



Navigator



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Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11*

What's Ahead?

Veteran's Day	Thursday, Nov. 11,
End Trimester I	Wednesday, Nov. 17
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 & 26
Holiday Book Fair	Nov. 29 – Dec. 3
“A Christmas Carol” - High School Play	December 3, 4, 10, 11
Holiday Assembly	Friday, December 17
Alumni Reception	Thursday, December 23 6:30-11:00 p.m. Island School Main Hall
Winter Break	December 20-31

Up Close with Jim Bray



**Department Chair - Social Studies & English
Winner 2004 Excellence In Teaching Award**

Jim is a 32 year veteran teacher. Most of these years were spent teaching in Indiana, in the town where he grew up. He is also a USPTA tennis pro and coached high school tennis for 15 years. His experiences include a foray into theatre and worldwide travel. He claims a “functional fluency” in Chinese, which has led to his establishment of Chinese classes for our high school students. He has studied French and Arabic and says he is able to “survive” speaking Spanish, Italian, and Japanese.

“Island School has tremendous potential as an academic institution.

Being part of a program that is constantly developing and seeking improvement is exciting. Working with staff and students who are eager to grow is invigorating and provides continual intellectual challenge,” says Bray. He adds that the small size of the school, “permits individual work to have a real and immediate impact.”

Since becoming a part of the Island School faculty, Jim’s primary goal has been to raise academic quality as well as to increase intellectual curiosity. As testament to his success in this area, Jim was honored with the first annual McCloskey Excellence in Teaching Award last June. Nominees for this honor were submitted by parents, students and Island School

staff members. Mr. Bray was rated “tops” by his students, praised by his colleagues, and was key in procuring special funds for various projects. Not only does he head up both the Social Studies and English Departments, but was advisor for the school’s Mock Trial team, and created bi-weekly teacher-improvement sessions for interested members of the faculty. Jim is also an active member of the Kaua’i Concert Association.

“We feel most fortunate in having an individual of Mr. Bray’s qualities on the Island School staff. He is an outstanding representative of an outstanding group of people,” says Bob Springer. Jim was presented the award of \$5000 by David Pratt, President of Island School’s Board of Directors, at last June’s 2004 Commencement Ceremony.

The McCloskey Excellence in Teaching Award was instigated by Tom and Bonnie McCloskey.

Where in the World is Justin? .. and Lauren? and Alex?

... and Cory, and Kapua, and ...

Hunting for Alumni and Former Students

Help! Island School is looking for alumni and former students. You can help us!

Island School has a new department: the Office of Alumni! Headed up by Peggy Ellenburg (Pettler, for you very old-timers), the Office of Alumni is dedicated to reconnecting with former students and graduates. With the help of Claudia Brown, Peggy is collecting information. "Actually, this is just an excuse to get on the phone and chat with some of my favorite people in the whole world," admits Ellenburg.

What are we looking for? Names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers – also information about what's going on with people ... *Gossip!*

We want to reconnect and *stay* connected.

Island School has had five graduating classes since 2000. A total of 60 Island School graduates are floating around somewhere. Add to them, eight original graduates from 1981, '82, '83. Now add all of you out there who graduated from other

high schools, but who went to Island School at some time in your lives. There are hundreds of you out there!

Our goal? We want to create a database that includes I.S. graduates and former students. We want to send you information in this publication three times each year that will keep you up-to-date on the progress of your beloved Island School and on your friends and teachers from the good ol' days. We miss you and want to see you when you are on Kaua'i.

Sound fun? Help us out here.

To get things rolling, we have planned a get-together this December for all Island School graduates, staff, and former students. Read all about it on our Alumni Centerfold page in this issue of the *Island School Navigator*.

Get on your computer NOW and join us on The Hunt!

Send us contact information for alumni and former students

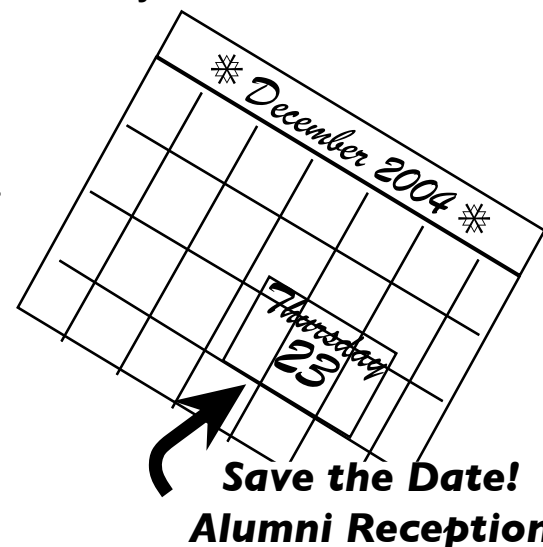
- ★ **Names (be sure to include the name they used while at I.S.)**
- ★ **Email addresses**
- ★ **Phone numbers**
- ★ **Addresses**

