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## New Facilities Open in Style

With ribbon cuttings, speeches, banquets, and contests, October was a festive month of dedications and inaugurations of new facilities at Anatolia. A busy summer construction season culminated in the opening of the Ingle Hall Classroom Annex, the Alumni Soccer Field and Track, and the renovated Anatolia Kindergarten building. Physical improvements to the Anatolia Elementary School and a thorough refurbishing of the Ingle Hall kitchen were also completed. Yes, even the kitchen sink was renovated.

A group of Anatolia trustees was on hand to cut ribbons at the Classroom Annex and the Kindergarten. The former, designed by Anatolia alumnus Petros Makrides '64, houses ten new classrooms, a 2,500 square-foot indoor exercise area, an AV room, an art room, and new offices for Ana-

tolia's First Gymnasium (Junior High School). The building was made necessary by the school's decision to reduce class section size to 25 and to create additional sections. The first new classroom building at Anatolia in many years, and the first to be wheelchair-accessible, it's a beautiful, modern facility. Gifts from Alex Spanos, George Bissell, Michael Jaharis, Stella Gogou and Alex Papadopoulos, and others helped make the new building possible. Giving and naming opportunities for new donors remain.

For many years Anatolia has needed improved playing fields for use by the High School and ACT. Thanks to a leadership gift from the Anatolia Alumni Association, it now has a state-of-the-art facility, with all-weather turf and Tartan Track, inaugurated on October 19 in the presence of U.S. Am-



Athletes young and older enter Alumni Field during inaugural ceremonies

bassador to Greece Charles Ries and Deputy Sports Minister Giorgos Orphanos, who both spoke at the cere-

monies. President Richard Jackson and Alumni Association President Angelos

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Ingle Hall Annex, l. to r. Stavros Constantinides, Petros Makrides, John Clymer



6th grader Iro Kalemi in the blocks



Anatolia varsity vs. former Greek internationals



Greek Olympic gold medalist Voula Patoulidou



U.S. Ambassador to Greece Charles Ries

## Anatolian on Nobel Peace Prize Team

When the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize, split this year between the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency and its Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, was announced, Panayiotis Karousakis '60 took it in stride. Having retired from the IAEA two years ago and possessing the steady temperament befitting a nuclear engineer and member of a scientific team, it was not until Anatolia classmate and trustee Serge Hadji-Mihaloglou crowed congratulations to him some days later that he says he felt the Prize and his part in it sink in. As one of the leaders of the Nuclear Safeguards Program in his 22-year career at the Agency – the divi-

sion of its programs for which the Agency was particularly recognized by the Nobel Foundation – he certainly merits a share in the honors.

"It was at Anatolia that I first had the ambition to become a nuclear scientist," he says, interviewed at his home a five minute drive from the campus. "I had outstanding teachers at Anatolia – Papadimitriou and Kyriakakis in Mathematics, Sanford in Biology, for instance – and they inspired me to pursue what was then the most exciting scientific topic of the day. The year before I entered Anatolia President Eisenhower had made his 'Atoms for Peace' speech at the U.N. that led to the creation of the IAEA in 1957,

in fact. So I suppose I have come full circle."

Karousakis decided to pursue undergraduate studies in engineering and economics in the U.S., at the University of California at Berkeley, "where I had five Nobel Prize winners among my professors," he notes. He completed his Masters and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering at Purdue and spent a post-doctoral year at the University of Kentucky. Back home one summer he met and married another Anatolian, Anna Kalfa '69. They went to live in the States, where Karousakis joined United Engineers and Constructors, later a division of Raytheon, one of the principal builders of nuclear power plants in what was

the heyday for power plant construction. When the U.S. nuclear industry slowed in the later 70s, Karousakis returned to his homeland to work as a consultant to the Greek Atomic Energy Commission drafting plans for nuclear power in Greece. It soon became clear to him that political considerations were going to defer implementation of the plans, so he took a senior post at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, planning to stay for a couple of years.

