

## Binational Physician

WHEN Anula Jayasuriya '80, M.D. '84, Ph.D. '91, M.B.A. '93, wanted to bring medical manpower and expertise to her native Sri Lanka, she remembered Interplast, the nonprofit a fellow physician had told her about. The organization, which sponsors free reconstructive plastic surgery for children in developing nations, had no program in Sri Lanka, but was willing to lend its support if she could make the necessary contacts with local host physicians.

That was in 1998. Jayasuriya has now organized several trips to Sri Lanka for Interplast-affiliated doctors and made four trips herself. She doesn't perform surgery—her training is in pediatrics—but she is always present, seeing patients before and after their surgeries and in the operating room. "Since most of the patients are children, my pediatrics training comes in handy," she says. "Of greatest value is my training, coupled with my contacts and cultural and language familiarity with Sri Lanka. This is important in understanding and meeting the needs of the host country."

This past August, the venture capitalist—she pursued a business degree after medical school, convinced that it would help connect her with the business aspects of another of her interests, biotechnology—was named to Interplast's board. That means, she says, that she can be "much more broadly involved with different countries and in influencing Interplast's future direction."



Anula Jayasuriya helps unload surgical supplies in Sri Lanka.

For Jayasuriya, who came to Harvard as a foreign student, "Medicine has a very important service aspect that I want to keep alive even though I do not practice medicine. Interplast has been a channel to keep this aspect of community service alive and to help the very poor people in Sri Lanka and elsewhere."

Many impoverished Sri Lankans live in thatched huts and use kerosene lamps for light, making fires—and often debilitating burns—common. The civil war that has ravaged the country for 17 years has brought new sources of injury, such as land mines. Facial, eye, and hand surgeries have formed the bulk of Interplast's work in the country. "This is all about reconstructing and restoring functionality," Jayasuriya explains.

Interplast is also committed to training local doctors in state-of-the-art techniques and supplying them with new equipment, so patients can be treated long after the visiting physicians have gone home. In Sri Lanka in particular, training has become a major focus.

To Jayasuriya, this illustrates her favorite business concept: "leverage," which to her means bringing together aspects of science and medicine and accomplishing as much as possible with limited resources. "The beauty of Interplast is that [Sri Lankan] surgeons now have the expertise to do it themselves," she says. "That's the whole point to me, to build an expertise that can be amplified within the country." ~LAURA L. KRUG

ways been to do all the traveling while I'm young enough. I've still got to do mainland China and Russia, [but] I've managed in these 20-plus years to do just about all the rest!"

**George Rivera** was one of a number of friends who participated in the opening ceremony for the George Jackson Academy, named in memory of George A. Jackson '80. See class of 1980.

### 1978

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### 1979 REUNION

Secretaries: **Jonathan J. Ledecy**, 1400 34th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007-2803, and **Rachel Kemp**, 39 Hewins St., Boston 02121.

**William Binnie**, M.B.A. '82, **Ronald DiNicola**, **Jonathan Ledecy**, M.B.A. '83, **Raymond McGuire**, J.D.-M.B.A. '83, and **Benjamin Rich** were among the group of friends who participated in the opening ceremony for George Jackson Academy, in New York City, named in memory of George A. Jackson '80. See class of 1980.

**Jeff Cooley** was among a group of Harvard lightweight crew alumni who climbed Mt. Harvard recently. See class of 1977.

**John Cosgrove** reports that he is looking forward to the twenty-fifth reunion, "particularly because our son John is a member of the class of 2007. He has talked about going to Harvard since he was a little boy. In high school he was involved in speech and debate, the band, tutoring, football and LAX. He is interested in a major in government and economics."

### 1980

Secretary: **E. Anthony McAuliffe**, 68 Perry Rd., Bedford, N.H. 03110; [tmcauliffe@attbi.com](mailto:tmcauliffe@attbi.com). Class website: [www.homestead.com/hri98onet/index.html](http://www.homestead.com/hri98onet/index.html).

**Curt Dombek**, J.D. '83, has been named head of the international trade practice group at Bryan Cave LLP, where he has been a partner since 1992. He divides his time between the firm's Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., offices.

**Ed Dow** and **Kevin Gaut**, J.D. '84, climbed Mt. Harvard with Harvard friends. See class of 1977.

**Richard K. Green** has coauthored a book with Stephen Malpezzi, *A Primer on U.S. Housing Markets and Housing Policy* (Urban Institute Press).

The George Jackson Academy ([www.gjacademy.org](http://www.gjacademy.org)) at 104 St. Mark's Place in Manhattan, named in memory of the late **George A. Jackson**, celebrated its opening at a ceremony in September. Several of George's friends participated, including George Rivera '77 and 1979 classmates William Binnie, Ronald DiNicola, Jonathan Ledecy, Raymond McGuire, and Benjamin Rich. According to headmaster James Turner, the academy "was