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PROGRAMS ON PEACE & POLITICS SPARK DEBATES AND DIALOGUE AT I-HOUSE

Residents, alumni, and community members are filling I-House to capacity for an expanded schedule of high-profile events focusing on peace and politics worldwide. Prominent officials, activists, artists, authors and academics have shared insights



President Michelle Bachelet of Chile addressed an admiring crowd at I-House in June.

on their work to promote peace, and, combined with public screenings of U.S. Presidential Debates and Election Night results, have sparked dialogue on a range of global challenges.

to form an association between Chile and California as part of a new relationship." Following her I-House remarks, which also addressed her unique status as the first woman to be elected to the Chilean Presidency, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau presented Bachelet with the Berkeley Medal, the campus's highest honor.

Officials Provide Perspective

President Michelle Bachelet of Chile spoke to a standing-room only crowd at I-House in June as part of her UC Berkeley visit exploring green technologies for energy independence. "In contrast to the 1960s and 1990s, Chile has not come here to ask for aid," President Bachelet told the audience... "[but] to

Congressman Tom Campbell was the featured speaker at a resident-alumni Lodestar Dinner held two days after the elections. The former Congressman, current professor, and former Dean of the Haas Business School, attracted 200 attendees who appreciated hearing his insights on the topic: *What the U.S. Election Results Mean for America and the World*.

Elections Spur Discussions

U.S. Elections and speculation about ground-breaking firsts in the Presidential and Vice-Presidential contests fueled active participation in the House's public screenings of Presidential Debates and Election Night Coverage, where residents engaged in vigorous discussions and debate with a panel of resident and expert commentators.

Activists, Artists, Authors, Academics



Bobby Shriver

Kennedy Family member Bobby Shriver came to I-House in October to address debt relief and AIDS in Africa and the lessons he has learned by uniting politicians, celebrities,

corporations, and governments around the world in innovative ways.

Professor George Lakoff discussed his book, *The Political Mind: Why You Can't Understand 21st Century American Politics with an 18th Century Brain* in September.

Jim Berk, filmmaker and producer of *An Inconvenient Truth* and *Syriana*, addressed the topic of *Film and Media as Tools for Social Change* in October.



Vangie Canonizado Buell (left), a retired I-House staff member, and Evelyn Luluquisen (right).

Filipinos in the East Bay authors Vangie Canonizado Buell and Evelyn Luluquisen joined co-authors Ellie Hipol Luis and Lillian Galedo to reflect on the lives of Filipino immigrants at a September program. Speakers discussed the hardships, achievements, and activism of Filipino immigrants and their families.

Professor Daniel Kammen, UC energy and resources expert, addressed *Climate Change and Peace* in September and explained the work of the Nobel Prize winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Spring 2009 programs will include Queen Noor of Jordan, co-sponsored with the Blum Center for Developing Economies, and Imran Kahn, Pakistani Cricket legend and political activist, with the Center for South Asia Studies. Visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/calendar> for details.



I-House Programs are coordinated by student Program Coordinators under the guidance of Program Director Dr. Liliane Koziol. Pictured (back row, from left): Bahador Jafarpur (USA/Iran), Dake Li (China), Kylan Schroeder (USA), and Koichi Tsunoda (Japan). Front row, from left: Pauline Loh (USA), Berengere Pedepreat-Lamenchinou (France), Dr. Liliane Koziol, and Lisa Fleming (USA).



Ephrem Shifa, a Civil Engineering student from Ethiopia, was one of ten students who released doves prior to the October 12th Sunday Supper honoring the Peace Projects of I-House residents. Doves symbolize hope for world peace and the release ceremony affirmed the mission of I-House to promote tolerance and peace.

RESIDENTS COMPLETE PEACE PROJECTS

In the summer of 2008 four I-House residents completed international Peace Projects, each made possible by \$10,000 awards from Kathryn Wasserman Davis, a 1931-32 alumna of I-House New York, which graciously facilitated the peace grants.



I-House resident, Ana Villareal, Mexico with Cambodian and Vietnamese children during Peace Camp, her Davis Project for Peace.

Recipients shared stories of their adventures at the October I-House Resident Sunday Supper. Ana Teresa Villareal from Mexico reports, "I think the most important outcomes of my project are the friendships that were started among children from different nationalities and the development of their own interest in going to school and learning each other's language." Her Peace Camp in Cambodia promoted friendship among Cambodian and Vietnamese children in a town where communities were historically at odds.

By promoting cross-cultural play as a means for teaching tolerance, Villareal's initiative eased some of the tensions and cleared the way for healing through bilingual education in the context of sports and friendship. Over 200 children from both communities enrolled in a four-weekend football, volleyball, and art camp with one condition: to sign up, each child had to find a partner from the other

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NAVIGATING ACROSS CULTURES:
BRIDGES TO OPPORTUNITY



Martin Brennan, Executive Director

I was once counseled to wear a tie so people would conclude that the I-House Executive Director is a serious person. Anyone who caught a glimpse of me at our fall orientation retreat as I trembled on a steel cable suspended between two redwoods would have concluded otherwise even if I had been clad in a tuxedo!

The activity was designed to demonstrate the importance of community. Frankly, the challenge looked impossible: two residents start from opposite ends, each clinging to a shaky lifeline which they exchange as they try to move past each other on the rope. There is no way to accomplish this gracefully and there is no way to accomplish it without the help of newfound friends who are lined along both sides of the rope to sustain and encourage. My turn came: “Hey, Martin would you like to go?”

I replied with great exaggeration, trying not to reveal my hesitancy, “Of course!” It was only when I was virtually horizontal, yet still on the cable, that I fully realized the beauty of allowing the I-House community to sustain me.

The rope walk provides an apt metaphor for I-House. Our experience of learning to move across cultures with respect and understanding is not a solo endeavor but the fruit of many interactions within a supportive community. We learn to trust and accept. No need for a tie.

The grace our residents demonstrate in navigating the challenges of crossing cultures is remarkable – even as they open new worlds of possibility for themselves and others through this path. This newsletter profiles the stories of many with such grace: Peace Project scholars (pg. 1), Sustainability Interns (pg. 3), Alumna of the Year Chitra Divakaruni (pg. 5), the founder of the Blum Center for Developing Economies, and I-House residents working with the Blum Center (pg. 5).

A former resident, Denny Gulick, now a Math professor, wrote to me recently about his warm memories of I-House in the early 1960s, observing

Nowadays, when the world is being split apart by nationalism and strife and misunderstanding, it is ever more important for young people of all cultures to be able to fraternize, understand, and appreciate each other.

This truth was honored when Denny and I joined with hundreds of guests and friends this September to remember Denny’s late aunt, the remarkable Betsy Bacon, who was a devoted champion of I-House through decades of service (pg. 5). Betsy’s life was a force for I-House. The fruit of her efforts still ripen as these comments from 2007-2008 resident Bruno Abreu Calfa attest:

...I-House has made a colossal change in my life. I have made friends from all over the world with whom I want to keep in touch for all my life. I understand much better what it is to respect other cultures. I have become more interested in giving a helping hand to those who are in need and have recently engaged in a community service as a volunteer. Now, I feel much more that I am a citizen of the world,...all thanks to I-House! Please, wish my compliments and acknowledgements to all those who make I-House an unforgettable place!