But he found the global reach of the Agency, particularly into developing countries, stimulating, and he combined his scientific and economic expertise to design solutions to coun-

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## Drakos Gift for Technology at ACT

Five years ago a gift from Trustee Emeritus Bill Drakos in memory of his sister Effie made possible an open-access computer laboratory in ACT's New Building. Its central location in the building made it one of the most frequented sites on campus. But five years is a long time in cyber-time; the lab needed a total upgrade, and the impetus to make it once again state-of-the-art as well as the required funds came from Bill Drakos himself.

The Effie Drakos Reilly lab is now more popular, and more useful, than ever. What's more, the Drakos gift will also enable ACT to install one of the first wireless campus networks in Greece, to include both the New Build-

ing and the Bissell Library, and will provide for NAS (Network Area Storage), which will increase the storage capacity and access speed for ACT records. Taken together, these improvements will keep ACT at the forefront of educational computing in Greece.

The public area outside of the refurbished lab will be henceforth known as the Effie Commons. "For today's students," comments President Richard Jackson, "the combination of Internet access with a student meeting area is the most natural thing in the world. The Commons is the focal point of ACT, a place where Effie Drakos' memory will be kept alive by generations of future students."



President Jackson (left) with the Drakos family in front of the Bissell Library

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tries' energy needs, including their need for nuclear energy. In 1984 he joined the Nuclear Safeguards Division of the IAEA, and in 1996 became a Unit Head, one of the scientists with diplomatic status responsible for verifying compliance by countries which had signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. His specialty was uranium enrichment, a key to the use of uranium as fuel in nuclear power plants – and nuclear bombs.

His first area of oversight included Western Europe, and in 1991 he was given a special assignment to Iraq immediately following the Gulf War.

He and his team flew into Iraq in a U.N. plane escorted by U.S. F-16 fighter jets, passing through the thick smoke above burning Kuwaiti oil wells, traveling to the Iraqi desert to inspect hidden depositories of spent nuclear fuel and to look over the Osiris research reactor that had been damaged in the War. "There was a certain tension surrounding our work. We were there according to the agreement negotiated between Saddam and the U.N., but we understood that things could develop beyond our control at any moment."

In the last phase of his career at the IAEA, Karousakis was responsible for the Far East, traveling frequently to Japan and to the interior of China – "50 to 100 years behind the coast," he reports. He also became one of those responsible for training younger scientists in verification techniques, which he says have become highly sophisticated in recent years. He gives the Agency credit for insuring greater global nuclear security, pointing to states like South Africa and Libya which gave up nuclear weapons programs, and countries like Japan and Germany, which have the capacity to build such weapons but have not done so, as the IAEA is



Trustees Antonis Kamaras, Charlie Raphael, and Lambros Anagnostopoulos at the October 21st reception in the Condakes Gallery of Greek Art at the MFA-Boston

## Five New Trustees Join Board

All boards of trustees benefit from periodic infusions of new blood, and Anatolia is fortunate to welcome five outstanding individuals to its board, including two graduates.

George Antoniadis is President and CEO of his own company, Alpha Flying, Inc., an aircraft management company that offers PlaneSense fractional ownership opportunities. An Athens College graduate, he holds an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Federal Institute of Technology (Zurich) and a Harvard MBA. His professional career has included stints as a Director with Atlanta Chemical Industry, SA (Athens) and as an Associate with McKinsey & Company in Boston.

Jack Florentin '66 is founder and CEO of Sarah Lawrence S.A., one of Greece's leading names in women's clothing. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Columbia University as well as a Columbia MBA. A member of the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Foundation, he is also a past president of the Anatolia Alumni Association.

Antonis Kamaras '83 is the Istanbul Representative of the National Bank of Greece. He is a graduate of Connecti-

cut College and holds an M.Sc. in Political Theory from the London School of Economics, where he has also served as a Research Officer. His particular sphere of expertise is Greek economic activity in the Balkans, and he is a frequent writer on economic and political affairs for Greece's leading newspapers.

