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*Avery Bayard (Franklin & Marshall College, CYA Spring '10) proudly displaying her marble rendition of the Athenian owl (which also happens to be CYA's logo). She produced this sculpture in the same workshop that Christina Chen describes on page 9.*

# The Delphic Idea: Exhibition and Performance



## Prometheus: a Palimpsest

April 18 & 19, 2010  
College Year in Athens/DIKEMES

*The Delphic Idea: Exhibition and Performance (photo from the National Geographic Magazine, 1927. Phylactopoulos family archive) This exhibition began as a suggestion by Professor Andrea Nanetti to Professor Anthony Stevens, whose Attic Tragedy in Translation students always put on a 'workshop production' of a Greek tragedy. The former had recently been involved in creating an exhibition at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Ravenna: Photographs of Classical Antiquities from the Archives of the Benaki Museum of Athens (1880-1960), which ran in May 2009. His suggestion was that part of this be exhibited at CYA in Athens, to be accompanied by a student performance of Prometheus Bound.*

*The exhibition at CYA included photographs from the historical archives of the Benaki Museum in Athens, selected by Dr. Matteo Zaccarini, curator of the Ravenna exhibition, and from the family archive of Mr. Alexis Phylactopoulos. It opened on April 18, with two student performances of "Prometheus: A Palimpsest" on the opening evening and on the next day, and it remained on display until the end of the semester.*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

When the late Constantine Karamanlis led Greece into the European Union in the late 70's, he remarked that he was throwing the Greeks into the deep water, expecting them to learn how to swim. The meaning of his comment was that the circumstances and the rules of this exclusive club that the Greeks were joining would somehow make them live up to higher standards. This has happened, in many ways. Greece is now, thirty years after its accession into the EU, a far more sophisticated, regulated, and prosperous country. But it is prosperous partly because of subsidies that came from the EU, and to a great extent from loans that the government has been taking out on its good credit year after year. In this sense the Greeks did not learn to swim without floaters. The debt kept growing and the thirst for prosperity brought more and more borrowing both by the government and by the households. Eventually someone, the creditors, blew the whistle. Greece had reached a budget deficit originally estimated at 12.7% (later raised to 13.6%), and a public debt of about 115% of its GNP at a time when the rate of growth of its economy had gone down from 4% to -2% in 2010.

In the period since WWII Greece has faced many critical times. It has been in fiscal trouble before, but each time the Greek *deus ex machina* would descend from the sky and solve the problem. Immediately after WWII it was the Marshall Plan, in the 50's it devalued its currency, the drachma, (a weapon which it had then but does not possess now as a member of the euro zone). Later in the 60's it was the influx of the Greeks of the Diaspora who returned to the mother country with funds and skills after the nationalist movements in Africa and elsewhere pushed them out of their adopted countries. Later it was the growth of the Greek merchant marine, largely due to the growth of commerce, which brought large revenues to the country. Then the various economic "packages" from the European Union funded Greek agriculture

and works of infrastructure. The economic migrants of the past couple of decades have helped the Greek economy. Finally the Olympics of 2004 brought fresh investment.

These bonuses would mask the sad realities of the Greek economy: low competitiveness, uncontrollable government spending, and low tax collection due to corruption and the shadow economy. All recent Greek governments have turned away from this sad reality because of the so-called "political cost" of the unpopular decisions that had to be taken to curtail the problem.

There is one way to get out of the vicious circle of debt to cover debt, and this is to increase the country's GNP. Growth of the economy will lead us to the road to recovery. Can there be growth in Greece in today's conditions? I think yes, and there is one area that is obvious: services associated with Greece's rich cultural past and present, services associated with tourism in all its forms, and services associated with international education.

College Year in Athens can proudly remind all concerned that it is precisely this area that it is serving with distinction for almost 50 years. CYA, and others like CYA, are pointing the way for a type of development which, if done in a massive scale, and if done correctly with full respect for quality, may have a serious impact on the growth of Greek GNP.

The day of reckoning has arrived and the general feeling in Greece is that we are facing an important turning point. Greece will have to accept strict surveillance of its practices by outside bodies. Apparently, the political system set in place in 1974 has run its course and a new one is likely to emerge. Many feel that the present crisis, which is taking the shape of a modern Greek tragedy, will bring the dawn of a new Greece much more ethical, modest and wise.

Somehow, the words of Constantine Cavafy resonate with unbelievable clarity and relevance as translated by our own Mike Keeley:

That things in the Colony are not what they should be  
no one can doubt any longer,  
and though in spite of everything we do go forward,  
maybe—as more than a few believe—the time has come  
to bring in a Political Reformer.

But here's the problem, here's the hitch:  
they make a tremendous fuss  
about everything, these Reformers.  
(What a relief it would be  
if no one ever needed them.) They probe  
everywhere,  
question the smallest detail,  
and right away think up radical changes  
that demand immediate execution.

Also, they have a liking for sacrifice:  
Get rid of that property;  
your owning it is risky:  
properties like those are exactly what ruin colonies.  
Get rid of that income,  
and the other connected with it,  
and this third, as a natural consequence:  
they are substantial, but what can one do?  
the responsibility they create for you is damaging.

And as they proceed with their investigation,  
they find an endless number of useless things to  
eliminate—  
things that are, however, difficult to get rid of.

And when, all being well, they finish the job,  
every detail now diagnosed and sliced away,  
and they retire, also taking the wages due to them—  
it will be a mirade if anything's left at all  
after such surgical efficiency.

Maybe the moment has not yet arrived.  
Let's not be too hasty: haste is a dangerous thing,  
Untimely measures bring repentance.  
Certainly, and unhappily, many things in the  
Colony are absurd.  
But is there anything human without some fault?  
And after all, you see, we do go forward.

IN A LARGE GREEK COLONY, 200 BC  
(C.P. Cavafy, *Collected Poems*. Translated by  
Edmund Keeley and Philip Sherrard.  
Edited by George Savidis. Revised Edition.  
Princeton University Press, 1992)

*Alexis Phylactopoulos*  
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## THE FULBRIGHT FOUNDATION: AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO GREECE



*Artemis Zenetou*



*George Mesthos*

**H**ave you ever wondered about coming back to Greece to study? Might your semester or year at CYA serve as just the first chapter in an on-going relationship with Greece? Are there funding opportunities that might make a return to Greece possible? These and other questions were addressed by CYA Trustee **Artemis A. Zenetou**, Executive Director of the Fulbright Foundation in Greece, on November 18, who was accompanied by CYA alumni and current Fulbright scholars **George Mesthos** (Spring 2008) and **Shauna Gunaratne** (Summer 2008), and recent Fulbright alumna **Myrto Lavda**. Dr. Zenetou and the three Fulbrighters shared their experiences, talked about the diversity of the program, and answered questions. A 19-minute film, "The Fulbright Experience," provided some context: 61 years of educational and cultural exchanges between Greece and the United States, and more than 4,700 scholarships awarded to Greek and American students, professors, artists and teachers since 1948. CYA students learned that the Fulbright Program provides scholarships to American students with a Bachelor's degree to conduct research or independent study in all disciplines, with a special focus in Modern Greek Studies, Classics, Byzantine Studies, Archaeology, Arts and Cultural Studies, Business, Environmental Studies, Jewish Studies, Ethnic and Diaspora Studies.



