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THE SCHOOL FOR FIELD STUDIES

ANNUAL REPORT

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Presented by Ms. Terry L. Andreas

Chair of the SFS Board of Trustees

December 6, 2007



In fiscal year 2007, our twenty-seventh year of operation, The School for Field Studies served 467 students through our semester and summer programs. Our commitment to the mission of providing rigorous, high-quality environmental education to our students while responding to the natural resource needs of our international client communities remains steadfast.

During this year we made specific changes in our scholarship and loan policies in order to strengthen SFS participation by a wider range of students. Changes included implementation of new travel grants; easing of loan restrictions; initiation of payment plan options; and simplification of the financial aid application process.

At the same time we worked to increase the total amount of need-based scholarship funds available to our students. Over \$216,000 was generated through generous donor contributions, along with \$30,000 in memorial and host country scholarships. Host country students in Kenya, Turks and Caicos Islands, and Mexico were able to attend SFS summer programs as a result of these donor funds.

In addition, three SFS Trustees, Darren Aronofsky, Charles D. McKee and W. James Tozer, Jr., have created endowed student scholarships. I personally thank these Trustees for their commitment to SFS students.

Since SFS generates all of its income through student tuition, grants and donations, we benefited greatly through receipt of funding from The David and Lucile Packard Foundation to audit our fundraising program and assess our potential to raise funds in the future. The project involved all members of the SFS Board, along with a number of staff managers. The outcomes included:

- development of a written plan of action to conduct our ongoing fundraising program
- initiation of a major gift and planned giving program
- creation of a case statement, recognition policy, and a donors prospect list
- completion of interviews with selected donors and SFS alumni, testing the viability of the new case statement

Most encouraging were the survey results indicating that the SFS mission and direction are supported by the overwhelming majority of respondents, that the case statement is compelling and persuasive, and that there is optimism among the majority that the School can raise new funds to support our programs in the coming years.

This has been a very productive academic year with the creation of three new summer program initiatives. These included:

- the Australia-New Zealand two-country course, comparing and contrasting environmental, resource management, and socio-cultural issues in the two countries;

- the Australia field research methods course, providing students with hands-on understanding of what is involved in conducting research in real-world circumstances;
- the Kenya public health and environment course, which generated a comprehensive baseline study of health and nutrition status of over 950 residents of Maasai group ranches in the Amboseli area. Five Kenyan university graduate students received full SFS scholarships to participate in this program. An update on current events in Kenya appears on the next page.*

In addition, we expanded our Baja center summer program to include eight high school students, and we conducted a summer program in Costa Rica in which students helped Carara National Park create a management plan for its future operation.

At our center in the Turks and Caicos we also successfully conducted our semester and summer environmental programs, with outcomes reported to our local clients and stakeholders.

In summer 2007, a number of our faculty and students were recognized for their academic achievements. Nine of our faculty presented papers and oral presentations at prestigious conferences throughout the world. These included the Society for Conservation Biology conference in South Africa, the Ecological Society of America conference in California, the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation conference in Mexico, the US Society for Ecological Economics conference in New York, and the ATLAS conference in Portugal. In addition, five SFS students were selected by these conferences to make poster presentations.

I am also very pleased to note that one of our Australia Center students, Lauren

Gersbach has been selected by the Forum on Education Abroad as one of its two Undergraduate Research Awardees for 2007. Lauren conducted her directed research on the effects of cyclone damage in the rainforest of North Queensland Australia. She will be honored at the Forum's 2008 conference in Boston. Congratulations to Lauren and her SFS faculty advisor Tim Curran!

In support of the academic and field research conducted at our centers we were successful during the year in securing a number of grants. Among these were:

- a \$52,000 grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service awarded to the SFS Center for Wildlife Management Studies to continue our elephant research in the Amboseli area of Kenya;
- a \$25,000 sea turtle conservation grant awarded to our Center for Coastal Studies in Mexico by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;
- a \$2,500 grant from Project AWARE which funded a branching coral research project at our Center for Marine Resource Management Studies in the Turks and Caicos Islands;
- a grant from the European Union's Community Environmental Facility to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed water conservation project in southern Kenya.

