

HAAS MBA'02 REUNION NEWSLETTER

What a difference a year makes!

The Berkeley MBA

Welcome to the first annual MBA 2002 reunion newsletter. While these pages may not have the high quality gossip, production and editorials as Haas Week, hopefully they will help us reconnect with that sense of community that was so strong just a mere 388 days ago (but heck, who's counting?). Thanks to all that helped collect content or put together an article. We have nearly 100 updates on classmates and faculty and hopefully next time we will be closer to 150. So start thinking of what you'll write next year!



Be sure to read the class notes to learn which MBA '02 has transformed his personality and purchased a brand new Miata!!!

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So Does It Seem Like a Year? By Eric D Meyerson

So, does it seem like a year?

Can it really be that long since Tom Seibel bailed early on graduation? A year since I last couldn't find someone I was supposed to meet at the B of A forum? A year since I waited like 20 minutes for a falafel at Jimmy Beans? Two and a half years since the last corporate presentation at the Faculty Club?

Don't things seem strangely *the same* since we graduated? The economy continues to "grow" while jobs disappear. Sharon and the Palestinian Authority still talk peace for about five minutes before BOOM. The business section of the morning paper is still a sheet of fear, scandal and shame.

But it's not like *nothing's* happened in those 13 months. A broad coalition of two countries gloriously forced the Iraqi government into Libyan exile. A man named Joe found true love on Fox, and captured America's hearts as well. And San Francisco voters decided to cut off aid for the homeless. *What?*

And it's been quite the year for our classmates, as well. Whether it's Steve Sesar getting lost in Asia for six months, Ali Eagleson and Ken Coblin taking a sweet cooking class, Krisila Benson dodging civil wars, Paul Dyson going to a reggae concert, or Aaron McNally moving four times and then getting his dream job (the bastard), we're not quite the same.

I, for one, find that my alcohol tolerance is much lower. See you at reunion!

Me and My Blogger

By Prasad Saggurti

Hey Gang,

Over the last year, I've not been as good a person as most of you, but I'm damn sure that I've been better than some (Hi BK!). Took the summer off last year (some of it by choice, most of it due to apathy on the part of hiring managers). Went on a short road trip to Oregon with then-single Terry Wang, and then-tolerable Hans Grande. With lures of hiking at National Parks, they trapped me into playing golf with them. They assured me that scores of 120 are outstanding even for people who have been playing for years. I was a natural, they assured me.

Once back from the road trip, I quickly learned that collecting unemployment and knowing golf is not a healthy combination for a newly minted MBA married to a tolerant spouse. A few months down the line, just as Lakshmi was beginning to crack the whip, I was able to garner a job offer from one of the few public, profitable and growing semiconductor companies. My golf game has suffered as a result, but I have been able to regain entry into the home.

I've kept in touch with whichever Haas-ling would respond to my emails, meet me for lunch or post on the class blogger site (<http://haas2002.blogspot.com>). Yes, this confirms rumors that I have had lunch with Krishna and Julie. My love of good food has not diminished, and Haas-lings have continued to direct me to new places of culinary delight in the Bay Area. Hans introduced me to the fabulous *Habana Cuba*, Seong to the charming *Golden Island*, and Yi-Ching introduced me to "the best dim-sum place

in San Francisco". Neva and Gabe showed me the way to the hippest tea joint this side of Ankara. Happily, it is in Mountain View, barely 10mins from home.

But, enough about food and drink. I'd also like to share some assorted news floating in through the wire and cell. Heard from Marcos "Not Carlos" Canihuante. Out of the blue, he calls me, doesn't identify himself and starts giving me hell. Anyways, you will be happy to know that little Eric has a baby sister now - Sophia Maria Canihuante.

Tony Rovello has now moved to Crook-, er, i mean, Brooklyn. The tabloids report an amicable separation between him and his erstwhile roommate Nate "The Naterator" Kraft. Kara Cosby joins the list of MBA 02s happily expecting a baby. Tony Shen is up among Humboldt redwoods on a consulting project that he successfully keeps extending (like any self respecting consultant). He has lost count of the number of times he has used the phrase "value proposition" over the last 10 months.

Philosopher, political economist, running enthusiast, full time Canadian, and part-time marketer of whiz-bang graphics technology Phil Guindi recently spoke eloquently to a group of Haas MBA02s about the economy and his thoughts on George W's tax cut. He also conducted an informal survey of this subset of Haas-lings currently working in the south bay on their confidence levels with respect to the economy. *On a scale from 1 to 10, state your level of confidence in the economy*, was the query. Joydeep's star pupil, Steve Coughlin, underlined the inherent weaknesses of such sampling but Phil pressed on nonetheless. The results, graphic and shocking though they are, are shown below.

