

## Lincoln School Alumni Newsletter

### Our First Alumni Newsletter!!

Namaste from Kathmandu everyone!! After having received so many emails from all of you regarding the need to contact your former classmates and teachers, we have decided to make the Lincoln School Alumni Association Website a reality!! Kudos to Ajay Jatia '90, who has kept encouraging the school to move forward with the project.

Swati Thapaliya, a Lincoln School Senior and my Marketing Teaching Assistant, and myself are hard at work designing the site. Our plans are to make it simple at first and then we

can add more components as we gather more contact information and funds. We envision a yearly rate that you as alumnus would pay as a part of your Lincoln

Please send feedback on this first newsletter. Other ideas for stories and articles would be appreciated!!!



School Alumni Association membership fees. Lincoln School will pay the fees for the first year.

Happy connecting! Monica Justice, LS Marketing Director, [mjustice@lsnepal.com.np](mailto:mjustice@lsnepal.com.np)

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• **Date to re-member!!** Our yearly Lincoln School Alumni Reception will be held on Monday, June 4th from 4:00-6:00 in the Globe Theater. Kathy Shrestha will be our guest speaker!!

• Check out our various alumni stories! The pictures included were taken at our 50th anniversary celebration! Can you guess who they are ??

### SAISA Events Return to Lincoln: Snow Leopards rule...number one school...

In the Middle and High Schools, SAISA activities were clearly among the highlights of the year. For the first time in four years, Lincoln hosted SAISA events. While we were scheduled to host two events, political instability

in Dhaka brought two additional events to Kathmandu. In total the Lincoln School community hosted Boys' Volleyball, Boys' Basketball, SAISA Music, and Girl's Basketball. These were all successful and exciting events that required a

great deal of effort from the Lincoln staff and community. While the smallest school in the SAISA League, Lincoln School continued its tradition of excellence. The Snow Leopards earned second place finishes in Boys' and Girl's

## Alum Sneh Rajbhandari is chosen to go to Oxford

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### sen for Oxford Program

Ill. - Two Illinois Wesleyan students have been chosen to study abroad at Oxford city. Sophomores Sneh Rajbhandari and Jordan Jeffers will spend the 2007-2008 ing in England, as part of the Pembroke College Visiting Students Programme.

broke a lot of it is going to have to come from me," said Rajbhandari, who will study tics of advanced nations and developing nations of Southeast Asia. "I'm interested to can adapt to everything from the campus to the different food," she added.

came to Illinois Welseyan from Kathmandu, Nepal, is accustomed to travel around never been to England. She is considered a study abroad student at IWU. "I came to to see political ideology from an American outlook," said Rajbhandari. "In England, I hope to learn more of the British-centric and colonial history. People tease me that I will be studying abroad twice over." , A political science and business administration major, Rajbhandari is a member of the Dean's List, the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the Model UN. She is a residential assistant at Illinois Wesleyan, treasurer of the South Asian Students' Association, and vice president of the International Society. She will travel to China this summer with the ASIANetwork, based at Illinois Wesleyan.

## Hello from Ben Brezic (Class of 1996) Remembering Alumni

I would love nothing more to attend the alumni reception, and return to my favorite place in the whole world. Unfortunately, I am in the Virgin Islands, completing my move to Madagascar, and the timing isn't going to work out. However, please send my regrets to those who can.

Currently, I'm completing five years on St. John, in the US Virgin Islands. I designed and ran a 200 seat restaurant here, where I served as the executive chef/general manager. Following this experience, I am going to spend 2 months in Madagascar attempting to hone my French, then off to work on private mega yachts as the personal chef for some exclusive clientele. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me, and wants to stay in touch. Please make my email available to anyone who asks, and let them know that my time in Nepal, as well as the 2 weeks I spent back in 2004 are in my thought every single day. I'd love to know where everyone is these days, and how they are doing. My email is houseofcooks@yahoo.com and I check it at least once a week.

In the meantime, namaste from the land of sun and fun! Warm regards, Ben Brezic (class of 1996)

## Way to go

Volleyball and Girl's Soccer while Boy's Basketball finished third. These successes were followed up by a virtual sweep of championships in the third season in which Lincoln School won the Boys' Soccer Team Title, the Girls' Basketball Title, and took high points in Girls' Tennis. This was the first time Lincoln has won Boys' Soccer and

the Girls' Basketball Team won their title here on their home court.



Go Lincoln Snow Leopards!!