The academic and research work cited above is conducted within the Five Year Research Plans at each of our centers. With the first cycle of these plans coming to an end, our headquarters and field-based staff are reviewing their outcomes and creating the new plans to be implemented in the spring.

I am also very pleased to report that US academic institution interest in and support of SFS is continuing to grow. We now have over 70 formal Academic Affiliates. Visits by US faculty and study abroad advisors are continuing to increase. In January 2007, we hosted 12 U.S. faculty from key institutions in a three-day meeting at our Center for Marine Resource Studies in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Seven faculty and advisors visited the Center for Coastal

Studies in Mexico center in February, and 10 faculty and advisors were hosted in July at our Center for Rainforest Studies in Australia.

Reluctantly, I must report that our long time president, Paul Houlihan, has announced his plan to retire in summer 2008. It has been my personal and professional pleasure to work with Paul as he has led the development of SFS into a strong and dynamic organization. We have retained a search firm which is working to identify candidates for our review.

Finally, I want to directly acknowledge the exceptional energy and dedication of the entire SFS staff, supported by my colleagues on the Board of Trustees, the financial support of our many donors, the support of Boston University and our Affiliate institutions, and the students and alumni from the colleges and universities who place their trust in us. The creativity of the organization is evident in the work I have reported on today.

In the coming year we commit ourselves to the challenge of educating our students in an international arena. We will remain focused on providing high quality educational and life-changing experiences

for our students. We will also remain committed to serving our client communities to the best of our abilities. I know that I have your full support in this endeavor.

***(April 2008 Update)** Due to the political violence in Kenya resulting from the December 27th contested presidential election, our spring 2008 wildlife management program was relocated temporarily to Tanzania in order to provide a safe period of time for things in Kenya to settle down and return to normal. We set up a temporary field station at HavenNature Safari Camp, a beautiful, well-equipped site within range of several national parks. SFS faculty have made excellent contacts in the region, arranging field expeditions and guest lecturers to augment the academic program, and we are confident in offering a challenging and exciting program. While we are pleased to be able to offer this option in Tanzania, we are eager to see peace restored and to resume the important work that we've committed to doing in Kenya at the earliest, safe opportunity. The Kenyan government appears to be moving forward in the peace process through a power sharing arrangement, though we continue to watch the unfolding events carefully.



SFS President Paul Houlihan and Center Director Dr. Gerardo Avalos deliver a technical report, *Tourism Management Planning in National Parks and Their Area of Influence: A Practical Application to Carara National Park* to the director of Carara National Park, Jose Badilla. The report presents the results of a year-long 2007 SFS research project conducted by students and faculty at the SFS Center for Sustainable Development Studies.

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY

The SFS Founders' Society recognizes individuals, corporations and foundations for their cumulative lifetime giving of \$50,000 or more. Members of the Founder's Society have made a substantial

commitment to ensure the success of SFS in the areas of Center research, operations, facilities, scholarships and financial aid. Cumulative giving is based on gifts pledged or received through the fiscal year ending

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Branching Elkhorn coral (*Acropora palmata*) off South Caicos Island, home of the SFS Center for Marine Resource Studies in the Turks & Caicos Islands

THE DWAYNE AND INEZ ANDREAS SOCIETY

The Dwayne and Inez Andreas Society was established in 2007 to honor SFS alumni, parents and friends who have chosen to establish any kind of **planned giving arrangement** for the benefit of the school. We extend our greatest

appreciation to the following founding members of this prestigious society, **Ms. Terry L. Andreas** and **Mr. Charles D. McKee**, who have made a commitment to the future of SFS through a gift plan such as an estate provision, beneficiary

designation, charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, or charitable trust. Please contact SFS Development Director Jane Dickson to learn more about how you can join this select group of supporters.



Summer 2007 high school students participate in turtle monitoring research at the SFS Center for Coastal Studies in Baja California Sur, Mexico

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 TO AUGUST 31, 2007

The faculty, staff and trustees of The School for Field Studies gratefully acknowledge the alumni, parents, friends, foundations, corporations and government agencies who contributed over \$360,000 to SFS in fiscal year 2007. We saw a 17% increase in individual donations and we were very pleased to welcome 168 new SFS donors, over three-quarters of which are SFS alumni!