Saggurti documents Phil Guindi's unofficial consumer confidence data for June 2003

Respondent	6 Months	12 Months
Chyi-Shan	4	4
Steve	6.5	6.5
Clarke	7.5	7.5
Hans	6.5	7.5
Krishna	6	7
Betty	5	5
Prasad	6	6
Guindi	6	7
Average	5.9375	6.3125

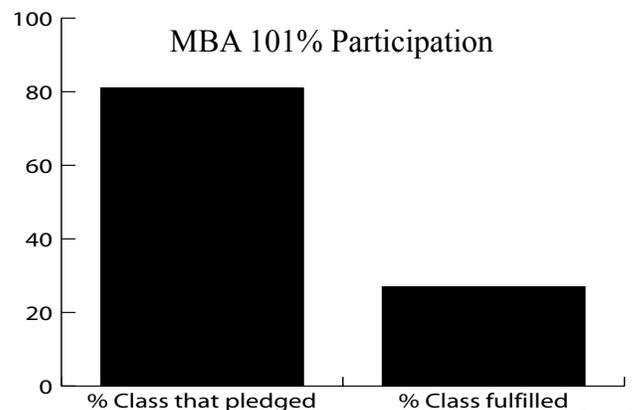
MBA 101% Update

By Hans Grande

As many of you know, budget cuts are looming for the University of California. Due to this, the Haas School will depend more than ever on fundraising to maintain and improve the levels of instruction. Last Spring, over 80% of MBA'02 made pledges to support the Haas School's Annual Fund through the 101% Lifelong Giving campaign.

To date, about 1/3rd of the class has fulfilled on their pledges for the 2002~2003 Fiscal Year. The Dean and the development staff would like to thank you for your generosity. Since the fiscal year ends on June 30 – those that have not yet fulfilled their pledge still have time. If you need more details about how much you pledged, please contact Nafysa Lalani in the development office

at lalani@haas.berkeley.edu. If you are ready to fulfill your pledge, please go to <http://www.haas.berkeley.edu/alumni/giving/giving.html> today.



Stafford's Corner

By Scott Stafford

It's been a year since we graduated and so much has happened. Some of us found jobs, others did not. Neither side is sure who is luckier. The Angels beat the odds and won the World Series. SARS in Asia. Monkeypox in Wisconsin (I always knew that Greg Thoenes was trouble.) Tampa Bay won the Superbowl. Hillary wrote a book. People vomited. During the past year, the gap between European and American foreign policy perspectives widened considerably, as evidenced by the US' refusal to secure UN approval for the war in Iraq and its inexplicable failure to embrace the Ketchup Song. Times are different – I can still remember the good old days of the Cold War, when Falco's Rock Me Amadeus was topping the charts here in America. We need a German rocker to unite us once again! Yet I see only David Hasselhoff on the horizon, and he is not carrying 99 red balloons.

Perhaps the world's problem is that people don't try to understand one another. Maybe if we all took a little time to dispel the popular myths that envelop our cultures, the world would be a better place. I'm going to do my part at the grass roots level, taking a crack at dispelling some of the popular misconceptions about how NYC differs from the Bay Area.

Myth #1: Business people are more sophisticated in New York

I'm not sure if one can generalize to that degree, but when it comes to marketing and product pricing strategies, New York is much savvier than the Bay Area. Take, for example, Empire Sushi on 97th and Broadway. They have outfoxed other neighborhood sushi restaurants by having "50% off sushi, all the time". Not just the usual suspicious Sunday brunch special, but all the time. They know how to sell the sizzle as well. The menu lists the full price of everything on the left side of the menu, then the "50% off price" on the right side. For example:

	<u>Full Price</u>	<u>50% off Price</u>
California Roll	\$9.00	\$4.50
Sushi Deluxe	\$37.00	\$18.50

I checked out the sushi place across the street that must have thought I was a rube, as they were asking \$4.50 for a California roll with no discount. As one of NYC's favorite sons, Woody Allen, once said, "In my family, the biggest sin was to buy retail." I suspect that Empire Sushi will continue to dominate until a Haas MBA-type decides to open a competing sushi joint with a "75% off sushi, all the time" special. This, as Severin taught us, will force Empire Sushi into the dreaded Bertrand Trap, where the inevitable outcome will be an ill-fated foray into "100% off sushi, all the time", where the laws of mathematics and the boundaries of infinity will be tested. And where better to test them than NYC?

Myth #2: New York and San Francisco are comparably expensive

Two words: get real. With one-bedroom apartments priced to move at \$2,800 a month and parking spaces at \$400 per month, MBA'02 Reunion Newsletter
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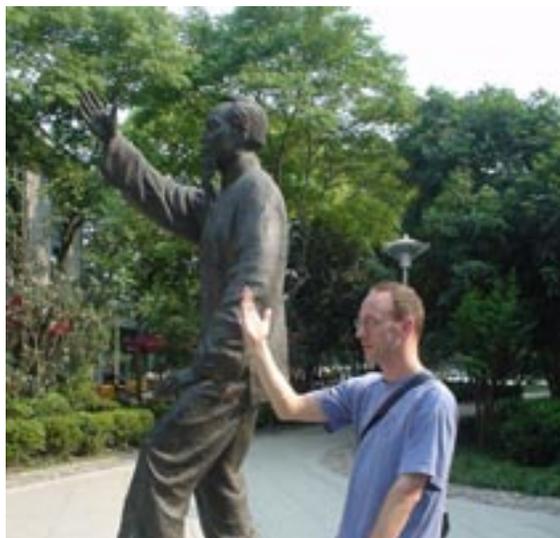
I don't want to hear anybody saying that again. Did I mention the \$400 per month is before the 20% city-tax? We might have slightly cheaper gas than California, but that's only because California is still trying to make cars run on gas carefully diluted with corn oil via a special machine that is only located in Finland. (Or something like that. Severin might not be as proud of my retention of that one.) It costs more to go out here, too. When two drinks set you back \$18, one must strategize when it comes to buying rounds of drinks. Starting a tab and leaving it open is a no-no.