Send us your own personal update

- ★ **Attending school?**
- ★ **Degrees?**
- ★ **Job or career?**
- ★ **Married? Kids?**
- ★ **Military experience?**

Send us a photo for the Alumni Centerfold

- ★ **High resolution**
- ★ **Color or black & white**
- ★ **JPG format**



Island School's Class of 2004

Sam Alfiler is attending Oberlin College in Ohio. He plans to double major in liberal arts and music. **Charles Chapin** is across the Atlantic at Richmond, The International University in London, where he is studying art. **Nick Ellenburg** is at the University of Denver, where he is pursuing political science and journalism.

Eimy Escaño is attending Washington State University in Pullman. She is studying hospitality business administration. **Jeni Guerber** is at the University of San Diego. She is still undecided about her major. **Julian Helder** attends San Francisco State Univ. where he is interested in studying philosophy.

Ross Hiranaka attends the University of Nevada, Reno, where he is studying anthropology. **Chris Hoffman** attends the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA, where he plans to major in aeronautical engineering. **Cory-Ann Hom-Weaver** is at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo where she is studying animal sciences.

Julianne Janus is enrolled in the aesthetician school in Honolulu for the fall term. **Ashley Jones** is attending Dennison University



in Granville, OH where she is pursuing a degree in International Studies. **Alana Kaholokula** is majoring in English at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. **Tiana Kamen** is exploring the new field of bio-mimicry at Santa Barbara City College.

Leif Moon-Nielsen is pursuing his interests in computer science and engineering while attending the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. **Mike Parsells** is also at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and plans to pursue a business degree. **Sarah Piano** has entered the nursing program at Kaua'i Community College. **Annie Ritchie** is at the College of Santa Fe, in New Mexico, where she is contemplating her major.

Mario Rosa is interested in mechanical engineering and business and attends Oregon State University in Corvallis. **Reg**

Sylvester attends the University of Southern California, where he will pursue a degree in computer science. **Bjorn Talvi** works part time for Ho'i'ke and is doing landscape work while making plans to continue his studies.

Wyatt Taubman is attending the University of San Diego. He is undecided about his major. **Josh Tjarks** works at Keoki's Restaurant in Poipu and is interested in attending a culinary arts institute with the goal of becoming an executive chef. **Khuyen Tran** attends Kaua'i Community College with plans to transfer to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He'd like to study computer science. **Kimberlee Uno** is working on Kaua'i and plans to attend KCC in the spring.

We wish them all the best. Let us know if any of our information is not up-to-date!

Voyager Pride

Athletics at Island School

The Island School Athletic Department is offering six distinctly different interscholastic sports this year: Cross Country, Air Riflery, Swimming, Canoe Paddling, Track, and Tennis. All of these sports teams offer Island School students top quality, experienced coaching as well as opportunities for competition at the elite level of Kauai Interscholastic Federation (KIF).



Mario Rosa, '04, KIF champ!

For the second year in a row, our boys Cross Country team is the KIF champion! They are currently in intense training as they prepare for the state meet on Nov. 13th. Fifteen boys and girls represented the Voyagers this year in this great aerobic sport.

Our Air Rifle teams have completed their season with both teams having been extremely competitive. The girl's team had an especially stellar season, winning two matches. Fourteen students competed in this sport.

The KIF winter sports, scheduled to begin training in early November, will be Swimming and Paddling, Tennis and Track will follow in the Spring KIF season.

In addition, an intramural program is offered for both high school and middle school students. Sports offered through this program include volleyball, softball, basketball, soccer, and flag football. Others will be added as interest builds. To date this year, lacrosse and golf have been introduced.

Looking to the future, Island School hopes to soon add KIF teams in volleyball, soccer, basketball, bowling and golf. Some of these new sports teams hopefully will be able to take advantage of the school's new gym, which is currently on the drawing boards.



Future site of gymnasium, halau, looking at the existing campus to the northwest.

Manifest Destiny?

Island School continues to grow and, as stewards of the school's future, our Board of Directors is busy planning for campus expansion. Our acreage stretches to almost 40 acres, half of which sit begging for classrooms and facilities! A capital campaign is underway to fund some very exciting plans for Phase I of our expansion, which includes a gymnasium complex and an open-air halau.

