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Director's Letter

At the end of every term, I stand in front of the members of the graduating class and tell them that in addition to their world-class education, their blood, sweat, and tears have earned them a complimentary lifetime membership in Art Center's global network of 15,000 alumni. I explain how I have personally seen this dynamic network in action around the world, generating for its members professional opportunities, creative inspiration, and community. Of course I know that these students often can barely imagine 13 weeks into the future, let alone years from now. But my experience has taught me that some day they will appreciate how important it is to reconnect with an old friend or faculty member from their Art Center days, or talk to other alumni facing a major career transition, or connect with alumni in their region after relocating to a new area.

I know that, like those who graduated before them, they will learn this best from experience. And when they do, the online alumni directory and a host of other resources provided by Art Center will be ready to help them connect to the network. See page 9 for information about how you can access this directory, manage your contact preferences, and become part of the Art Center inCircle

One of the more rewarding aspects of supporting Art Center alumni in my position as director of Alumni Relations is that I get to personally meet this network, including alumni of all ages and in a variety of professional and creative ventures around the world. Meeting the alumni in Taipei last May, I was struck by what a fabulous community they'd created by staying in touch regularly and committing to the formation of an alumni chapter. To learn more about how you can organize a chapter or an interest group online, visit page 9.

To enable you to share the knowledge that I have-namely that there are alumni around the world ready and willing to be a resource for you -Alumni Relations is inaugurating an ambassador program, which will identify alumni in cities around the world who are willing to serve as regional contacts to the Art Center alumni community. To see a map of where these ambassadors are located, reference pages 6-7. Be sure to contact one the next time you are traveling or looking for local resources.

In my travels at home, I regularly meet alumni engaged in a variety of inspiring endeavors. Whether it's Michael Etter GRPH '03 (page 5) and Majorie Sahs ADVT '43 (page 4), who are leveraging their creative talents to give back to the community, or Syd Mead TRAN '59 (opposite) and Paul Souza FINE '47 (page 8) who are foregoing retirement in favor of applying their talent in new ways, each is pursuing innovative ways to live and work creatively

These are just a few of the many kinds of accomplishments the latest graduating class will someday lay claim to. They may not be able to imagine sitting around a table with their classmates on the occasion of their 50-year reunion, recalling brutal crits or faculty who changed their lives or discussing the latest Zaha Hadid exhibition at the Guggenheim (as members of the class of 1956 recently did in New York [see page 8]). But one thing is for certain: They will carry the tools and the friends acquired during their Art Center experience for a lifetime

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Director of Alumni Relations



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Alumni Weekend Photo Review

Pictured below are snapshots from recent Alumni Relations d events, which are held around the world and are ed to offer the global alumni community opportunitie ze, learn, network, and reconnect with each other. Fo st current listing of events, visit the "Event Calenda ink on the alumni Web site: www.artcenter.edu/alumni. You an submit photos from alumni gatherings, both official and , to be included on the Web site by sending an emai



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A Visionary Ethic: The Life and Work of Syd Mead TRAN '59

By Jessica Carey

"Designers in all disciplines have the privileged task of creating possibilities beyond the limits of the mundane and the predictable, to invent not just the idea but the rationale for futures not yet within the grasp of enviable technique. The mentality to pursue and enjoy these dimensions is a particular one, nurtured from childhood: the presentation of an endless capacity for wonder." -SYD MEAD IN OBLAGON, CONCEPTS OF SYD MEAD

Most Art Center alumni are undoubtedly familiar with the accomplishments of an involvement with total scenario; the world of idea made into an article and the alumnus Syd Mead TRAN '59. Like me, you have probably encountered his concept translation of fantasy into visual fact." The lesson for any designer is the importance work for science fiction films such as Blade Runner, Tron, Strange Days, or Aliens, of imagining and articulating a well-researched, believable, and intricate scenario After spending time with Syd and his work, I would argue that this association around the client's requirements for the purpose of visualizing the most compelling reflects only part of the impact his vision has had on our global consciousness. This / and appropriate solution...a vision worth committing to on the merits of its vision not only has shaped our sense of what the future will look like, but how it consideration and execution. will function and how we will function in it. In a time when transportation designers Work long and hard and love it were largely relegated to styling widgets, Syd Mead was recognized as Syd attributes his rigorous work ethic to his upbringing as a preacher's son in the a "visual futurist."

