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Anatolia at the Olympics!

The year 2004 may have drawn to a close, but in Greek and world memory it will always live on in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. These Games were not only big, successful, and safe, but they had a special spirit that could only have been created in Greece, the land of their birth.

It took a huge, collective, human effort to make the Games happen, and it is not surprising that many Anatolians were involved: trustees, alumni, faculty members at ACT and the high school, ACT and Anatolia students, all working to make the Games a success. Here are some of their stories.

Early in 2004 Leonidas Evangelides '53, more or less retired from a long diplomatic career that included service as Greece's Ambassador to the UN, got a call from the Greek Minister of Public Order to oversee various aspects of security at the Games. What followed was six months of intensive work as part of a one billion dollar security operation, the largest ever mounted for an Olympics. Evangelides was responsible for seeing that the work that had been planned was properly carried out. He inspected all the Olympic

sites and the Olympic village, reviewed security at the Olympic hotels, and worked to coordinate the roles of the police, fire, coast guard, and Greek armed forces. "It was a big push," he observes, "and yes, I was one of those who was pushing. The experience was tremendously rewarding."

The Games began with an Opening Ceremony that was inventive, original, very Greek, but also universal. A year before, the call had gone out for volunteers to audition to be members of the cast of 500 performers for the various Olympic ceremonies, and Christina Vassalou '00, now completing her university studies in chemical engineering in Thessaloniki, responded. Her dramatic talent, developed at Anatolia, landed her a role on one of the floats in the Opening Ceremony. She was one of the women in a *tableau vivant* made to look like a black and white photograph from the 1896 Athens Olympics. On August 13, after many rehearsals over several months, a worldwide

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audience saw her float pass by on their TV screens as part of the pageant of Greek and Olympic history. "The atmosphere among the performers and officials was so positive, so friendly, so powerful," she reports. "It was all the more intense for happening only once, and I felt truly fulfilled to be part of it."

The Olympics are first and foremost about the games themselves, and in two sports, handball and badminton, members of the physical education faculty at Anatolia and ACT had important roles to play. George Bebetos, who has taught at the high school since 1990 and has been an international handball referee for twenty years, was Technical Director for Team Handball, which was a full-time job for one and a half years. He and his staff of 300 had full technical responsibility for one of the three Olympic sports with a full 15-day competition schedule. "I've never worked so hard in my life," he says, "but I'm satisfied that we did our job well. The athletes, coaches, referees, site work-



From the Opening Ceremony

ers, volunteers, all had a wonderful attitude toward the Games. And the 6th place finish of the Greek team was particularly gratifying."

Meanwhile, Stepan Partemian, at ACT since 1992, was Secretary to the Supervisor for Badminton. He worked behind the scenes with the nuts and bolts of training schedules, buses, lighting at the badminton venue, and relations with the media. He also got a number of ACT students involved as volunteers, including his son Khatsig, who worked as a line judge. His other son, Serko, an Anatolia 5th former, also got into the act as a courtside "mopper."

Another sport that bore an Anatolia imprint was baseball. When Greece won the right to stage the 2004 games, in 1997, one of the obligations it assumed was to field a team in every sport. But no one played baseball in Greece. Enter Anatolia trustee Bill Galatis. With

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Maria Mavroudi '85 Named MacArthur Fellow

When Maria Mavroudi, an assistant professor in the Department of History at the University of California, Berkeley, received a call on September 28 from a representative of the MacArthur Foundation, she thought that maybe he wanted her opinion of someone else. "I just couldn't believe he would be calling to announce I was a winner," she says. With that call Mavroudi learned she had become one of 23 prestigious MacArthur Fellows selected this year in a variety of fields for their exceptional creativity and promise. Fellows receive five-



Maria Mavroudi '85 with President Jackson in Berkeley, CA

year, \$500,000 awards, no strings attached. Only the Nobel Prize is bigger; and there is no Nobel for Byzantine History, the field in which she has done ground-breaking work.

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Anatolia Students Meet with Patriarch and Participate in Model UN in Turkey

Call it shuttle diplomacy: sixteen Anatolia lyceum students flew to Istanbul December 2 for a three-day Model United Nations conference at Turkey's Uskudar Academy, accompanied by English teacher and MUN Club adviser Helen Koliais and Dean of the B' Lyceum Christos Plousios. Their mission: to make believe they were diplomats from Germany and Bulgaria negotiating issues on the world stage of the real UN. The mock-session of the UN with students from Turkey and other countries provided plenty of international experience for the Anatolians, but there was a lot more to be had in Istanbul itself.



The Anatolia delegation and President and Mrs. Jackson with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomeos and Archbishop Demetrios at the Patriarchate in Istanbul

The Anatolians stayed in the homes of Turkish fellow-students from Robert College, of which Anatolia is a close relative from its Asia Minor days. They also toured the Robert College campus, with its stunning views of the Bosphorus, and took in some of the city's well-known and less well-known sites, including Aghia Sophia, the mo-

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A Glorious Post-Olympic Evening at the MFA

No sooner had the 2004 Olympics come to a close than Anatolia College and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts joined together to create a uniquely Greek evening September 8 at the MFA for 200 guests, celebrating the exhibit "Games for the Gods: The Greek Athlete."