Alumni giving to SFS this past fiscal year was truly impressive. Led by noted filmmaker and SFS trustee, Darren

Aronofsky, *Kenya Summer '85 and Alaska Summer '86*, who created the endowed Fountain Scholarship, the number of SFS alumni who donated to the SFS Fund in fiscal year 2007 more than doubled from the previous year. This is wonderful trend that we hope continues as we improve outreach efforts to our alumni in the current fiscal year.

Of the many individuals who contributed to our success this past year we would like to especially acknowledge our Chair's Circle and President's Club donors, SFS Board

Chair **Terry L. Andreas**, SFS alumnus **Darren Aronofsky** *Kenya Summer '85; Alaska '86*, and alumni parents **Charles D. McKee**, and **Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Andreas**.

Thank you all for making this past year so successful for the students we engage, for the communities we serve, and for the environment we share.

Jane E. Dickson
Development Director

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION: AUGUST 31, 2007 AND 2006

ASSETS		
	2007	2006
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,181,427	\$1,352,573
Investments	1,778,827	1,820,631
Tuition receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,757 for 2007	6,037	—
Student loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$11,458 for 2007 and \$11,379 for 2006	190,565	145,570
Grants receivable	7,215	20,000
Other receivables	6,690	5,251
Prepaid expenses and other assets	219,904	194,479
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>2,499,195</u>	<u>2,534,861</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$5,889,860</u>	<u>\$6,073,365</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$93,314	\$134,249
Capital lease obligation	123,999	122,059
Student deposits and deferred revenue	<u>1,644,920</u>	<u>1,719,628</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,862,233</u>	<u>1,975,936</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted net assets		
Board designated	75,000	75,000
Other	3,664,433	3,676,166
Temporarily restricted net assets	134,794	217,863
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>153,400</u>	<u>128,400</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,027,627</u>	<u>\$4,097,429</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$5,889,860</u>	<u>\$6,073,365</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES: YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
Unrestricted revenues, gains and other support:		
Tuition and fees	\$4,510,586	\$4,068,640
Less scholarship & financial aid	<u>(235,345)</u>	<u>(141,650)</u>
Tuition and fees net	4,275,241	3,926,990
Private gifts, grants and contracts	252,105	460,277
Investment income	137,859	164,830
Other programs (RBO's)	101,564	92,727
Interest income	24,375	2,600
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	19,442	7,645
Other revenues	<u>101,246</u>	<u>47,879</u>
Total unrestricted revenues	4,911,832	4,702,948
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>110,364</u>	<u>126,740</u>
Total unrestricted revenues, gains and other support	<u>5,022,196</u>	<u>4,829,688</u>
Unrestricted expenses		
Marketing and admissions	852,648	809,583
Administration	644,816	713,289
Program - headquarters	461,459	555,602
Kenya - Center for Wildlife Management Studies	620,433	527,610
Australia - Center for Rainforest Studies	522,872	413,110
Costa Rica - Center for Sustainable Development Studies	517,314	454,423
British West Indies - Center for Marine Resource Studies	509,236	475,838
Mexico - Center for Coastal Studies	387,928	377,398
Depreciation	277,244	272,300
Grant and projects related	113,205	142,097
Development	92,445	86,614
Other programs	24,179	44,578
Interest expense	<u>10,150</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Unrestricted Expenses	<u>5,033,929</u>	<u>4,872,442</u>
Decrease in unrestricted net assets	<u>(11,733)</u>	<u>(42,754)</u>
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:		
Contributions	27,295	198,367
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(110,364)</u>	<u>(126,740)</u>
(Decrease) increase in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(83,069)</u>	<u>71,627</u>
Changes in permanently restricted net assets:		
Contributions	25,000	—
Increase in permanently restricted net assets	<u>25,000</u>	<u>—</u>
(Decrease) increase in net assets	(69,802)	28,873
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>4,097,429</u>	<u>4,068,556</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$4,027,627</u>	<u>\$4,097,429</u>



On behalf of the SFS Center for Wildlife Management Studies, faculty member John Kiringe (right) accepts a copy of the Kimana water project agreement from a representative of the European Union's Community Development Trust Fund Community Environmental Facility. SFS assisted the the Noomayianat Community Development Organisation to develop a proposal entitled Burguret River Catchment Integrated Community Based Natural Resource Management Project which will be co-managed by the community and SFS.