This year Syd received significant recognition in the form of a National Design Award Special Jury Commendation and a documentary on his life and career, Visual Futurist: The Svd Mead Documentary, which won the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the 2006 Dances with Film festival. On the occasion of these honors, and for the benefit of the many talented Art Center alumni constantly engaged in the struggle to make impactful work, I wanted to ask the question, "How does he do it?"

Clearly, an individual with such a vast body of work that has crossed disciplines and decades has abided by his own advice: "The true test of concentration and The easy answer is that he is an extremely talented artist armed with a savantprofessional consistency is the attention to detail on the briefest engagement. like intelligence. But after turning to his own words for answers, the qualities that as well as the larger, more grandiose project." I think it's safe to say that anyone strike me as being the most instrumental to his success include his commitment who has graduated from Art Center has received an education in professionalism. and ability to communicate his own informed creative vision, his business acumen, But mere professionalism is not a predictable measure of success. Drive and the vast cross-disciplinary knowledge he has acquired (and continues to pursue), commitment to creative rigor as a privileged way of living and breathing is the and his endless capacity for wonder. Each of these qualities is evident in the advice example Syd Mead provides. he offers to vouna designers:

"First, have a grasp of context, detail, and the rationale which make design Seek out new knowledge and image-making worthwhile to yourself and commercially, to someone else. In the spring of 2004, I invited Syd to speak as part of an alumni panel for a Portland-Try not to become a 'linear' professional. Learn a variety of technique, of thinking area event held at the adidas headquarters. Since the topic of the panel was the methodology and most of all, don't become complacent. Honestly, I get scared future of industrial design, he was an obvious panelist choice. At the time, having shitless every time I start a new, big job. I read, I gather information and push the worked at Art Center less than a year, I was only familiar with his work on Blade client to tell me what they want. (Sometimes they really don't know, and those jobs Runner and so expected his contribution to be primarily a perspective on how are usually nightmares!) Remember details, notice how people move, how sunlight the future used to be conceived. I was wrong. He was incredibly knowledgeable cascades over moving objects, why foliage looks the way it does (it's nature's and articulate about emerging technologies, and had already imagined multiple own fractal magic) and how come velvet has about the same range of value as plausible scenarios for their use. metallic surfaces but one is soft and the other is brittle. And finally, don't assume This habit of "logical speculation" informed by a rich body of cross-disciplinary that technique alone will save your ass. It still is the idea that wins...every time" knowledge is a hallmark of Svd's work, as he articulates in Oblagon: "Logical (see www.ballisticpublishing.com interview with Syd Mead). speculation is as much a part of the design process as prototype and specification.

Commit to and articulate an informed vision

When I describe Syd as being committed to his own creative vision, I do not at all mean in the same sense as might apply to modern star designers who insist on imposing their aesthetic on a universe of forms irrespective of context or function. In the documentary, Syd describes presenting only one design direction for each project. While at first glance this may seem arrogant, in reality, before developing his approach, Syd has wholly absorbed, explored, and imagined the client's requirements to such an extent that he determines the best solution in advance, and only secondarily brings his technical skills as an illustrator to embody that idea. As he explains it in Kronoteko (a part of the Kronolog trilogy), "The essence of my work is





rural Midwest and his professional acumen to his Art Center education. This ethic is evident in his description of public recognition in Oblagon, Concepts of Syd Mead: "Recognition is a deserved reward for sticking with it; a prize given for pursuing improvement of both technique and the time constraints so critical in professional liaison. 'When I get around to it...' or 'my muse hasn't inspired me...' are both the thinly disguised hallmark of the amateur or the self-delusionary auteur."

Clearly, his designs for vehicles of all kinds reflect a strong grasp of engineering, mechanical systems, and manufacturing, but a close look at his entire body of work also reveals a designer who has variously adopted the mind of an art historian, sociologist, advertiser, and philosopher.

Syd is a designer who understands that "the grandest aspirations of humanity are expressed not in artifacts but as cherished or remembered concepts." and whose grasp of knowledge expands from the technical to the cultural. This knowledge in combination with his vision and commitment have enabled Svd to imagine and visualize the concepts that will shape our future, not just the artifacts that will inhabit it. You can read more about Syd Mead by visiting his Web site at www.svdmead.com. 🔛



A Greater Commitment Than Self Majorie Sahs Advt '45

By Jessica Carey

Majorie Sahs ADVT '45 was one of the rare students admitted to Art Center right out of high school during the '40s.