I am happy to extend my appreciation for all who keep the mission of I-House so vital and who make I-House “an unforgettable place.” Thank you to the alumni who carry the I-House community into their lives far from Berkeley. Thank you to the donors who support this community. Thank you to those who leave I-House with the tolerance, respect, understanding, and international friendship that form the foundation of a more peaceful world.

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Martin Brennan
Executive Director

MARTHA HERTELENDY DEDICATES ROOM HONORING
DONNA ROSENTHAL, FORMER FIRST LADY OF I-HOUSE

On Friday, June 27th Donna Rosenthal (IH 1969-71), along with her husband, former I-House Executive Director Joe Lurie, came at the invitation of Board Member Martha Hertelendy to celebrate the unveiling of a plaque dedicating Donna’s former resident room, #497, in her honor. A recent generous gift to the I-House Architectural Heritage Fund made by Ms. Hertelendy reserved this naming opportunity, a practice that was launched four years ago and which has resulted in thirty room dedications throughout the House, raising \$600,000 to support critical capital improvement projects. The text of the plaque now hanging outside room #497 is below. For more information on room dedications visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming>.



Dedicated to Donna Rosenthal

In honor of Donna Rosenthal (1969-71), author and international journalist, whose mind and world were opened in extraordinary ways through experiences and friendships in this global village. In room 497, she imagined marrying a future I-House Executive Director. Donna’s dream came true when her husband, Joe Lurie was appointed I-House’s third Executive Director, serving from 1988 to 2007. This room dedication was made possible through the generous support of Martha Sam Hertelendy, Vice Chair of the I-House Board of Directors (2004-2008) who lives the I-House vision.

UP FROM DOWN UNDER AND UNDER THE DOME



Alumni couple Valerie Lank Forbes (IH 1969-70) and Mel Forbes (IH 1969-70) visited I-House from Australia in October and posed near their inscribed brick on the cafe patio (see below). The Forbes' son, Benjamin, lived at I-House in 2007-08. To dedicate your own brick see the enclosed envelope or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming>.



CAMPUS CAMPAIGN KICKS-OFF

UC Berkeley has announced a ground-breaking campaign with a \$3 billion dollar fundraising goal that represents the largest ever for a public university. The Campaign for Berkeley kick-off for fundraising and alumni relations staff was held at International House on September 9, just prior to a week of public and private events to highlight the aims of the campaign. Says Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, “We seek to raise \$3 billion over the next five years to attract and retain the country’s most distinguished faculty, expand opportunities for exceptional students, support creative collaborations needed to solve pressing world issues, and strengthen UC Berkeley’s core mission to serve the societal good.” The campaign will involve all of the campus's 14 schools and colleges and numerous departments. Although I-House is a separate non-profit with 501(c)3 status, gifts made during the 2008 – June, 2013 campaign timeline which are directed to I-House and credited through the UC Berkeley Foundation will be included in campaign tallies and entitle donors to Campaign giving benefits.



Alumni relations staff from across campus heard Chancellor Birgeneau announce Cal’s new campaign and its “Thanks to Berkeley” theme in I-House’s Chevron Auditorium.

The “Thanks to Berkeley...” campaign theme enables the broad Cal community to share individual stories that together paint a portrait of the tremendous pride and gratitude so many have for Cal’s impact on creating opportunities, transforming lives and shaping a better world. Funds raised will also close the funding gap between UC Berkeley and its elite private peers, which have grown large endowments, and use them, in part, to compete for the nation’s top students and professors. While UC Berkeley’s endowment was \$2.9 billion in 2007, Harvard University’s was \$34.9 billion. To learn more visit <http://campaign.berkeley.edu>.

GRANT SUPPORTS I-HOUSE “GREENING” PROJECTS

A recent grant from the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability is helping I-House become more “green” and sustainable. Funding will compensate two student interns each working five hours a week to research, promote, and evaluate I-House projects to reduce energy, water and food waste, increase recycling, and heightened awareness of sustainability issues and practices.

Student interns, Aman Goyal, an environmental engineering grad student from India and Wanyi Zhao, a public policy grad student from China, will also work in conjunction with the campus Advisory Committee on Sustainability and the new UC Vice Chancellor for Sustainability Lisa McNeilly, in order to promote best practices from residence halls and other universities with similar initiatives. Campus recently committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2014.

“I’m looking forward to determining things like how many gallons of water or kilowatt-hours of energy are used per resident each month,” says Aman. Wanyi says, “Together we’ll work with residents to promote messages around sustainable practices and create goals with fun incentives to inspire and measure change...we can’t wait to get started!”

Aman and Wanyi will also meet with resident and staff members of the I-House “Green Team” which was organized earlier this year. That group helped initiate



A UC Berkeley Sustainability grant is providing funds to employ residents Aman Goyal and Wanyi Zhao to promote “green” behavior at I-House.

“trayless dining” in August, eliminating trays used for carrying plates in the I-House dining hall. Just two months after the project’s inception, Director of Dining Services, Gary Beitch, estimates that food waste has decreased by approximately 30% and kitchen use of hot water has decreased by more than 12,000 gallons per week by not washing trays.

Greg Rodolari, Director of Physical Operations, reports that recycling practices at the House have expanded to include collection of printer cartridges, cell phones,

batteries, electronic devices, and clothing. He also cites a recent donation of 600 compact florescent light bulbs which Aman and Wanyi will help ensure residents install to replace less efficient standard bulbs in student desk lamps.



Bret Strogon, member of the “Green Team.”

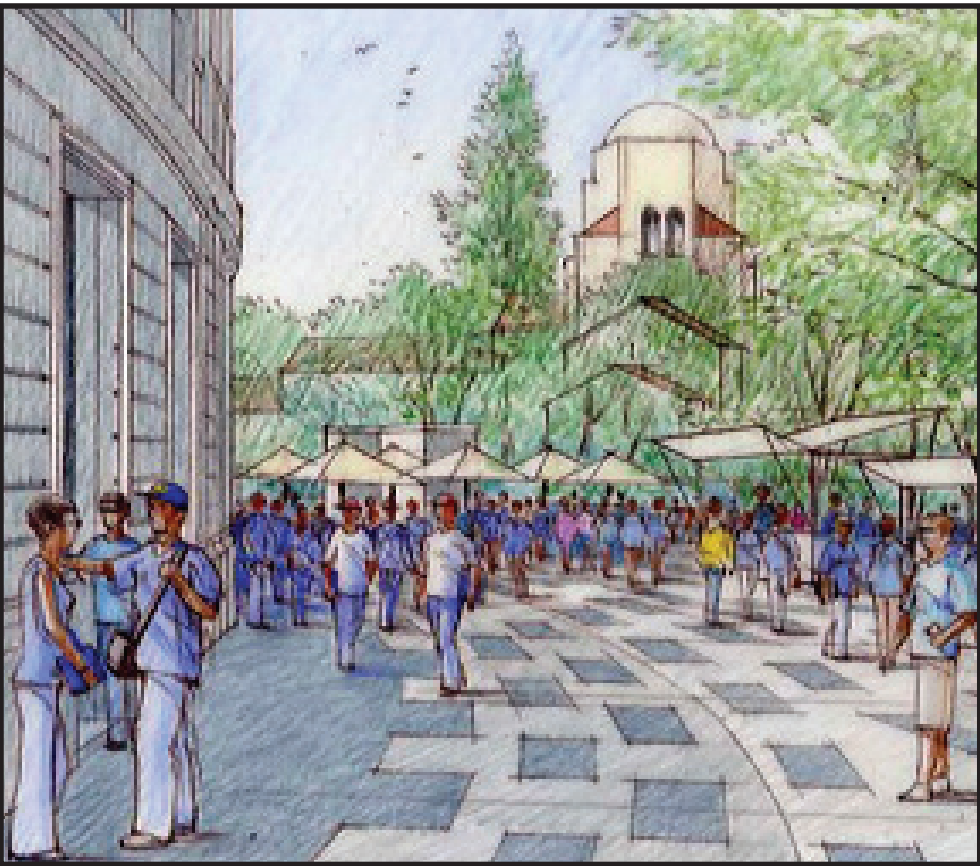
“Most of us came to I-House in hopes of learning to understand and help solve global challenges,” says Green Team and Resident Council member, Bret Strogon, a Ph.D. student in environmental engineering. “At I-House we have a strong calling to live lighter on the earth. It is important to remember that today more than one billion members of our global community lack clean water, energy, food, and sanitation. Learning to be conscious of natural resources, and to appreciate how much we rely on them, is a first step.”

