The events during the 2012 Alumni Weekend at the International House marked the start of a yearlong celebration honoring the institution’s 80th anniversary.

The May 31–June 3 events drew more than 1,000 people eager to partake of international cuisine, music and community.

“It was wonderful to be back at I-House for the 80th anniversary: the celebration was perfectly organized, the ambiance was warm and cheerful, and the House was beautiful, inside and out,” said International House alumnus and former director Henry Pernet, AM’67, PhD’70.

“Throughout its 80-year history, International House has never strayed from its original mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect, and friendship,” said Denise Jorgens, AM’83, PhD’95, I-House Director of Programs and External Relations. “This year’s celebration recognizes that mission and celebrates the alumni, students and Chicago-area partners who continue to reap the benefits of this community and to help it flourish.”

The 80th anniversary kickoff weekend included concerts, lectures, parties and reunions designed to showcase the marvelous breadth of creativity and contributions that is I-House. The highlight of the weekend was the June 2 combined Sunday Supper and Festival of Nations event, two time-honored traditions that date back to the first years of the institution.


“Celebrating its 80th anniversary 10 years since I lived there brought back wonderful memories of fellowship and goodwill. The House is even more vibrant than I remembered. My whole family was there,” Sha said.

See Alumni News for more information on the 2012 Alumni Weekend activities. Watch the I-House website for information about upcoming 80th anniversary programs including activities planned for the 2013 Alumni Weekend.

On October 9, International House hosted a luncheon discussion with the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the United States: His Excellency Jorge Argüello. Ambassador Argüello spoke to a group of residents on Argentina’s position in the global economy, its challenges and the way ahead, as well as Argentina’s position on the Malvinas dispute. The event was co-hosted by Marcelo Suarez Salvia, Consul General of Argentina in Chicago.

World-renowned for its rich cultural traditions, Argentina is the third largest economy in Latin America. It has a highly educated workforce, strong agricultural and industrial sectors, and ample natural resources. The Argentine-US bilateral relationship is crucial for understanding Argentina’s recent transformation and its international position including its permanent sovereign claim of the Malvinas Islands.
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The College paid tribute to the late English scholar and dean of the College Wayne C. Booth, and his wife Phyllis, by naming a new residential house in their honor, Dean John W. Boyer announced in August.

The Wayne and Phyllis Booth House opened this fall inside the International House, providing a home for undergraduates within one of the oldest and most diverse communities at the University of Chicago.

Wayne Booth was one of the 20th century's most prominent and influential literary critics and a scholar of great importance at the University of Chicago. He served as Dean of the College from 1964 to 1969.

Phyllis and Wayne Booth also served as two of the first Resident Masters in the history of the University's House System, at Woodward Court in 1970.

"Phyllis and Wayne were extraordinarily generous colleagues who cared deeply about the welfare of our students," Boyer said, adding that the couple championed the creation of the College's unusual Resident Masters program, in which faculty members live in the House System to serve as mentors and leaders.

"As dean of the College, Wayne Booth guided the College during a critical period of transition, and worked tirelessly for the social cohesion of the campus," Boyer said. "This house is a fitting way for a new generation of students to understand his contributions to scholarship and to the University's intellectual community."

Booth's remarkable strengths as a teacher already have been recognized through the establishment of the annual Wayne C. Booth Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Scott and Laura Stern will serve the community as Resident Masters to Booth House and to Phoenix House, which opened inside International House in 2020. Scott Stern (AB '80 and MD '84) is a professor of medicine and associate dean for technology and innovation in the Pritzker School of Medicine. He has taught and practiced at the University of Chicago since 1994, Laura Stern (AB '80) has worked for more than 30 years in a variety of investment management roles, including founding her own asset management business.

"The presence of Laura and Scott as Resident Masters will bring enormous enthusiasm, energy and leadership to these two houses and to the House System more broadly," said Katie Callow-Wright, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life and Assistant Dean of the College. "They have strong roots at UChicago and are already enriching this community and connecting with students in many ways," she said.