'They weren't sure I was ready and I wasn't sure either!" recalls Majorie, who was offered art programming to at-risk youth. In 1992 her creative collaboration only one of seven women in her class. Clearly, she had the discipline and skill to thrive in the rigorous environment at Art Center, After graduation, Maiorie's work included a stint as art director for a major Long Beach advertising agency, where she contracted work from her former Art Center classmates. Like many alumnae of the '40s and '50s, she put her career on hold in order to marry and start a family. sponsored a team of 17 cancer survivors in a climb of Argentina's Mt. Aconcagua In the intervening years, she traveled the world with her husband's business and raised three children.

"Never stop learning—not because you are pressured, but because you desire it." When her children were in college, Majorie returned to graduate school to study art and to complete a teaching credential, going on to teach at the secondary and university levels. Later, she formed an arts education consulting business. She was involved as a volunteer in state, national, and international art advocacy groups, editing and publishing the California State Art Education newspaper and serving as an editorial member of the National Journal of Art Education.

"Designers should do more than work to get people to want something..." Majorie's professional investment in the importance of arts education flowered in her "retirement," through a full-time commitment to both her personal artwork and her community. She founded the organization Visual Arts for Youth, which

with six other female artists, brought together to learn new media, led to her involvement in an initiative to raise money for women candidates running for office in California. Through this, she had the opportunity to design the team and supporter scarves (pictured above) for the Breast Cancer Fund project that in 1995, raising \$22 million for national breast cancer research. Majorie's latest project has been to establish an annual community event, "The Shades of Carmichael: A Parade of Artist Umbrellas," in which 100 market-size umbrellas are painted by artists then auctioned to benefit the nonprofit community organization the Sacramento Fine Arts Center (SFAC) and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"To have a greater commitment than self guarantees self-fulfillment."

After meeting Majorie for lunch last summer and hearing her story, it struck me that her example is that of someone who has achieved the finest of accomplishments: Carving out a way of life that inseparably fuses giving back with creative and professional pursuits.

(Above) Majorie pictured wearing the supporter scarf she designed for the Breast Cancer Fund, which was presented to then-First Lady Hillary Clinton in 1995



Art Center: Not the Place You Knew; Always the Place You Know

By Ramone Muñoz ADVT '77, MFA FINE '90

As an alumnus and faculty member who believes in Art Center as much today as when I first walked through its doors more than 35 years ago, I must say that what I believe in most of all is our students.

I see the miracle happen again and again every day I teach. I see the students discover that they have grown creatively and intellectually, that they have found their own voices as designers or artists, and it is for these reasons that I believe in this place and want to see the miracle continue.

Because I have been fortunate to teach at the College for many years, I find myself in the company of students on a daily basis. I'm actually considered part of the "old guard," a distinction one does not necessarily work towards-it just happens. The interesting thing about being around Art Center this long is how familiar certain aspects of the place still are. I recently gave a talk to new students about the history of the College. At the end of my talks I always tell students to look to their left and right and introduce themselves to each other. I tell them that these co-chair of a fundraising effort we are calling the Legacy Circle. An annual gift of same people may become their lifelong friends; that they will attend each others' weddings, watch each others' children grow up, and perhaps even see these same kids graduate from the college their parents attended years before. I have also seen some personal friends, many of them great educators, come and go: Phil Hayes ILLU '55, Dwight Harmon ILLU '69, Burne Hogarth, and many others who gave so much to the College and will be remembered long into the future.

What I realize now, more than ever before, is how much Art Center is the same place we all went to. Not so much in the details, but in the big expectations that teachers have for their students and the faith that students have in the school. This last term I gave my freshman class a project related to the challenges they face day-to-day at Art Center. The project was called "Life in Heaven and Hell."

What truly surprised me was how similar their experiences were to the ones I faced when I was in school: the sleepless nights, the process of mastering time management, the difficulty of maintaining relationships while overwhelmed by homework, the staggering expense of attending college. I was so moved by what the students completed at the end of this project. Even at twice their age, I realized that they really were going through the same frustrations, the same transcendent moments I went through. They were there to be challenged by each other, and at the end of the day, even Tink Adams, Art Center's founder, would have told them that they put in the effort and it showed. Job well done

Fellow alumnus and faculty member **Stan Kong** PROD '83 has joined me as \$500 to scholarships provides you with membership in the Legacy Circle. Of the dollars raised through the Legacy Circle, 100 percent will go to scholarships to help its students meet the challenges of getting through Art Center as students have for 75 years.

If you would like more information about joining the Legacy Circle, or if you would like to support students with a donation to the scholarship fund. no matter how small, please contact Katherine Gfeller at 626.396.4272 or katherine.gfeller@artcenter.edu.