*Myrto Lavda (R)*



*Shauna Gunaratne (L)*

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If we do not hear from you, we'll continue to mail you a printed copy of The Owl newsletter. Thank you for considering this request.

## FALL 2009 LECTURE SERIES



**John Psaropoulos**, correspondent for NPR and former editor of Athens News, gave a talk on September 30, five days before the Greek national elections, provocatively entitled “Can Greece Elect a Better Government Than It Deserves?” Mr. Psaropoulos, a perceptive observer of the Greek political scene, described the critical problems facing the next Greek government, and examined the electoral platforms of the two major parties, New Democracy and PASOK, for signs of effective proposals for solving these problems. He was guardedly optimistic despite the scope and depth of the problems facing Greece in the next few years.



**Thomas M. Brogan**, Director of the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete, which some CYA students had visited during the recent field trip to Crete, gave a lecture on October 7 entitled “An East Cretan Approach to the Minoan Senses.” The paper presented new evidence from the recent excavations at the Late Minoan I towns of Papadiokambos, Mochlos and Chryssi in east Crete. Dr. Brogan described the broad range of artifacts and ecofacts found at these sites, some of which appear to be connected with the production of food, perfume and purple dye. The results are providing a new window into the flavors, aromas and colors of Neopalatial Crete and a foundation for the archaeology of the Minoan senses.



On October 14, **Toby Lee**, an anthropology doctoral student at Harvard, spoke on “The City of Thessaloniki Through the Lens of its Film Festival: Conducting Ethnographic Research in Greece.” Ms. Lee’s research project involves an ethnographic and historical study of the Festival, as both a major cultural event and institution, and the way it mediates between the transnational and the local in shaping a sense of place in the city of Thessaloniki. The lecture discussed Modern Greek movies and the Greek movie industry, and the way culture affects one’s sense of identity. Students also learned about what ethnographic research involves, and about Thessaloniki, Greece’s second largest city.



**Dr. Maria Couroucli**, an anthropologist and senior researcher at the Laboratoire d’Ethnologie in Paris, who taught at CYA some years ago, gave a lecture on November 11 on “Sharing Shrines in the Eastern Mediterranean: Margins, Local Cultures and Religious Tolerance.” The sharing of worship spaces by Christians and Moslems is a little-known facet of life in the post-Ottoman Mediterranean world, and provides a rather startling contrast to the fanaticism and intolerance that is the stereotype of relations among religious groups in the Middle East and elsewhere today.

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## SERVICE LEARNING ON PAROS

For the past four years, CYA has sponsored a credit-bearing, three-and-a-half week service-learning program on the island of Paros as part of its summer course offerings. Taught by Anthropology Professor Susan Buck Sutton and based at the Aegean Center for the Fine Arts in Paroikia, the course teaches students about contemporary Greece and includes service learning projects with community organizations to provide a deeper understanding and connection to Paros. The sixteen students enrolled in the course last summer worked with the municipality to advance its environmental program. They cleaned beaches in several parts of Paros during the first week, and for the remainder of the program they began a project of restoring old stone footpaths. The following two articles, written by student participants, originally appeared in the online magazine Paros Life & Naxos Life.

### Beach or Waste Basket?

By Rachael Mattice, Purdue University,  
CYA Summer '09



The first portion of our service project consisted of cleaning trash off several beaches under the direction of the Municipality of Paros. The municipality gave us firsthand experience of the kind of work many Parians do daily. From farming to gardening or walking along the scorching tar roads radiating with heat, it's tough working in the blazing sun—we give the locals credit. Neither Aveeno nor Coppertone could do much to protect our sweating skin. As our muscles ached and the SPF faded, we came to see that hardship does indeed make us stronger.

Our first day, we traveled to Krios beach in Paroikia where we met Manolis Kavalis from the Paros Environmental Office who guided us in the clean-up. Our task was to pick up any garbage along the beach and nearby roads. Our group of 22 individuals had a contest to see who could find the most interesting object. It turned into a group win, however, as we were able to piece together enough cast-off clothes for an entire outfit by the time we were done.

We all had laughs from our picking and scavenging that day, and it kept the morning light and cheerful. And we didn't go hungry: Yannis Drakoulakos, head of the Paros Environmental Office, came by to bring us delicious tiropites for lunch.

This was our first week in Paros and we were getting to see the beautiful coast of the island for the first time. One of my classmates, Erica Edwards from San Francisco, told me that it fitted her picturesque idea of Greece perfectly – with frappe-coloured beaches and more shades of blue and jade in the sea than could fit in a crayon box. Everywhere we walked there were aromatic scents of sage and thyme, with wafts of seasoned salt water.

However, when our eyes focused on the ground in front of us, we saw a different image. Plastic in all shapes and sizes, bottle caps, aluminum cans and cigarette butts were everywhere. The beaches had become giant waste baskets!

After Krios beach, our mission continued to Laggeri and Monastiri near Naoussa where we were greeted by Maria Tripolitsioti and two sanitation workers, Michalis and Panayiotis, who guided us to the beaches. Our last day of beach cleaning was in Aliko where we had a surprise visit from the Mayor who came to shake our hands and thank us for the work we were doing.

During our snack breaks, we usually took the opportunity to lie down and rest (and occasionally snooze). We also exchanged thoughts on how to maintain the extraordinary coastal environment that foreigners as well as Parians

have loved for centuries. We hoped our efforts would be noticed and emulated by others.

So it was a great feeling when people started hearing about our efforts across the island and telling us “thank you” or “keep up the good work”. Some honked their horns. Some clapped when we went by. Even other foreigners showed their gratification, and several jumped in to help, one wading into the water to retrieve trash.

It seems the desire is there to keep the beaches clean. We came to appreciate the efforts that Paros is making in this direction, and we also came to see that the responsibility belongs to all of us, locals and tourists alike. This project helped us become more self-aware while also letting us grow as an intercultural family with the people of the island.

### The New Old Road

By Vasiliki Gianakos, Indiana University,  
CYA Summer '09

The 1,000 year-old Byzantine road got a makeover this summer.

Along with sandy beaches, shops, and historic architecture, the island of Paros offers some unique points of interest for hikers and nature-loving travelers.

Several foot trails cut across the island, connecting towns and villages. The largest and most recognized path is known as the Byzantine Road. Constructed over 1,000 years ago of large marble and limestone slabs, it connects the historic towns of Lefkes and Marpissa.