Myth #3: There is an actual Orange terror light

That one's false. The orange hue people are referring to is caused by the mixture of mold and garbage that collects on the street and reflects the sunlight. We don't need an actual light - we can tell how frightened to be by the number of troops with M-16s standing in you're the local subway station. It does comfort me to know that Tom Ridge has a light though. I always picture him with that little traffic light from the set of Mr. Rogers.

Myth #4: People from NYC are cooler

Well what can I say about that one. Como se dice, "es la verdad?" People from NYC are cooler than people from SF. There, I said it. The reason why, however, may make those of you who are feeling slighted right now feel a little better. The fact that NYC functions at all is a miracle of sorts, and requires that everyone aggressively move through their day with the utmost efficiency, else the system will bottleneck and breakdown. You need to push your way onto the subway, jostle people in the rain to get that cab, yell at the person who blatantly cut in front of you at the deli. This day-to-day intensity requires that people find humor in things and take the time to sit and bitch about it with their friends. You people that live in the Bay Area are too busy enjoying the natural beauty and being happy all the time to effectively hone your bitterly sarcastic sense of humor (let's assume that's cool). Don't let it get you down though, you're on the right side of that trade!



Mike Golden practices WuShu with the masters in Shanghai (read more in the class notes section!)

Faculty Update

We emailed a few of our favorite professors to check in on campus life. While many professors were already off enjoying a much deserved summer vacation, we did get a few updates from campus:

Rashi Glazer

Greetings to everyone. Hope everything is well in this time of uncertainty. A number of you have been getting in touch regarding both personal and professional issues and I encourage you to do that. Things are pretty much the same here at Haas. As you know, we have a new core (7-weeks for intro marketing and other classes) and I drew the short straw and managed to teach all four cohorts at the same time. A very interesting experience to say the least.

Like many of you, I have been surprised at the depth and breadth of the economic downturn. We didn't talk too much about this in the courses we had together, but there is an important "social component" to marketing in times like these -- it can be the engine that allows firms, by really offering something of value, to "improve" their prices (and thus help the economy avoid the deflation/depression scenario that people are beginning to be afraid of) as well as to help communicate the real benefits of all the new technologies that are out there but have not yet been adopted and represent the way out of this mess. So once again, marketing to the rescue to save the world!

David Vogel

I am spending the first half of the summer in France, lecturing at INSEAD on environmental policy and management and doing research for my book on trends in regulatory policy in Europe and the US. Our hosts are treating us well. Foreign policy issues here are overshadowed by a series of general strikes to protest the government's proposed pension reform.

[On the topic of how the core reform affected ethics class this year:] The primary change in the core ethics class this year was the addition of a class on Enron and Anderson. Students seem to appreciate the new core structure as well as the placement of ethics at the end of the first year.

Tom McCullough

Hello to all the wonderful graduates of MBA02 and congratulations on your first-year reunion. It hardly seems as though any time has passed since you were just on the Greek Theater stage receiving your diploma much less attending Math Camp. In fact, not much time has passed, but that shouldn't stop having a great reunion. Just think, no one will have noticeably grown significantly older or more paunchy, etc. so this is a great occasion!

I am preparing to squeeze 10 days of the quantitative methods and statistics that we covered several years ago into 6 days since the last four days have been reserved for finance (yes, time value for 8 full hours) and accounting (balance sheets and income statements, remember?) taught by our finance and accounting faculty. Since the core courses were broken up into 7 1/2-week modules for the first year, there has been a concern that finance and accounting should require basic skills before the courses start (similar to quantitative skills) so this is the new plan. I will be teaching the four sections of statistics in the fall -- each class meets two days per week for a total of four lecture hours and an hour-and-a-half of discussion. Think of me in September/October if you ever feel pinched for time, and in November if you happen to be in Tahiti!

Ben Hermalin

The annual faculty-student softball game was a victim of our wet winter (there is nothing to the rumor that the faculty decided to quit while ahead).

Now retired -- at least temporarily -- from administration, I've been doing the usual faculty things, teaching and research. I taught two sections of the new MBA core strategy course, which I believe went reasonable well (especially conditional on it being a new course). Other than my daughter's bat mitzvah last October and a trip to France over spring break, it was a very quiet year for me.

Andy Rose

I'm currently in Washington visiting the IMF to work on asset market integration. It's fun for my son (he enjoys his daily visit to the Air and Space museum), while I get to work with a co-author and have good data access. In a couple of weeks we get to take him for his first lengthy trip to Japan; it should be fun to visit Tokyo, though the Bank of Japan is reputed to be a frustrating place to visit. Mostly though it's good for me to move around and put physical (as well as metaphorical) distance between me and my (now-former) students! (Just kidding ... I think). Enjoy your reunion!

Priya Raghbir

I have moved from teaching the Core 206 to teaching the Marketing Research class. I did it last year (Fall 2002), and will do so again in Fall 2003. It is at the same time challenging (as many of my students don't like statistics) and fun (because MR is one of my primary areas of research)!