We urge you to join us in keeping the dream alive for so many young creative individuals who are making it through the Art Center we all know and care so deeply about.



I myself was what would be referred to as a problem kid, growing up on a steady diet of punk rock, drugs, and aimless rebellion. With the help of a few teachers and unexpected mentors along the way, I was able to channel my malaise into something useful. Eventually, I ended up at Art Center after many other attempts at finding a suitable path.

After a particularly traumatic personal experience, I was left wondering what I was going to do with this amazing but incredibly expensive education, and questioning whether designing for industry was even of interest to me. It was a low point, to say the least. While in my second-to-last semester of school, I was at a coffee shop, broke, and feeling sorry for myself. A friend came by and asked me if I would speak with some kids in a correctional facility about the freedom that developing a creative voice could offer them. I couldn't think of a way out of it fast enough, and not feeling like much of an example of the artist's dream, I found myself in a car going to Sylmar.

I wound up in a room full of kids without much hope, trying to convince them to advertising. have some. In the end, we just told them our stories. But something happened in I have recently relocated to Lawrence, Kansas, for a job with Payless ShoeSource that room that changed my life and put it back on its present course. I went to bed as their senior graphic artist during an interesting phase for the company. re: Active with the same problems I had that morning, but my perception had changed. My is very much alive and will continue in Los Angeles-it has received enough funding experience mattered to someone else in a way that I found hard to achieve teaching to keep teaching and printing for a few more years. Meanwhile, I am concocting a within the school system. Soon I was going up to one of the probation camps on plan to carry the program into the Midwest and continue this multicultural collaborative process with other like-minded souls itching to do something meaningful with a regular basis with a group named Dreamyard/LA (now named Street Poets, Inc.) that teaches poetry to incarcerated youth. I was hooked. My foundation had been their creative talents. If I have it my way, this project will become something that gives voice to youth all over the world. shaken by recent events, but the experience opened my mind to options other than the one I expected a degree in design would mean.

I started formulating the idea for a program that could use design as a way to give someone hope for their future. With the invaluable experience of working on the Art Center student magazine, Fishwrap, and the encouragement of a few



Giving Youth a Voice Through Design

By Michael Etter GRPH '03, DIRECTOR, CO-FOUNDER, RE:ACTIVE

re:Active magazine is primarily a response to the pitfalls of apathy that plague the youth in our community. It is created entirely by teenagers in the Los Angeles area with the help of professional designers, editors, and photographers.

> instructors and then-chair of the Graphic Design department, Allison Goodman GRPH '95, the idea got enough traction to allow me a ninth term to pursue it as a stronger and broader concept.

re:Active magazine was born after seeing how many youth could benefit from the practical understanding of how to work as a group and of what types of jobs might be available to them in the commercial creative fields. My friend Kristin Mehus-Roe and I struggled through the red tape of getting the project off the ground. Through a series of trials and errors, we taught our first zine class at the Echo Park Film Center and learned about the grantwriting process. Thanks to the amazing efforts of the talented Angeleno youth involved, we were able to produce re:Active's first 48-page zine titled "Beliefs"-xeroxed, hand-stapled, and beautiful The latest zine they created is titled "Cure(s)." Thanks to a start-up grant from Art Center President Richard Koshalek and a Youth Arts and Education grant from the L.A. Cultural Affairs Department, it is a professionally printed magazine without

For more information and to order or view issues of re:Active, please visit www.re-active.info. Contact Michael and the re:Active team at info@re-active.info about becoming involved in L.A. or from your corner of the world.

> Excerpted images from re:Active magazin (left) Drawing from second issue, "Cure(s)" (right) From volume one, "Beliefs"

ambassadors@artcenter.edu

Alumni Ambassador Program Launch There are approximately 15,000 Art Center alumni spread out around the globe. (We know where more than 12,000 of you are—the rest of you need to update your contact information!) What this means is, that as an Art Center graduate, you have a vibrant global alumni network that you can tap no matter where your travels may take you. To make this network more visible and to enable you to connect with fellow alumni, we are launching Art Center's Alumni Ambassador program. Through the program you can easily link up with fellow alumni in a given region through our online alumni community. If you are relocating, traveling, or working abroad and looking for general regional advice, the ambassadors are available to give you advice via email.

What is an Art Center Alumni Ambassador? Ambassadors respond to email inquiries from alumni that are related to the region where they reside. This is a great role if you do not have the time or energy to start up an Art Center alumni chapter, but still want to be involved and connected to the network. We would like to add alumni ambassadors in many more cities and countries around the world, so if you are willing to serve in your area, please send an email to ambassadors@artcenter.edu with the subject line "New Ambassador." The most current ambassadors list is available at Art Center Alumni Online, www.artcenter.edu/alumni.



