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# **1989 Class Notes Archives**

#### ----- From December 2012 AALFNY Newsletter -----



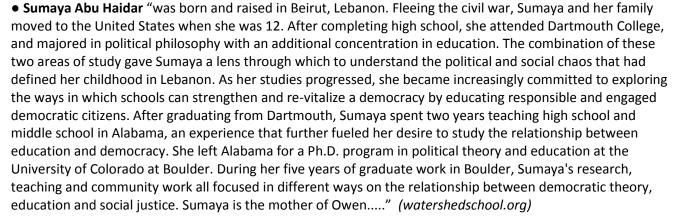
TOP: Sophie Frydlender ('89); BOTTOM: Pascaline Lopes ('89)

• Pascaline Lopes nous écrit: "Je suis professeur d'arts à Lyon depuis 9 ans après avoir été styliste dans le textile dans cette même région 8 ans. Le fait d'avoir été à New York durant l'année 1984/1985 m'a permis de connaître ses beaux musées et m'a donné cette passion pour l'art. Depuis, j'essaye de transmettre cette passion et même si Lyon est une ville bien plus petite, nous avons l'occasion d'avoir de belles expositions de temps en temps."

• Sophie Frydlender nous a envoyé ceci: "J'ai crée ma société de peintre en décor NINA FRYDLENDER CREAZIONI en 2010 et j'expose toute l'année mon travail chez le parfumeur anglais Penhaligon's situé au 209 rue Saint-Honoré dans le 1er arrondissement (métro Tuileries). Ma prochaine exposition se déroulera du 20 décembre 2012 au 20 janvier 2013 dans leur très belle boutique-écrin parisienne. J'espère faire découvrir mon savoir-faire aux anciens élèves du LFNY qui passeront par là."



TOP: Olivier Peardon ('89); BOTTOM: Alexandre de Beauharnais Romanovsky ('89)



• Vincent Chriqui "a été nommé sur proposition du Premier Ministre, Directeur Général du Centre d'analyse stratégique en Conseil des Ministres du 13 janvier 2010." (*hstrategie.gouv.fr*))





TOP: Sumaya Abu Haidar ('89); BOTTOM: Vincent Chriqui ('89)

 Paul Denamiel "is the owner and executive chef of Le Rivage, a traditional French restaurant located on New York's historic Restaurant Row..... Born on New York's Upper East Side, Paul has been submerged in the restaurant world from birth, spending time in the kitchen of his family's restaurants, Le Cafe Du Soir, Le Colony and La Côte D'Argent. Paul's true love for French food developed as a youth during summers spent in France where his grandparents taught him the secrets of traditional French cooking. While still in school, Paul went to work in the kitchen of La Duchesse Anne, where chef Frederique Puichaud took him under his wing and showed him what it takes to work in and run a restaurant. After high school, armed with a love for food and with some experience under his belt, Paul went on the attend The Culinary Institute of America..... While in school, Paul had the opportunity to do his externship at Le Cirque, learning from French masters Daniel Boulud and Jacques Torres. When his time at CIA came to an end, Paul traveled to France, spending a year exploring the country soaking up as much culinary knowledge as possible. Upon returning to the states, Paul made the decision to return to and take charge of the family restaurant business..... Paul has been at the helm of Le Rivage for the last 15 years creating French fare that has been heralded by many as one of the last true traditional French restaurants in New York. Paul has recently completed filming a French based documentary detailing his family's journey to New York and their success in the restaurant industry. Paul lives in Manhattan with his family and beloved dog Jo Jo." (hnycwff.org)

• Coralie (de Viel Castel) de Clermont-Tonnerre est chargée de mission RH & Formation chez APPUI RH.

• **Denny Kalenzaga** is the Director of Finance and Administration at Yale University's Office of Cooperative Research (OCR). He is "responsible for all financial, legal and administrative aspects of OCR, including financial management, patent administration, government compliance, license compliance, information technology, and human resources." (*yale.edu*)

# Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

• Introduction de <u>Vincent Chriqui</u>, Directeur général du Centre d'analyse stratégique à la journée d'étude organisé : Le vieillissement cognitif : Quelles caractéristiques ? Quelles stratégies préventives ? Quels enjeux pour les politiques publiques ?