Following a cocktail reception overlooking the central Garden Courtyard, Ms. Betty Georgaklis, Anatolia trustee and Chairperson, introduced the two honorary Chairmen, The Honorable Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Anatolia's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, George S. Bissell. Both men discussed the history, beauty and mission of Anatolia and how they have been personally involved with the school over the years. Chairman Bissell urged those present to become caught up in the excitement of Anatolia, and to be actively involved with local initiatives for the school.

All were witness to a touching moment when Governor Dukakis was presented with a small sculpture of "The Spirit of Marathon." The sculpture, a miniature of the large bronze sculpture recently given to the town of Marathon in Greece, depicts Stylianos Kyriakides being encouraged by Spiridon Louis (the winner of the first modern Olympic Marathon in 1896), while Pheidippides, the original marathoner, is shown on the base. The sculp-

ture was presented personally to Dukakis by the sculptor himself, Mico Kaufman. The Governor was obviously moved and honored to receive the artwork, describing his own vivid memories of witnessing Kyriakides win the 50th Boston Marathon in 1946.

The Director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Malcolm Rogers, spoke briefly about the exhibit and the excitement it had provided for the Museum and its staff. Christine Kondoleon, the George and Margo Behrakis Curator of Greek and Roman Art at the MFA, gave a brief talk prior to giving an in-depth tour of the exhibit for the guests.

The pieces, the majority of which were from the MFA's own collection, were both beautiful and awe-inspiring, while Kondoleon's insight brought them vividly to life. As one gazed at the ethereal visage of Athena presiding over the first room of the exhibit, one could imagine what it was like to be an ancient Olympian oneself.

This wonderful evening would not have been possible without the efforts of many individuals in a variety of capacities. Sponsorships were kindly provided by the Costas and Mary Maliotis Charitable Foundation, the Christos and Mary Papoutsy Ethics Foundation, Zacharie Haseotes Vinios, Margo and George Behrakis, Athanasios C. Liakos, Lauryl and Dermot



Sculptor Mico Kaufman with Michael S. Dukakis

McGowan, Colleen and David Mette, Spyro and Krista Mitrokostas, Mindy and Nicholas Verenis, the Honorable Leonard S. and Elinor Green, and RE/Max Cosmopolitan Properties.

Steering Committee Members for the event included Stacy Aliopoulos, Ann Andreosatos, Christa Cocoris Ayoub, Robert H. Brandt, Evanthea and Leo Condakes, Patti and Arthur Dukakis, Nikolaos K. Kanaloupitis, Karen and Theodore Koskores, Pam and Nicholas Lazares, Barbara P. Lazaris, Esq., Anastasia Leotsakos, Thanasi C. Liakos, Dr. Tania Lingos, Lauryl McGowan, Colleen and David Mette, Diane and Peter Tamis, Carol and Kostas Travayiakos, Mindy and Nicholas Verenis and Zacharie H. and Louis Vinios. Thank you one and all!

Anatolia Creates Planned Giving Program

Planned giving used to mean giving to non-profit organizations by means of testamentary bequests - in plain English, giving through one's will. Such gifts are still very important to institutions like Anatolia, and well worth planning for, but U.S. tax law now provides for ways to make gifts other than by will or by outright transfers of cash, stock or other assets. These gifts can take several forms that are of benefit both to the donor and to Anatolia.

One of the most popular of such planned gifts takes the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity, which combines philanthropy with the security of a lifetime annuity income for one or two persons. Typically a gift annuity is established through a donation of appreciated securities, whereby you and/or a designee receives fixed annuity payments for life. The payments do not change and continue as long as you and/or your other recipient are alive. Age is not a penalty with a gift annu-

ity; in fact it is an advantage that results in higher quarterly payouts. Additionally, there are tax benefits in the form of charitable deductions for federal income tax purposes and reduced capital gains tax as well. In these times of lower investment returns, gift annuity payments become a way of generating more income while making a meaningful gift to Anatolia College.

Annuities may be funded for a minimum of \$10,000 or in a series of payments of the same amount each year for five years. Gift annuities combine the satisfaction of donating with the receipt of regular income payments that last for one or more lives. The combinations of tax benefits and fewer worries about money management make charitable gift annuities one of the most attractive ways to give to Anatolia. To learn more about them, consult your financial advisor and contact Richard Donovan, Executive Director of Development, in Boston at (617) 742-7992.

New Trustees Join Anatolia Board

Three new trustees were elected to the Anatolia Board at its October meeting.

Elias Kulukundis, a successful shipping investor who is also an author and an opera producer, now lives in New York. A product of the Harvard Graduate School of Education as well as of a prominent Greek shipping family, writing has always been his passion. His book *The Feast of Memory: Stories of a Greek Family* (1967) was reissued last year in an augmented version, and he has another one on the way (*The Amorgos Conspiracy*, also a family narrative). Anatolia has already been the beneficiary of Mr. Kulukundis' support: he created the Lucy Kulukundis Center for Balkan Studies at ACT.