Harriet Pearson is Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Chief Privacy officer at IBM, a role which involves her in guiding information collection and use policies and practices across the company, as well as leading IBM's many privacy projects and programs. A UCLA-educated lawyer with an engineering degree from Princeton, she is a first-generation American and a fluent speaker of Greek.

In Anatolia circles, it is only natural to introduce new trustee Charles Raphael as the son of Antigone Raphael, an honorary trustee and longtime supporter of the school. Charlie's distinguished career in banking includes senior management positions in finance, corporate banking, and retail banking. A current Albion College trustee with capital campaign leadership experience, Charlie will bring his knowledge of fundraising to Anatolia as new chair of the board's Development Committee.

regularly in a position to confirm. As for certain other countries, he points out that an IAEA confidentiality oath is permanently binding on him.

He remains convinced of the utility and safety of nuclear power, saying that widespread public fear of it is not the result of a reasoned scientific appraisal of the risks. The Chernobyl disaster he attributes to criminal negligence on the part of the plant's operators.

Karousakis mentions several other Greeks who have contributed significantly to the IAEA's work in recent years: Dimitris Perikos, Pantelis Economou, and Emmanuel Gryn-takis. The rest of us have the Nobel Foundation to thank for reminding

us that we owe a debt of gratitude – and warm congratulations – to all of them.



Panayiotis Karousakis '60

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# High School News

## Mount Olympus in Rain, Shine, or Snow

**C**limbing Mount Olympus, at 9,570 feet the highest mountain in Greece, is an adventure in the best of conditions. Climbing it under adverse conditions simply makes it more...adventurous. Anatolia and ACT students have been going to the top in all weathers for almost thirty years, continuing a tradition begun by former Anatolia President William McGrew. This year was no exception.

With members of the faculty and several alumni serving as escorts, and two professional guides on hand for emergencies, two groups of 60 Anatolia seniors set off from Prionia, a trailhead at about 3,500 feet, on two successive fall weekends, arriving at a mountain lodge at 6,500 feet in time for dinner. Following guitar-playing and singing, it was off to bed, if

not necessarily to sleep. The following morning began at dawn – and the dawn view down a long gorge to the Aegean Sea, and up to the rosy, rocky heights of Olympus is one of the rewards of the trip. The hikers then trooped off to the summit, and all the way back down to buses waiting to return them to Thessaloniki. There was a lot of limping the following day or two, but no regrets.

The first group had ideal conditions and spectacular views. As for the second, there was rain to the lodge and a hike through light snow and clouds the following day, until the clouds suddenly broke when the group was near the top, revealing peaks, precipices, and a powerful sense of why Olympus was home to the ancient Greek gods.



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Papaioannou '69 also made inaugural remarks.

The opening ceremonies were highlighted by a soccer match between Anatolia's varsity team and a team comprised of former Greek international professional players. With sparkling play from both sides, the veterans eked out a victory, 4-3, with a late goal under the lights. Halftime saw sprints and relays by students from Anatolia Elementary and the Junior High School. The ceremonies were followed by a gala fundraising dinner in Ingle Hall featuring remarks

by Voula Patoulidou, Greek Olympic Gold Medalist in 1992 in the women's 100 meter hurdles, and Coulis Apostolides '65, former Greek international soccer star. Support for the new field also came from the U.S. government's AID program and an array of corporate and individual sponsors.

The Kindergarten, housed in the Charlotte Willard House on the former Girl's School campus, is an ideal setting for children's first experience of school, with bright, modern rooms inside, and trees and lawn, swings and plenty of running room outside.