----- From December 2011 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• "Ariane Amsz ('89) et Jeantet Fields ('91) ont le plaisir d'annoncer leur premier anniversaire de mariage et la naissance de leur fille, Lyra Alexandra Madeleine Fields."



TOP: Paul Denamiel ('89); BOTTOM: Coralie (de Viel Castel) de Clermont-Tonnerre ('89)







TOP: Ariane Amsz ('89); MIDDLE: Sophie Frydlender ('89); BOTTOM: Jeremy Lodeon ('89)

• Melchior Dikkers wrote: "After working in investment banking in Paris, London, and various emerging markets for nine years, I returned to study. I have been living in Rio de Janeiro since 2003. I often go back to France to see my parents and sail around Corsica and to the US to see my grandmother and attend the annual conference of the American College of Sports Medicine. My parents will now be living in New York half the year so I expect to visit more often."

• André Vanyi-Robin, "of French nationality and a resident in Barcelona, has a BA in Political Science from the State University of New York at Geneseo, a CEP in Political Science from the Institut National de Sciences Politiques in Paris and an MBA in Finance & Business from the University of Miami. He has worked in Miami at Visualcom as President and CEO for five years." (*hitbarcelona.com*)

• Khadidja Benouataf "est journaliste aux *Nouvelles de Tahiti....*Militante de la cause des femmes depuis longtemps, ses motivations sont personnelles comme idéologiques." (*ladepeche.pf*)

## ----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- Iman El-Banhawy nous écrit: "J'ai commencé un nouveau poste juillet dernier et suis maintenant responsable du service de la Francophonie au sein du Ministère Affaires étrangères au Caire."
- Jeremy Lodeon wrote: "Hello! I went back to New York last month and got in touch with an old classmate. It is was both exciting and insightful to reminisce back to the times of LFNY. I am now in Washington DC as a banker during the day and a musician at night. Apprentissage honoré! :-) "
- Gregory Diamond wrote: "I am a law graduate, having worked in legal and business affairs and in production at MTV Networks, Paramount Vantage, and for criminal defense attorney Robert Shapiro. I've been residing in Los Angeles for over seventeen years, and I still miss living in NYC. Out of all the teachers at the LFNY, I miss two: *Monsieur Dorion* [prof. de classes elémentaires, 1980-82] and *Madamme Nguyen* [prof. de classes elémentaires, 1977-80]; and that, to me, is worth having had the privilege of attending Le Lycée."





Vincent Nida ('89) & Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkinson ('89)

• Christine (Reinholt ) Makarigakis wrote: "I currently live in Ethiopia as my husband works for the United Nations here. Since the Lycée and University, I worked as a Psychologist and then moved to the field of Human Resources. My husband joined the UN in 2003 and we have been living in Africa since (4 1/2 years in Namibia and for the past 2 1/2 years in Ethiopia). I have two boys and since I cannot work in Africa I have turned to photography."

• "60 Minutes' <u>Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson Reflects on Her Recent Trip to Her Homeland</u> (January 2010): 'When a severe earthquake hit Haiti last Tuesday, there was no question that I had to go. As a journalist, the severity of what was unfolding made it obvious to cover, but as a Haitian-American who'd spent her childhood there, I felt I could be of help......'"

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

• <u>Karine N'Diaye ('Keniia')</u> performs at the bar/discotheque Au Saï-Saï in Paris (*Click on link below*)





Nina Edwards Anker ('89) and Paul Denamiel ('89)

----- From December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• "Nina Edwards Anker was born and raised in New York City. She graduated with a Master in Architecture from Harvard's Graduate School of Design in 2001 after having completed two years at the Architectural Association and a year at Sotheby's in London. After a couple of years of teaching at Pratt and 4 years of experience in architectural firms in Manhattan and Oslo, Nina started *nea studio* in 2006. Since then, she has been living and working between Oslo and New York City." *(neastudio.com)* 

• "Le Rivage is one of New York's most famous French restaurants. The Denamiel family has owned and operated Le Rivage for over 25 years. The current Chef, **Paul Denamiel** not only has the restaurant business in his blood, but brings culinary merit to Le Rivage as a graduate of CIA & experience as a sous chef in the City's best restaurants. As an NYC restaurant, Le Rivage changes over the years to stay with the times, but is consistently cozy & romantic serving authentic & expertly prepared French cuisine." (*newyork.citysearch.com*)