Betty Georgaklis, from Quincy, MA is a prominent member of Boston's Greek-American community and has been a key volunteer for Anatolia. Ms. Georgaklis was the former principal in SGM Communications, a general ad-

vertising firm that included Anatolia College as a client. She is also a member of the corporation of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and was instrumental in setting up the September 8 Anatolia event at the Museum.

Roxanne Kyrstalli '04, now a Harvard freshman, is the new alumni trustee on the Board. At Anatolia, she was a highly successful debater and led the Greek national team to its unprecedented 3rd place finish in last year's World Schools Debating Championships in Stuttgart. A native of Thessaloniki, she attended the I.B. Program in her last two years at Anatolia.

One further note: Colleen Mette, long-time executive secretary to Anatolia Board Chairman George Bissell, and Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer to the Board of Trustees, retired on Dec. 31, 2004. All Anatolians join her co-workers and members of the Board in expressing their thanks and good wishes!

Trustees Rossides, Zannas Honored by Greek President

Anatolia trustees Gene Rossides and Dimitri Zannas '38, together with Chairman George Bissell, were recipients of honors bestowed in 2004 by Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos. Rossides was named Commander of the Order of the Phoenix for his services to Hellenism and Zan-

nas received the Gold Cross of the Phoenix for his contributions to Greek society, notably his founding of the Museum of the Macedonian Struggle in Thessaloniki and his service as its President.

George Bissell received the Silver Cross of the Phoenix for his phi-

lanthropy and long service to Anatolia (see the spring 2004 Anatolian). "Can any school anywhere claim to have three such illustrious trustees singled out for such honors?" asks Anatolia President Richard Jackson. "We are all immensely proud of you."

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Anatolia and ACT Announce Four Capital Projects

“Have Listings - Need Donors.” The Anatolia Board of Trustees has approved four capital projects - subject to raising the necessary funds. USAID has already committed to partial funding for the three building projects, and the Anatolia Alumni Association in Greece has made a generous contribution to improving the school's athletic facilities. It is now up to others to come forward and make these plans a reality. As the content of this newsletter so powerfully demonstrates, Anatolia and ACT are an investment in the future of Greece and a living example of the friendship between Greece and America. Please lend a hand and build our school!

New High School Classroom Complex

Since re-establishing itself in Greece 80 years ago, Anatolia has sought to be at the fore-

also to cultivate their artistic talents. Many Anatolia students do become involved in the arts, and Anatolia's existing arts facilities no longer adequately serve the needs of the school. The proposed new Music and Performance Hall will provide our students with a superb new facility in which to showcase their abilities and contribute to the cultural life of their community.

The new Music and Performance Hall will host an array of musical, dramatic, and other club activities. The current Raphael Hall, which serves simply as an assembly hall for the A' gymnasium, will be renovated to provide an additional performance space for the needs of the high school and ACT. The new 280-seat hall will serve as a rehearsal and performance space for Anatolia's award-winning Chorale; will provide a technologically sophisticated stage for theatrical productions in Greek and English; will give Anatolia's lively

The proposed Anatolia Classroom Annex



front of Greek secondary education. Increasingly that requires classrooms with access to the latest instructional technologies and laboratories equipped with the most modern scientific tools. For these reasons, Anatolia now plans the construction and equipping of a new Classroom Complex for its junior and senior high school students.

The new Classroom Complex, to be built as an annex to Ingle Hall, will contain up to ten classrooms, designed to accommodate 25 students, with the possibility of two laboratories. The classrooms will include networked computer stations with full Internet access and data display capability. The new laboratories, for biology and chemistry, will serve the growing number of Anatolia students with concentrations in the sciences. These are the students who will be shaping Greece's scientific future; they deserve the most advanced facilities that Greece can offer.

New Music and Performance Hall

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also to cultivate their artistic talents. Many Anatolia students do become involved in the arts, and Anatolia's existing arts facilities no longer adequately serve the needs of the school. The proposed new Music and Performance Hall will provide our students with a superb new facility in which to showcase their abilities and contribute to the cultural life of their community.

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New Student Center at the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT)

The planned multi-purpose Student Center will be a beehive of social and extra-curricular activity near the center of the ACT campus. It will house a cafeteria and snack-bar, with room for smokers and non-smokers; spaces for extra-curricular activities and associated administrative offices; the bookstore; a non-academic In-

The proposed new Student Center at ACT



ternet environment; the Career Services and Graduate Education offices; a multi-purpose room for student gatherings; and a store like a Greek “periptero” (a small store with a little of everything). The building will offer students a place to “connect” and to grow personally as well as academically. As a non-residential campus, ACT needs to provide a space to students during the day that feels like home. The provision of non-smoking spaces is especially important, and will reinforce Greece's recent initiatives to regulate smoking in public places.

ACT has always sought to educate the “whole student.” Inside the classroom, ACT develops critical thinking; outside of it, it must offer opportunities for students to interact with their peers and advisers in an environment that promotes social and personal growth. The new Student Center at ACT will offer such opportunities superbly well, showcasing the best of American higher education in Greece.