Improvements to the Elementary School include new outdoor exercise areas and a parking lot. As for the

kitchen – and the kitchen sink – this was the latest in a series of recent renovations to Anatolia's dormitory and guest facilities in Ingle Hall. Befitting the new facilities on campus, Anatolia's main gate is in the process of getting a makeover, courtesy of sup-

port from the Athens Alumni Association. The recent additions and improvements are evidence of the school's determination to provide the best for its students and remain at the forefront of secondary and elementary education in Greece.



Students, faculty, staff, trustees outside the new Ingle Annex



The new home of the Anatolia Kindergarten

## Congratulations, Petros

**T**he Bissell Library, along with its architect Petros Makrides '64 and contractor Domotechniki A.E., have won the 2005 Eupalinos Prize for "Excellence in Architect-Contractor Collaboration" awarded by the Architectural Association of Greece. Criteria for the award include design innovations, use of new technologies, and success in showcasing the particular character of contemporary Greek architecture. This is the second award for Makrides for an ACT building; he was also recognized for his design of the ACT classroom and administrative building opened in 1995.



# Anatolia today

**T**wenty-five years ago, Anatolia was a combined junior high and high school, plus a one-year secretarial school. Today, in its 120th year, Anatolia includes:

- an elementary school, beginning in kindergarten and going through grade 6, with a total enrollment of 374
- an after-school bilingual program for 79 elementary-school-aged children, and a bridge-to-bilingual program with an additional 64
- an English-language summer camp with 280 children aged 4 to 14
- the junior high and high school, with 1,237 students in grades 7-12 and an additional 55 students in the English-language International Baccalaureate Program in grades 11 and 12
- the secretarial school (now for "management assistants"), with 21 students
- a U.S.-accredited undergraduate college, the American College of Thessaloniki, or ACT, with 427 undergraduates from Greece and 22 foreign countries
- ACT's M.B.A. Program, with an enrollment of 53
- a continuing education program for adults offering evening courses in a variety of subjects.

"Anatolia has grown broader and more complex," observes President Richard Jackson, "but our commitment to providing the best of Greek and American education in all divisions of the school is as strong as ever." As Ambassador Harriet Elam notes elsewhere in this issue of the *Anatolian* [p. 6], "we are a truly international school, ideally positioned to educate the young people who will shape our increasingly global future."

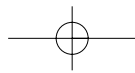
From the first days of Kindergarten...



The 2005 Raphael Scholars at the Northfield-Mt. Hermon campus in Massachusetts



...to the final day at the M.B.A.



Athens Alumni Association President and host George Nasioutzik '50 welcoming guests



Ava Georgatopoulou '60, President Jackson, Magda Valalopoulou '48, Frixos Masialas '50



Katerina Nazi '82 with Nasos Georgiades '82 and their son



Faculty, staff, and alumni under the arches of Anatolia's Macedonia Hall as viewed via video link

## Athens Alumni Gather in Force

Four hundred members of the Athens Anatolia Alumni Association came together with their families at the Byzantine Estate of Association President George Nasioutzik '50 on September 11 for a festive, sunlit barbecue, complete with video link to the school's Thessaloniki campus. With representation from the class of 1930 through the class of 2005, it was an occasion at which Anatolians of all years shared their strong common bonds. Anatolia President Richard Jackson was in Athens at the gathering, but other members of the school's administration, along with several long-time teachers and alumni, participated electronically at a luncheon in front of Macedonia Hall. Athens alumni greeted their old teachers, and were greeted in turn, via the cameras and monitors set up at either end of the video link.

The Nasioutzik Estate is a 12-acre natural and cultural paradise located half an hour from central Athens. The estate's halls are richly decorated with rugs and carpets from Asia Minor, hand carved wooden chests from the Aegean islands, and a rare collection of 18th-century "Tsanak Kale" ceramics; in all, 2000 Byzantine artistic treasures collected over a lifetime by George Nasioutzik himself. There is also a museum of Orthodox Christian art with icons, goblets, gold-embroidered cloths, holy vessels, censers, and illuminated manuscripts of the Gospels.