Berlin, Germany Sophie Birkmayer TRAN '9'

Michael Sans PROD '96

How do I contact an Art Center Alumni Ambassador? To contact any alumni ambassador, email ambassadors@artcenter.edu with the city name in the subject heading. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate ambassador, who will respond directly to your inquiry. Inquiries can include a variety of questions, such as, "We're traveling to Berlin, what is the best area to stay in to get a sense of the art scene?" "Who are the biggest employers of designers in Madrid?" or "Can you put me in touch with a freelance photographer in Philadelphia?" Inappropriate questions such as, "I'm going to be in Stockholm in two weeks, can I stay at your house?" will not be forwarded, although we may recommend a better way to phrase the question, such as, "Can you recommend a cheap hostel in Stockholm?" Please restrict your inquiries to questions that cannot be generally answered by a Google search. Feel free to send any inquiries to ambassadors@artcenter.edu that require the advice, perspective, or recommendation of Art Center alumni who are also regional insiders.

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Being an Artist Can Save Your Life Paul Souza FINE '47

By Jessica Carey

I hear students say that they live on the Art Center campus, particularly towards the end of term. And with campus open 24 hours a day, students can accomplish this: There is an officially designated sleeping room, and sleeping students can be spotted everywhere, including the sidewalks, as if we were a special school for creative narcoleptics.

But in fact, the people who can most accurately be described as living at Art Center are those alumni who joined Art Center's faculty directly after graduation and continued teaching through their "retirement." The importance of these alumni faculty to Art Center's history—and its future—cannot be overstated. Particularly in the early years, the Art Center faculty was almost entirely made up of alumni, including **Paul Souza** FINE '47 who taught foundation courses at Art Center from 1946 until 1989.

This summer Paul visited the Hillside Campus after an eight-year hiatus. During his visit, he shared stories and memories with long-term alumni faculty Gary Meyer ILLU and Mel Sant ADVT '64, who took classes from Paul as students. Paul's stories from his life at Art Center span well over half a century of campuses, faculty, students, alumni, and major world events.

One story in particular stands out as emblematic of a life lived at Art Center. Paul was drafted into the Army in 1943 while a student at Art Center. As he was preparing to leave, Virginia Legakes Adams '34 told him not to empty his art locker, because she would hold it for him until his certain return. As events unfolded, Paul nearly did not return alive. Although originally designated a coxwain on a landing craft, one day his commanding officer, who recognized Paul's artistic ability, ordered him instead to paint numerals on the side of a craft. The same day his fellow soldiers were sent on a mission without him and tragically met their demise in a mine explosion at sea. Reflecting on this defining moment in his life, he remarked, "I always say that being an artist saved my life!"

Paul returned to Art Center in 1945 to complete his studies. His locker was still intact just as Virginia had promised. In 1946, Tink Adams recruited him to join the Art Center faculty. During the next 44 years, Paul produced work, traveled, and taught many notable illustrators and artists of the 20th century. His work was shown and recognized worldwide, and he studied with creative giants, including Isamu Noguchi, Millard Sheets, and Frederick Taubes.

Yet as far as Paul has traveled, he has never left the Art Center community. Now 88 he lives with his wife, Penny, in Corona Del Mar, a few miles from Hal Frazier ADVT '55, Glenn McIntire ADVT '67, and his current students, alumnae Dana Herkelrath GRPH '88 and Patricia Paxton Pardee ILLU '62 who study watercolor and oil painting under Paul's tutelage. According to Dana, "Paul never misses an opportunity to teach. He is constantly sketching on napkins or making a viewer with his hands, framing the world into a painting, explaining the colors vou wouldn't otherwise know how to see.'

This type of creative exchange is at the heart of the Art Center experience. For faculty like Paul who spend their lives as artists who teach, this exchange becomes a way of life-not a job to retire from.

View the complete works of Paul Souza online at www.paulsouza.com. If you would like to contact Paul directly, he can be reached at contact@paulsouza.com or by mail: 1602 Marguerite Avenue, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625.

(Above) Self Portrait, oil, 1963, private collection

Class of 1956: Still Hard at Work

Featured below are two brief profiles from members of the Class of 1956,* who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Art Center this year-clearly, these grads never retired. Since we have limited space to feature the stories of all "retired" alumni, we are eager to have you share the stories of your "retirement" with us for inclusion on the alumni Web site. Please send your stories to alumni@artcenter.edu.