Improvements to Anatolia's Athletic Facilities

Anatolia's and ACT's athletic facilities, formerly the finest in Thessaloniki, are in need of renovation and upgrading. Major renovations are planned for the gymnasium, which has seen hard use since its dedication in 1976; artificial turf is to be installed on the soccer fields on both sides of campus; the resurfacing of the school's many outdoor basketball, volleyball and handball courts, begun last year, is to be continued; outdoor seating for various sports will be improved; and the tennis courts, so long a part of Anatolia tradition, will also be reconditioned.

The aims of the school's athletic programs are to promote student fitness, to encourage teamwork and fair play, and to develop at an early age lifelong habits of physical activity. Completion of the planned projects would re-establish Anatolia's pre-eminence in athletic facilities among schools in Northern Greece and serve the needs of its students and the greater Thessaloniki community for many years to come.

The Music and Performance Hall



Commencements 2004

Alex Spanos Speaks to ACT Graduates



ACT Commencement speaker Alex Spanos

In a sparkling ceremony in the outdoor amphitheater on the ACT campus, 141 young men and women from countries as diverse as Greece, Cyprus, the US, Germany, Albania, Serbia-Montenegro, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia received degrees from the American College of Thessaloniki on the final day of June, 2004.

The ceremony was highlighted by the awarding of an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to noted Greek-American businessman, philanthropist, and author Alex Spanos, President of A.G. Spanos Companies. Alex Spanos is one of the world's leading builders of apartment complexes, owner of the San Diego Chargers football team, generous donor to Greek and American institutions, and author of the autobiographical narrative *Sharing the Wealth*. Speaking from the heart as well as from a lifetime of business experience, he delivered a stirring address to the graduates, telling them that family was central to their lives, that success would come if they sought it, that there would be failures along the way, but that they would realize their dreams if they believed in themselves and persisted.

President Richard Jackson and Provost Stephanos Gialamas awarded the degrees, the culmination of four years' work in such fields as Business, Technology, International Relations, and others.

The Philip and Marjorie Ireland award for Humanitarian Service went to Archimandritis Christodou-

los, Abbot of the Koutloumouseio Monastery of Mount Athos, for his inspirational leadership in conceiving and organizing an international competition among primary and secondary Greek Orthodox schools on the ideals and values of Hellenism and Orthodoxy for the leaders of tomorrow.

Valedictorian Slavica Spasojevic of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, who compiled a near-perfect academic record at ACT, thanked the trustees and leaders of the school, her teachers, her classmates, and her parents in a moving tribute. It was a fitting prelude to the awarding of degrees on a beautiful summer evening.



207 Graduate from Anatolia and I.B. Program

One of the most impressive spectacles at Anatolia College is the procession of seniors through the stone arches of Macedonia Hall to take their places in the world as Anatolia graduates. On June 28, a crowd of more than a thousand well-wishers, including Trustees, dignitaries, family mem-

bers, and faculty watched the 207 members of the class of 2004 receive their high school diplomas.

They were addressed by another graduate, Michalis Styllas, who had marched in the same procession only 12 years before as a mem-

ber of the class of 1992. He had a message to deliver about reaching for the heights, and he was introduced as someone who had a certain authority to speak on that subject, having been the month before on top of Mount Everest as one of eight members of the first Greek mountaineering team to reach the summit.

"The process of climbing the world's highest mountain is the same as the one you are going to go through in the next years of your lives. It's full of unpredictability, it's full of challenges," he said. He recalled that on his first attempt to climb a peak in the Himalayas, he hadn't made it to the summit. "Will and effort are what matter. Go as far as you can see, and then you'll see that you can go further." Styllas paid tribute to his teachers at Anatolia, though he admitted that he had been a rather poor student. He is now a Ph.D. candidate in Oceanography at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as well as one of Greece's top mountaineers.

Lykeion Deans Yiannis Lalatsis and Christos Plousios, and IB Director Theodoros Filaretos, awarded the degrees, then the graduates took their class pledge and filed out through the middle of the crowd holding torches high.



Anatolia graduates in front of Macedonia Hall, with Commencement speaker Michalis Styllas '92

Second Time's a Charm for ACT MBA Grads

Thirty-three graduates drawn from Greece, Southeast Europe and as far away as Germany received MBA degrees on October 2, 2004, in an outdoor ceremony at the American College of Thessaloniki. This was the second MBA class at ACT in a program that has found immediate favor with students eager to acquire American-

style business expertise in a city that plays a key role in the Greek and Balkan economy.

After welcoming remarks by President Richard Jackson and Provost Stefanos Gialamas, the commencement address was delivered by Anatolia Trustee John Psarouthakis, an eminent businessman, author, academician and



Trustee John Psarouthakis addressing ACT MBA graduates

composer. Drawing on his own varied business career, Dr. Psarouthakis charted a course for today's graduates emphasizing the importance of ideals and what he called "peripheral vision" - the ability to accommodate constantly to change in today's business environment. Following his address, Dr. Psarouthakis awarded the annual

"John Psarouthakis Prizes" for all-around achievement to Athanasios Karanatsios and Julya Velevska; the prizes carry substantial cash awards.