• **Melchior Dikkers** wrote: "I have been living in Rio de Janeiro for the past six years. After working in investment banking in Paris, London and various emerging markets I decided (in 2001) for a change of lifestyle. Since then, I did graduate studies in Toulouse and Rio de Janeiro in economics, business, and sociology. I also became a *moniteur de voile* at les Glenans where I often spend the summer taking students around Bonifacio and sometimes further, Tour de Corse and to Sicily. Today I am mostly interested in sports (rowing, triathlon) and research. After presenting a paper at Harvard in 2005, it was published as a chapter in a book in 2007. My research interests are development, finance, and sports physiology."

• Ulla Bartsich-Parker informed us that she "lives in New York City and is married to Kevin Parker. They have 2 boys."





TOP to BOTTOM: Pascaline Lopes ('89); Hugues Van Den Driessche ('89); Melchior Dikkers ('89)

• Ariane Amsz invites her classmates to a Holiday Open House that her firm "Wall Street Wellness & Physical Therapy will be hosting on Monday December 21st from 4-8 pm. Feel free to bring guests! We are located at 111 Broadway, Suite 1705A (between Thames and Pine Streets). For more information, please contact us at 212-385-9200 or by email at ariane[AT]wswpt.com."

• "Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson is currently an Associate Producer for the legendary CBS newsmagazine, 60 *Minutes*. Her work has covered everything from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans to the

first exclusive interview French President Nicolas Sarkozy granted to an American news program. Her work mainly focuses on foreign affairs, but it has covered topics as diverse as the search for the Ivory Bill Woodpecker in the swamps of Arkansas to an extensive profile of NBA star LeBron James to a portrait of popular music sensation Wyclef Jean.

Before joining 60 Minutes, Mrs. Laguerre-Wilkinson was a producer for the NBC News program NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. She produced daily stories as well as investigative pieces for that program. She was nominated for Emmy Awards for both the 9/11 Attacks on America and the Columbia Shuttle disaster. She was also the coordinating producer for Tom Brokaw's interview of Jacques Chirac for the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Mrs. Laguerre-Wilkinson has lived in Haiti, France and the U.S. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Marist College, earned her International Baccalaureate from the United Nations International School, and attended the Lycée Français de New York as well as l'Ecole des Roches in Normandy, France." (frenchamerican.org)

# ----- From January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• Franck Bodereau wrote: "Hi. I've been back in France for such a long time that my english isn't very good. So forgive me for mistakes I could make. What's new about me? Afer the Lycée I went back to France. I spent a year in a police academy, and I became a cop, which I am still. I'm married for nine years, with two kids (5 and 2 years old). What else? Oh yes, I miss NY a lot."

• "Ariane Amsz, DPT, received her DPT from New York University in 2004. Prior to pursuing a career as a physical therapist, Ariane worked in international business for several years. She has had extensive training and experience in orthopedics, geriatrics, neurology, and pelvic floor dysfunction and has been working part-time in women's health for the past several years. Since May 2007, Ariane has taken several courses on myofascial release (the John F. Barnes approach), which has since become her newfound passion.......She is dedicated to learning and frequently attends continuing education courses to further her knowledge base. Ariane is fluent in French, German, Italian, and Spanish." (Wall Street Wellness & Physical Therapy, LLC; wswpt.com)



TOP: Iman El-Banhawy ('89); BOTTOM: Jeremy Lodeon ('89)

• Vincent Nida wrote: "On November 6th, a 3kg, 376g, 52cm Camille (Hana) Nida was born in Tokyo. We hope she will have as grand a life as Suleiman the magnificent who was born on the same day some 514 years ago!"

• Sophie Frydlender nous écrit: "Après le LFNY je suis rentrée à Paris pour faire des études d'art, j'ai ensuite vécu à Rome quatre ans pour revenir en 1997 à Paris où je vis maintenant. Après 10 années passées dans l'Asset Management je suis actuellement Responsable du développement (en indépendant) pour des galeries d'art. Métier passionnant! Je souhaite faire un "hello" à tous mes classmate!"