The gymnasium complex will be located immediately northeast of the campus, behind the back playground. It will include a one-story locker room and a PE classroom/weight room.

The school's latest acquisition

is a donation of 8.4 acres to the north and east toward Kaumuali'i Hwy. The halau will be built here and possibly a baseball field.

Future plans for the campus include a swimming pool, a performing and visual arts center, high school classrooms, and more parking space. A new entrance and roadway to the campus will be built, which will wind behind the Kilohana Plantation complex and intersect Kaumuali'i Highway, at the existing traffic light near Chiefess Kamakahele Middle School.

The capital campaign for campus expansion is well underway; 2.6 million has already been raised.

Maintaining Independence at Independent Schools

by Robert Springer, Head of School



As with most non-profit institutions, independent schools are dependent upon donations to maintain their solvency and independence.

Tuition brings in a substantial amount, about 80% of Island School's operating costs. Yet without the support of trusts, foundations, and individual donors, we would have to reduce services and/or increase tuition to continue to exist.

By way of comparison, note different kinds of financial resources available to others:

- Public schools need not worry. Though less than what teachers and others might like, public coffers provide a substantial financial base for the public system;
- Parochial Schools, such as Kahili (Seventh Day Adventist) and Catholic schools, receive support from their parishioners.
- Schools like Kamehameha, Punahou, and Iolani have large endowments and also rely upon wealthy alumni.

Smaller schools have fewer resources. Fund raising must be a way of life. The

squeeze comes when we seek to expand services while attending to capital needs, such as maintaining existing facilities and constructing new ones. Then new sources of financial support must be found.

A major responsibility of Boards of Directors is to expand these sources. Under the leadership of David W. Pratt, president, and Holbrook Goodale, chairman of the development committee, members of Island School's Board of Directors have been doing this.

Among their activities are two critically important events – the Annual Giving Campaign, beginning this month, and the Annual Auction, scheduled in the spring. Between these two Island School events, more than \$200,000 was raised last year. Future projects include funding the construction of a gymnasium and an Hawaiian halau, estimated to cost \$6 million.

For families on Kaua'i wanting an alternative to public or parochial education, there is Island School, a resource for the larger community. Its independence is maintained and its high quality even improved through the generosity of numerous individuals and groups.

Development Update

Joan Shaw

Providing a quality, independent college preparatory program is expensive. Tuition revenue covers 80% of our operating costs; so gifts and grants are vital to continuing the tradition of excellence found at Island School.

Annual Giving

Begins : October, 2004
Category: Operations
2004-2005
Goal: \$60,000
Last Year: \$60,000

Annual Auction

March 12, 2005
Kaua'i Marriott
Category: Operations
2004-2005, Tuition Aid
Goal: \$175,000
Last Year: \$155,000

Capital Campaign

Goal: \$6m
Category: Phase I: gymnasium, locker rooms, Hawaiian halau, new access road
Raised to-date: \$2.7m

UK 2004 Drama

Fourteen Island School students completed a life-changing experience with one another this past summer: 23 days on the road to NYC, Ireland and England! The trip included home-stay visits with members of England's Youth CRE-ATE theatre organization, who were hosted here by Island School families the summer of 2003.

The group were members of the cast of the high school production, "Postcards We Never Sent," which was written by the students themselves and performed in England.

Led by drama teacher, Peggy Ellenburg and colleague Bobbee Downs, the travelers saw eleven theatre productions in NYC, London and Cambridge, England.



The group visits the ruins of a 17th century fort in Kinsale, Ireland.





Alumni CENTERFOLD

Can you identify the people in this issue's centerfold photo?

2004 - Sam Alifler is at Oberlin College in Ohio and reports that his classes are "starting to get hard." Besides his academic load, he's taking piano lessons and is singing

in the Oberlin College Singers. "Music is everywhere," says Sam, "and everyone is ridiculously talented." **Reg Sylvester's** bike was stolen the night he bought it. Seems he went downstairs from his dorm room at USC to find just the tire chained to the bike stand. He learned a valuable lesson the hard way. **Mario Rosa** couldn't get housing in any of the UH dorms, so he decided to enroll at Oregon State University instead! **Christopher Hoffman** is happily being challenged at MIT, both academically and physically. He fractured his leg, but that doesn't keep him from working out in the pool. If you don't already know, Mario, Reg and Chris are in the huddle in this issue's Centerfold photo. **Cory Hom-Weaver** has started telling her classmates at CalPoly San Louis Obispo that she's from Virginia, "so they'll stop asking me, 'Do you surf?'"