Following remarks by Business Chair and MBA Director Dr. Nikos Kourkoumelis, degrees were awarded to graduates now headed for challenging business careers both in Greece and abroad.

2004 Marks 40 Years for ASMA

Even if you don't yet recognize the initials - they stand for Anatolia School of Management Assistants - you may remember that Anatolia opened its Secretarial School in 1964. The name was recently changed to one that more accurately reflects the role that executive secretaries have come to play in today's business environment. They need the kind of advanced skills that Anatolia's intensive one-year English-language program now teaches, and the ceremony on June 29, 2004, celebrated 18 new graduates having attained them.

Principal commencement speaker was Thalia Ioannidou (ASMA '69),

lawyer, press attaché for the mayor of Panorama, and member of the Administrative Council of ERT3, Thessaloniki's highly respected public TV station. She led graduates on a survey of the importance of the role of the secretary from Roman times to the present. Also speaking was Zoe Miariti (Anatolia '78, ASMA '79), a lawyer and an adviser on Higher Education Programs for the European Union. She testified to the positive impact of her year at the then Secretarial School in preparing her for a legal career spent in Thessaloniki and Brussels. President Richard Jackson congratulated the graduates and awarded the degrees.



The Anatolia School of Management Assistants Class of 2004



Anatolia Elementary School graduates in Pappas Hall

Anatolia Elementary Graduates 33

It was a rite of passage in two ways: the June 9 graduation ceremony in Pappas Hall marked the successful completion of elementary school for 33 6th graders, and it also celebrated the successful transition of the former Rigas Ferraios Elementary School to Anatolia Elementary. In addition to remarks by Dr. Fanis Varvoglis, Anatolia trustee and President of the Anatolia Elementary Board of Governors, Nikoloas Amaoutis, School Director, and President Richard Jackson, the program featured music and recitations of the poetry of Odysseas

Elytis by the graduates. Their self-confidence and togetherness augured well for their future studies, which for many will come at Anatolia.



Trustee Dr. Fanis Varvoglis

More Americans Choosing ACT for Study Abroad

They've come from Massachusetts and New York, but also Texas and Pennsylvania, California and Kansas, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and North Dakota! Some are participating in study abroad programs and some are here at ACT independently. For the first time in its history, a significant percentage of ACT's entering four-year freshman class is American. In addition, there are 21 Americans spending one term at ACT, and a third of them have de-

cidied to extend their stay for another term, swelling the figure to 44 American study-abroad students for the spring.

What has brought them here from the States? "For the whole adventure of being abroad," was how Pella Kioroglou from Roxbury, MA summed it up. "To find out where I come from," adds Janira Marantides from New York, voicing a sentiment typical of the many students of Greek-American background who are strengthening ties to their Hellenic



ACT students from the States: Pella Kioroglou (West Roxbury, MA) left, Eleana Tsiarakis (Amherst, MA) center, with classmates

heritage at ACT. "I've visited Greece before but never lived here. I can already see it's going to be hard to leave."

"Being able to live in Greece, study at a fully accredited American college, and pay far less tuition than one would have to pay in the US makes it pretty attractive," says Amy Lauber from Los Angeles. As to why students chose ACT in particular once they had decided on Greece, they cite the appeal of Thessaloniki over Athens for its liveable size and reputation as one of the safest cities in Europe, along with its richer student life (the city has 100,000 university students). They also mention ACT's smaller size compared with other schools, its campus services, and the Bissell Library as draws.

Is it all roses? "It's a lot smaller than my US college, and you see the same faces every day, but I have to admit I'm learning more on a daily basis," said one student when comparing ACT to her home institution. All the ACT Americans remark on the personal interest instructors take in their students' lives and academic careers, and on the support they get from the ACT staff. But some students find that adjusting to life in Greece doesn't always go smoothly, even when you speak the language. "They don't like to stand in line, do they?" one observes. "And they go to bed late."

The bottom line? Asked if they would recommend ACT to a friend, the answer - in a variety of American accents - is a resounding "YES!"

Dukakis Visitors Fall 2004

Conference in progress: the Honorable Michael S. Dukakis with President Richard Jackson in Boston, as seen from the Stavros S. Niarchos Videoconferencing Center in the Bissell Library at ACT (inset image, just as it appears on the screen)



Now in its 5th year, the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service continues to provide a succession of stimulating visitors to the ACT campus. A listing cannot do justice to the intellectual liveliness of their public presentations or the calibre of the discussion among students, faculty, and the visitors that inevitably ensues. But the Dukakis activities - which this fall included a pre-election videoconference with Governor Dukakis himself - are undoubtedly one of the forces that defines the international, engaged character of ACT. Fall term visitors have included:

- Former US Ambassador to Greece Monteagle Stearns in residence, lecturing on US foreign policy, presenting material from his book-in-progress on Andreas Papandreu, and holding seminars on the upcoming US elections for students at Anatolia and ACT
- Arthur Dahl, former Deputy Director, United Nations Environment Programme, "Sustainable Lifestyles and the Future of the Environment"
- Costas Panagopoulos, Executive Director, Political Campaign Manage-

ment Program, New York University, "2004 US Presidential Campaign Notes"