Through these efforts I-House hopes to improve conservation and recycling activities at I-House while educating residents on sustainability practices they can share in their home communities around the world.

Support I-House greening goals by sharing advice and the stories of alumni who are leaders in the sustainability field. You can also reduce paper use by signing up for the I-House Times by e-mail. Visit our web site or write ihalumni@berkeley.edu for details.

ATHLETIC CENTER WILL BE NORTH OF I-HOUSE

Construction to begin as early as January



An artist’s sketch shows the view of I-House from the new plaza on the rooftop of the Student-Athlete High Performance Center.

Soon after tree-sitters gave up a 21-month protest to impede the removal of trees north of I-House in September, University officials announced plans to speed up repairs to Memorial Stadium and launch construction of the Student-Athlete High Performance Center. Phase I of the project includes construction of the \$140 million center beginning as early as January, slated for completion in 2011. Phase II is retrofitting and modernizing the stadium’s west side and is expected to be completed in 2014.

I-House Physical Operations Director Greg Rodolari says, “We are in close contact

with the campus through the planning and construction processes and together we are aiming to minimize impact on I-House residents. The Athletics Department has been helpful in making presentations at I-House so everyone understands the process.”

“Ultimately, we hope the House’s prominence next to such a popular venue should increase interest in and awareness of our mission and programs,” says Development Director Shanti Corrigan.

A WISH FULFILLED!

Alum Donates Projector and Screen

An anonymous alumnus recently granted a wish from the “Resident Wish List” (see below) included in our last newsletter. Residents had asked for a quality screen and film projector that would enhance the House’s capacity to screen cross-cultural films. After several meetings to select the most appropriate equipment, a state-of-the-art screen and high resolution projector with long range lens were installed in November 2008. The new equipment will replace a screen damaged by years of heavy use and enable high-definition screenings in the Chevron Auditorium of films on Blu-ray disc format. “For the first time, I-House will be able to use our projector booth at the rear of the Auditorium to show high resolution films,” says Tim Lynch, Events Manager. “After years of hoping we’d have this kind of technology, I’m thrilled that our residents’ wishes were fulfilled with this generous gift.” The Resident Council is planning a film series in the spring to make use of this much-appreciated new resource.

Resident Wish List

The following list was compiled by residents as items that would contribute to the quality of life of residents of I-House. Contact the Development Office for details if you might contribute or to help make these dreams come true:

- ✓ Film Projector and screen for Chevron Auditorium
- Wireless access technology for resident floors
- New concert grand piano for performances
- Natural gas line to allow fires in the Great Hall fireplace
- New sofas and drapes for the Great Hall
- More field trips, like the trip to Google

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES & CAL DAY ARE APRIL 18

The Festival of Cultures at I-House and Cal Day on campus combine to make April 18, 2009 a great day to visit Berkeley. Traditional dance performances, music, an international fashion show, consular tables, crafts, and tempting treats from around the world are highlights of the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures. Details at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/springfest>.



The campus also opens its door to the community for Cal Day on April 18 with free lectures, tours, and special activities. For more information, see www.berkeley.edu/calday/.

Bay Area Hosts Needed

Friends and alumni of International House are invited to extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, outings to local attractions, and, most of all, friendship. To receive more information about the International Friendship Program, please return the RSVP panel on page 7 or email ihprograms@berkeley.edu.

I-HOUSE WELCOMES 2008-2009 RESIDENTS

For 78 years, International House has opened its doors to students and scholars from around the world. Some facts about this year’s residents:

- 574 residents represent 65 countries
- 156 residents are from the USA
- Men outnumber women, 57% to 43%
- 37 students are from China
- France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Norway and Taiwan each have 19-36 residents
- Our diverse community includes students from Burkina Faso, Estonia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Pakistan, Peru, Russia and Thailand.
- 59% are grad students or visiting scholars
- 41% are undergraduates
- 18% receive I-House financial aid
- 300 residents learned about the House and met fellow residents by participating in fall retreats

COUNTRY CONTACTS

<http://ihouse.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 ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

CONNECT TO I-HOUSE ONLINE!



If you are a current or former resident of International House Berkeley you are welcome to join **I-House@cal** – a unique online community where you can:

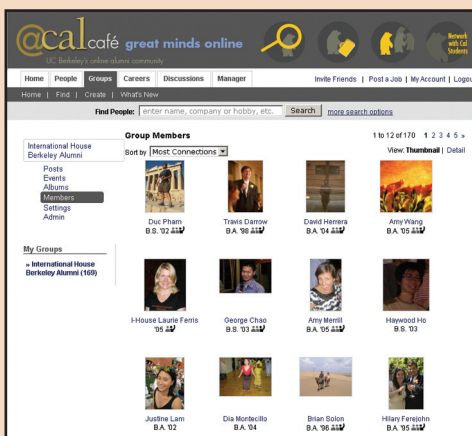
- Meet or re-connect with fellow alumni
- Make new I-House friends in your area or while traveling
- Share photos
- Plan reunions
- View or sign-up as an I-House Country Contact
- Post announcements and job opportunities
- Share or ask for tips on navigating cultures
- Read blogs or add your own blog
- Join an alumni club or create your own club

The site is affiliated with UC Berkeley so a single sign-in connects you both to fellow I-Housers as well as alumni from your academic unit at Cal.

The site includes access to the **@calcafé** – with many fun social networking tools – even the chance to map your contacts world-wide.

To Register for I-House@cal, visit:
<http://ihouseonline.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.
- Once you log in, join the I-House Berkeley Alumni Group (see screenshot below) and use other features of the @calcafé.



Need help or want to provide feedback or comments? Email **ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu**. We look forward to seeing you online!

I-HOUSE'S POPULARITY GROWS ACROSS THE WEB

I-House's presence is expanding all across the Web. Not only is I-House ranked in the top 10 in Google for search phrase "Berkeley student housing" but we're also seeing an increased visibility on many social networking sites. You can now view comments and testimonials from many of our residents, alumni and the public. Below is a sampling of sites that have communities or information about I-House:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com
- My Space: www.myspace.com
- Wikipedia: wikipedia.org
- Yelp!: www.yelp.com
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/IHouseBerkeley

We invite you to participate and keep us posted about other networks that celebrate I-House Berkeley. See you on the Web!