ENDOWED FUNDS

We are grateful for the support of those alumni, parents, and friends who have chosen to make a long-term investment in SFS through the establishment of endowed funds. The income from these funds is used to supplement the School's operating revenue in areas ranging from student

scholarships to faculty support to our community based research. These funds create a legacy that will endure for generations. We are pleased to note the following funds that were established or augmented during fiscal year 2007. The **Fountain Scholarship Fund** was

established by noted film director and SFS alumnus and trustee, Darren Aronofsky, *Kenya Summer '85, Alaska Summer '86*. The **McKee Scholarship Fund** was established by SFS trustee Charles D. McKee, father of SFS alumnae Heidi *Virgin Islands Spring '87* and Nina *Alaska Summer '84*.

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We sincerely thank the following alumni, parents, friends and trustees who have made The School for Field Studies a priority in their philanthropic commitments. These generous donors have

shown outstanding leadership by each contributing \$1,000 or more between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.

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Lauren Gersbach, far left, at SFS Center for Rainforest Studies community presentations in Fall 2006. Lauren subsequently was awarded a 2007 Forum Undergraduate Research Award for her directed research paper *Resistance vs. Resilience: Alternative Mechanisms to Survive Severe Cyclones in Mabi Type 5b Rainforest Tree Species of North Queensland, Australia*.

MEMORIAL DONORS SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 TO AUGUST 31, 2007

The loss of a loved one inspired the families of Erin L. Bergstrom *Australia Spring '03* and Heather Jo Leibowitz *Kenya Spring '04* to

set up memorial scholarships. The following individuals made gifts in honor of these two SFS alumni during this past fiscal year.

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Kenya, Summer 2007 Field Study in Public and Environmental Health. SFS students learn about and assist with implementation of low cost domestic hygiene interventions in Maasai group ranches, including community education about water and sanitation, hygienic practices, and mobile clinics.

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The School for Field Studies is proud to have received generous support from the following corporations, government agencies and family, community and charitable foundations. Many of our donors

have taken advantage of corporate matching gift programs to double or even triple their contributions to SFS. We are grateful to all our corporate, foundation and government supporters.

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A group of students went to Las Minas and somehow ended up on the wrong road!

I think the most important way to address environmental issues is through education. That is why I find it so important for SFS to continue promoting the programs it has. There is much to be accomplished through these programs and many more students to reach out to. This program has taught me more than I anticipated. I learned about myself, my independence, my strength, and my intelligence. I also learned about others, how to live and work in a group, and how to never take any moment for granted. I talk about my trip to Costa Rica on a daily basis. I do not do this to brag but to help educate others and encourage them to also study abroad with SFS. I am immensely grateful to every last person who sponsors SFS. If these people were not here, I would not have been able to have the amazing experience I had. I can never say thank you enough. ¡Gracias!

—Jennifer Liggett Costa Rica Summer '07

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Jessica Le Roy Australia Summer '03
Andi Lemmon TCI Summer '90
Jennifer Lentz TCI Spring '04



When I look back on my trip, I am thankful. I'm thankful that I was one of the students selected to attend such a great program. I am thankful that I am a part of the SFS family. I am thankful that I was able to meet 17 great students from different backgrounds and walks of life. In the future, I hope to get an internship with SFS because I know that it would be a hands on experience. My goal before going on this program was to work in an aquarium but after this experience, I think I would like to actually work somewhere where I can do research. I thank SFS for this wonderful opportunity.

—Nicole Inez Dowtin TCI Summer '07



In the end this program has and will always be a big part of my life. I hope to continue my traveling throughout my life, but nothing can compare to my first time out of the country. I still keep in contact with my fellow SFS friends and I hope this will never change. Maybe one day we can all travel back to New Zealand and Australia and remember how much this program changed us and provided us with memories that will last for a life time.