TOP: Adam Cahan ('89); MIDDLE: Karine N'Diaye ('89); BOTTOM: Sigrid (Lemaire) Perrot ('89)

• Lys Amega wrote: "I just want to wish a happy new year to all the alumni members!"

• Nina Edwards Anker wrote: "We are moving back to Manhattan after five years in Oslo, as my husband Peder Anker received a tenured professorship at NYU. We very much look forward to it and will be arriving with our 4-year old, Lukas, and a newborn in August. I am an architect/designer currently employed as Research Fellow at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design."

• Iman El-Banhawy wrote: "Hello Class of '89: I'm back in Cairo after 5 years in Geneva, Switzerland and would love to hear your news. If ever you come to Egypt, drop me a line. I now have two kids: Alyaa, 5 and Youssef, 7 months. I'm a diplomat and hope to see you again one day. Your old friend and classmate, Iman"

----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

### WEDDINGS/MARIAGES

• Vincent Nida wrote to us from Japan: "Just married! Got married on April 26 in LA to charming Grace whose family lives on the West Coast. We both work and live in Tokyo and enjoy Japan a lot. Enclosed is a picture blown by the wind!"

• Lidia (HwaSoon) Anchisi wrote: "Got married last year, July 21st in Italy (Pinerolo) to Mark Hopkins. We are both professors at Gettysburg College, PA since 2002. I teach Italian language and culture in the French/Italian dept, Mark teaches economics. Expecting our first child in December of this year."

• Christophe Charlier wrote: "After graduating from Wharton, I worked at JP Morgan for two years and then moved to Russia, where I have now lived for ten years. I am married with four sons."

• Ariane Maitre nous écrit: "Soon to graduate (again!): rentrée il y a deux ans à l'Ecole Nationale de la Meteorologie (en bref Meteo-France), j'attend avec impatience ma premiere affectation (Nord, Est, ou Region Parisienne?)"

TOP: Dana Watkins ('89); BOTTOM: Beatrice Pelletier ('89)

• Michel Robert Abood shared this with us: "Just a quick note to say that I've started a new venture, Vinotas Selections (*click on link below to access his website*). It's an artisanal wine brokerage that represents boutique wines selling in the \$8-25 range. Many are already available in NYC, NJ and Seattle."

• **Bibi Eng** wrote: "I am working for the UN and have been serving in various parts of Africa for three years now. Former classmates can view some of the photographs of my travels at <a href="http://www.bibieng.com/">http://www.bibieng.com/</a>





TOP: Khadidja Benouataf ('89); BOTTOM: André Vanyi-Robin ('89)

#### ----- From December 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• Benoît Malraison nous écrit: "Heureux de rejoindre la communauté des anciens du lycée. Voici donc le Flash Back de mes 17 dernières années:

- études supérieures entre Paris et Oxford en finance

- VSNE pour Danone aux US
- 2 ans chez Danone à Nantes
- 5 ans chez Michael Page à Paris
- 4 ans chez Dun & Bradstreet à Paris
- Marié en 1996, à une corse, Laetitia, 1 garçon Louis (6 ans) et

une fille Angèle (2ans et demi. Une passion qui n'a pas changée: la voile, j'ai participé, entre autre, à une course transatlantique en 2003 et nous avons eu la chance de la gagner! Je serais très heureux de reprendre contact avec un certain nombre d'entre vous. Je suis toujours en contact avec Coralie '90, Alix '92, Flavie '89'. Merci pour ce site très riche."



Flavie Mouraux Durand-Ruel ('89) & Sidney Francois ('89)

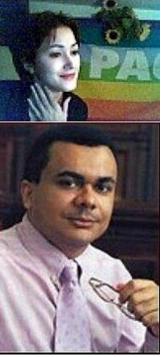
• "Born in the early seventies, **Bibi Eng** has lived in New York City, Tehran, Baltimore, Hamburg, and Santiago de Chile. She attained her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University, and her Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. Having received informal art and design training during the course of her life, Bibi has engaged in professional photography since 1996. Currently, her work is represented by SLP Stock and Bruce Coleman USA." *(www.iranian.com)* 