Due to the spread of motorized transportation, the Byzantine road is little used by local residents today and has been falling into disrepair. Stone walls flanking



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# GOAT DANCERS, CROSS-DRESSERS, AND CONFETTI: KARNAVALI ON SKYROS

By Megan Ashley (Depaul), Michelle Davenport (Whitman), and Darcy Young (Depaul),  
CYA Spring '10



(L-R) Darcy, Megan, and Michelle

The last weekend before Lent is a time when most CYA students are looking to get out of Athens and celebrate Karnavali. While Patras seemed to be the favored party spot, we opted for a more traditional experience. Though making travel plans was sometimes stressful, the beautiful island of Skyros turned out to be exactly what we were looking for and more.

Our adventure began bright and early Friday morning when we took the Metro to Kato Patissia and made the short walk to the Terminal B bus station. One bus ride to Kymi, an impromptu soccer game with local ten-year-olds, an amazing meal overlooking the sea, and a choppy ferry ride later, we arrived in Skyros. Along with the breathtaking view, we were immediately met with the famous rural island hospitality that we had been hearing so much about, but hadn't had a chance to experience in Athens. We missed our bus from the port to the town of Molos, but a family that happened to be driving through and was friends with our host generously

offered to drive us to Ta Anemonisia, the lovely hotel that was to be our home for the next four days.

Each day we made the two-mile hike into town, stopping to take in the gorgeous view of the sea and mountains surrounding us, and pinching ourselves to make sure we were really in such a beautiful spot. As we neared Skyros Town, all we had to do was listen for the clamoring of bells to know we were nearing the main street. One of the Karnavali traditions that Skyros is known for is the goat dancer: men and boys that dress up in goat hides and black wool, with a belt of goat bells around their hips and traditional Skyros sandals on their feet. They bravely spend all weekend swinging their hips to sound the bells while parading through town at all hours of the day and night.

Whenever we made it up through the quiet, winding streets and into town, we were never disappointed. On a given day or night there were parades, impromptu street dances, costumed children, men in drag, parties, and even a free town potluck. Skyros blended cultural traditions with modern celebration perfectly using fireworks and non-stop Greek music, both contemporary and traditional.

We were the only Americans on the island for the weekend; that is not to say that Skyros is empty during Karnavali by any means, but rather that it is usually a get-away for Athenians and Europeans. Despite our obviously foreign appearance, the villagers were very eager to get to know us and include us in their celebration. We even got into the mix by participating in



Skyros coastline view from the Rupert Brooke Square

the street dancing and donning elaborate party masks. One such villager, Georgia, the owner of our hotel, made every effort to include us with her family for the weekend and took us in as one of her own.

The hospitality, the scenery, the weather (which was unbelievably cooperative the entire time we were there) and the celebration left us with the satisfaction that we had made the right choice for our Karnavali experience. We begrudgingly departed from Skyros with a newfound interest and respect for Greek tradition as well as the strong desire to return someday.



(L-R) Michelle, Darcy, their host Georgia, Megan

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## ALUMNI PROFILE: DON'T LET YOUR DREAMS BE DREAMS

By Jesse Friedman, Connecticut College,  
CYA Fall '01

One afternoon, during the fall of my sophomore year at Connecticut College, I tagged along with a friend to a study abroad meeting. That day, I decided to study in Greece, a decision that changed the course of my college experience and eventually led me to co-found Triskallian Tours, which operates programs for high school students throughout the developing world.

My career path has been greatly influenced by my experience at CYA. I initially chose Greece because I was unable to shake the images I had of wandering down the side streets of Athens, exploring the Acropolis, and diving off rocks on Greek Islands. I was hooked before I'd even begun to fill out the CYA application.

For myself and the friends I made in Athens, our semester at CYA was everything we ever could have imagined and more. To travel, to immerse oneself in another culture, and to be surrounded by caring educators – the experience transcends words. I learned so much about other people, but perhaps more importantly, I learned so much about myself.

One of the biggest lessons I took away from study abroad was to recognize how different people are, and yet I recognized the similarities, too. Initially the people I met appeared drastically different, but over time I realized that I was part of a collective world and community where we all share similar goals, dreams, and aspirations. Each class I took at CYA, each afternoon I spent exploring the neighborhoods of Athens, and each weekend my friends and I boarded ferries to the picturesque islands, I found to be an inspiring, rewarding, and meaningful experience.

After graduating from Connecticut College in 2002, I knew that I needed adventure, exploration, and something different in my life. I decided that a job in an office would always be there, but my ability to explore the world and to continue the experiences that I had grown  
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## CYA SEEKING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

College Year in Athens, Inc., (CYA) is seeking its first full-time Development Officer. This person will work, under the supervision of the President and in conjunction with the Alumni Coordinator, in developing a fundraising program. The job will be based in Cambridge MA with extended periods of work at CYA in Athens.

Responsibilities include the following:

- To devise and manage, in close consultation with the President and the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees, a program designed to attract the maximum gift support possible. This program will include annual fund solicitation; corporate and foundation proposals; and planning and solicitation of major gifts.
- To keep the President and Development Committee informed on a regular basis of the fund-raising activities.
- To develop, with the President, the Development Committee, and the Alumni Coordinator, a plan to increase alumni, parental, and friends' support of the institution.
- To work with the editors of CYA's print and electronic publications to ensure effective communication with various constituencies.
- To develop a program that will, over time, identify, cultivate, and solicit the school's key major gifts prospects.
- To serve as staff support for the President and the Development Committee.
- To be responsible for processing of all gift income for the purpose of providing receipts and the maintaining of giving records of donors to the school.
- To develop and lead a volunteer staff to carry out the activities of this endeavor.

Candidates should have minimum 3 years' experience in successful development work, demonstrated ability to work independently, and the communication skills needed to collaborate with colleagues and supervisors at home and abroad. Preference given to alumni/ae of College Year in Athens. Knowledge of Modern Greek and the Greek-American community a plus.

The position will start in early fall 2010. Interested candidates should send a resume to [employment@dikemes.edu.gr](mailto:employment@dikemes.edu.gr) no later than September 1, 2010.

## TWO CYA ALUMNI IN AMBASSADORIAL POSTS

**Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis '90** and **Tod Sedgwick '67** have been appointed as U.S. Ambassadors to the Republic of Hungary and the Slovak Republic respectively.

Eleni was born and raised in Sacramento. She earned her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth (1989) and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley (1992), before going to work for her father's AKT Development Corporation in 1993.

Tod, a Harvard graduate, has been active in publishing and the timber industry, devoting liberally his time to innumerable NGOs and their causes. In the past he served as Alumnus Trustee of CYA. For more on Tod see page 16.