The Athens Alumni Association was founded in 1951. Numbering 650 members, many of whom hold positions of influence in the capital, the Association is in the midst of a renaissance, one marked by current financial support for improvements to the school's physical environment, including, among other things, tree plantings and a new and more imposing entrance. President Jackson comments: "This was not only a splendid afternoon in a glorious setting, it was a sign of the determination that our strong alumni contingent in Athens has to maintain close and supportive relations with the school. We warmly welcome their efforts on our behalf."



Association Vice-President Sophia Tsiligianni '82 with President Jackson



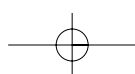
Paella prepared in a simple frying pan



Maria Economou '50 and daughter



The spacious grounds of the "Ktima Nasioutzik"



# ACT news

## Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas Comes to ACT as Dukakis Fellow

It was a Dukakis Fellow's match made in heaven: Boston-born U.S. Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas spent two weeks on campus as the latest visitor under the auspices of the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service. Recently retired from a distinguished diplomatic career, she exemplifies the idea of service to one's country. A brilliant communicator, she immersed herself in the educational setting of ACT and Anatolia and made a powerful impression on students and faculty with her lucid presentations and personal example.

In discussions with students, she outlined her own career: despite a B.A. in International Business from Simmons College, entering the workforce in the 1950s as an African-American woman, her first jobs were secretarial. She aspired to something greater, so she took, and passed, the tough U.S. Foreign Service Exam. She subsequently received a Masters from the Fletcher School

of Diplomacy at Tufts. Her first assignment was as Assistant Cultural Attache to the U.S. Embassy in Senegal; thirty years later, she returned as Ambassador.

In between her assignments have included postings in Greece and Turkey – she speaks both Greek and Turkish, in addition to French – as well as France, Belgium, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire. She has also served as Counselor and Acting Deputy Director of the U.S. Information Agency, as a member of the U.S. delegation to the 25th UN General Assembly, and as member of the Senior Advisory Group for the European Command (EUCOM). She is now Diplomat-in-Residence at the University of Central Florida.

She wears her high-level experience lightly – but firmly. She shared it with diverse audiences at ACT, the High School, and in Thessaloniki itself during her visit. In addition to informal classroom visits, she spoke on:

- "Leadership in a Global Environment"
- "Public Diplomacy and the U.S. Image Abroad"
- "The Power of the Word: Language Proficiency"
- "Senegal: A Case Study in International Marketing,"
- "Whither Africa"
- "The Role of the Media in Foreign Policy"
- "Practicing the Art of Diplomacy for Four Decades"
- "Facing the Challenge of being a Woman in Diplomatic Service"

As David Wisner, Chairman of ACT's Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, observes, "Ambassador Elam-Thomas' stint as Dukakis Fellow captured the ethos of the Dukakis Chair perfectly. Her principal concern throughout her stay was in helping inspire young people to take up the challenge of public service. It's been a great privilege to have her on campus these past few weeks." Ambassador Elam-



Thomas herself reflected on her visit: "It's been an uplifting experience for me to have contact with students who recognize the value of the world beyond themselves. My stay at Anatolia and ACT has confirmed for me the importance of education in a truly international setting. Those of you who teach and study here, don't take it for granted; you're doing something very special."

## Conferences Serve Region, Enhance ACT Profile

The 1st Retail Market and Shopping Center Development Conference, organized by the ACT MBA Program, took place on October 8 at the Conference Hall of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the latest in a series of conferences presented by ACT designed to serve

as a forum for the exchange of ideas on issues of importance to contemporary Greek society. Other 2005 conferences have included the 3rd Annual Automobile Business Conference on the theme of "Automobiles and the Environment" and the 2nd Disability Awareness Conference.