Currently I am working almost full time on the Faculty Diversity Committee. We are looking at how gender, race, and non-US origin affect faculty hiring, promotion, salaries, and others. I am tackling it like a research project -- complete with secondary data collection, in-depth interviews and focus groups with faculty, a survey, and experiments!

Other than that, I am trying to keep ahead of the game on my various research projects. One of my favorites that I am working on these days is one on "spatial positioning" -- where I find, that being in the center of a display confers an advantage, as viewers are more likely to overlook your deficiencies. We found that players in the middle positions in "The Weakest Link" TV show were more likely to win, and we are replicating this effect with products on a shelf.

But, more immediate term, and potentially most fun, I am celebrating my promotion to tenure by taking a month off and going on vacation to India, starting June 15th!

Life's Trials by Krisila Benson

Well...the short version is I went to the Central Africal Republic to peddle condoms for AIDS prevention, got caught in a war, stayed hunkered down in my apartment for 9 days with 10 "refugees" while the capital city Bangui was under siege before US special forces came and saved my be-hind, spent five weeks in Cameroon waiting to see if things would calm down so I could return (they didn't), and then had to return to the states for emergency surgery, (which went well and I'm totally OK). The CAR finally fell to the rebels-turned-liberators on March 15, and in the mayhem that ensued my former apartment building was looted and torched; the office was broken into and 3 vehicles, 2 motorcycles and various bits of office equipment (though oddly no computers) were stolen. None of my coworkers were killed (though many lost everything they owned) but I have yet to receive confirmation that all of my former neighbors escaped safely. The long version of this story is on our class web page.

Then, things got hard. In mid-January I was shipped out to Conakry, Guinea, to help out in the worst OB mess I've ever seen (the employees locked the Country Director out of the office for a week and sent letters to the donors and the Guinean government demanding that he be removed). Some heads rolled, and I spent the last four months working harder than I have ever worked in my whole life trying to get the program back on track. For the past two months literally all I have done is work, sleep and eat. I didn't even take the time to open my mail for about six straight weeks. It was ugly, ugly, ugly. I'm on vacation for about three weeks (I'll be at the reunion) and then I will return to Guinea and take over as the Country Director. I am excited because I have been living in a hotel for the last 6 1/2 months and I will finally be able to get a place. It ain't easy being homeless. It's strange to literally have no place to call home. It's going to be a ton of work, but we have no place to go but up at this point.

I never would have guessed how dramatic my first year post Haas would be. Oddly enough, the whole year has made me realize how incredibly lucky I am. When I chose where I would live in Bangui (the capital of the CAR) I was torn between a house and an apartment. I opted for the apartment building because of the armed gendarme protection. Had I chosen the house, it isn't clear that I would have made it out alive. A few weeks before the siege started I received a shipment of household and consumable goods, which included something over 1,000 pounds of food. It came in handy feeding my refugees, and in fact they stayed in my house and continued to eat well after I was evacuated (most left in a later evacuation, one is still there, and though they all lost all of their material possessions they were not hurt). I was able to get out when so many had to stay and endure fear, pillaging, destruction, rape, hunger and death. Had I not been evacuated, I would not have received the medical check up that lead to the surgery. That could have been ugly. If I weren't one of the relatively richest people on earth, I wouldn't have been able to purchase the plane ticket and get myself to top notch medical care. I'm lucky that my parents were able to take care of me while I was laid up. And, it is an incredible stroke of luck that my possessions were packed up and moved to the airport three days before the final surge that brought down the former regime. My stuff was no longer in my building when it was looted, and even though the rebels started their siege at the airport, and my stuff was there sitting in crates waiting to be moved out, it wasn't touched. How could I get through all that and be so completely unscathed? And, I'm not even talking about how lucky I am to have been born into one of the wealthiest societies on earth and to have the good fortune to have parents who have encouraged me to take my education seriously. I have so many more options and opportunities than do my African counterparts. I am so damn lucky!

"That which doesn't kill you will only make you stronger". I'm not dead, so I guess I must stronger than I was a year ago.

Useful links:

MBA02 Class Website:
<http://groups.haas.berkeley.edu/alumni/class/mba02>
(Here you'll find more hot links, class notes, and social updates)

Haas Alumni Portal:
<https://haasalum.berkeley.edu>

Haas MBA02 Blogger:
<http://haas2002.blogspot.com>

101% Giving:
<http://www.haas.berkeley.edu/alumni/giving/giving.html>

Haas Alumni Network - SF
<http://hansf.initsoft.com>



Class notes:

Jay Badenhope

I have recently started a contract marketing position at Wells Fargo in San Francisco. I have a ton of small business customer data to analyze, and some days I feel like I'm making the Markstrat charts, which is cool. I have a great client/manager in Eric Meyerson! I also see a lot of Ann Marie Lynch (MBA03) who sits across from me, and sometimes I send my competitive research on to Neva Ignatow (nee Dogan). In my free time I've been swimming laps, catching up on leisure reading, tinkering with the class website, and watching a lot of baseball.

Mark Barrett

I am living in San Mateo and working in business development at ALZA, a pharmaceutical research and development subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. I got engaged to my fiancée, Nicole, in January while snowshoeing Yosemite. I still enjoy playing softball under Peddy's fearless leadership as part of the Haas Hitmen in the Berkeley men's league.