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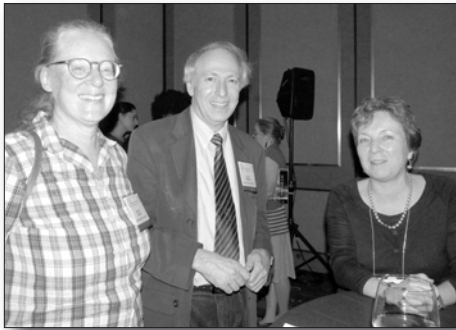
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## AIA RECEPTION

CYA hosted its annual alumni reception at the AIA/APA National Conference in Anaheim, California on January 7, 2010. The reception was attended by about 40 friends of CYA, which included alumni and friends from all over the world. Friends, colleagues and alumni had an opportunity to discuss and catch up, while enjoying food and refreshments. We would like to thank everyone who attended for making it another successful CYA event, and we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's reception in San Antonio, Texas. Details about the event will be available in December, so please check our website: [www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org) at that time.



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*Charlie Heydt '99AB, Elpida Anthan '99B*



*Anna Dialynas '09A, Catharine Judson '09A,  
Nicole Williams '09B*

## LOCAL ALUMNI GATHERINGS – COMING TO AN AREA NEAR YOU?

Alumni gatherings are a fantastic way to reconnect with old classmates and develop new relationships with fellow CYA supporters. Although CYA currently hosts various alumni events each year, we would like to expand the program...with your help! If you are interested in coordinating—or creating—an event for your class or the alumni in your area (with support from CYA, of course), please contact Alumni Coordinator Kelly Collins at [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org) or call the North American Office at 617-868-8200.



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# ARTISTIC INC

Every semester, CYA students use their considerable talents and curiosity to engage with the community around them: they sing in choirs, play on soccer teams, take bouzouki lessons, join dance classes. On these pages, we showcase the creative work of three students who are attending CYA in spring 2010.



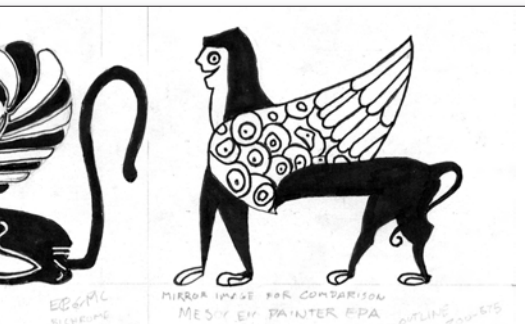
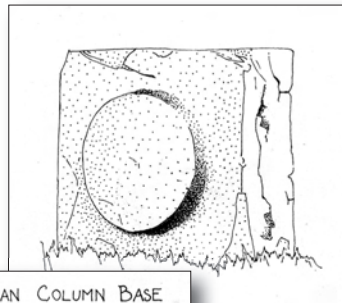
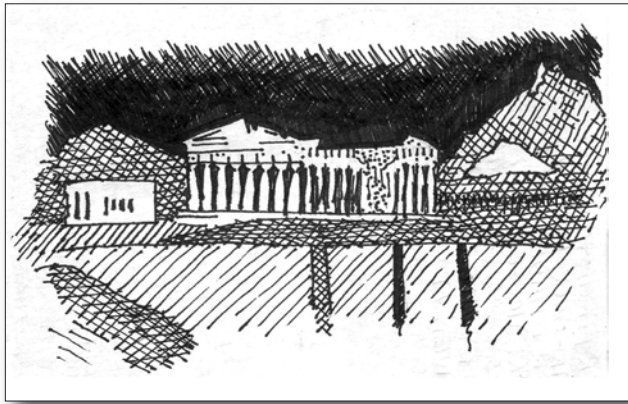
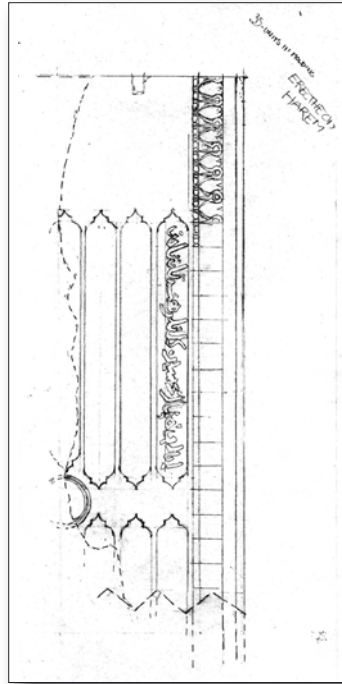
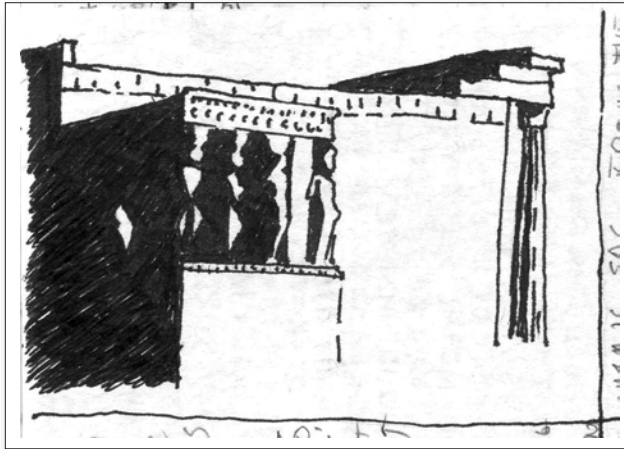
Jon Garrey (Grinnell) made sketches of statues he observed in museums he visited with Dr. Nicola Wardle and her class in "Aegean and Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology."



Sam Holzman (Brown), who enrolled in Dr. Penelope Mountjoy's "Archaeological Drawing," shares some of the drawings he made in that class, as well as others he produced in his spare time during visits to archaeological sites around Athens.



# CLINATIONS



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Christina Chen (USC) enrolled in a marble carving class and describes her experiences below.



By far, the singular experience of my semester in Athens has been learning the art of marble carving. There is something very cathartic and organic about working with a block of marble, and learning the methodical techniques simply using a hammer and chisel. We were warmly welcomed by the locals, some of them artists and others simply pursuing marble carving as a personal interest. Every Wednesday night began with a few hours of working, and the night was finished off with local wine and wonderful Greek food. What I loved most was the casual and disarming environment, which encouraged us to practice our Greek and meet more people. After working on my own piece, I know I'll never look at another marble statue the same way again. And while I like to write, I would not call myself a particularly artistic person; after this experience, though, I just might have a change of heart!



## SERVICE LEARNING ON PAROS

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the path have been damaged by water erosion, letting more and more dirt slip onto the smooth marble walkways. As weeds grow up through this dirt, and stones from the walls block passage in some spots, the path has become less defined and more difficult to traverse.

For the second part of the Greek anthropology class, students worked with the municipality to begin restoring these paths. This began with a two-hour-long hike to become familiar with the Byzantine road, led by Christos Georgousis, a Parian author and retired school principal.