The Retail Market and Shopping Center Development Conference involved local urban planners, members of government, developers, retailers, faculty members and students from ACT's Business Division. Thessaloniki has just seen the opening of its first American-style mall, located five miles from the city's traditional downtown shopping district, the latest development in a trend toward larger stores opening outside the congested city center. "We wanted to give this trend an airing and help interested parties from diverse sectors understand it and come to terms with it," notes Dr. Nikos Kourkoumelis, MBA Director and Business Division Chair. "To judge from the impassioned debate and wide press coverage, the conference clearly struck a nerve and got people thinking."

Kourkoumelis, a former Texaco executive and Special Consultant for IBM on supporting minority and women's businesses, observes: "At ACT we are continuing to build an infrastructure that will link us with the business community and make us a household name in Thessaloniki and the surrounding area."



From left: Panagiotis Psomiadis, Nomarch; Dimitrios Bakatselos, President of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry; President Jackson; Lambros Anagnostopoulos, Chief Executive Officer of Lamda Development S.A.; David J. Contis, Executive Vice President and COO, The Macerich Company, and member of the board of the International Council of Shopping Centers; Nikolaos Kourkoumelis; Stavros Kalafatis '83, Member of Parliament.

## 10,000 Books for the Bissell

And all since the last issue of the *Anatolian*. Some of the new titles you can find on the shelves and hold in your hands, but most of the new books are electronic books: complete, full-text books and reports from leading publishers hosted on the *ebRARY*® platform. The majority are international industry reports published by Data-monitor, and an additional 3,000 are in the subject areas of business and economics.

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## Mavroudi, Lelon, Tomaras Address 2005 Graduates

The speakers at the 2005 High School, ACT, and ACT MBA Commencements had at least two things in common: they had all travelled from America to be present at the ceremonies, and they had simple but powerful messages for the graduates.

A total of 222 students from the 1st and 2nd Anatolia Lyceums and from the International Baccalaureate (I.B.)



Dr. Maria Mavroudi '85

class heard Dr. Maria Mavroudi '85, Associate Professor of History at the University of California and recent recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship Award, offer two valuable pieces of advice: first, that they shouldn't believe those who claim that school is the best part of life, because the best is yet to come, and second, that they should follow their instincts to find the right direction in life. She also advised parents to trust their children and support them in their efforts.

Dr. Thomas C. Lelon, former President of Hellenic College in Brookline, Massachusetts, and currently Vice Chairman of its Board of Trustees, addressed the 109 members of the ACT graduating class in a ceremony held in the amphitheatre outside the Bissell Library. He counselled the graduates to stay tuned to their inner spirits, to help others, and to recognize their own human worth. Alluding to the "butterfly

effect," that element of chaos theory that demonstrates that a small cause can produce momentous consequences, he told graduates that they had "earned their wings" and urged them to use their power as individuals wisely. He concluded: "Fly well, my dear graduates, fly well."

Lastly, Christos Tomaras, Anatolia trustee and Vice President of World of Hellenes Abroad, spoke to the 30 graduates of the ACT MBA Program at its October 1 Commencement. He emphasized the importance of ethics in life, and especially in the professional lives of today's entrepreneurs. "The most important factors in your career," he said, "will be not only courage and persistence, but your morals, your character, and your honesty. It is impossible to dominate in the business world if you yourself are being dominated by immoral and dishonest behaviour."



Dr. Thomas Lelon



Christos Tomaras

## Meet Christina Xenides, Boston ACT Link

"I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new U.S. Enrollment Officer for ACT's study abroad program, working out of Anatolia's Boston office. I myself studied abroad at ACT during the spring semester of my junior year in 2004. My time at ACT was truly exceptional, which is one of the reasons I felt inclined to work for the program after I graduated. I know that my experience is not an uncommon one; I have encountered numerous students who have studied at ACT, whether for a summer, a semester, a year, or all four years, and have had similarly marvelous experiences. I can confidently say that ACT is a special place, with incredibly warm, remarkable people – more of them than most students

have ever encountered in any one place before.