## Ho-Shi Restaurant is our healthy and delicious alternative: More on surrounding restaurants and places near LS

Ho-Shi Restaurant (formerly Java restaurant), located right across the school opened in August 2006. Right after the first week of school, Grace Fukuzawa, owner and mother of two Lincoln school students, had herself permanent clientele for the rest of the year!

From Teriyaki Chicken, Agedashi Tofu, Yakitori, Gyoza, Korean B.B.Q. to Hoshi Special Fried Ice-Cream, there is something for everyone from the Japanese and Korean dishes that they serve.

They also cater to our soon-to-be-

moving USAID personnel. Do you remember when Lincoln School started over at the USAID office cum rana palace?

Well, they will be moving over to Mahara-jung to be within the new American Mission compound. Seniors still go over to the USAID canteen to eat lunch in the gar-



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The other popular hang-out, Chet Naryan's *chia pasal*, still caters to our teachers, staff and students alike. They still make the best samosas in town. They now have a lower level garden spot which has been very popular to the high school students.

If you are in town, please do not forget to stop by and have a bite to eat in Lincoln's favorite nearby restaurants!!!

## News from some of your classmates and friends Hello from Dana Moyal (Class of 1991)

My gosh I miss my days at Lincoln school so so much. Where do I start? There is not a day that goes by that I don't reminisce about my amazing days in Katmandu. Sometimes I wish I could turn back the clock, go back in time and experience it all again. After Lincoln I returned back to Israel for compulsory military service for 2 years, then went to University in Tel Aviv and got a B.A in Film and V production. Have been producing docu-

mentary T.V films & series since then. I am a partner also in a Nepali Film services and event company called Nepa-laya. I met my husband Alex in Israel he was studying medicine at Tel Aviv University in an American program. The rest is history. We married back in 2001 and have a daughter Ana 14 months old. I have been back to Nepal 5 times since leaving in '91', I'm in touch with Petra and Sarina. Petra lives in London and has two gorgeous girls,

and Sarina works for a non profit last I heard was living in Ethiopia.

Big hugs to everyone.

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## Lincoln School expands once again: Elementary school building is moving on up

Enrollment at Lincoln School has grown by about fifty students this year and we are nearing the capacity of our current buildings. That being the case, after months of investigation, the Buildings & Grounds Committee recommended adding a third floor above the elementary building which was built

with the capacity for another level. The Board approved this expansion at the April meeting. This will provide us with four new classrooms to accommodate potential additional growth in the coming years. Construction will occur over the summer holidays

and the rooms will be fitted out



as enrollment needs require.

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school year on August 15,  
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## Aims of the Lincoln School Alumni Association

The **Lincoln School Alumni Association** which was started during our 50th anniversary year has been coordinated by Ajay Jatia '90 with the assistance of the Marketing and Fundraising committee. One of the main objectives is to create an alumni website which would be linked to our external website ([www.lsnepal.com](http://www.lsnepal.com)). The objectives of our alumni link would be three-fold: 1) Use the alumni information for alumni success stories that would also market Lincoln School 2) Connect and link alumni with each other 3) Present a continual and strong visual link which will also attract our alumni and keep them in touch with Lincoln School. For more information about the website and ways you can help out contact Monica Justice, Marketing Director

## **Bonnie Ellison: One of our original Lincoln School Alumni**

Lincoln School moved from someone's living room into a room at Rabi Bhawan with tables and books around September 1956. Being one of the few in that classroom makes me one of the original Alumni.

I had fallen in love with Nepal at an early age. Upon leaving, I knew I would be back and managed to visit quite often over the past 50 years. In the late 1990's I realized that I wanted to come to Nepal in my retirement and spend the rest of my life here. I met Sharwan Nepali who wanted to give something

back to his country by opening a home for underprivileged children. I took the opportunity to come shortly after it opened and have been the Managing Director of AmaGhar since Jan. 2002.

I have a full and wonderful life with the children, as there is never a dull moment when you live with 39 children! I am making plans to build a permanent home and generally try to enjoy some of what Kathmandu has to offer. I work with a wonderful Nepali staff of six and together we tackle the logistics of the children's schooling, the details of running a house, children

growing up and Fund Raising here and in the USA.

AmaGhar is at the chowk in Taukhel on the way to Godavari. You are always welcome to visit! Stop by for a cup of Chia and fresh air on the balcony anytime.

Bonnie Ellison - Class 4 - 1956  
Managing Director of AmaGhar  
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Bonnie and the children of Ama Ghar