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Summer 2012 Davis Projects for Peace

International House resident Maya Pillai, AM'12, has brought Indian culture to local students enrolled in Global Girls, an organization dedicated to empowering young women on the South Side through the arts.

Pillai, who hails from Bangalore, India, and came to the University of Chicago by way of Mount Holyoke College, spent the summer putting her Davis Projects for Peace grant to work for local high school students.

"Of course, I'm concerned with issues in India," said Pillai, "but right now, at this moment, I'm a part of UChicago's community. I thought to myself, how could I be serious about [activism] and not be involved here?"

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students like the Red Sea, and illustrating the nature of the 1947 Indian-Pakistani split.

For Nailah Harris, an aspiring young actress applying to Julliard in the spring, participating in Global Girls was a life-altering experience. The first time she saw the girls do a dance show, Harris said she just had to “stick to the program like glue. I saw them dance and they looked like they were having so much fun together. I needed a core group of friends and now they’re like my sisters,” she added.

When asked to name a part of the Indian immersion sessions she enjoyed, Chicago Academy of the Arts freshman Ava Saunders said that while she thrilled to Bollywood movies, she particularly relished the most recent event when the girls collaborated in making steaming trays of piquant Indian cuisine in the I-House kitchen.

“It was so fun, we cooked three or four dishes. I think one was called a chickpea curry. And by the time we were done, it was actually pretty good,” said Saunders.

“Everyone had something to do, wherever you looked people were working together,” Saunders continued. “Maya was really good at teaching us about the different foods, and some girls were definitely writing this all down to make at home.”

Denise Jorgens, International House Director of Programs and External Relations, said the Davis Projects for Peace resources have been put to good use over the years. The fellowships, founded in 2007 by Davis, award $10,000 for students to design a form of cultural outreach anywhere in the world. “This is the fifth year in a row that International House of Chicago residents have received the Davis grant. Last year’s grant recipients developed a summer-long program in which they went to rural areas of China to promote financial literacy.”

Promoting peace sounds like a daunting extracurricular assignment, but Pillai seems to firmly believe in the old mantra: Think globally, act locally.

“I know UChicago's really a challenging school, and we have very little time outside of academics,” said Pillai, “but what I hope will come out of this project is that more students will get off of campus and learn how fun it is to engage with people with very different life experiences from your own.”

Pillai and her students hope that the climax of this summer's efforts will be a Global Girls trip to India next winter. There, the performing youth will learn more about ancient dance techniques thought to be vanishing in a rapidly altering subcontinent.
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IN MEMORIAM

Beverly (Berman) Bassin, AM’43, died October 19 in Madison, Wisconsin. She was 92 and lived at I-House from 1940 to 1941. Bassin was a school social worker with the Chicago Board of Education for 18 years, retiring in 1966. She is survived by three sons and a granddaughter.

Ruth (Masuru) Bowers, AM’58, died September 9 in Burlington, North Carolina. She was 87 and lived at I-House in 1957. Bowers was a nurse at Milwaukee County General Hospital and School of Nursing; the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland; the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing; and the University of Illinois School of Nursing where she was a gynecology/clinical assistant professor and director of obstetrics and nurseries.

W. John Carr Jr., MBA’62, died January 30 in Hayward, Wisconsin. He was 73 and lived at I-House in 1960. An economic analyst, he used computer simulation to determine competition in the hospital industry and led studies on hospital cost, medical care demand, and Medicare legislation at Chicago’s American National Bank. Carr also served as a planning policy adviser to the World Health Organization (WHO) and co-directed research projects at Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

James Wesley Ellington, PhD’47, PhD’58, of Storrs, Connecticut, died August 21. He was 84 and lived at I-House from 1948 to 1955 and 1957 to 1958. An Immanuel Kant scholar, Ellington was a translator and emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He wrote or translated nine books, including a translation of Kant’s 1786 work, Metaphysical Foundation of Natural Science. Survivors include a sister.