"The study abroad program has been growing vigorously every semester. When I studied abroad only a year and a half ago, there were 22 students from the U.S. at ACT for the semester. This fall there

are 45 students, and we may have as many as 60 on hand for the spring semester. Students are returning home to spread the word (Greek-style) to their parents, friends, relatives, and study abroad advisors. ACT currently has



study abroad agreements and relationships with over 60 universities and colleges throughout the United States, and each semester we are adding more.

"So what is it exactly that makes ACT so attractive to American students? In a nutshell, the vibrant and accessible city of Thessaloniki, the utterly beautiful campus, the prestigious Bissell Library and Niarchos Technology Center, the opportunity to travel throughout Greece and Europe easily, the unique courses

not found in typical American universities, the opportunity to polish one's Greek skills, and the bonds that are forged with teachers and fellow students which promise to last a lifetime. My semester at ACT was one of the happiest times of my entire college experience, and more importantly, of my life. Now that I am working with ACT study abroad students each day, who are either planning to embark for Greece or are just returning from a life-changing journey of their own, I have come to realize twice over that ACT is indeed an extraordinary place."

Contact Christina at (617) 742-7992 or via email at [cxenides@anatolia-act.org](mailto:cxenides@anatolia-act.org).

### In Memoriam Betty Godley

Anatolia regrets the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Godley, who died in July after an illness. Mrs. Godley, who lived in Athens, was a friend and supporter of Anatolia and had given the prize of a trip to Athens and the Marathon Dam, built by her father, to 9th grade scholarship students who excelled in English. Last spring she also made a gift to the Anatolia Elementary School to establish a collection of classic English-language books for children. The collection, now being assembled, will give young Anatolians their first reading experiences in English for years to come: a living memorial.

### In Memoriam John Sossides '42

John Sossides, one of Greece's most influential diplomats of the past century, died November 3 after a long illness. He was an Anatolian from a prominent Macedonian family who saw his years at the school cut short by the 1941 German invasion of Greece. He made his mark on Greek and world affairs through his adroit diplomacy in postings such as Madrid, Berlin, Buenos Aires, and Rabat, and through the domestic political counsel he gave at the highest levels.

"He was the ambassador *par excellence*, a patriot and a conserva-

tive," according to Anatolia classmate, trustee, and life-long friend Constantinos Kelesides '42. "He furthered the interests of Greece, especially its financial interests, tirelessly and with great skill." Fellow diplomat Leonidas Evangelides '53 adds, "He was a brilliant and charming man who preferred to operate behind the scenes. He was at the peak of his influence in the 50s and 60s, and he was one of those who contributed materially to the Acheson Plan. His death creates a vacuum for all of us who knew and worked with him."



# Victims of Katrina Come to ACT

"Oh, we're used to hurricanes," says Kristen Camp, a second-year geology student at the University of New Orleans and one of five displaced Americans now spending a semester abroad at the American College of Thessaloniki, "but Katrina was different." Like many New Orleans residents, Kristen keeps a "hurricane box" with essential supplies always packed and ready to go. As the hurricane approached, its category 5 winds aimed directly at the low-lying city, she took her box and some personal belongings and headed to Baton Rouge – "Everyone who could get out, did" – and lived in a friend's house, with 26 other people, for the next two weeks, following events on a small, battery-operated television set. Among the sights: the University of New Orleans partially under water.

At Tulane, located near downtown New Orleans, the freshman class had just arrived and were moving into their rooms, and junior Aiesha Volow was one of those in charge of welcoming them. As weather conditions worsened, the evacuation order came, and the process was thrown into reverse. "You can imagine the scene. We had twelve hours to be out of our rooms. We helped the freshmen leave, then we quickly packed ourselves." Tulane escaped the worst of the flooding, but sustained considerable damage and is closed for the semester.

Alicia Honomichl was also a student at UNO and a long-time local resident. At age 41, she is pursuing a degree in nursing. She was among the last to leave the city and the first to return, as she and her fellow nursing students were needed to assist at St. Tammany's Hospital, which was operating on generators and treating emergency cases. One of the storm victims she helped was a Greek study-abroad student who had been severely hurt when the house he had been staying at was crushed by a huge oak tree. The student's grateful parents extended an invitation to visit them in Greece someday; Alicia plans to do just that.