Georgousis guided the students up the winding path, passing century-old olive trees, family vineyards and picturesque views of stark white villages and monasteries. He told the students to hike the trail using all five senses. Wild herbs sweat in the hot sun, releasing their oils and filling the air with their aroma. All along the trail oregano, thyme, sage and fennel are abundant. Wind whistles through the reeds, and there are over 200 species of birds known on Paros, many of which can be heard by the quiet early morning hiker.

The students also spent a day making signs at the Eikastiko Ergastirio (Art Workshop) near Paroikia, under the guidance of Argyro Vavanou. The signs will be posted along the trail, making it easier for hikers to keep their bearings as they walk along, passing small side-routes to the surrounding towns and villages.


Most of the student effort, however, was

put into clearing the trail of rocks and overgrowth, under the direction of Kosmas Hatzigrigoriou of Lefkes. The students hacked down shrubs and trees that had grown up on the path. They uprooted weeds and moved stones to create at least a metre's width of walking space along the trail.

With 4km (2.5 miles) of the most neglected, and seemingly the most popular, parts of the trail cleared from Lefkes to Prodromos, only a small portion from Prodromos to Marpissa remains unmanicured.

The rich history of these paths is still alive in the tales told by older Parians who remember using them in the old days, before mopeds and cars became the main source of transportation. Some even continue to use parts of the paths today. Yiannis, an old goat herder who lives just outside Prodromos, says he takes his goats up those trails to get from one feeding ground to another. He also remembers using the Byzantine road as a child to get to the schoolhouse, a small one-room building that no longer stands.

While no one knows exactly how old the paths are, Dimitris Yorgaros of the Dimos Paros is among those who believe they are at least as old as the Venetian period on Paros. "A horse can go on a road like this. The Venetians had horses... Maybe this place is much older than we think... we can only guess," he told us.

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### 2. Matching Gifts

Your employer may match your charitable donations, multiplying the impact of your gift. To learn if your organization participates, please contact your human resources office.

### 3. Named Scholarships

What better way to support a deserving CYA student than through a named scholarship! You can honor a special person and give the incredible experience of College Year in Athens to an academically qualified student who would not otherwise be able to attend.



## ALUMNI PROFILE: DON'T LET YOUR DREAMS BE DREAMS

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to love in Greece would not. With this sentiment and desire to travel guiding my decisions, I packed two surfboards and some clothes in a bag, and bought a plane ticket for Southeast Asia. For the better part of the next three years I lived in Thailand and Indonesia.

I taught English at a university in Southern Thailand, lived on a fishing boat in Indonesia, and even spent some of my days surfing and eating only rice and fish, but every experience I had was magical, filled with adventure, and something entirely new and different. My semester at CYA paved the way for my years in Southeast Asia by filling me with this sense of adventure, shaping me as a person, and teaching me to think about things differently.

After nearly three years of traveling and exploring, I needed to return home, but even as I boarded a plane home, I knew that my traveling was far from finished. As a way of continuing my adventures and sharing the lessons I learned from my world travels, I created Triskallian Tours with a college friend upon my return to the U.S. The core of each of our programs is a combination of meaningful volunteer

projects, outdoor activities, and cultural immersion. For the last four years, I have been the lead guide for our Surf and Service program in Samara, Costa Rica. It is very rewarding to be a part of our young travelers' experiences and to watch as they learn about the world around them. We know that our programs are making lasting impressions on their lives and the next generation of world citizens. Beyond the fun and adventure experienced by our students, we have a meaningful influence on the communities in which we're based.

There is a Jack Johnson song that says "Don't let your dreams be dreams." I think about that nearly every day when I work on Triskallian Tours. CYA opened my eyes to the wonders that exist in this world. With the confidence I gained at CYA, I am working every day to make my dream, a dream to travel, explore, and make a difference in this world, a reality. For that I am forever indebted to CYA.

For more information on Triskallian Tours please visit [www.triskallian.com](http://www.triskallian.com).

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## COOKING LIKE A GREEK

This column will bring you recipes that students try, and love, in the course of their Greek cooking lessons.

### SPANAKORIZO

*Spinach and Rice Casserole*

*½ cup pure olive oil  
6 green onions, green and white parts finely chopped  
3 pounds fresh spinach, washed, trimmed, and coarsely chopped  
1½ cups long-grain white rice  
3 tbs. finely chopped fresh dill  
2 cups water  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
Lemon wedges for garnish*

Heat the oil in a large pot. Sauté the green onions over medium heat until soft and golden, about 3 minutes. Stir in the spinach and sauté until wilted, about 3 minutes. Add the rice, dill, and water and stir. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat until the rice is cooked and all the liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm, garnished with lemon wedges if you like.

*From: Sofi's Aegean Kitchen: A Light Approach to Traditional Greek Home Cooking by Sofi Lazarides Konstantinides*

## CYA T-SHIRTS ON SALE NOW

In response to numerous requests from alumni, the CYA T-shirt is now available for purchase in North America. This 100% cotton white T-shirt, available in sizes Medium, Large, and Extra Large, is printed in blue ink with the CYA owl as well as Socrates' quote, "I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world," in both English and ancient Greek.

T-shirts are \$12 plus shipping and handling from the CYA North American office and can be ordered by printing the T-shirt Order Form found at [www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org) and mailing it in (with payment).

Questions: e-mail us at [info@cyathens.org](mailto:info@cyathens.org).

## ALUMS WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH

We need your help! Despite our recent project with Harris Connect we are still missing contact information for many alumni who have either moved or changed names. If you are in touch with fellow CYAers, please visit our website and check the list of "LOST ALUMNI" (<http://www.cyathens.org> under Alumni & Friends) to see if someone you know is on this list.

## CYA APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

CYA ALUMNI and friends planning to visit Athens during the summer months, please keep in mind that CYA may have apartments available for rent. CYA student apartments are conveniently located in the Kolonaki and Pangrati neighborhoods of central Athens and provide a less expensive alternative to hotel accommodations. For availability and rates please send a request to [programs@dikemes.edu.gr](mailto:programs@dikemes.edu.gr).

## TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVES

CYA hired 3 alumni last fall to work as Travel Representatives for us. They traveled the country for us recruiting students to attend CYA this spring and year. The job entails visiting with Study Abroad Staff and Administrators at universities across the country as well as attending Study Abroad Fairs at many colleges. Our Representatives work hard setting up appointments, booking their own travel, and submitting detailed reports of each visit, all while they are on the road flying, driving, and staying in a new place each night. We thank them for their diligent work and continued support of CYA.