SILICON VALLEY REUNION

More than seventy alumni gathered poolside in the stunning gardens of Board member Atef Eltoukhy and his wife Fofa's Woodside home for the first reunion convened by I-House in Silicon Valley. Guests included alumni from the 1950s to 2007, who enjoyed one another's company, international appetizers, and remarks from Board member Jawahar Gidwani (IH 1973-76), Founding Chairman and CEO of NeoKismet, L.L.C. on *Nanosolutions to the Energy Crisis*. Mr. Gidwani holds numerous patents for nano-clean-energy generation systems and was accompanied by his wife, Catherina Paolina (IH 1976), whom he met at I-House.

Attendee and alumnus John Pietrzyk (IH 1967) said, "What a fabulous venue and fascinating program! It's always a pleasure to re-connect with I-House...a place many of us in Silicon Valley can attribute to shaping our lives in important ways. I myself would never have joined the Peace Corps if not for my I-House experience." Enthusiasm among participants has sparked initial planning



Alumni gather at the Woodside home of Board member Atef Eltoukhy.

for another reunion in the area in 2009. Check <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/reunions> for updates.

1970S FRIENDS HOLD REUNION

I-House alumni from 1976-1980 came together on June 21-22 for a weekend of reunion activities including *dim sum* in San Francisco, a walking tour of campus, and brunch with Executive Director, Martin Brennan and Director of Development, Shanti Corrigan. The reunion, which was coordinated by Kathryn Anthony (IH 1976-79) and Maura Mack (IH 1976-78), brought together 35 alumni from around the globe. During brunch at I-House, they

shared stories of how I-House impacted their lives and enjoyed learning more about current and future projects on a tour of the House. Kathryn and Maura and I-House look forward to welcoming an even larger group for a scheduled 2010 Summer Solstice weekend!

Interested in planning your own alumni reunion? Contact Shanti Corrigan at shanti@berkeley.edu or (510) 642-0124.



KARL PISTER SPEAKS AT 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALLAGHAN HALL

From 1943-1945, International House was rented to the Navy and renamed Callaghan Hall. Between 800 and 900 students in the V-12 Navy College Training Program then lived in the House while completing their degrees before being commissioned into the Navy and Marine Corps. During this era, the traditional I-House community moved to several fraternity houses.

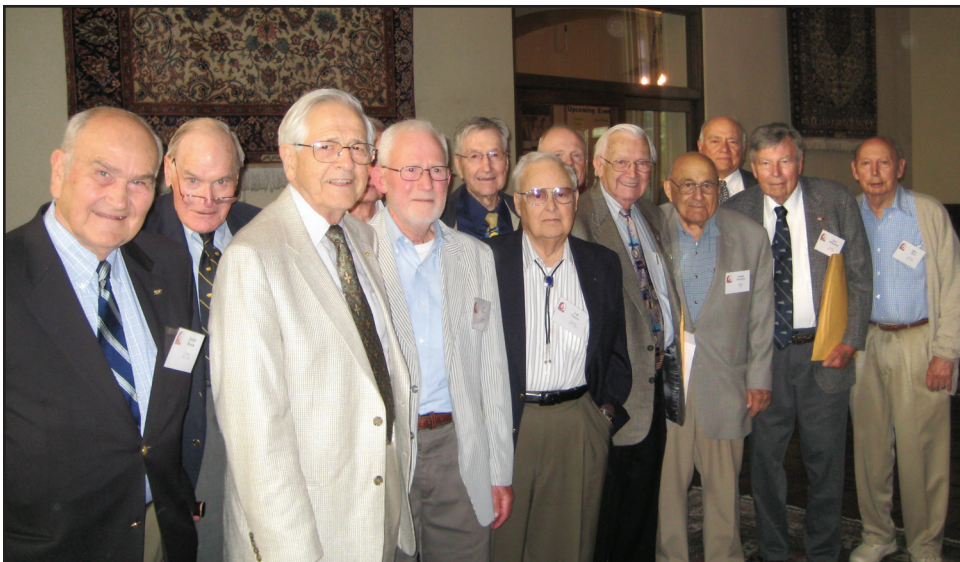
Callaghan Hall alumni gathered at I-House for an afternoon tea on July 31 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Callaghan Hall. Dr. Karl Pister, who lived in Callaghan Hall, was the guest speaker. He is a former

Professor and Dean of Cal's College of Engineering and Chancellor Emeritus of UC Santa Cruz.

Dr. Pister unveiled a plaque commemorating Callaghan Hall that states:

"International House honors the service of these men to forge a world in which the spirit of brotherhood and the principles of I-House might be renewed."

The plaque is mounted in the Dining Hall and the full text can be viewed at: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/events/callaghanhall/>



From Left: Joseph Woods (IH 1943-44), Richard Heggie (IH 1943-44), Featured Speaker, Karl Pister (IH 1943-45), Al Garren (IH 1947-48), Zeph Rose (IH 1943-45), L.R. Cameto (IH 1943-45), Paul Grunland (IH 1943-45), C. Reed Robbins (IH 1943-45), Charles Tateosian (IH 1944), Fred Lange (IH 1944-45), John Williamson (IH 1943-1945), Kirby West (IH 1943-44).

STAY AT I-HOUSE

Plan a stay in one of two guestrooms and re-experience International House! Contact the Events Office at (510) 642-0589 or email ihevents@berkeley.edu. Guestrooms are popular so reserve well in advance.

ALUMNI GATHER IN WASHINGTON DC

Karl Landstrom, who lived in the House during its inaugural year in 1930 (see photo pg. 6), attended the Washington DC reception in May and recalled, "My year at I-House influenced me toward observing equality with others of different backgrounds in a lifetime involving various kinds of organizational and social relationships."

"There are so many of us – 'The Ghosts of I-House Past' – who are gathered behind you, cheering and urging your continued success," remarked Alumna Joan Williams Hoover (IH1949-53) at the gathering of nearly fifty I-House alumni held in Washington D.C.'s International Student House in May.

The reception allowed former residents spanning 1930-2007 to connect with one another and to reminisce about their individual experiences of I-House. Martin Brennan, who hosted the event, recalls, "The vibrant emotional attachment to the House through every decade was palpable. It was very moving to see how quickly we came together as family with I-House as the catalyst."



I-House couple Elvis Dieguez (IH 2000-02) and Satomi Tarumizu (IH 1999-2001) at the DC Reunion.

Alumni Relations Director Shanti Corrigan screened the winning resident video from 2007 in encapsulating "The I-House Experience." An impromptu post-reunion dinner kept more than a dozen participants talking late into the evening. Shanti notes, "I'm lucky to be able to help alumni keep connected to the mission of I-House, and am thrilled that our online community and the initiative of alumni worldwide are shaping new friendships – our world still needs more understanding and peace." Contact Shanti at shanti@berkeley.edu or (510) 642-0124 to track or suggest future reunions. See sidebar about joining the I-House @cal online community.

HOUSE HONORS DIVAKARUNI AND BLUM AT GALA



Chancellor Robert Birgeneau presents *Alumna of the Year* Chitra Divakaruni with a lifetime supply of Jell-O, in honor of her student days working in the Dining Room where her favorite job was cutting Jell-O servings.