Tomoko Kawakami Miho INDU '56



Prior to establishing her design firm in New York, Tomoko was a designer for George Nelson and Co. and Center for Advanced Research in Design. Her designs are in the MoMA collection, and her posters are in the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Library of Congress, and the Museum für Gestaltung. Tomoko's clients have included Herman Miller. Champion International Corporation, and Neiman-Marcus. In 1993 she received the AIGA Gold Medal.

Now

Tomoko's recent designs include graphics and signage for the exhibition Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi at the Noguchi Museum: a poster for the film Robert Indiana: American Dreamer; and graphics for the Willem de Kooning Foundation. She is a member of the Alliance Graphique Internationale.

Robert Quackenbush ADVT '56



Wrote and illustrated over 200 books for young readers. He holds a master's degree in social studies, a Ph.D. in children's education, and is a licensed psychoanalyst in New York state. A threetime winner of the American Flag Institute Award for outstanding contributions to children's literature, Robert has also won an Edgar Allan Poe Special Award for best juvenile mystery. In 1998, he received a Gradiva Award for his book Batbaby, voted best children's book of the year by the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis.

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Travels on author tours around the world to speak in schools, where he is introduced as the father of Henry the Duck, Detective Mole, Miss Mallard, and others. Hosts after-school art classes for children and an annual children's book writing and illustration workshop for adults at his studio in New York.

*To see graduation photos of the class of 1956, visit www.artcenter.edu/alumni and click the "Photos" left navigation link to select "Graduation Photos.

www.artcenter.edu/alumni Even Better Ways to Connect: Alumni Online



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To log in for the first time, you will need to visit Art Center Alumni Online, select the in ircle link, and fill out the brief registratior box. The registration requires you to input your D number. This number can full name and Ali be found in its entirety on the front of your Outer Circle address label. If you are partnered with an Ar Center alumnus/a, make sure you are referring to the label issued under your name, not your partner's. Secondly, insert your preferred email address, choose and confirm a password, and create your password reminder. Your password and secret answer are both case sensitive. Future logins will only require your email address and password.

If you like, add photos or videos of yourself, Art Center memories, your children, or your work for other members of the community to see. Image and video files accepted include .jpg, .gif, .bmp, and .png. Because of resolution restrictions, we recommend listing your own Web site as the best way of providing network access to your full portfolio, though you may want to put up a few image teasers in a portfolio album to generate interest. If you do not currently have an online portfolio, you can easily create one at , our Web-based portfolio partner Be sure to join the "Art Center Alumni" group at Coroflot after creating a profile

lircle provides a number of tools for communication. Begin by inviting your friends to join your network k link. In the by visiting the section you can post general comments, search for advice, post jobs, look for housing, and list items for sale. In addition to the forums, you can form interest groups that enable you to regularly communicate with alumni in your area or region or who share your interests. For all forms of communication received through the online community, you have complete control of who can send email directly to you, what type of communications can be sent, and how often. These preferences are controlled by clicking Settings under the My Messages link.

As part of our ongoing effort to expand the online resources and content we offer to the alumni network through the alumni Web site, we have launched new networking functionality called **nCircle** that will allow you to better customize your profile and contact information, track down old friends, and join regional and industry networking groups. This area of the site is accessed through the inCircle link. Please take a few minutes to log on now so that when your friends try to connect with you, they will be able to access your updated contact information. For those of you who need a little technological hand-holding (no shame in that!), use the instructions below as

create a profile

Your personal profile includes contact and business information, details about your interests and education, and more. You decide which levels of the network should have access to various parts of your information. If you only want your approved friends to have access to your contact information (vs. the entire alumni community), then you can indicate this for each piece of contact information you provide. You can also specify which information you want to keep private. For best networking results, we recommend that you keep business information such as title, organization and region accessible to the entire community. The default profile display settings are for your name only

There are two ways to search in inCircle—basic and advanced. To use the basic search function, input a keyword into the search field in the upper right hand corner of the screen. You can insert first names. nicknames, company names, or any other keyword. Results will be displayed of any matching profiles (per existing privacy settings) or conversation threads that include your keyword. The advanced search function allows you to search by organization, industry, job function, region, and more. Use the search function as a directory to reconnect with old friends and network with new ones

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This person is a faculty member

This person is a staff member



By virtue of their strong affiliation, this person is an honorary alumnus/a

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

With this issue of Outer Circle, we are trying a new approach for the professional notes alumni submit about themselves. Due to the significant amount of real estate that Alumni Notes has been occupying (five full pages in the last issue of Outer Circle), and due to the time-sensitive nature of many professional announcements, we are migrating the Alumni Notes content to Art Center Alumni Online at www.artcenter.edu/alumni.