The Wylie sisters, Sharon and Carole, were attending Loyola and the University of Mississippi at Oxford, respectively. Katrina struck on freshman Sharon's first day of college. They evacuated to Jackson and Memphis to stay with friends, where they were not surprised to learn that their schools too would be closed for the semester. "There were 75,000 extra people in Jackson, there was not much gasoline, and it was 95 degrees – not a pretty sight," says Carole; "In Memphis, though, the public schools immediately



Alicia and Kristen at the Tholos at Delphi with ACT Greek Heritage Scholars Terrin Tamati and Megan Kalopanis, and guide



L. to r.: Alicia Honomichl, Kristen Camp, Sharon Wylie, Carole Wylie, Aiesha Volow

opened their doors to students from the Coast. But in general I was disappointed in the response of government to the disaster."

Some 72,000 students had been attending New Orleans colleges and universities, and they could not be so readily absorbed by regional institutions. As colleges throughout the country began to admit displaced students, in Thessaloniki President Jackson had an idea. "I thought we too could help. ACT is a U.S.-accredited institution with plenty of experience in providing for study-abroad students. All we needed was funding and a means of identifying suitable students." The Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation was already responding to the needs of victims of Hurricane Katrina through the Red Cross. When President Jackson proposed bringing some displaced students to Greece, the Foundation, already a strong supporter of ACT, immediately agreed to provide three scholarships. Funds for two additional scholarships came from sources in Greece and the U.S., including Anatolia trustees John Pappajohn, Kitty Kyriakopoulos, and Chris Tomaras, the Maliotis Foundation, and the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

But how to find students at universities that had shut down? New Orleans' communication infrastructure had failed during the storm and was still in sorry shape. Internet search engines and numbers stored on a UNO Dean's cell phone provided the essential links. Anatolia's Boston office posted news of the scholarships and soon had inquiries. "Soon" is no exaggeration. Aiesha Volow of Tulane, an anthropology and theater major who had returned to her family home in California and found the courses at her local college of limited use, was in educational despair. She turned to the Internet, saw the ACT notice, called, and was told that it had been posted only minutes before: "When people ask me how I found out about ACT, I reply 'divine providence.'"

The "Katrina students" arrived in Greece the last day of September and enrolled in classes that had begun ten days before. Visas, housing, and academic arrangements were taken care of through the special efforts of many hands. Soon the new arrivals were college students again – albeit in Greece, where only one of them had been before. Carole Wylie comments: "One of my dreams had always been to visit Greece. I have studied classical art, history, and literature since the 7th grade, but I had never had a chance to come to Greece and actually see and feel the ancient world. And here I am, casually meeting a friend

for coffee next to the Arch of Galerius in downtown Thessaloniki."

Reaction to ACT classes is enthusiastic. "My Anthropology of Tourism class is wonderful, with a great professor [Dr. Aigli Brouskou]," volunteers Alicia Honomichl. "New Orleans and Greece have so much in common when it comes to tourism." For Aiesha Volow, her courses in Macroeconomics, Psychology, and Ethnographic Accounts of Greek Culture are "right in line with my major, plus I'm in Greece, home of Western theater."

The students are also acquiring the elements of Greek and getting a feel for contemporary Greece. They love Thessaloniki (a port city, like the one they had to leave), and they are looking forward to getting to know their Greek and Balkan fellow students better. As for the weather, it has been mostly sunny, pleasant – and dry.

Kristen Camp expresses the thoughts of all five Katrina refugees: "When I think of our extraordinary good fortune in being here, and how it came out of so much misfortune for so many, I am amazed, and I feel moved. So many people in Greece and America have reached out to help us. I know we all feel very lucky and very grateful to be here."



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