Global Citizen of the Year Richard Blum with I-House resident Lia Marshall, a public health student at the UC Berkeley Blum Center for Developing Economies.

Two hundred and fifty guests gathered for the 20th Annual Celebration and Awards Gala on April 16, 2008, honoring author Chitra Divakaruni as the *Alumna of the Year* and Richard Blum as *Global Citizen of the Year*.

Chitra Divakaruni (IH 1978-79), award-winning author and poet, was honored for her work promoting cross-cultural understanding through her best-selling books and her work to combat violence against women in India and the US.

Internationally renowned business leader, Richard Blum, was recognized for his dedication in combating global poverty and advancing educational opportunities in developing countries for over three decades.

The night featured remarks from both honorees as well as performances by talented I-House residents who closed the evening with a lively Bhangra dance. The event raised more than \$90,000 to benefit the House and its work in fostering cross-cultural respect and understanding.

REMEMBERING BETSY BACON

Betsy Bade Bacon, Residence Director of International House for 27 years, passed away peacefully in Berkeley on May 30, 2008, surrounded by her loving family.

Friends, family, and alumni gathered at International House on September 14 for a celebration of Betsy Bacon’s life.

Executive Director Martin Brennan noted that Betsy did so much to make I-House a home for thousands of students, “The I-House family is grateful for the gift of Betsy Bacon.”

W. Sheridan Warrick, Executive Director Emeritus who worked with Betsy for a quarter century, recalled that Betsy loved the residents of I-House. “In her reserved but gracious and insightful ways, Betsy Bade Bacon was a major figure at I-House and in the campus community. She was filled with spirit for International House and for all that it represents.”



Betsy Bacon during her retirement party in 1989.

Upon her retirement, Betsy said, “Meeting people from all over the world went along with my own education and interests. I really feel it’s a privilege to work in such a unique and interesting environment.” She served as Residence Director at International House from 1957 to 1968 and again from 1974 to 1989. Years later, she was frequently greeted warmly by alumni who were grateful for her assistance and support. On the day before she entered the hospital, a man came up to her at the de Young Museum and expressed his gratitude for her help in finding a room for him at I-House.

Mr. Warrick recalled that he had suggested to Betsy that she write her memoirs but she declined, in typical Betsy manner, saying, “I enjoy the past, but I revel in the present.”

Betsy grew up in Berkeley and in San Diego, graduated from Pomona College (1945), and pursued graduate work in history at UCLA. Her lifelong interest in people from other cultures was inspired by a year spent circumnavigating the world by ship and living on her father’s archaeological dig in 1935 in what was then Palestine. Betsy’s extensive travels began with a 1000 mile bicycle trip through war-torn Europe in 1949. She enjoyed camping, hiking, skiing, and playing the flute and was an avid member of the Sierra Club. For the past five years, she served on the Advisory Board of The Bade Museum of Biblical Archaeology in Berkeley.

Betsy was devoted to her family. At the service, nieces and nephews recalled the special trips she arranged and her determination to teach them to ski, no matter how severe the weather might be.

In 1968, Betsy married Wilbur Bacon, a Foreign Service expert with experience in Korea. Wilbur passed away in 1973. Betsy is survived by her brother, Cal Professor William G. Bade and his wife Eleanor of Berkeley and nieces and nephews. The family suggests donations to International House or to the Bade Museum of Biblical Archaeology at the Pacific School of Religion.

A bench in front of I-House will be dedicated to Betsy Bacon thanks to a generous memorial gift from Al Garren.

ELDERHOSTEL 2009

The Berkeley Forum: The Power Triangle of India, China and the U.S.
May 31-June 6

International House will host an Elderhostel program open to seniors ages 55 and better, at which UC professors will explore the new geopolitics that drive relations among India, China, and the U.S. Co-sponsored by I-House, the UC Center for South Asia Studies, and the Berkeley China Initiative. Field trips, classes, meals, and accommodations are included in the fee of \$734 for the program, May 31-June 6.



Bob Wright (IH 1947-50) and Gene Hendrix (IH 1961-64) were among the many I-House and Cal alumni who attended the June 2008 Elderhostel program on the Middle East.

Elderhostel registration opens in January. Sign up early as the June 2008 program was fully enrolled with 55 “students,” including 30 Cal alumni. For more information, visit the I-House web page or sign up to receive a flyer on the RSVP panel, page 7.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

International House Board of Members welcomed four new members at its fall meeting:

Michaele James returns to the Board after having previously served as chair of the Technology Committee. A past recipient of the YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry Award, Ms. James has served as an appointee to the California State IT Commission and as Vice President of Information Technology at Sun Microsystems. She is an active member of the Keiretsu Forum, investing in companies with high growth potential in technology, healthcare, life sciences and real estate.

Richard Dishnica, founder and president of The Dishnica Company, LLC, a Bay Area housing and real estate consulting firm, has served on the local and national levels of The Urban Land Institute. He was Director of the National Multi-Housing Council and is currently director of BlackRock Apartment Value Fund III. Mr. Dishnica served on the Board of Trustees of Children’s Hospital Foundation Oakland as its Treasurer and Chairman of the Investment Committee and as a Commissioner on the Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Alex (Donald Wayne) Alexander, is owner and founder of Donald Alexander, Interior Designer, specializing in long-term relationships with commercial and residential clients. Mr. Alexander previously worked at Kneedler-Fauchere, a Northern California wholesale representative for numerous companies including Yale Burge, Baccarat Crystal, Jack Lenore Larson, and Thaibok Silks. Mr. Alexander served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Filoli, where he helped to create The Wallace Sterling Horticultural Library.

Robert Wong is Vice President of San Francisco architectural firm, BSA Architects, specializing in domestic and international community and hospitality projects. Mr. Wong, who has served on the House Committee for 20 years, is a returning Board member. An avid UC Berkeley supporter, Mr. Wong received his B.A. in architecture from Cal in 1968. A former Trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation Board, he co-chaired the 30th and 35th Reunion Campaigns and is currently working on his 40th Reunion.

LETTER FROM: MASON GAFFNEY (IH 1948-52)

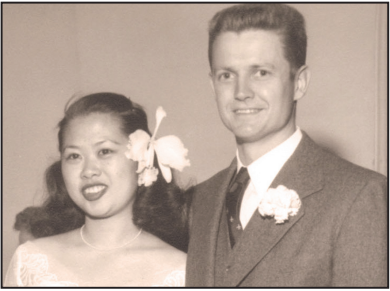


From left: Mason Gaffney (IH 1948-52) and Estelle Lau (IH 1952), at the marriage of their son Stuart Gaffney and John Lewis.

I-House alumnus Mason Gaffney, originally from New York, speaks from experience when discussing “outdated laws that deny marriage between consenting adults.” His wedding to his I-House sweetheart, Estelle Lau, from Hawaii, was impossible until they, as close followers of the 1948 Perez v. Sharpe legal case in California, benefitted from this historic ruling to legalize inter-racial marriage in California. Recently, Mason and Estelle’s son, Stuart, filed an amicus brief to the California Supreme Court with his life partner John Lewis, which was ultimately part of the Court’s ruling to legalize same-sex marriage.

“It has taken us 21 years to get to our wedding day,” says Stuart Gaffney. “My Mom and Dad, an inter-racial couple, were only able to marry in California thanks to a decision 60 years ago that overturned a state law banning interracial couples from marrying. We take a lot of inspiration from my mom and dad.”