Chip Bellinger

Dee and I got hitched in Hawaii immediately following graduation. (Hence, my absence from the ceremony.) My wedding present from my new employer (Tefen Consulting) was to be laid off for two months. With so much spare time, and no money, Dee and I had to find a way to entertain ourselves for free. Unfortunately, we should have splurged on birth control. (I still remember finding myself whimpering; huddled on my couch in the fetal position; unemployed, broke, and with a pregnant wife.) You can imagine the jubilation when Tefen sent me back to work. We have since moved to Chicago so I can consult locally with a pharmaceutical company. Jack Perrin Bellinger was born on April 9; happy, healthy, and really, really BIG.

I have since found out that 'Perrin' comes from the name of a Baltic 'God of Thunder.' After spending some time changing the little guy's diapers, I believe that it's an appropriate name. (I have improved my diaper changing cycle time by 300%.)

Will Birdsey

I am still at Cornerstone Research in Menlo Park trying to fill Peddy's large shoes. Business is still pretty good since our court system is always busy. More importantly, Jen and I got engaged, bought a place in SF, and are now busy remodeling and planning our wedding. We are getting hitched this September in San Francisco. The day after the wedding we leave for our honeymoon in the Seychelles and Paris.

Jim Bobowski

Hello classmates. So far so good in San Diego. Capital One Auto Finance has been keeping me busy. Currently, I am building an analytical team that will be responsible for building business cases, feasibility studies and strategic plans for operational improvement initiatives. The intention is to achieve a cost competitive business platform on which to build scale. I'm hiring, so if you know any solid analysts who may be interested in moving to San Diego, let me know.

On the social front, San Diego has been rough. Just the other day is was cloudy. And a few weeks ago I think it rained for a few minutes. Days like that suck, they really make my ten minute commute seem more like 12 or 13. In all seriousness, I miss the Bay Area and all of you. If I don't see you this weekend, I do hope to catch up to your soon. Drop me a line anytime and if you are ever down in SD, let me know.

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Anne Brocchini

Anne Brocchini is relishing 6 weeks off after finishing an incredible leadership internship at Kaiser Permanente. She'll spend the 6 weeks white-water kayaking, sailing, and learning to windsurf. Then she'll be moving to the San Mateo area to start work as a consultant for ZS Associates.

Mo Brown

I've recovered from my broken wrist (snowboarding accident) and am busy burnin' up the roads on my new motorcycle (a Triumph Daytona 955i). My one year anniversary with Loomis Sayles was on April Fool's Day, and I continue to trade the Asian and European equity markets for them. Best of all, though, I've moved to Kensington where I rent from wonderful landlords - Robyne & Simon Eldridge.

Christi Burdick

I spent the first month after school traveling in Europe with Shelly "the performance artist" Walker and Ken "why did I agree to travel with these 2 girls" Coblin. I now live in Cole Valley with Kit. I am still working for Old Navy. While I am no longer working "in men's pants" (I really miss being able to say that) I have moved onto the Supply category - all the games, toys, holiday stuff that Old Navy sells.



Proud dad Doug Buzbee shows his Berkeley MBA pride while holding sleeping daughter Maddie Buzbee.

Doug Buzbee

After graduation Michelle took two months unpaid leave to help me celebrate. So we went to the Greek Islands and Istanbul, came back to Oakland where I had a few interviews, then went to the British Virgin Islands where we sailed a 40 foot sloop and sat on the beach for a couple of weeks, back to Oakland for more interviews, then to Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada where we paddled a kayak for a week. It was a great two months.

I started a job in land acquisition with KB Home (a nation-wide homebuilder) in August. It's a great job and I'm really enjoying it.

Michelle and I had a baby girl in January named Madeline Annelise Buzbee (pictures attached). Having a baby is a lot more fun than either of us anticipated (I'm not talking about the delivery, I'm just talking about "owning" one). Maddie is definitely keeping us busy and somewhat sleep-deprived but we really love being parents.

Greg Campbell

Our son, Dawson Riley, was born on May 31st, just a few days after graduation last year. Within a few months of each other, I graduated, we had our baby, we moved to San Diego for a few months while I job-hunted and ultimately found something, and then we moved to Laguna Hills (just south of Irvine) where we purchased a house. I work as a project manager for RREEF in Irvine, recently acquired by DeutscheBank, to be its real estate arm. My wife and I feel very fortunate and blessed that with so much happening in a short time, everything worked out well.

Justin Chang (from HJ Hwang)

He works for Samsung Electronics (VC related work). He's still trying to find an appropriate life long partner. Hope he can make it soon.

Raj Chaudhary

Moved back to London at the end of the summer to start work at a hedge fund in Mayfair, which involves swanning around Europe pretending to meet companies. I am enjoying it, although I do miss having my accent ridiculed on a daily basis. Luckily a number of our distinguished (and rather more undistinguished) classmates have stopped in to visit, a practice which I hope will continue.

Seong Chen

I am still in the Bay Area, working for Roche Diagnostics as a Business Analyst. It has been an exciting year for me as I transitioned from an internship (yes, a second one) to a startup, and then back to a large corporation. During this time, I have learnt a few new things (yes, when I was not sleeping) but the fun parts were my trips to Germany and UK. I will be probably on a move again very soon - this time might be back in Asia for good - I will keep you informed and stay in touch.

