

February 3, 2006

A Partner in the fine firm Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges.

Paula R. Forster

May 18, 2006

Distinguished Cal anthropologist generally known as the “Mother of the Mexican Revolution” for his pioneering research in the field. Author of more than 300 publications, including more than dozen books on theory, method and ethnography. Received the Berkeley Citation, the campus’s highest honor, upon his retirement in 1979. Department library named after Forster and her late husband, meta, who died in 2001. Survived by 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

John K. Galbraith

April 29, 2006

Ground-breaking oral historian, joined the Berkeley oral history team in 1969 and worked for social programming in economic policy making and served in the administration of Presidents F. Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson. Survived by her son, Carl, 3 grandsons and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ann R. Howson

September 24, 2006

An Australian alumnus remembered for his fast wit, warm and generous personality and the many injuries he received as a California Golden Bears football player.

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April 15, 2006

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Calendar of Events

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February 16, 2007
Lunar New Year Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m.

February 23, 2007
African American Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m.

February 28, 2007
Martin Luther King Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 17, 2007
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m.

April 21, 2007
Elderhostel Festival of Cultures / Gala, see page 3.

April/May 2007, TBA
Annual Celebration and Awards Gala, see page 4.

May 5, 2007
Graduation Gala Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m.

June 5-16, 2007
I-House Program, see page 4.

Ongoing Programs:

Mon. 8:00 p.m.
Social Dance Class - Learn new dance moves, free with an alumni card.

Thu. 7:00 p.m.
Lecture Series - $5 for the public, free with an alumni card and call the Program Office (510) 642-9460 for topics.

Mon. & Wed. 5:00 p.m.
Fitness Classes - Free with an alumni card, $5 for the public.

Wed. 5:30 p.m.
Language Tables - Call the Program Office for dates and languages featured. $8 for dinner.

International House welcomes newest group of alumni

I-House welcomes newest group of alumni

International House spring 2006 residents, from more than 60 countries, gathered for a final photo together. Welcome to our newest group of alumni!

Poster Commemorates 75th Anniversary

Berkeley-based internationally renowned artist David Lance Goines has created a limited edition 75th Anniversary poster for International House, pictured at right. The poster is a companion to a 50th Anniversary poster Mr. Goines created 25 years ago which is now a collector’s item. The new poster is available to purchase for $40 each, or two copies for $75. I-House donors of $25 plus will receive a poster as a donor recognition keepsake. Current residents may purchase the poster for a discounted student rate of $25 each. All but $15 per poster payment is tax deductible as an allowable contribution to I-House. For details, contact the Alumni Relations office at (510) 642-4128 or visit http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni.

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