- Stephen Plotkin, Supreme Court Judge, State of Louisiana, "The Inside Story of the US Supreme Court"
- Serge Hadjimihailoglou, Esq. (ACT Trustee), "Inventors, Authors and Marketers: The Development and Management of IPR in the Information Age"
- Heath Lowry, Ataturk Professor of Turkish Studies, Princeton University, "Islam in Turkey: Past, Present, and Future"
- Dan Georgakas, Director, Greek American Studies Project, Center for Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies, Queens College, City University of New York, "Global Culture and Bi-National Greek Identity"
- Marten Van Heuven, Senior Consultant, Rand Corporation, "What Factors Will Shape the Foreign Policy of the Next US Administration?"
- Dimitrios Ioannidis, Esq., Roach, Wise, and Partners, "US Terrorism Law: 9/11, the Athens Olympic Games, and the War on Terrorism"
- Plus weekly visits by local and regional journalists, a series that will continue all year long.

ACT and ΣΑΕ Join Forces for Unique Summer Program

The American College of Thessaloniki and the World Council of Hellenes Abroad (ΣΑΕ) are co-sponsoring a summer experience on the ACT campus in Thessaloniki combining direct contact with Hellenic culture and immersion in technology. The "Culture and Tech Camp" is open to 16-18 year olds and will run from June 28-July 23, 2005. ΣΑΕ Vice-President Chris P. Tomaras, who is also an Anatolia trustee, notes that "This program is designed to give high-school age Greek youth in the Americas an opportunity to increase their exposure to Greek culture while at the same time advancing their skills in the rapidly developing areas of digital media, web development, and networking."

Hands-on instruction in technology, in English, by ACT's computing and digital media faculty and the resources of the Stavros S. Niarchos Technology Center at the school's Thessaloniki campus are one axis of the program. The other is a series of excursions to Greek mu-

seums and historical sites, and exploitation of the rich cultural and recreational opportunities provided by Thessaloniki and its environs in the summertime.

"There are no instructional fees, book fees, or housing costs to pay," comments Chris Tomaras. "We are pleased to be able to cover those expenses on behalf of ΣΑΕ-Americans. Students need only cover their airfare and meals." While enrollment for ΣΑΕ scholarships is limited to 20, others may apply directly to ACT at www.admissions.act.edu. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31, 2005. "ACT has great experience in offering summer technology programs for youth, including students from abroad," comments ACT Provost Dr. Stephanos Gialamas. "We're very excited about having young people from all over the Americas here with us this coming summer." For more information about the program, visit the ΣΑΕ website at www.saeamerica.org.

Grinnell College Ties Renewed



ACT faculty member Emmanuel Maou '82 (left) with Grinnell Corps interns Laura Frantz and Will Stroebel

If there had not been a Grinnell College, one of the nation's best small liberal arts colleges, located in central Iowa, there might not have been an Anatolia College in Greece. Two of the school's early leaders, former Anatolia Presidents George White and Carl Compton, who both helped move Anatolia from Turkey to Greece in the 1920s, were Grinnell graduates. So were other members of the school's faculty and staff in Merzifon and Thessaloniki, including President White's wife Esther Robbins White.

Maria Mavroudi '85 Named MacArthur Fellow

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Mavroudi, who is married to Panagiotis Papadopoulos '81 and has a six year old son, has not yet decided exactly how she will use the money, though she is certain it will be used to aid her research. "I hope to purchase some of the rare books I will need to continue my work in bilingualism in Greek and Arabic in the Middle Ages and in Byzantine science," she says. "Compared with other periods of Greek history, Byzantium (the medieval Greek empire) is generally understood as representing an era of decline and therefore of secondary significance; yet, it has to be important for world history, if not for any other reason, at least because for a while it was a world empire and a political and military superpower. The prestige of its culture radiated throughout the Mediterranean and beyond."

A native of Thessaloniki, Mavroudi says that her research interests date back to youth in Greece. Besides the influence of her archaeologically-minded parents, and the motorbike that allowed her to explore the Byzantine remains in Thessaloniki, she credits Anatolia with helping form her mind and

2004 saw two new Grinnell graduates, Laura Frantz, from Eugene, Oregon, and Will Stroebel, from Minneapolis, come to Anatolia as dormitory interns through the Grinnell Corps program, which identifies opportunities for Grinnell graduates that will allow them to extend and apply their education in an international setting. Besides serving as dorm counselors for Anatolia's resident scholarship holders from outside of Thessaloniki, the two do some substitute teaching for the English Department, and work as club advisers in Anatolia's extracurricular program. Laura,

interests. "I remember my six years at Anatolia very fondly, and the older I get the more I realize how unusual a place Anatolia was and how remarkable several of its faculty members were. I believe that Toula Georgiadou [now Anatolia Vice-President for Secondary Education] gave me the first real scholarly book I ever handled (though I admit that school work did not allow me to read it cover to cover). It was by the archeologist Stylianos Alexiou and discussed the adoration of trees in Minoan religion. Christos Plousios [now Dean of the B' Lyceum] handed me the first ancient Greek text I ever read in its entirety in a critical edition and taught me how to read and think about its critical apparatus."