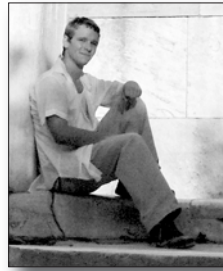
**JASON E. ZICK,  
CYA FALL '07**

After attending CYA in the fall of 2007, Jason returned to Washington D.C. to great fanfare and celebration...from

his family. Over the next 17 months he got a haircut, turned 21, got a job with his university, read lots of books, turned 22, interned for the House Majority Leader in Congress, and wrote lots of papers. This May he graduated with honors from George Washington University. He majored in Political Science with minors in English and History.

Upon graduation, Jason vacationed in the Outer Banks, sailed with hippies in San Francisco, caught the swine flu, drove across the southwest, swam in the Colorado River, visited the Grand Canyon, hung out in Denver, attended a wedding in Indiana, and watched every stage of the Tour de France. Jason currently resides

in Arlington, VA and works for the Department of Homeland Security.



**MAX PFINGSTEN,  
CYA FALL '05**

Since my time at CYA, I finished my undergraduate degree in ancient Greek at DePauw University and went on to get a master's degree in classical philosophy from the University of Colorado at Boulder. This is my second year representing CYA across the nation. I have not let my travels impede my studies, however. I am currently pursuing a master's in education online through Jones International University. This will also be my last year as a CYA travel representative, as I hope to begin teaching high school history next fall.

In the course of my studies and teaching experiences, the importance of my time abroad, especially at CYA, has really begun to sink in. I believe that one can gain knowledge without ever leaving home, but wisdom comes only from exposure to other ideas, other perspectives, other worldviews. In the hope of spreading this message, I have continued to work with CYA to bring eager young minds to Athens, the birthplace of the search for wisdom.

I am very excited to represent CYA across the nation. Everywhere I go, I meet alumni who share my enthusiasm for the program as well as an ardent desire to return to Athens. I have also met with scores of professors and program directors who speak nothing but praise for CYA. I always knew my time in Athens was something special, but it has been

wonderful to hear that sentiment echoed by so many people. I feel truly privileged to have spent a semester in such a wonderful place, in the company of such phenomenal teachers, such an enthusiastic staff, and such adventurous peers.

All the best!



**JEFF KOCH,  
CYA FALL '07**

Since leaving CYA, I have been in Greece withdrawing. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May with a

major in Finance. South Bend, Indiana is a far cry from Athens, so I spent my summer with family in California infrequently attempting to successfully cook Moussaka (no easy task). I have enjoyed my time as a CYA Travel Rep immensely. I met a handful of Greek students studying in the States who all became big advocates for CYA. Visiting with alumni along the way was always rewarding and every potential new CYA student I met would reenergize and excite my enthusiasm for Greece. Thank you all for allowing me to bring my passion for College Year in Athens to a larger stage as a Travel Representative.

My favorite place in Greece is the island of Thira and I will always remember playing weekly soccer with the Greeks and the employees from the British embassy on a field north of Athens. I plan on returning to Greece as soon as the planets of money and time once again align. In January I will start a full time job as a Financial Consultant with Navigant Consulting Inc. in Chicago, Illinois.

### INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING CYA AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE U.S. THIS FALL? COLLEGE YEAR IN ATHENS IS HIRING!

College Year in Athens seeks some temporary Traveling Representatives to promote the Program on college campuses nationwide. Campus visits include study abroad fairs (setting up and staffing a booth), classroom presentations, information sessions, and holding meetings with professors or study abroad administrators. Reps are responsible for making many of their travel arrangements and setting up appointments and must provide detailed reports and information at the conclusion of each visit. The position requires (budget) travel by plane/train/car.

Candidates should be CYA alumni who are eager to promote the Program and its goals. Applicants must be outgoing and well-spoken advocates of study abroad, as well as organized, responsible, and able to work with little supervision. A Bachelor's Degree, professional appearance and manners, and valid driver's license are required. Access to a car a plus.

Details will be posted on the CYA website, [www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org), in May.

## SPRING 2010 ALUMNI NOTES

**Please Note:** Our system is to list fall semester (A) and spring semester (B) students as belonging to the class of the full academic year (e.g., people who attended in fall 1990 and spring 1991 both belong to the class of '91). Summer students are listed by the year they attended.

If you are interested in becoming a class agent, contact us at: [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org).

### CLASS OF '10

Still in need of a class agent

*Erik Bolt* (A) writes, "I am headed to graduate studies at the Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies program of Penn State University. Thanks for the great semester, everyone!"

### CLASS OF '09

Still in need of a class agent

Class Agent: '09B *Anouska Hamlin*  
[anouska.hamlin@gmail.com](mailto:anouska.hamlin@gmail.com)

*Michael Goodwin* (A) writes, "My senior honors thesis ("The Souls of Nations: Repatriation, National Museums, and Cultural Identity in Southern Europe" [for which one chapter discusses the Parthenon Marbles]) was awarded the prize for Outstanding Thesis in European Studies, here at Washington University in St. Louis."

*Whitney Lewis* (B) writes, "I am currently finishing up my thesis and will be graduating from Brown in a few weeks with an Honors degree in Literatures and Cultures in English. However, the really exciting part is that I just found out that I will be returning to Greece next fall! I have accepted a position with the Hellenic American Educational Foundation as a teaching fellow for the academic year 2010 – 2011. I will be working in the college counseling office, as well as with several teachers in the English department of Athens College, a K-12 private Greek/American prep-school. The school is located in Psychico, which is just a short distance from Pangrati and the CYA campus. I am so excited to be returning to Athens and cannot wait for more adventures."

*Blythe Miller* (A) writes, "I've accepted a position with Teach For America in

Houston, Texas. I'm enjoying my senior spring, and am very excited to move down south and teach elementary school!"

### CLASS OF '08

Class Agent: '08A *Aubrie Boersen*  
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### CLASS OF '07

Class Agent: *Catherine (Hibben) Silvo*  
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*Emma Perry* (A) writes, "I am currently living in Boston, MA where I am a second year Doctoral Candidate in English Literature at Boston College. I am studying Early Modern and Restoration dramatic literature, gender, and performance. I miss Greek sunsets but get excited whenever a mythological reference pops up in a Shakespeare play that I'm teaching to my undergrads! If you're in the Boston area, I'd love to get in touch: [perryem@bc.edu](mailto:perryem@bc.edu)."

### CLASS OF '06

Class Agent: '06A *Erin Meyers*  
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Class Agent: '06B *Bernadette Bolan*  
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*Sara Marquis* (AB) is pursuing her MBA in Marketing at Strayer University with an estimated completion in the spring of 2011.

### CLASS OF '05

Still in need of a class agent

### CLASS OF '04

Still in need of a class agent

*Jessica Jordan DeLeon* (summer) received her masters in Social Work in the spring of 2008 from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She was married in June 2009 and is currently residing in Baltimore, MD.