Mason and Estelle joined Stuart and John to celebrate their June 17th marriage, one day after the California Supreme Court overturned the state’s same-sex marriage ban. Says Mason, “In his recent majority opinion, the California Chief Justice followed the argument of Stuart and John’s brief, and based his ruling on the precedent of Perez v. Sharpe,” the same ruling that made it possible for Mason and Estelle to marry in 1952. Mason continues, “Indirectly, with a little effort but not too much straining, you could trace this ruling back to I-House.”



Estelle Lau and Mason Gaffney at their I-House wedding in 1952.

LETTERS FROM....

Do you have a unique I-House story or do you know an I-House alum who is doing something notable or amazing? Send a message to the editor at johnsonb@berkeley.edu or send a letter to Editor, I-House Development Office.

DAVIS PEACE PROJECTS

community. The results and challenges of the Peace Camp were evidenced on Children’s Day, which brought together more than 600 children, families, and local government officials at the concluding celebration.

Sina Akhavan from the U.S. taught employment skills in Kosovo, Ayse Ercumen from Turkey improved water quality in Mumbai, India, and Aaron Sorenson taught creative writing to young writers in remote areas of Cambodia.

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Peace Project award winners were honored at the October 12th Sunday Supper. Since 2007, Mrs. Davis has generously supported nearly 200 Peace Projects conducted by I-House residents and students from selected colleges and universities. The summer 2008 program marked the first year that awards were made available to I-House Berkeley residents. To apply for next summer’s Peace Project Awards, contact the Program Office or watch the website for an announcement.

1930s



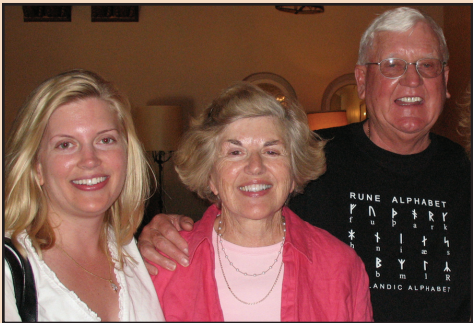
Karl Landstrom (above), who lived in the House during its inaugural year in 1930, attended the Washington DC reception in May and fondly recalled dances in the Auditorium. “My year at I-House influenced me toward observing equality with others of different backgrounds in a lifetime involving various kinds of organizational and social relationships.” Among his many accomplishments, Col. Landstrom served as Director of the Bureau of Land Management from 1961-63.

1940s

Robert Soule writes, “I well remember the great days I spent at I-House in the late forties after returning from my stint in China during WWII. It was a truly uplifting experience after being so far away from home.”

Janet Wilson Owens was honored in May with a Lifetime of Achievement Award for her work with Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing for “her effective, knowledgeable, and ceaseless activities in promoting affordable housing.” Janet served as a part-time staff member, then President and board member for the organization which provides rental housing for low income families. Janet also served as Executive Director of Non-Profit Housing of Northern California.

1950s



Gunnar Engen and **Maria Segana Engen** (above) met in I-House in 1956 and enjoyed returning with their daughter. They live in Plano, Texas, and Gunnar is retired from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CELEBRATE I-HOUSE ROMANCE!

Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 900 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list on the I-House Couples page: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html>

Use the RSVP panel or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu and let us know when and how you met.

Kiyooki Kikuchi served as Japan’s ambassador to the United Nations and President of the UN Security Council in 1987. He also served as Japan’s ambassador to the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. His daughter visited in June to see the House and viewed her father’s original application from 1950.

Tetsuo Kondo, former Labor Minister of Japan, shared breakfast with Executive Director Martin Brennan, Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie, and Board Member Martha Hertelendy during his April visit to Berkeley. He recalled close ties with fellow Japanese students and venturing to sit with Americans to expand his connections with students from different backgrounds.



Jane Russell (above) met with Martin Brennan in June on a trip west to visit friends and enjoy the San Francisco Opera. She said the visit “brought back terrific memories” and invites fellow alumni now residing in Michigan to be in touch by e-mail to janerussell@aol.com.

Peggy Hurley Smith who met her husband, **J. Bixby Smith**, at I-House writes, “In September, 1948, a group of new I-House residents gathered to go to the football game and I saw a man who looked familiar. It turned out that I had met him in the sixth grade in a small town near Prescott, Arizona. It is a small world! We became best friends during grad school and were married in 1951 – and that was almost 57 years ago!”

1960s

Michael Belton is retired from the National Optical Observatory in Tucson and is President of Belton Space Exploration Initiatives, LLC, in Tucson. Current projects include NASA’s NExT and EPOXI missions to study cometary nuclei. An expert in cometary physics, he specializes in ground-based telescopic and space-based observations and interpretation. He participated in the Mariner Venus/Mercury, Voyager, and Galileo flight missions.



Manfred Eisenmann (above) and his wife, Veronica, enjoyed a visit to the House. He writes from their home in Ulm, Germany, “It was a wonderful experience for me to be back ‘home,’ to meet the extremely friendly and helpful staff people (who helped me find my name on the donor sign) and, above all, to see the positive additions and changes within the building. During dinner we talked to students from Peru and Switzerland and loved the international atmosphere.” As a student, Manfred was an I-House Council member with **Stuart Pawsey**.

Dan Hoffman’s seventh book, *That Summer of 1964 on the Island* (PublishAmerica, 2008), recalls life as a marine biologist and professor at Bucknell University. Now a professor emeritus, he is writing *Three Score and Ten: The Life of a Man* which will include a short story about his experiences at I-House in the early 1960’s while working on his master’s in zoology.

Eleanor Lew visited I-House in July and shared stories of the friendships she formed during her time in the House and the trips she has taken to visit these friends. She enjoyed a reunion of I-House friends in Seattle.

Ron Olson, who lives in Rio de Janeiro, traveled to Washington DC to see I-House friend, Irene **Bodrov Firsow** who works as a Russian/English translator. He writes, “We last met 5 years ago when she came to see me in Rio. I also spent time in London with another I-House friend, Christopher Ball. He continues to live in Cornwall near his 3 children and grandchildren. His deceased wife, **Gladys Krueb Ball**, was also an I-House resident. I’m sure it’s not surprising to you to learn how long-lasting I-House friendships are!”

TO FIND OLD FRIENDS

Visit <http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu> or send a note to the Development Office and we’ll forward it. Address the envelope to your friend, c/o I-House Development Office.

Phillipe Rousesse (below right), his wife, Sophie, and their three children enjoyed meeting Executive Director, Martin Brennan (left) and touring the House in August. Before their visit, lifelong I-House friend and Board Member **Kwei Ū** and his wife, Michelle, hosted them at their summer home in British Columbia. The Rousesse family lives in La Celle-Saint-Cloud, France.



Arthur Stonehill writes, “During 1961-62, I was one of two graduate assistants and the other was the late **Rose Bird** who became Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. I arranged social and athletic activities and she did cultural programs.” He taught for 25 years at Oregon State and after retiring, taught in Copenhagen and at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He returned to Hawaii in 2002 with his wife Kari, daughter, and granddaughter.

Patricia Yee visited I-House in June. She recalled her stay at I-House as well as the stories she had heard from her aunt, **Constance Lai Lim**, who lived in I-House in the 1940s. Patricia placed the commemorative bricks that her family had inscribed in memory of her aunt on the Café Patio.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Please send us YOUR news on the RSVP panel on page 7. Photos will be published as space allows.