2003- Kelsey Miyoshi has left University of the Pacific to attend KCC. His plans are to enroll at a university in Washington state next semester. **Drew Goldsman** is studying philosophy at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. He's enjoying the fall foliage and planning a summer trip to Israel. Kelsey and **Andy Head** are two of the track jocks in this issue's Centerfold photo! **Katie McCallie** is majoring in political science at Chapman University in Orange, California. She's signed up to spend next term with the Semester at Sea Program, where she'll live aboard a floating campus and travel around the world.

2002 - Jomari Mori, also in the Centerfold photo with classmate, **Sean Head**, has decided to come back to Kaua'i after two years and many computer engineering courses at Oregon State University. He's working part time while attending KCC and plans to transfer to finish his degree. **Caira Nakasone** attends the University of Puget Sound and has a double major in politics and government and international political economy. **Clare Petterson** is in her 3rd year at UH, Hilo studying pre-veterinary medicine. She plans to move to Washington State next year, establish residency, and continue working on her degree. **Erin Shaw** transferred from the University of Denver last

year to the University of San Diego, where she is studying business. She is planning to tour South America with her roommate who hails from Uruguay.

2001 - Kolea Hara will graduate in May from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is considering graduate school, but is leaning toward getting a job and letting his employer direct his plans for further training. Kolea has been on the Dean's List every semester! **Justin Guerber** is in his last year at Pomona College where he's found his true love: dancing! He's been a member of the award-winning Claremont Colleges Ballroom Dance Company, while pursuing his degree in computer science.

2000 - Zack Kamen has been studying film-making at Chapman University in Orange, California. He took a semester off last year to work on a new Keanu Reeves film, *Constantine*. He's scheduled to graduate this coming May. **Brooke Connolly**, pictured right with **Erin Shaw**, '02, graduated from Wheaton with a degree in communications. She's currently in graduate school in Boston at Emerson.



1983- Jonathon Duarte has been working in the insurance industry for about 12 years, mostly specializing in workers' compensation. He is currently employed at John Mullen & Co. on Oahu as a workers' compensation adjuster. He also is raising his son, Jacob, who is 17, and attends Mililani High School.

1982 - Brian Couch recently relocated to the Kansas City area with his wife, Karol, and two boys, Riley and Simon. His new music project, Velvet Onion, plays what he calls 'advanced placement' classic rock, and the band has high hopes for the future. A website is still under development, and the band has plans to include some original music soon as well. <www.nuclearsuitcase.net> has info, pix and mp3s from his Seattle area band, including some tunes from an as yet unreleased CD.

1981 - Chris Smith is a pilot for a private company based in Chicago. He, his wife Louisa, who is also a pilot, and three children, live in Denver.

Former Students - Shawn Smith, '85, and **Julie Tangelder**, '88, are the first I.S. alumnae to enroll their children at Island School. Shawn's son, Shannon, pictured right with Dad, is in our Pre-Kindergarten class, along with his younger brother, Shaughnessy. Julie's daughters: Serena, in PreK; Athena, a first grader; and Marina, in 5th grade all attend Island School! **Tora (Jewkes) Smart**, '87, has returned to Kaua'i to live with her family. Her son, Elijah currently attends Kilauea School and is a kindergarten. Her husband, Kirk, is a musician and teacher and has been a substitute for Auntie Mary. Check out Tora's website for her line of ponchos, <www.ponchotora.com>. **Sarah Rudinoff**, '88, is working in Seattle as an actress. She recently received the Genius Award, given by a local entertainment newspaper, *The Stranger*. <<http://www.thestranger.com/2004-10-14/ex2.html>>. **Tanya (Evslin) Gambly**, '91, has also returned to the Garden Island with her husband Chris, daughter Jackson, and their new baby, Zeke. She received her BS from Mills and a Ph.D. from Washington State University in 2000. They are involved in the new outdoor inflatable movie theater, Sunset Cinema, and Tanya plans to open a private practice in psychology in December.



After graduating with a BA in theatre from Mount Holyoke College, **Ann Hamada**, '93, went on to earn an M.F.A. in theatre management from Yale School of Drama. **Noel Kamm**, '99, graduated summa cum laude from Boston University in '03 with a degree in history and a minor in art history. She currently lives in Boston where she works as an editorial assistant at Houghton Mifflin.

An invitation to the FIRST Annual Alumni Reception

- for all Island School alumni and former students
- faculty and staff
- Thursday evening, Dec. 23
- Island School Main Hall
- heavy pupu, DJ dancing
- 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.
- RSVP: peggy@ischool.org by December 1st

Reconnect with former classmates and teachers!