### CLASS OF '03

Class Agent: *Adam Fletcher*  
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### CLASS OF '02

Still in need of a class agent

### CLASS OF '01

Still in need of a class agent

*Steve Toeniskoetter* (AB) and Katrina Budde (AB) write, "We are excited to announce the arrival of our second child, daughter Athina Priscilla Toeniskoetter on April 3, 2010 (named after the city where we met). She joins her big brother, Loren Alexandros, who is now almost three. We moved from San Francisco to Minneapolis a few years ago. Steve practices law in the Minneapolis office of Faegre & Benson, while Katrina teaches Latin at Benilde-St. Margaret's."

### CLASS OF '00

Still in need of a class agent

### CLASS OF '99

Class Agent: '99A still in need of a class agent

Class Agent: '99B *Ryan Tipps*  
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*Stephen Dunkle* (B) and Erin Tolhurst Dunkle (B) write, "We are celebrating our fifth wedding anniversary in March. It's hard to believe it has been 11 years since we met at CYA!"

### CLASS OF '98

Class Agent: '98A *Maro Sevastopoulos*  
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### CLASS OF '96

Class Agent: *Vasilios Roussos*  
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*Stacy Macherides Moulis* (B) and her husband welcomed their first baby, Eleni, in April 2009.

## CLASS OF '95

Class Agent: *Laura Ament Taylor*  
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*Nicole Capuana* (AB) writes, "I am living in Cleveland and finally got married to my partner of 13 years last Thanksgiving. At the moment, I am working for Progressive as a web architect on the servicing web site which entails designing many complex transactions. Also, I just gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who we named Otto Leopold. I don't do anything with my ancient Greek aside from watching history channel shows on ancient history. Right now, I'm just enjoying maternity leave. Life is good."

*Warren Woodfin* (B) writes, "I have spent the academic year as a Fellow in the Department of Medieval Art at the Metropolitan Museum—joined by my former professor of Byzantine art at CYA, Mary Lee Coulson. It's a very small world, indeed."

## CLASS OF '94

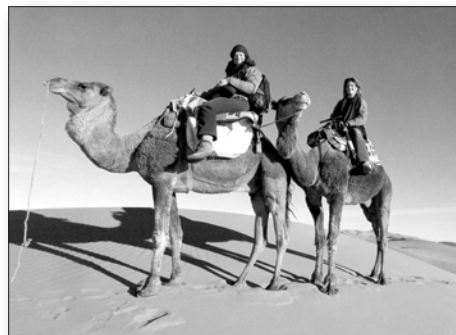
Class Agent: *Susannah Snowden*  
[Susannah\\_snowden@hotmail.com](mailto:Susannah_snowden@hotmail.com)

*Cari Brim Land* (A) writes, "I am back in Austin, TX, working as an elementary school counselor. I married my college sweetheart, David Land, and we have 2 boys – Jack, 2.5 yrs and Owen, 5 mos. Shout out to Kirsten & Heidi, and I'd love to reconnect with my two lost CYA flatmates – Jen & Jaimee!"

*Susannah Snowden* (B) writes, "My photography business, Omnia Photographics, is continuing to grow, and I find myself fulfilling my dream—of traveling abroad for my work—more often than ever. This January, my College Year In Athens roommate, *Jennifer Smith*, and I saw each other for the first time in 16 years! She owns a guesthouse in Fes, Morocco, "Dar Roumana," and invited me over to photograph it. She has completely restored the building and it is both gorgeous and a wonderful success. It was amazing to see Jenny-mou, and we spent hours laughing at memories and cracking

up at photographs from our Spring '94 semester. The trip was capped off by riding camels into the Sahara Desert for an overnight stay!

"Last summer I was an underwater photographer on the Institute of Nautical Archaeology (INA) underwater excavation of a 1st Century Roman shipwreck off the eastern coast of Turkey. Without a doubt it was the pinnacle of my career so far. Add to that that I was a mere hour ferry ride from Greece and I was in heaven! I got to travel in the islands: Samos, Lipsi, Kalymnos, Kos...wonderful! In June I'm heading back to Turkey as a photographer for another INA excavation, this time for a Phoenician shipwreck. Whoo hoo! I'm the class agent for 1994 and would love to hear from you – feel free to send me your news for CYA at [Susannah\\_snowden@hotmail.com](mailto:Susannah_snowden@hotmail.com)."



## CLASS OF '93

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## CLASS OF '92

Class Agent: *Kelly McCutcheon Adams*  
[kamcc71@yahoo.com](mailto:kamcc71@yahoo.com)

*Kelly McCutcheon Adams* (B) writes, "Though I would not personally tire of regaling you with tales of the all the cute things our three year old daughter says about her baby brother, I suspect you might! So, please send me an email with news of your goings-on in the 18 years since we were together in Athens and our next class notes column will be far more interesting! You can email me at: [kamcc71@yahoo.com](mailto:kamcc71@yahoo.com)"

## CLASS OF '91

Class Agent: *Daphne Pezaris Maramaldi*  
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## CLASS OF '90

Class Agent: *Steve Gratwick*  
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*Steve Gratwick* (AB) writes, "I'm very happy to report that much of CYA '90 alumni life continues to revolve around California! At the annual AIA reception in Anaheim this January, I ran into *Camilla MacKay* (AB) who looks exactly the same after 20 years, and splits her time between a job at Bryn Mawr and summers in Athens...she's clearly doing something right. Also saw *Alina Larson* (AB) in San Francisco for New Year's and she sees *Leslie Kramer* (AB) frequently back in New York where they both live. *Chrysanthe Gussis* (A), *Danielle Hawn* (AB) and *Ted Blanchard* (AB) are also Bay Area residents who I don't see enough. *James-David Parker* (AB) is still teaching high school Greek and Latin in Texas, and *Don Byrne* (AB) just confirmed that he is still in North Carolina – although something tells me he too would enjoy California. We're still trying to find *Kim Murdab* (A), *Joe Zebrak* (A) and *Mark Travis* (A)! If any of you are in contact with them, send them my way.

"The big plan is for a group of '89/'90 classmates to return to Greece in SUMMER 2011 for a CYA course on the island of Paros, studying anthropology, community development for three weeks and of course making time for off-island field trips, beaches and discos. The apartments are right in the town of Paroikia and look incredibly appealing. You've all got more than a year to plan and save for this, so let's get at least 15 of us to take the class and have a reunion back in the Aegean! In the meantime, come find me in LA, [steve.gratwick@gmail.com](mailto:steve.gratwick@gmail.com) or I'll see you next summer on Paros."

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## CLASS OF '85

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## CLASS OF '80

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## CLASS OF '79

Class Agent: *Anastasia Sarantos*  
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*Patty (Stevens) Ardery* (B) writes, "My husband, *Sam Ardery* (B), and I are both CYA class of '79 and 1980 DePauw graduates. We live in Bloomington, Indiana and have three girls: Rachel (22), Grace (20) and Mary (17). I am curious if there are other CYA marriages out there!"