—Maxine Montello Australia/New Zealand Summer '07

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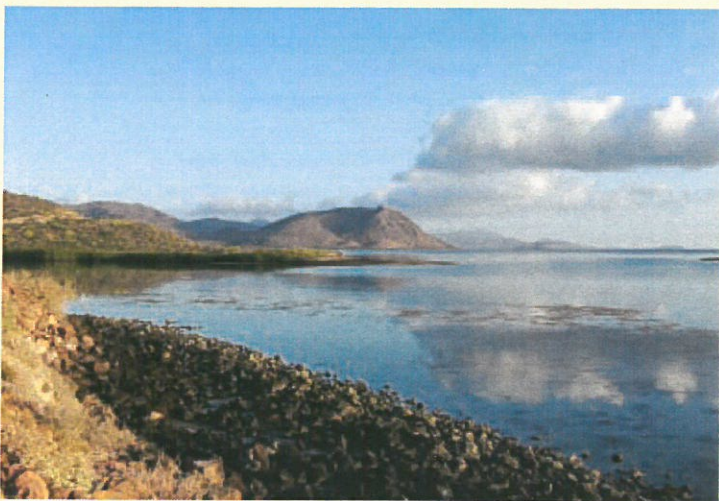
By partaking in this program, I received a chance to learn about my country's surrounding marine environment. Things I never really understood such as the free access to the various species of fishes and the time it takes them to grow was made more clear to me. I learned how and why there were marine protected areas surrounding the shores of the island. To be honest I didn't even know before the program started that there were MPA's present; I didn't even know what they were. I always heard people in the community say that the tourism industry could affect the country negatively. I never understood what that statement meant before this summer course. I got a chance to assess the impact of tourism on my island and to see if the MPA's were working or not. All the information which I obtained will not go to waste. Knowing these things makes me feel as if I should pass on what I know to people in the community so that they could be aware of what is going on. I feel that I would have a better chance reaching the message to them because although to most of them I am a child, I am one of them.

—Antoniece Sha-Laura Duncanson TCI Summer 07

Jill Murray TCI Summer '93
Waqiah Napier Kenya Summer '03
Frederick Neidhardt
David & Latife (Leraas-Bull) Neu Costa Rica Summer '91
Michele Christina-Nieves Kenya Summer '88
Camille O'Donnell Kenya Fall '00
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Ethan Perry Australia Fall '89
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Katy Phillips TCI Summer 1996
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Tabitha Plaisted Mexico Spring '99
Leandra Poisson Kenya Fall '04
Lynn Poray
Claire Porter Kenya Summer '02
Elizabeth Pratt Costa Rica Summer '05
Judy (Mushnikow) & Simi Rabinowitz Australia Fall '99
Simi & Judy Rabinowitz Australia Fall '99
Jack & Dorothy Reed
Dr. Jessica Rettig, Virgin Islands Summer '89
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Michael & Debra Savageau
Cynthia Sawtell
Celi Schoenike Kenya Summer '06
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Catherine (Lydia) Sease TCI Summer '04
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Simon o. Seno
Kate Shearer Costa Rica Spring '00
Scarlet Shell Kenya Spring '00
Rainy Inman Shorey Kenya Summer '96
Rosalind Slawson
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Maura Smith
Suzanne Smith Australia Spring '99
Alexander Sonneborn Canada Summer '00
Stephen Sowa Costa Rica Fall '94
Harmony Sponberg Canada Spring '00
Johanna Stacy Canada Fall '97
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Heather van Reenen Costa Rica Summer '01
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Tracey Vavrecan Australia Summer '92
Greg Vinson Australia Fall '93



Ana Luisa's favorite place: El Requesón beach located between Loreto and Mulegé, Baja California Sur, Mexico.

"The opportunity to go to the SFS Mexico program was one of the most wonderful and amazing experiences of my whole life. I could say that the person that left Mexico City before the program started and the person that returned to that same place after the end of the program is not the same. In my directed research I worked with people in town, people working on the fishing cooperatives, and I could listen to their opinion about their environmental problems. All of them taught me a lot of things that there is no way you can learn at school and it makes you open your mind to a lot of different things. I feel very fortunate because of this opportunity that life gave to me. SFS was one of the best things ever and all the things I learned there will stay forever in my mind, soul and heart. All I can say is THANK YOU SO MUCH to the people who made this possible for me because it was AMAZING!! and I will never forget it."

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Dorothy Wallace-Senft Australia Spring '92
Merritt Walsh Kenya Summer '02
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Will White Australia Fall '98
Jonathan M. White Kenya Spring '98
Deborah Wilde
Jennifer (McLain) Williams Kenya Summer '99
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