The names listed below are organized as they are on the Web site—alphabetically, both by department and by name within each department. Go to www.artcenter.edu/alumni to find someone's note then select the "Alumni Notes" link, and click on the corresponding department listing to find their names and news.

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BABIES AND MARRIAGES to the United States, he graduated from Art Center services were held on July 10 at Valley Memorial and pursued a career in creative photography while Park in Novato. The family requests that memorial Congratulations to all! traveling around the world. His photos appeared in contributions be sent to the John R. Gaulding III Make sure to relay your happy news to us. For those of many magazines and publications, including *Time*, Memorial Scholarship Fund at Art Center College the Encyclopedia Britannica, and the first color cover of Design. For more information, contact Katherine of *Forbes*. He also photographed unique historical Gfeller at 626.396.4272. Dick Hewitt PHOT '52 died personalities, including President John F. Kennedy April 6, 2006. For the first 20 years of his career, he and Dr. Edward Teller. During a career that spanned did picture stories for Look. Life, TV Guide, This Sheffield Abella ILLU '94 and his wife, Alison, welmore than 30 years, he served as a professional Week, Playboy, and other magazines. He loved comed their first daughter, Dominique Gabiana, on photographer for the nuclear weapons development dreaming up story ideas for magazines and figuring November 18, 2005, Harry Cocciolo ADVT '90 and program at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory out how to shoot them even more than executing his wife, Patricia, greeted the birth of their son, Ford in Berkeley and at the Nevada Test Site. He is a shoot. He got even greater satisfaction from Alexander, Their first son, Roman Christopher, is 21 survived by his wife of 50 years, Jenny L. Bradley; children's books, illustrating more than 70 of them. months old. They live in Los Angeles where Harry is a sons Bruce F. Bradley and Paul W. Bradley; daughter-He had an instinctive feel for putting words and director with the production company, Tool of North in-law Sharon Bradley: and grandchildren Alden and pictures together and could do his own layout. Dick America (toolofna.com). Roger Dela Rosa GRPH '02 Winston Bradley. Funeral/memorial services were lived joyously and on his own terms. For most of has a daughter, Ava, who is two years old. He has held March 9 at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in their 46-year marriage, Dick and his wife, Joan, been happily married for six years and has been Boulder City. **Tim Clark** ILLU '70, died at the age of 60 lived in Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife, two working as a full-time designer at McNulty & Co. in in San Francisco, California, following surgery for a children, and three grandchildren. Michele Melandri Thousand Oaks, Gaelen F. Donahue PHOT '89 married brain tumor. An innovative illustrator and prolific fine GRPH '89 died in June. She was 44. She was lovingly Mark G. Cooper PHOT '90 on May 29, 2002. Their artist, Tim produced iconic and compelling images honored and remembered by family and friends daughter, Morgan Grace Cooper, was born January at a memorial service in the Sinclair Pavilion at Art for the entertainment industry, editorial publications, 26, 2003. Michael Etter GRPH '03 Michael's wife, and corporate clients, as well as paintings, prints, Center's Hillside Campus on June 25, 2006. After Wendy, gave birth to a girl, Violet Elizabeth Etter, and sculptures in a myriad of media. Tim's fine art graduating from Art Center, Michele designed for on August 17. She shares a birthday with Robert prints became set elements in television programs Nike in both its U.S. and European headquarters and DeNiro, Sean Penn, and Mae West. There will be and feature films, and his illustration of Fats Domino worked for Sandstrom Design in Portland, Oregon. photos posted up at godgutsandguns.blogspot.com She returned from Nike Europe in February 2006 to became one of the music industry's most admired For more information, visit gaelencooper.com. and recognized graphic images. Born in Los Angeles join Saatchi & Saatchi in Torrance, California, but Thomas Gehring GRPH '96 and his wife, Tara, welto a fashion illustrator and a welder. Tim translated was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of comed a little girl, Lila Marcelle, on November 29, his love and understanding of automotive design sarcoma in March. Throughout her life and career, 2005. Hua Ling ENVL '94 and her husband, Ivan, had into winning the 1964 Motor Trend Magazine Design she was a subtle, original, and creative force. Her a son, Nathan, in 2005, Ellen Lipin GRPH '78 married Competition and was awarded a full scholarship to bravery and dignity in her final months were deeply Joe