1970s

Richard Caldwell is the author of two new books: *Images in Juxtaposition* and *Journal of a Lay Contemplative* (Authorhouse.com).

Anthony Robinson is co-editor of *Transformation: A Journal of Literature, Ideas, & the Arts*.

David Seaborg, author of *Honor Thy Sowbug* (Beatitude Press, 2008), writes, “I hope this volume, my first book of poetry, presents an alternative to American poetry of today.”

Deborah Sorondo writes, “This year I hosted two students from the U.K. as part of the I-House Host Family Program – it was a great experience and wonderful way to re-connect with the House after so many years. I hope other I-House alums who live in the Bay Area will try it.”

Note: See page 3 for more about opportunities to host international students.

Hidefumi Yamagami is a professor at the School of Economics at Kinki University in Osaka after a 30-year career at the Bank of Tokyo and the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi.

1980s



Khatharya Um (above), Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, is Director of Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad and brings a passionate commitment to international dialogue to her work. A specialist in Southeast Asian politics, conflict studies, and refugee issues, she was born in Cambodia and fled with her family in 1975 during the violent Khmer Rouge revolution. She earned a Ph.D. in political science at Berkeley, becoming the first Cambodian-American woman to earn a doctorate in the U.S.

1990s

Christian Anheuser visited from Germany where he is Assistant Manager, Audit Commercial Clients, at KPMG in Frankfurt.

Congratulations to **Brian Clark** and his wife, **Michelle Sauve** on the birth of their daughter, Breanna Anidawehi Clark-Suave on February 24th. Their son, Micah, is three.



Jemetha Clark Cosgrove and **Rob Cosgrove** (above) write, “We traveled for two years and then traded travel for parenthood, until the two can be more easily combined. Our son, Dashiell, is 9 months old and I-House can definitely take some credit for him since Rob and I met at I-House!” More at: <http://www.bazaarplanet.com>

Prithvi Gandhi is Vice President of Corporate Development for Zebra Technologies in Illinois where he is responsible for corporate strategy and strategic investment activity. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Tanya Menon, who is an associate professor at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

John Hirsh, a professor of English at Georgetown University, stayed at I-House during the summer and initiated new program for I-House residents to volunteer as tutors in after-school programs in Oakland. Current resident **Usree Bhattacharya** coordinates the program.

Thilo Maurer and **Nicolien de Jager Maurer** live in Belgium, where Thilo works for the European Commission as a budget officer. Nicolien writes, “We met at I-House back in the fall of 1992, and have been happily married for 11 years, with 6 wonderful children. We hope to show them the beautiful place where mommy and daddy met.”

Congratulations to **Chaitee Kusum Sengupta** and **Berg "Pojken" Danielson** who were married on August 2 at I-House. Chaitee writes, “The wedding was really wonderful and I-House was a perfect place to have it.” I-House has special meaning for her family as Chaitee’s father, Dr. Sailes Sengupta, lived in the House in the sixties.

Sonia Song, author of *Donkey Baby: From Beijing to Berkeley and Beyond* (AuthorHouse, 2008), interweaves intimate personal experiences with major events in modern China.

2000s

Paolo Cioppa visited in August and recalled, “I always had a wonderful time at I-House and it was by far one of the best experiences of my life.” He is an associate in Davis Polk & Wardwell’s Corporate Department in New York.

Manolo Figallo will lead a Habitat for Humanity construction trip to Braga, Portugal, in November. A computer professional living in the DC Metro area, he says, “I love leading these trips! I grew up in Pittsburgh, and this will be my fourth time to Braga.”

STAFF NEWS



Welcome to **Shirley Spiller**, a Cal alum who joined the staff in March as Business Manager and Chief Financial Officer following an international career in the private sector. She has served as CFO for YUM Brand’s Latin America (the parent company for KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, among others) and traveled the world as an international auditor and financial analyst for PepsiCo. She is fluent in Spanish and German and knows a bit of Portuguese. Shirley holds a BS in Business Administration from Berkeley and a Master’s in International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management. Says Shirley, “Working in I-House is a marvelous way to use my skills and gain new ones in an environment that is connected to the whole world!”

Gina Abrams, Human Resources Manager, received the Chancellor’s Outstanding Staff Award in April for her work as a member of the Berkeley Initiative for Leadership on Diversity Steering Committee. Chancellor Birgeneau presented the award at a campus-wide gathering in the Chevron Auditorium in I-House.

In Memory

1930s ALUMNI

Stuart Dufour
December 29, 2007

President Emeritus of Hartnell Community College, he enjoyed traveling the world, gardening and was an active member in the community of Salinas CA. He endowed the Willna Graves Dufour Financial Aid Fund at I-House in memory of his late wife, a Cal alumna who had great interest in international relations.

Czerna “Peggy” Flanagan
March 13, 2008

A mathematician with the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, CA, she resided in Ridgecrest, CA and remained devoted to International House throughout her life. Her I-House room will be named in her memory in recognition of her generosity.

Bruce Garnsey
November 29, 2007
Santa Maria, CA

George Hanley
March 22, 2008

Taught math and science in Bakersfield, CA, and then, after earning a master's at USC, served as a principal for six decades. Survived by his children and grandchildren.

Marguerite Hayward Lemmon
September 14, 2008

Enjoyed world travel, live theater, walks through the Berkeley hills, and hiking, skiing, and backpacking in the Sierras. A physics technician at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and at Oak Ridge, TN. Remained active all through her eighties with a feisty interest in politics.

Margaret de Longpre Moruza
June 4, 2008

Originally from New York, Margaret met her future husband Tito in the Great Hall in 1939. They shared a lifetime of adventures together – living in Spain and the U.S., working in international trade, moving to Germany to aid refugees, and remodeling their historic home in Spain. Their longest separation was while Tito served with U.S. Army Intelligence during WWII. They raised their children with an appreciation of the cultures of Spain and the U.S, and shared their Spanish heritage with ten grandchildren. Survived by her husband of 66 years, Col. Tito Gandarillas Moruza and children Scott, Marcell, and Paul.

Howard “Toby” Wong Louis
August 15, 2008

Remembered for his generous spirit, boundless vitality, and efforts to educate the public about the history of Chinese and Chinese Americans in San Luis Obispo. Among the first group of residents to live at I-House in 1930, Howard studied economics and transportation. He returned home after service in WWII to tend to the family business, the Ah Louis Store, the first and only Chinese historical monument in San Luis Obispo. Preceded in death by Yvonne, his wife and constant companion of 60 years, Howard passed away shortly after celebrating his 100th birthday. A Chinese tapestry hangs in the Great Hall with a plaque in Howard's honor. His I-House room will be named in his memory in recognition of his generous bequest.

Frances Burks Newman
June 11, 2008

A longtime legal worker and widow of California Supreme Court Justice Frank Newman whom she met at I-House. Recalling I-House, she wrote, “Without those lively festivals–and songs and dances performed with such esprit and gusto–I would never have had an excuse (audaciously) to ask Frank to accompany my singing efforts. Those encounters, together with later ones on the Auditorium dance floor, led to our Golden Wedding Celebration.” A dedicated supporter of Human Rights Advocates, a nonprofit organization founded by her husband and his students.