Ramona O. Fogerty, AM’61, died April 18, 2011, in Chicago. She was 82 and lived at I-House in 1961. After teaching in the Chicago Public Schools for 12 years, Fogerty founded the Potential School for Exceptional Children in 1965, where inclusive classrooms brought together students of different ability levels. The school operated in Chicago until the 1990’s.

Margaret "Peggy" Gibbons, U-High’50, AM’56, died October 21 in San Jose, California. She was 97 and lived at I-House in 1935. Serving in the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, Gibbons moved with her family to Wilmette, Illinois in 1956 where she raised her children. In 2004, she moved to San Jose. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

Ethel Hall, AM’53, died November 12 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was 83 and lived at I-House from 1952 to 1953. Hall taught in Alabama high schools and universities before becoming the first African American woman elected to the Alabama Board of Education and its longtime vice president. Survivors include a daughter, a son, two foster daughters, two sisters, and two grandsons.

Edward N. Hinman, AM’48, died April 11, 2011, in Durham, Connecticut. He was 88 and lived at I-House from 1947 to 1948. An Army and Air Force veteran, Hinman joined the National Security Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency as a research analyst and air attaché branch in 1983. He retired moving to the CIA before retiring in 1987. Survivors include a brother.

Edna Beatrice Homa Hunt, AM’52, died September 20 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was 83 and lived at I-House from 1949 to 1952. One of the first women to earn a doctorate of business administration from Harvard Business School, Hunt ran a management consulting company and wrote on business management. She is survived by her son and a granddaughter.

Fred C. Iké, AM’48, PhD’50, died November 10 in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 87 and lived at I-House in 1946. Iké held federal appointments, including director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Presidents Nixon and Ford and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy during both Reagan administrations. He received the 1987 Distinguished Public Service Medal from the Department of Defense. In 1988, Iké joined the Center for Strategic and International Studies as a distinguished scholar. Also holding positions with Harvard’s Center for International Affairs and the RAND Corporation, he published several books, most recently Annihilation From Within: The Ultimate Threat to Nations (Columbia University Press, 2006). Survivors include his wife, Doris; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

David Levitan, PhD’56, died November 21 in New York City. He was 85 and lived at I-House from 1938 to 1941. Levitan was special assistant to the chair of the War Production Board, chief of the Foreign Economic Administration’s property-control division, and editor-in-chief of the first United Nations manual of operations. A partner at law firm Hahn & Hessen, he hosted the ABC broadcasts On Trial and Perspectives. Levitan chaired the Roslyn Harbor Zoning Board for more than 30 years. Survivors include a daughter and a son.

Loray H. Linder, PhD’58, of Costa Mesa, California, died September 7, 2005. He was 88 and lived at I-House in 1956. A World War II veteran, Linder worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Idaho and held faculty positions at the Universities of Texas and Southern California. In 1959, he moved to Costa Mesa, California and joined Ford Aeronautics, an aerospace company, where he was manager of technical information devices until his retirement. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

Daniel D. Lyons, AM’62, PhD’67, died January 27, 2010, in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was 79 and lived at I-House in 1961. A Korean War veteran, Lyons was a philosophy professor at Colorado State University for 34 years and spoke out against the Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, including Jean Lyons, AB’88; two granddaughters; and five grandchildren.

George Eric Massey, X’53, died November 15 in Ashland, Oregon. He was 92 and lived at I-House in 1958. Massey taught philosophy at California State University, Long Beach for 28 years and founded the school’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter, honors program, and student advisory program. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; three daughters; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Steven E. Murphy, AB’58, of Columbia, Missouri died December 29. He was 86 and lived at I-House in 1957. Murphy’s careers included work as a piano salesman, researcher, pastor, and teacher. Survivors include his wife, Jane; a daughter; a son; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

David Salzman, SM’82, PhD’89, died of complications from bile duct cancer in Baltimore. He was 53 and lived at I-House from 1980 to 1981. Salzman founded several start-up companies, including Polychip and LightSpin Technologies. Survivors include his wife, Beth; two sons; his mother; and two brothers.