McFadden, Sr. VP, Capitol Records, December Art Center. He also studied at Otis Parsons School of felt by those around her. To share memories with 11, 2005, James Paick III U '04 and Stephanie Art and Chouinard Art Institute prior to establishing Michele's family and friends, view photos of the Lee ENVL '05 were married on August 27, 2006, in his own studio. A skilled, lifelong surfer who was memorial service, or make a donation to the Burbank, California, Tatiana Redin GRPH '03 and known for his sense of humor, generosity, and American Cancer Society in Michele's name, visit Roman Wyden FILM were married August 26, 2005, reputation as a good dancer, Tim maintained a home michelemelandri.com. Frank Sardisco ILLU passed in Manhattan Beach, California. Marianne Tessier du and studio in Santa Monica while amassing an away from pancreatic cancer in June. He was 75. Cros ENVL '99 welcomed her daughter, Mia, in Paris eclectic collection of art, automobiles, and real estate. Over the years, he has sent scores of his junior on January 26, 2006. Tim is survived by daughters Renee and Colette college art students to Art Center, including former Clark, and grandchildren Nicholas and Gabriel Art Center faculty members Lawrence Carrol and **IN MEMORIAM** Palmquist-Clark. John R. Gaulding III PHOTO '03 Matt Mahurin. Visit venturacountystar.com for an On behalf of the entire Art Center community, we article about his life. Harold Stegman PHOT '51 died died June 25, 2006, in a tragic hiking accident at Lake would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the Tahoe. He was 27. Born November 9, 1978, he was December 10, 2005, in Austin, Texas. He is survived families and friends of these alumni: the son of John and Rita Gaulding, longtime San by his wife of 58 years, Lucille Brightbill Stegman; his Rafael residents, and the older brother of Matthew son Harold Stegman; his daughter and her husband, Neil Boyle ILLU '53 died February 4, 2006. An article Gaulding of Chicago. Following his graduation from Ann and Richard Stegman Thames of Carmine, on Neil and his life appeared in the Times Colonist Art Center, "JR" worked as a freelance photographer Texas; and granddaughters Stacy and Michelle of Victoria, British Columbia, titled, "Illustrator Had and production assistant in various film and TV Stegman. For a copy of his obituary contact alumni@ Long U.S. Career." For a copy of this article, contact projects. His photographs and prints have been artcenter.edu or 626.396.2305. McKinley Thompson alumni@artcenter.edu or 626.396.2305. Donald exhibited in a number of Los Angeles galleries, and TRAN '56 died March 5, 2006. He was the first African Franklin Bradley PHOT '52, of Las Vegas, Nevada, his images are highly respected by both the owners American student at Art Center and the first African died March 5, 2006. He was born in Plainfield, N.J., and subjects of his work. The signature of JR's life, American car designer at Ford. He had a wonderful and resided in Nevada for more than 40 years. however, was his keen wit and infectious sense of career and is survived by his second wife, Teri, During World War II, he served as a corporal in the children Wendy and Guy, and two grandchildren. 💭 humor. He lived a full but tragically brief life and U.S. Army assigned to chemical weapons transport

enriched all whose paths he crossed. Graveside in the European and African theaters. Upon returning



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It's a Mystery:

This issue's Mystery Photo features five unidentified students posing in front of a crit wall displaying car designs from February 1968. We are assuming this was taken during a transportation design class. We know that the photo was taken by then school photographer Geoffrey Fulton. In Fulton's photo log book, he identified this photograph as "Hawaiian students." Please let us know if you are one of the unidentified students or if you know who they are. Any information you may have can be directly relayed to Art Center's archivist Robert Dirig at 626.396.2208 or robert.dirig@artcenter.edu.

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Recognizing a notable professional or creative innovation.

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Mystery Solved:

Thanks to your responses to the Winter '06 *Outer Circle* "Mystery Photo," we learned that the faculty member pictured here is Bill Cameron, and that he taught in the Industrial Design and Product Design departments. The students pictured are working on a pencil sharpener design project in a mechanical drawing course that focused on engineering. We also learned that the two students in the photograph are **Ken Vendley** TRAN '60 (right) and **Frank Munoz** TRAN '60 (left). Special thanks to **John Michael Power** TRAN '56, **Diran Yazejian** PROD '59, **Ken Vendley** TRAN '60, and **Dick Bruton** PROD '58 for the information they provided.

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