Leonard Vicente Dos Remedios
October 12, 2007

Began his life-long love of travel at 10 when he sailed from Shanghai, China, to Europe. Earned his BA and MD at Cal and formed lifelong friendships at I-House. He became one of the first physicians in the then new field of nuclear medicine, founding the Department of Nuclear Medicine at Kaiser.

Bernice Warren Walton
February 26, 2008

A school librarian for 51 years. At the celebration of her 80th birthday, the library was renamed in her honor. An active member of her community, she served as parish council president, PTA president, board member of Greater Richmond Interfaith Project, and was an avid Bears fan.

Barbara Levy Zelinsky
March 26, 2008

An active member of many organizations including the Cub Scouts and PTA. Remembered for her steadfast opinions and great sense of humor.

1940s ALUMNI

Roberto Octavio Jimenez

April 7, 2008

After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Cal, he became a chemist for the City of Long Beach and joined North American Aviation in Downey (which later became Boeing). Bob's passion for aviation was evident in his pride in working on the space program from its infancy through the launch of the space shuttle.

David Kaplan
June 23, 2008

Served as Assistant Counsel and then as General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Sacramento Municipal Utility District until retiring in 1988. An avid skier who also enjoyed hiking throughout the Sierras and climbed in many countries including Japan, Ecuador, and Mexico.

Bishara Lawrence
July 24, 2008

President of B.M. Lawrence and Company, an international trading enterprise and member of the I-House Board of Directors. Originally from Jerusalem, he studied business at Cal before teaching at the Monterey Language Institute where, in his spare time, he started a company that grew into a successful international trading company. Martin Brennan recalls, “Bish epitomized the I-House mission and made the I-House experience available to many who otherwise would not have had the opportunity.” Survived by his wife, Joan Lawrence.

Marisa Lusiardo De Leon
May 2, 2008

Born in Montevideo, Uruguay, she came to the U.S. to further her education, first earning a degree in Texas before coming to Cal for graduate degrees in physical therapy and dance. She established a school for people with disabilities in 1941 and worked with children with disabilities.

John Zumwinkel
April 1, 2008

A high school teacher in Colorado and Alaska. In retirement, he managed a summer resort in Colorado in addition to working as a volunteer editor and writer for the *Allenspark Wind*.

1950s ALUMNI

Walter Crafford
April 15, 2008

Earned his Ph. D. in Economics at Cal and lived in I-House where he met and married his lifelong partner, Bobbie. His career took many turns including working as an economist at Crocker-Anglo Bank; overseas work establishing MBA programs in Karachi, Pakistan; and then at the Asia Foundation in Sri Lanka. Survived by his wife, Barbara Hyde Crafford.

Lester McAllister
January 4, 2008

Noted author and historian, Bethany College professor, professor emeritus of church history, at Christian Theological Seminary. He was a founding member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and author of numerous books on Christianity.

Anne Karina Taylor
June 17, 2008

Co-founded the Wonderland Nursery School, one of the first racially integrated pre-schools in the Bay Area, taught Norwegian at Cal, loved Greek dancing, enjoyed traveling, and remained active in the Scandinavian American community throughout her life. Active in organizations including Women for Peace, the NAACP, and the Mental Health Association of Alameda County.

1960s ALUMNI

Thomas Burrows
July 1, 2008

At I-House, he met his future wife, Lucy Grant, and enjoyed expanding his viewpoints while experiencing California living. His life's work was as a nuclear physicist at the National Nuclear Data Center at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York. Tom loved his work, his family, history, camping, science fiction, and solving New York Times crossword puzzles. Survived by his wife, Lucy.

Donald Kaplan
December 18, 2007

Earned his Ph.D. in botany at Cal, taught at UC Irvine, and in 1968 returned to teach at Berkeley. His commitment to the field of botany and his passion for teaching was highlighted throughout his career with numerous awards and distinctions. He also had a great passion for classical music, the opera, and railroads.

FRIENDS

Clare Wisecarver Madocks
September 15, 2008

Clare was the first Development Director of I-House, joining the staff in 1965 after serving as Director of Development Director and Public Relations at the New York I-House. She helped organize the first world conference of International Houses in Paris in 1961. A Cal graduate, Executive Director Emeritus Sherry Warrick recalls, “Clare was known for her gregariousness, organizational skills, sense of humor, and positive outlook on life.” She also served on the I-House Board. Clare once wrote: “I wonder if one ever leaves I-House, at least in thought? There is something indefinable about the place and the people, a feeling that prevails. Perhaps its goal touches us more than one acknowledges.” Survived by her husband Wallis Madocks.

Janine Rosenzweig
April 15, 2008

A devoted mother of three children and active member of the Berkeley community. She served as co-chair of the Centre which provides assistance to the spouses of international students, sponsored by the University Section Club. Janine enjoyed traveling and visited more than 30 countries. She was awarded the *Ordre National du Mérite* by the French government for her contributions to the French community. The family hosted many students from abroad, especially from Africa and China. Survived by her husband Prof. Mark Rosenzweig.

Kuwako Takahashi
January 24, 2008

An influential teacher and master of Japanese flower-arranging, author of books on Japanese food, founding president of the Ikebana Teachers Federation.

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January 26, 2009	Lunar New Year Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
February 24, 2009	Mardi Gras lunch, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
February 26, 2009	African Americal Dinner & Gospel Night, 6 - 8 pm
March 3, 2009	Lodestar Alumni-Resident Dinner Program (tentative date)
March 6, 2009	International Women's Day Tea
March 17, 2009	St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
March 20, 2009	Norooz Persian New Year Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
April 12, 2009	Easter Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
April 15, 2009	Passover Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
April 18, 2009	CalDay / Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures at I-House
April 29, 2009	Festival de Seville Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
May 5, 2009	Cinco de Mayo Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
May 31 - June 6, 2009	Elderhostel: The Power Triangle of India, China and the U.S. See page 5

Dates to be announced:

- Queen Noor of Jordan
- Annual Celebration & Awards Gala
- Imran Kahn of Pakistan
- I-House Alumni Reunion in London

Lighting an Enlightening Place: The I-House Dome at Night



House Committee member Stuart Pawsey (IH 1965-67) captured the I-House dome at night this summer when it was inadvertently illuminated as part of efforts to monitor “tree-sitters” in the area north of I-House, future location of the Cal Athletic Center (see article on page 3). Lighting the dome has long been suggested by residents and alumni to increase the visibility and prominence of the House. The project remains a long-term wish awaiting a generous donor.

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International House Resident Council

The I-House Council is the elected representative body of the residents. Three members serve as ex-officio members of the I-House Board of Directors.

Council aims for the year include improved communication with residents and staff, “Greening” I-House (see article page 3), sponsoring social events and general I-House improvements.

Pictured at right, Fall 2008 Council members with Executive Director Martin Brennan at the year’s first Sunday Supper.

Back row, from left: Stuti Agarwal (India), Ingeborg Oeverhaug (Norway), John Woods (England), Martin Brennan, and Nathaniel Rice (USA, former Council Chair).

Middle row from left: Ramsina Lazar (USA) and Tonje Espeland (Norway).

Front row from left: Bret Strogen (USA) and Sam Saxena (Canada, Council Chair).

Council members not included in photo: Ana Luz Acevedo (USA), Angela Chang (USA), Farook Hamzeh (Lebanon), Kelsey Pecherer (USA), and Lance Toyoshima (USA).

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