Winnie Cheng

I've been working in Singapore after graduation. I'm with Agilent Technologies' Treasury for its balance sheet hedging activities. It's fun to work in the hub: I would have morning tele-conferences with my Treasury colleagues in Palo Alto, follow up issues with Asian fellows for the next few hours, and chat with my Belgian or British contacts in late afternoon. I enjoy the extensive exposure I have in this position that requires me to understand the processes across not only various functions but also subsidiaries all over the globe.

Talking about living in Singapore, gee, I really miss the hiking trails in the U.S. This city state has no mountains. A hill at a paltry 162.5m is the highest spot here! Fortunately, getaways to rainforests and tropical islands in the region are within easy reach.

Well, regret that I won't be able to join you guys for the reunion. Have fun there!

Sam Cho (from HJ Hwang)

He works at Shinsong Foods. Rumor has it that his wife got pregnant. His wife finished her doctorate course from Berkeley last May.

Julie Clugage

After taking the summer off, I started work at Intel in Santa Clara in September. I'm working in finance for the Mobile Platforms Group, the group that makes processors for laptops and is behind all those jazzy new Centrino ads. I'm definitely learning a lot but feeling slightly bitter as I watch all the marketing folks jet around to Centrino launch events while we finance chumps sit in our cubicles crunching numbers.

On the personal front, my husband and I just moved from SF to a new house in Menlo Park. I'm settling in all too easily to my new suburban lifestyle so I hope some of you will come visit and shake things up a bit. Not sure how they feel about pub crawls in downtown Menlo Park?

Steve Coughlin

We're living in Noe Valley and finally starting to recover from the shock of becoming 1st time parents. Nolan is 9 months old now and has quite a personality - he keeps us on our toes and seems to enjoy laughing at the stupid faces that Jen and I make. This month we're busy trying to teach him the art of sitting up and crawling! We've become home bodies lately (Netflix has us hooked), but we try to make it to the baby friendly events.

Dennis Cox

I am loving the lifestyle of Mammoth, getting in more ski days than Luber this season and training at 8000' for triathlons. As for the MBA-type job I thought I'd have by now, well, I'm getting my real estate license. Didn't need an MBA for that, but it will at least differentiate me. Wish I could be at the reunion, but it's Tara and my 1 year anniversary. Can't really excuse myself from that and come get haastle with y'all.

Devan Cross

Bethany & I are recently engaged (!) and live in San Francisco, enjoying as many local events that we can get to (anyone else up for the Black and White Ball?). I'm doing well consulting for ZS Associates - traveling only a little bit and learning a whole lot. One bit of travel was to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary - at the Club Med in Cancun (and we're not even an internet start-up!). Bethany flew down and we relished in the surf and sun. I wish that I'd be able to catch up with everyone at our one-year reunion, but my family and I will be going to Alaska for about two weeks then. A belated graduation gift (and 40th anniversary for my folks), but a once in a lifetime opportunity. In between these trips and work, I'm trying to learn Japanese and shag flyballs on a couple of softball teams.

Lorenzo D'Ambra

Since the graduation, I am living in Koeln, Germany together with my girlfriend Gabriela. I am at the moment working as a business development manager for a small technology consultancy, and in the (little) free time I study German and I spend time on my favorite hobby: cooking...Italian, of course! If you pass by Germany, you are welcome to contact me - I will make you taste the real Kolsch beer! Lorenzo moved together with Gabriela (MBA01). They are living now in Koeln, Germany.

Paul Dattilo

Daniele and I moved to Denver and we love it. I'm working for a small distributor of books, CDs and DVDs called Four Winds Trading Co. If you're ever in Denver, shoot me an email (pdattilo@hotmail.com) and I'll introduce you to the local micro-breweries, hikes, or ski slopes. Take care.

Perry DeLuca

I work at WR Hambrecht & Company, an investment bank in San Francisco. I am in corporate finance focusing specifically on consumer products and real estate. I am also working on building a private equity fund for the wine industry. On a more social front I'd like to rent a "Golf House" near Rancho Solano for the summer.

Federico Diaz

Glad to hear from you. I cannot believe how fast time passes by, it's almost a year we've finished school. For me, life is going well. After several months of looking for a job in the US I returned to Argentina. Fortunately I got an offer from my previous company, an investment banking boutique. The job is interesting since it involves advising companies in debt restructuring matters. After the economic crisis and the peso devaluation, many companies were left with huge dollar denominated debts and peso denominated revenues. As you would imagine there is plenty of work to be done and for me it's a professional challenge since I didn't have previous experience in debt restructuring. Growth perspectives are also interesting since the firm is small and in the near future there are possibilities of becoming a partner. I've also realized a dream since I started to teach at a local university as an assistant as a way to share some of the experiences I've got in Berkeley.

On a personal side I'm very happy. Not only because we're now closer to our families and friends but also because in a few months I'll be father! Yes, Maria is pregnant and our first son (his name will be "Ignacio") will be born in August. It's an amazing feeling and a tremendous responsibility but I think we're well prepared for this step in our lives. On the sport side I can tell you that I play soccer every week with the guys of my office and I started playing tennis on Saturdays.