She recalls a remark made by philologist Yiannis Lalatis [now Dean of the A' Lyceum] while working with him on Anatolia's Greek literary magazine: "I heard him exclaim that, contrary to what the emphasis of our high-school education would have us believe, the most important period in the history of Hellenism was not the Classical, but the Hellenistic era. In my mind at the time the statement was beyond revolutionary, it was explosive. In terms of intellectual approach to the teaching material, I honestly estimate that the lasting impression some of my Anatolia teachers made informs my own teaching now. Nothing was deemed too advanced."

who spent a year in Athens with her family when she was younger, comments, "I like the variety of roles I play here at Anatolia. In a single day, I can be an English teacher, a Greek student, a newspaper editor, an art instructor, and a tutor, sister, counselor, and friend to the students in the dormitory." Will, who had studied Ancient Greek but had never been to Greece before, adds, "Every day at Anatolia, I find myself moving back and forth between languages and cultures. I take a Modern Greek class in the morning, coach the baseball team at noon, and help students with their English in the evening."

In the 1980s, through the initiative of former President McGrew, Grinnell established an annual scholarship for an Anatolia graduate. One of the former holders of the scholarship, Emmanuel Maou (Anatolia '82, Grinnell '86) is now a teacher of Mathematics and Multimedia at ACT. President Richard Jackson visited Grinnell on a recent trip to the Midwest. He comments, "It was moving to visit a place that produced some of Anatolia's greatest leaders in its early years, knowing that the tie is still strong - and getting stronger."

"It goes without saying that an equally unique aspect of the Anatolia experience was the opportunity to learn English well. Beyond the obvious practical benefit of such fluency and the fact that it opened a door to becoming a citizen of the world, the most intriguing aspect of English classes was the fact that they were taught by native speakers from various parts of the English-speaking world, born and raised not simply in a different language, but in a different culture. In meeting and befriending our American and British teachers we encountered the foreigner, the "other," and at the same time saw ourselves mirrored in their eyes as "others." Little did I realize back then that I was gaining lived experience in the concept of the "other", which the humanities and social sciences internationally consider key. I am now working on a book on bilingualism in Greek and Arabic in the Middle Ages, and I confess that the experience of being formed as a bilingual in Greek and English at Anatolia occasionally informs my research."

A parting thought from "our" MacArthur Fellow: "I wish my Alma Mater a productive life as long as the lives of biblical patriarchs, and to her current and future students times as happy as mine at Anatolia." Maria, congratulations! The feeling is mutual!

George Kassapides Retires after 39 years at Anatolia



President Jackson, George Kassapides

He came to Anatolia in 1965 to teach physical education. He left in June of 2004 after many years as head of the Physical Education Department and Head of the Boarding Department as well. Thousands of Anatolia students knew him as a friend and coach and teacher, and for many who lived in the dormitory he was a second father. Cheerful, compassionate, visibly fit and seemingly ageless, he won't be far from our school or from the hearts of countless graduates.

Anatolia Students Meet with Patriarch and Participate in Model UN in Turkey

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saics of the former Chora Monastery (now the Kariye Mosque), the underground cistern, the Blue Mosque, and the covered bazaar.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the audience given the students, their escorts, and President and Mrs. Jackson by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomeos, in company with visiting Archbishop Demetrios of North and South America. The Patriarch, who had visited Anatolia in May 2003, spoke to the students on the importance of education and Anatolia College in the formation of their character, leadership qualities, and lifelong values. At the conclusion of the audience, the students presented the Patriarch with a framed drawing of Macedonia Hall by Anatolia art teacher Christine Douris, signed by each participant, and the President presented framed photos showing the evolution of Anatolia from its first days in Merzifon to the dedication of the Bissell Library.

It was a memorable trip for all concerned, and the international friendships made will last for years to come.

Michalis Styllas '92
on the summit of Mt.
Everest



On May 16, Michalis Styllas '92 reached the summit of Mt. Everest as a member of the first Greek team to make a successful ascent. After graduating from Anatolia, he received his BA in Geology from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, interrupting his studies to do his military service.

While in America to do distance running and mountain climbing, he discovered the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Oregon, where he stayed to do a Masters. The recipient of a Marie Curie Ph.D. Fellowship from the European Union, he is now doing his doctoral work in Oceanography back in Thessaloniki - when not mountaineering, that is.

The following are excerpts from an interview with Yiannis Simandiras that appeared in the Anatolia Alumnus magazine in October 2004.

Michalis, when did you first decide you wanted to climb Mt. Everest?

It's the dream of most mountain climbers to set foot one day on the highest point in the world. For me, the idea took hold in 2002, when I first went to the Himalayas with an American mission to Dhaulagiri. I didn't make it to the top of that mountain, by the way, and because of the great expense involved, I didn't see how I'd have a chance at Everest. But somewhere inside I believed an opportunity would arise, and in June a year ago I came down from Mt. Olympus to find myself summoned by a fellow climber to an urgent meeting in Athens with the Greek-Canadian businessman Paul Angelatos. He had decided to make our dreams come true.

Which was more satisfying, the journey or the final triumph?

Anatolia at the Olympics!