Yolanda (Ridley) Scheunemann, AM’65, died September 19. She was 69 and lived at I-House in 1965. During her career, Scheunemann was a counselor in the Lower School of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. She is survived by her daughter, Alyssa Scheunemann, U-High’70, and her two stepsons, Carl Scheunemann, U-High’70, and Mark Scheunemann, U-High’78, AM’83.

Margaret Schmalz, AM’38, died April 11, 2011, in Irving, Texas. She was 97 and lived at I-House from 1937 to 1938. Schmalz taught Latin and German at a high school in Bozeman, Montana. Survivors include two sons.

Robert Silbey, PhD’65, died October 27 in Boston. He was 71 and lived at I-House in 1961. A pioneer in condensed-phase theory and quantum biology, Silbey joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) faculty in 1966. After serving as head of the chemistry department and Engineering, he was named deputy dean of MIT’s School of Science in 2000. In his 45 years on the faculty, he received almost every graduate and undergraduate teaching award the school gives. He was also a member of a committee that produced a landmark 1999 report on the status of women science faculty at MIT. Survivors include his wife, Susan (Sorkin) Silbey, AM’66, PhD’78; two daughters; and four grandchildren.

Lael (Swinnen) Stegal, AM’64, a women’s rights activist, died October 25 in Deer Isle, Maine. She was 70 and lived at I-House in 1962. After serving as a lobbyist for the National Women’s Political Caucus advocacy group, Stegall helped found both the Women’s Fund, spending eight years as its executive director, and Emily’s List, a fund that backs Democratic women who support abortion rights. In the 1990’s, Stegall co-founded the Strategies, Training, Advocacy, and Resources Network, which helped women in the Balkans. Moving to Deer Isle in 2000, she started a lobstering business. She is survived by her husband, Ronald; a daughter, a son; a brother; and three grandchildren.
The International House Global Voices Program has established a vibrant exchange with a wide range of Chicago-area academic and cultural institutions, arts organizations, dance companies, ethnic and folk arts groups, and music and theater groups. The Global Voices Lecture Series presents prominent speakers and organizes round-table discussion groups and special interest conferences and seminars. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series provides a showcase for all performing arts programs. For further information on programs or to subscribe to our weekly e-bulletin, visit our Web site at http://house.uchicago.edu. Programs are supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

September 28
Topeng Dance Festival: The Masks of Indonesia
Classical dances from 15th century Java and Bali to music of the gamelan orchestra.

October 10
A Structure of Deceit: The Japanese Nuclear Energy Program
2012 Tetsuo Naito Distinguished Lecture by Akio Igarashi, Professor Emeritus of Law and Politics at Rikkyo University, Tokyo.

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November 2
59th Street Jazz Series
Classical pianist and talented jazz artist Shawn Payne in Concert

November 17
World AIDS Day Lecture,
Social & Structural Determinants of HIV Infections Among Minority Populations

November 27
Diplomatic Encounter Series
with Israeli Consul General of Chicago, The Honorable Roey Gilad

November 30
Author Night with Nassim Taleb speaking on his latest book "Antifragile: Things that Gain from Disorder"

December 1
Conference
A Mountain of Waste 70 Years High: Ending the Nuclear Age

December 8
African and African Diaspora Cultural Show
Haitian, Nigerian and Ghanaian dancers as well as a Meringue band.
University and Former Chicago Mayor Daley Launch New Collaboration with City of Gary

International House hosted the announcement by President Robert J. Zimmer on Sept. 25 of a new collaboration between the University of Chicago, the Harris School of Public Policy and the City of Gary, IN. Joining him were Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary; and Richard M. Daley, former Chicago mayor and currently a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Chicago Harris. International House residents and Harris School students attended this special gathering.

From left: Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary; Richard M. Daley, former Chicago mayor and currently a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Chicago Harris; President Robert J. Zimmer

Students talk with Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson before the Sept. 25 announcement.

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