*Margaret Beck* (AB) writes, "I just left Chefchaouan and arrived in Meknes, Morocco. I'm on vacation for three weeks here. Chaouan reminded me SO MUCH of Greece! I couldn't get over it. It has a very Mediterranean feel. Brought back so many fond memories..."

*Anne Erickson* (AB) writes "I'm still working for IBM as an IT Project Manager and am married to David Tracy (26 years).

Both of my kids are at Ohio University. If anyone is ever in Cincinnati, you need to let me know so we can get together."

*Tracy (Bowlin) Hartman* (AB) writes, "I am still working as a lawyer in Salt Lake City, and raising my beautiful daughter Lydia, who is now 12, and who really wants to go to Greece. I haven't been in Greece since 1981, but still enjoy Greek food, the occasional geia mas, and dreaming of the Aegean!"

*Ann (Paul) Mahoney* (AB) writes, "I still live in Beverly, MA, married to Shawn since 1984. We have three children - Caroline who is graduating from Scripps College in May with a degree in classics. She spent the fall of 2008 in Athens at CYA. She also spent the spring of 2009 in Rome, Italy. Our son, Tom, is a sophomore at Haverford College in PA and is planning to spend the summer and fall in Russia. Our youngest, Kate, graduates from Beverly High this year and is planning to go to Haverford in the fall. I would love to hear from classmates - [amahoney@comcast.net](mailto:amahoney@comcast.net)."

*Polly Scannell* (AB) writes, "I am still enjoying life in Boston and my job in Labor Relations for Harvard University. I finally made it back to Greece this past summer for a wonderful week in Crete (my first trip back in 30 years!) and can't wait to get back again. I would love to hear from any former CYA mates - my email is [susannah\\_scannell@harvard.edu](mailto:susannah_scannell@harvard.edu)."

*Barbara (Martin) Tubekis* (B) writes, "Attention DePauw class of 1980 who studied with CYA in the Fall of 1978, Spring of 1979, and Fall of 1979! Please

join us back on DePauw's campus for our class of 1980 - 30th reunion on June 11th and 12th. We'll be sure to gather and reminisce - bring pictures. Register for the alumni weekend via the DePauw website: <http://www.depauw.edu/alumni/arw/2010/index.asp>"

## CLASS OF '78

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## CLASS OF '73

Class Agent: *Rick Vogel*  
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*Rick Vogel* (AB) writes, "*Marilyn Martin Mark* (AB) from our class and her husband, Jed, are coming out to Oregon to visit us and travel around the state for three weeks on May 14th.

"Our own travel plans have me going back to Ohio for my 40th high school reunion in June. In November, my wife, daughter, son-in-law and I will be going to Brazil. We will travel on a small houseboat up the Rio Negro for nine days, where it splits from the Amazon in Manaus, then fly to Rio for awhile and on to Iguazu Falls."

## CLASS OF '72

Class Agent: *Lynn Wohlfeld*  
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## CLASS OF '70

Class Agent: *J. Mara DelliPriscoli*  
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*Elise Billock-Tropea* (AB) has two great daughters in their 20's, and is still doing her life's passion and work as an adjunct professor in creative arts therapy. She also co-authored the paper Case Study of a Five Year-Old Israeli Girl in Movement Therapy in the American Journal of Dance Therapy. As an extension of her work, Elise offers women's retreats to Evia, Greece for companionship, relaxation, mediation, yoga, swimming, walking, eating, and inhaling the rich Greek history and art. For more information, go to her website at: <http://www.retreatsforwomen.net/evia.htm>.

*Frederica Hermansen Graham* (AB) writes, "I retired from Waldorf teaching in 2008, and have now taken up teaching French at a local community college, teaching "First Day School" at a local Quaker Meeting, and continuing to make myself available to clients wanting life coaching. It's a more peaceful, very simple life. I work with a local group called 'Transition Town' which seeks to create community and a smaller carbon footprint for a post-oil and climate-changed life. We have little transition towns all over Vermont, based on a prototype in England (see Rob Hopkins' The Transition Handbook).

"Most exciting though, was last summer's trip to Greece. My brother Jack Hermansen made it possible for many of his family and friends to be in Greece for two weeks. He was there for two months, welcoming three different groups and providing a great itinerary for each one. Mine was the second group and included all siblings (Jack, two other brothers, and me), one brother's wife, my 30-something daughter, and two female cousins. Our trip included a day in Athens, four days in Nauplion (+Mycenae, Epidaurus), and a week on the Ionian island of Kefhalonia (where "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" was filmed). There was dancing and hiking and eating and drinking...it was wonderful. Our last day, back in Athens, Jack and I visited the new CYA, which is quite something compared to the old days on Deinokratous, when Kolonaki Square was a sleepy place. We also had a chance to visit the new Acropolis Museum, which is very beautiful. It was

my daughter's first time to Greece, although both my sons have been there.

"I hope Jack will fill you in on the other two groups he hosted and what they did. One was for young people — his kids and my son — and the other for his personal friends. What a summer!"

## CLASS OF '69

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## CLASS OF '68

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*Tod Sedgwick* (AB) has been nominated for Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. An announcement from the White House, dated January 20, 2010 reads:

"President Obama announced today his intent to nominate the following individual:

Theodore Sedgwick, Nominee for Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Department of State

"Theodore Sedgwick is a business executive with experience in the publishing and timber industries. He founded Pasha Publications, a specialty publisher focused on energy, defense and environment markets, and served as its chief executive for 20 years. More recently, he founded Io Energy, an online energy information company covering the natural gas, coal and electricity industries. He was president of Red Hills Lumber Co., a producer of pine flooring. Mr. Sedgwick serves on a number of private company boards, including Inside Higher Ed, Atlantic Information Services, and Washington Business Information Inc. He has served on the boards of a number of cultural institutions including the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Shakespeare Theater Co. and the Gennadius Library in Athens, Greece. He has also served on the boards of a number of land preservation organizations, including the Civil War Preservation Trust, which he chaired in 2006-2009, and Wetlands America Trust, an affiliate of Ducks Unlimited. He is on the National Council of the Land Trust Alliance. Mr. Sedgwick is a member of the

Chief Executives Organization, an organization of global business leaders. He graduated with honors from Harvard College, cum laude, where he majored in Ottoman History.

"President Obama said, 'I'm pleased that these fine individuals have chosen to serve in my administration, and I look forward to working with them in the coming months and years.'"

## CLASS OF '66

Class Agent: *Jennie Tucker* [orp@eoni.com](mailto:orp@eoni.com)

## CLASS OF '65

Class Agent: *Peter Allen* [pallen@ric.edu](mailto:pallen@ric.edu)

*Dan Cohn-Sherbok* (AB) has now retired as the first Professor of Judaism at the University of Wales. He is currently a Visiting Professor at St Mary's University College, London. His new book: *Dictionary of Kabbalah and Kabbalists* was published in December 2009.

## CLASS OF '64

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