I miss a lot the good times I spent at the School and the people I met. I hope one day I could see everyone again. In the meantime I'll be more than happy to receive anyone from Haas coming to visit Buenos Aires. The city is wonderful and has lot of interesting things to see and do.

Aaron Duran

I spent the two months after graduation traveling Europe and meeting up w/ various '02 alum's along the way. Further travels around the U.S. kept me busy until October when it became painfully obvious that what my life was lacking was a J.O.B. I've been working for Gap Inc. in S.F. as a junior finance manager for their Old Navy Division since that time. Being a tech guy, I didn't expect to work in retail post Berkeley, but if you care to listen I can now tell you more than you ever cared to know about payroll modeling for a value retailer (w/ a specialty flair). Chris Mill's and I have a place in Cole Valley. I've completed two half's in the past year, and my first (and hopefully last) full marathon this past June 1st in San Diego. I spend a lot of my free time hanging out w/ other '02 alum's who live in the city, and enjoying everything the city has to offer.

Seema D.

Nitin and I are living between two countries - London, UK and Banjul, The Gambia (West Africa). We are running our own import and distribution business of consumer packaged goods. In addition, we are looking into other business ventures. Given that many of our suppliers are from Europe, we are using that as an opportunity to not only take care of the business but also have some fun whilst traveling. We both miss Berkeley and if any of you are in London or Banjul, please contact us!

Paul Dyson

When I'm not rating municipal bonds at S&P, including rating the city of Berkeley's debt and downgrading the state of California, I've been trying to keep the local Bay Area Haas vibe alive (in other words still spammin' the class) with social stuff and what not. With all the 30th b-day parties lately, it seems as if I see some people more than I did in school--kinda nutty.

Anyway, I'm currently livin' near four other Haas dudes in the Marina area of SF, and have been doing a little running, including 3 half-marathons. Even play wallyball (volleyball in a racquetball court) regularly at lunch at the "Y" near work with some S&P buddies. Travel for work has been kinda cool, allowing me to return often to my roots in San Diego/La Jolla, not to mention random places like Surprise, Carefree and Snowflake, Arizona. Trying to figure out a vacation plan for later this year, perhaps to Jamaica for the reggae marathon or maybe a Costa Rica safari to visit Meyerson's monkey friends.

Aimee Einstein.

The quick update on my life:

- living in SF
- working in brand management for Johnson & Johnson
- most exciting thing that I can report is that I went on vacation to Panama recently (with Joe of course :-)



MBA '02s (top) Hans Grande, Joe Karp, Marc Johnson, Michael Sonnenheim, David Weisz, Doug Overman, Eric Strand (bottom) Nancy Suh, John Metzler and Art (Michael's roommate) celebrate Michael's return to the Bay Area with dinner in San Francisco

Eric Frandson

Still in the Bay Area as part of the Wells Fargo Mafia...

Bobby Frank

I have finally finished the MBA/MPH program at Haas, having handed in my last homework on May 19! Can you believe the last thing I did for school was a statistics project? Ugh. With that, however, I rejoin all of you in the working world. I hear mixed reviews so I'm moderately excited about returning to work (but very excited about the prospect of an income). I will be starting work at McKesson, a large healthcare distributor in San Francisco, in early September as part of their Strategy and Business Development group. Until then, I have plans to relax and visit family and friends over the summer. Unfortunately, I will be at a wedding on the weekend of our first reunion. I hope everyone has a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone another time!

Alex Galovich

Alex is living in Rockridge and working in San Francisco for an affordable housing developer. Contrary to popular belief, she is not trying to save the world; having learned in business school to manage expectations, she is only planning to save California.

Joan Godfrey

I took the summer off to plan my wedding in late Aug 2002, and went to Barbados for a three week honeymoon in early September. Since the fall, I have been consulting for venture capital firms & large medical device companies doing market & technology due diligence (evaluating business & market plans for new technologies and making recommendations for business partnerships, licensing, or acquisition). I've been doing our taxes and looking to build a new home with my new hubby.

Mike Golden

Living the last year in Shanghai, everyone seemed worried that I might catch SARS. Truth be told, last week's Sichuan Hot Pot did far greater damage on my system than any old respiratory disease.

I spent the year studying Chinese and using up the rest of my student loans. Finally, this last February, one of my buddies and I ended up starting a new magazine called "China Life: Inside Chinese Language & Culture". Contents aside, it has really glossy paper and nice pictures. We just set up distribution in China, Hong Kong and Singapore. Disturbingly enough, my experience with Marc, David and Eric at Haasweek has paid off the most so far in terms of actual MBA usage!

Classmate Bill Shaw and I started up the Haas Alumni Group here in Shanghai, and have hosted several fun BOW's with other Cal schools. This week I take the semi-annual trip to Hong Kong to renew my visa and pick up a summer stash of deodorant, which is unnerveingly unavailable here in Shangers. I just hope my Revenge of Sichuan stomach ailments go away before I board that China Eastern flight...

Hans Grande

I'm working at Adobe in San Jose and living the peninsula lifestyle in Redwood City. While work has been pretty hectic, Nancy and I have managed to make semi-regular South Bay get-togethers with classmates Saggurti and Guindi among others. It is great to share time with classmates as they seem to be the only people that understand my geeky MBA-speak lingo!