#### ----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- Paul Denamiel wrote that he is "married to Lisa Turk, three children, Jean-Baptiste, Justine and Jacqueline."
- Nicolas Giauque "joined Farallon<sup>®</sup> in 1998 and is now a partner and portfolio manager of Noonday Asset Management LLP. Prior to joining Farallon<sup>®</sup>, Mr. Giauque worked in the investment banking and asset management divisions of Goldman Sachs for four years in Hong Kong and Singapore. Mr. Giauque graduated with a master's degree in Management from Hautes Etudes Commerciales." *(noonday.com)*

#### ----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkinson wrote: "After nearly ten years at NBC News as a producer, I joined the team at CBS' "60 Minutes", working with legendary journalist Ed Bradley as an Associate Producer. The switch was both professional and personal, permitting me to spend more time with our daughter Juliette who is now four years old. She has just started her first year at the Lycée and is in Moyenne Section. My husband Bruce and I are about to celebrate our seven-year wedding anniversary. How time flies! It's wonderful to be back in the

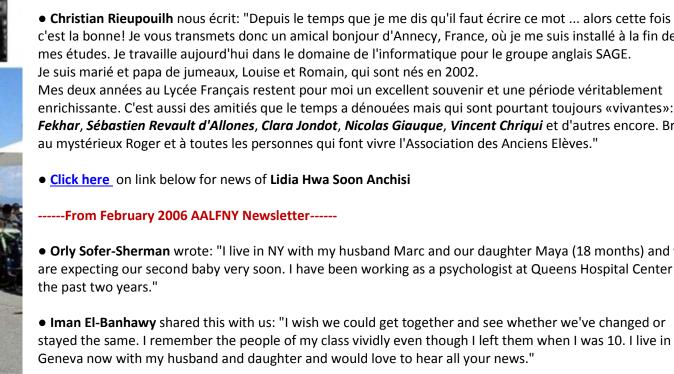


TOP: Khadidja Benouataf ('89); BOTTOM: Rodolphe Biffot ('89)

Lycée environment and the new buildings are just a breath of new life and fresh air. It's a joy to take Juliette in every day and she loves it, as do we!"

• Iman El-Banhawy wrote: "Dear Class of 1989, I miss you all so much and left you when I was only 10! I live in Geneva now and wish that we could have a reunion on this side of the Atlantic if possible. I'm so proud of our achievements. Every time I look up an old classmate's name on the web I feel very proud that they have become somebody. Let's chat on Skype, at least if we don't meet up. My skype name is iman7203. Love, Iman."

• Dr Rodolphe Biffot habite à Libreville, Gabon ou il est Conseiller du Président de la République et Directeur de Cabinet du Haut Représentant personnel du Chef de l'Etat.



**TOP: Sebastien Revault** D'Allones ('89); BOTTOM: Christian Rieupouilh ('89)

c'est la bonne! Je vous transmets donc un amical bonjour d'Annecy, France, où je me suis installé à la fin de mes études. Je travaille aujourd'hui dans le domaine de l'informatique pour le groupe anglais SAGE. Je suis marié et papa de jumeaux, Louise et Romain, qui sont nés en 2002. Mes deux années au Lycée Français restent pour moi un excellent souvenir et une période véritablement

enrichissante. C'est aussi des amitiés que le temps a dénouées mais qui sont pourtant toujours «vivantes»: Ali Fekhar, Sébastien Revault d'Allones, Clara Jondot, Nicolas Giauque, Vincent Chriqui et d'autres encore. Bravo au mystérieux Roger et à toutes les personnes qui font vivre l'Association des Anciens Elèves."

• Click here on link below for news of Lidia Hwa Soon Anchisi

# -----From February 2006 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Orly Sofer-Sherman wrote: "I live in NY with my husband Marc and our daughter Maya (18 months) and we are expecting our second baby very soon. I have been working as a psychologist at Queens Hospital Center for

• Iman El-Banhawy shared this with us: "I wish we could get together and see whether we've changed or stayed the same. I remember the people of my class vividly even though I left them when I was 10. I live in Geneva now with my husband and daughter and would love to hear all your news."