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help from Senator Sarbanes and members of the Greek-American Business Forum, including Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, Galatis and a friend formed the Hellenic-American Baseball Federation. Its objectives: to field a competitive Olympic team for Greece and to establish the game of baseball in Greece.

Six years was not enough to grow Olympic baseball players on Greek soil, but because Olympic rules allow for athletes to play for their country of ethnic origin, the door was open to recruit a team of Greek-Americans. So Galatis became a baseball scout - as well as a genealogist. Working with the Orioles, he scouted the minors, he looked for former college and high school standouts, and put together a team. "It was a labor of love," says Galatis, who still plays baseball himself. The team was good, too. They won the European Baseball Federation "B" pool in 2002 and took 2nd place in the "A" pool in 2003. But their manager died suddenly the month before the Olympics,

The Athens 2004 Olympic Opening Ceremony



“ΕΙΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΑ”

First of all, the final triumph comes when you return to base camp. The summit is just the half-way point. But naturally it's the journey that counts. The summit is never an end in itself. We go to the mountains because each ascent is full of a succession of powerful feelings. The summits, especially those of the highest mountains, are no place to party. You climb, and if you're able and lucky enough to reach the top, you stay there a little while, admire the view, and begin to worry about making a swift and safe descent. But those moments when you see the horizon curving all around you, and the earth spread out at your feet, remain deeply etched inside of you. We had 40 minutes at the summit, due to exceptionally good weather.

And what was the ascent itself like?

When you first see the mountain, you feel awe, and you think, "What are we doing, how are we going to get up there?" In the first stages of the climb, you reconcile yourself to the idea, you think about the dangers (avalanches, rockfalls, crevasses), and get the feel of the mountain. At the same time, your body begins to suffer from the high altitude, and you struggle to keep it going strong. From a mountain-climbing point of view, the greatest parts of our ascent came when we passed the Khumba icefall, a block of ice the size of a house which at times hung above us, and going up the frozen Lhotse face, a 45-degree slope of almost 4000 feet of blue ice - beautiful, but difficult sometimes to the point of desperation. And the famous "Hillary step" a little before the summit, which reminds you that it is no small thing to be scaling 30 feet of vertical rockface at 25,000 feet above sea level. In the middle of our final ascent, I learned of the death of my good friend Yiannis Kinatidis on another mountain. I felt as if the earth were giving way underneath me. With the

and two of their best pitchers weren't able to compete. So they went 1-6 in Olympic contests, though they played well. As for establishing baseball in Greece, a league is now operating in Athens and Thessaloniki, and if the turnout for the Baseball Club at Anatolia this year is any indication, the game has already started to catch on.

Most of the world experienced the Olympics on their TV screens, and one of those bringing the picture to them was veteran Olympic broadcaster and trustee George Veras. As the member of the NBC team in charge of HDTV broadcasting, Veras shared in the triumph of the most-watched Olympics in history. He reports: "I've been involved in six Olympics, but there was really nothing like Athens, especially for me as a Greek-American. The success of the Games was made even sweeter by the fact that I had had to endure predictions from my broadcast colleagues of the impending failure of the Games due to behind-schedule construction. I know Greece, and I always believed that everything would be done in time and that the Greek spirit of "philoxenia" would humble even the most vocal critics once they arrived. And it did.

"I commanded a small band of 50 out of the 3000 broadcasters, and they will tell you to a man and a woman that not only did they feel the hospitality, they were captivated by the spirit that surrounded them, the climate, the smell, the smiles, and zest for life, the things that are hard to describe, but that are unmistakably there in Greece and its people. For me, to have been a part of that was an experience beyond any of the Super Bowls or World Series that I have also had the privilege of producing for television."

There were also Anatolians at work in the Olympic

help of my fellow climbers, I continued and made it to the summit, where I sat down for a while and cried.

May I turn your thoughts to Anatolia? What was it like to speak at Commencement?

Really, it was an unexpected but wonderful occasion. What made it special for me was seeing my old teachers and other members of the Anatolia family who had given me so much help during my school days and after. I wasn't a good student, I was trouble in and out of class, caring mostly for athletics, though I did like Physics and Chemistry, and to a lesser degree Math. And Geology in my sophomore year, because I had liked to be around mountains since the age of 11. But Ancient Greek! It was especially [Physical Education teacher] Mr. Kassapides who did his best to keep me on track and enabled me to graduate. I changed my academic profile only when I was

The view from the top



able to occupy myself with subjects of my own choosing, such as geological research. It goes without saying that Anatolia offers a great deal to its students and alumni, but I've noticed that each of us takes advantage of what Anatolia has given us at different times in our lives and in different ways, some directly, others indirectly.

What shall we wish for you, Michalis, now that "εις ανώτερα" ("still higher") no longer applies?

It always applies. The measuring stick lies within us. So simply wish me good luck on a trip in progress.

Computing Center, the Media Center, and in other areas. And then there were those simply attending the Games themselves. One of them was President Jackson, who took in five Olympic events in Athens and Thessaloniki: "An exhilarating experience and a milestone for Greece. We're very proud that so many Anatolians helped make the Games such a resounding success."



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