• Sidney François wrote: "After getting my Bac at the Lycee, I went to undergrad at Goucher College in Maryland where I received a BA in Communications. I studied law for a semester in France at Paris-Pantheon Assas II. I received my JD from the University of Baltimore School of Law. I worked for the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland in the Consumer Protection Division for eight and a half years as the Administrator of the Health Club Unit. Recently, I was a staff attorney in the Legal Aid Bureau representing



TOP: Iman El-Banhawy ('89); **BOTTOM:** Photo by Bibi Eng ('89): From 'Photo essay: Kish Island'

children in need of assistance for about a year. Currently, I am the Director of Grass Roots and lobbyist for a special interest association representing seniors in Maryland and DC. As a result, I am contantly on the road. I bought a Cape Cod house in Baltimore about four years ago which I am renovating. It's good to hear that so many of my classmates are doing well.

#### -----From June 2005 AALFNY Newsletter-----





TOP: Michel Robert Abood ('89); BOTTOM: Vincent Nida ('89) and wife Grace being blown away

• Michel Robert Abood wrote: "I currently run a private-equity management company that invests in luxuryrelated firms (fashion, wine, food, etc...). Our most recent project is a fine wine storage facility, Brix Wine Vault. The various companies are: www.MCRHolding.com, www.NovelKnit.com, www.BrixWineVault.com, TriState Lace. In addition, I graduated from Columbia University's Executive MBA program in August of 2002. I still live in NYC."

#### -----From November 2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Flavie (Durand Ruel) Mouraux writes: "Thank you for your regular messages which often bring me back to the good time I spent in the Lycée Français de New York. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am very excited about a personal project which will bring me back to NY very soon : I will have the pleasure of giving a lecture on my ancestor, Paul Durand-Ruel, Friend and Art-Dealer of the Impressionists at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Wednesday 10th November 2004."

• Camille (Lévitte) Vernerey wrote: "After so many years...I eventually give some news! I got married in 2000 with Laurent Vernerey and we had a little boy, Adrien in February 2003. I stopped working (I was in the PR and communication business, first in Phoenix, AZ where I lived with my husband, then Paris) to take care of Adrien. I am still in contact with many friends and teachers from the Lycée. Nathalie Dassas and Caroline de Marco with whom we go to the park with their children and also Denise McConnee who was my sister's nursery teacher. As my sister now works and live in New York again and my parents in Washington DC I hope I will be visiting the new Lycée pretty soon! Thanks for the news and the great web site."

-----From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Nicolas Giauque s'est marié avec Nathalie Desbiez. Ils habitent Londres où ils ont eu leur troisième enfant, Alexis, en juillet 2003.

#### -----From Winter 2002/2003 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkenson writes: "I'm married since October 1999 to Bruce Wilkinson. As for children, we have one on the way, due in August [2002]. I'm a producer with NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw here

in New York and my husband is also in the TV business. After the Lycée I was in France at l'Ecole des Roches, then back to NY for my last two years of secondary school and did my Bac Inernational at the United Nations International School... I went to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY and majored in English Literature. I've been at NBC since 1996 and before that I was at Fox 5 TV from 1993 to 1996."

#### -----From November/December 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Ariane Maître est en formation de développeur à l'AFPA (Association pour la Formation Professionnelle des Adultes) de Dunkerque.

• Mohamed Niaré went to the LFNY from 1984-1988, and went to Vienna to complete Terminale. He is presently "back in my home country Mali where I represent two Canadian mining companies( Nevsun Resources/Mali Ltd. and TAMICO s.a.). I would like to get in touch again with some of my classmates, namely Sidney François, Ali Fekhar, Patrick Barr and Rodolphe Biffoh. My father being a career diplomat and often changing countries made it very difficult to keep in touch with friends who were dear to me."

#### -----From February/March 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Violaine Pillet vit à Paris depuis dix ans où elle a fait ses études et est devenue psychologue clinicienne. Elle souhaiterait avoir des nouvelles d'anciens amis de cette promotion.

• Michel Robert Abood is currently in the Executive MBA Program at Columbia University. He also runs his own fabric and textile design and import company.

#### -----From November/December 2000 AALFNY Newsletter-----

• Antoine Rieger nous écrit de Levallois, France et nous a demandé de lui envoyer le dernier yearbook du Lycée.