During the spring, I was able to lead Adobe's intern recruiting effort. We did an info-session at the faculty club and while it was a lot of work, it felt great to be back on campus with students around ~ so much more energy than the corporate environment. While I enjoy the perks of work (paycheck and office supplies as Meyerson once wrote), I am already missing the Haas lifestyle - especially group whiteboard sessions, 4 day class weeks and the constant whirl of campus life.

I'm looking forward to helping Prasad build up our MBA'02 South Bay monthly lunch function. Can't wait to get the latest gossip from Clugage, Belty and the rest of the folks that work south of San Mateo (or in the "650" or "408" as Prasad likes to say!).

Inder Grewal

After getting layed off from Barra in April, Inder Grewal has been keeping himself busy with a variety of activities, including, but not limited to:

1. Writing the CFA Level 1 exam
2. Hooping it up with Fershtman
3. Travelling to Toronto, Vegas, San Diego and Yosemite during May and June.
4. Coming up with business ideas. My most recent was inspired to my recent trip to Toronto. I plan to print up a bunch of T-Shirts that say Kiss Me, I am SARS Free! What desparate Torontonion male wouldn't want one!
5. Cooking up a storm for his lovely girlfriend Amber
6. Writing irate emails to GWB and signing them, E. Meyerson, poet lariate of Ashby BART. (I am applying for citizenship and am too chicken to use my own name. Meyerson, I didn't think you would mind!)
7. Looking for a job, kinda.
8. Hoping to see all of his long lost friends in July and August now that the CFA exam is over and since I plan to be in town.

Samantha Gross

I've been living in DC since August. I miss California and the weather here is often lousy, but the museums are free, I see lots of live music, and I've even found some nearby climbing spots now that winter is over. I'm working for the General Accounting Office, whose name will soon be changed to the Government Accountability Office if our boss gets his way. I can't have everyone thinking I'm an accountant! After working for several months on food safety, I've landed in the energy policy group where I belong, and am enjoying my job much more now. The scary economy makes my government job look better every day.

Phil Guindi

I am living and working in the South Bay, in beautiful and warm Los Gatos, CA, and loving it! My only complaint is that I rarely get MBA02 visitors (hint, hint) other than from a few of the other South Bay refugees. My work as a Product Manager at Quantum3D, a startup that develops specialized visual computing solutions for simulation and training, is challenging and interesting. Aside from that, the only major new thing in my life is that I have a new baby. She weighed in at 3252 lbs, is shiny, black and very healthy. Ahhhh, how nice it is to have wheels again.

Jeewon Ha (from HJ Hwang)

She works at fund management dep't at Samsung Life Insurance.

Andrew Harris

I currently reside in Minneapolis and work as a Product Manager managing five product lines for Entegris, a semiconductor manufacturing components supplier.

No kids, no pets, one lovely wife (Lisa is a buyer for Target). I spend most of my spare time reworking old Solver and Crystal Ball BA200Q problem sets.

Matt Have

I finally received an offer from my internship at Chiron and I have been working in their Finance & Planning group. Upon receiving my job, I decided to plunge myself into debt with a new house and car (and all the appliances to boot). My son Calvin needed more than the 700 sq.ft. plot that Rockridge

afforded. We are definitely enjoying our little home in Pleasant Hill, although we do miss Berkeley and SF.

Teresa Hegdahl

After graduation, I met up with my brother who was teaching English in Poland and we toured Eastern Europe, Turkey and Greece. I now live with Becky Frank and Amy Belt in a house in Noe Valley in SF – there is a lot more space there than our former McGee house residence, for those of you who have seen it. After 6 months of training, I now work in the Syndications Group within BofA's Leasing and Capital division. It takes me to New York often, where I often meet up with our NYC 02ers.

Benjamin Hsu

I am working for Bureau of Foreign Trade, and living in Taipei. I am now the regional rep of HAN in Taiwan. This year the new admits (MBA 2005) from Taiwan are all brilliant candidates and hope those who are still in the bay area can take care of them.

Rony Hsu

I am working and living in New York City. Life has been fun here.

Wendy Hsu

Over the past year I have been working as a Marketing Manager at American Express in the Card Platform Strategy (CPS) group. Enjoying life back in NYC (though, yes, I do live in Hoboken, NJ) - reacquainting with old friends and the crazy Asian scene. Missing the Bay Area - especially the weather, as NY has been hit with the worst winter in many years and rain every weekend with no signs of spring!

Mike Hursta

I moved to Colorado last July and bought a house in the Denver suburbs. Professionally I am now firmly entrenched in the middle-management of the nation's 4th largest phone company. Last April my wife gave birth to a beautiful daughter. She (the baby) has a tremendous energy reserve set aside for late night crying and a penchant for peeing at that magic moment when the clean and dirty diapers are swapping duty and neither is ready to contain it. I'm afraid that my new lifestyle has tempered my historically outrageous social conduct. Those from Haas who remember me as nothing more than a party animal would be disappointed to see me in my present state. I have mellowed.

And I have one suggestion that maybe we could put Dyson to work on. I think we need to set up some sort of pool that wagers on whom in our class will be the first to get one of those hand drawn portraits in the WSJ. Just being mentioned in an article is not nearly good enough. It would be better than most death-pools because those ambitious enough to win the money by something other than luck could actually attempt to control the outcome without being suicidal. What do you think?

HJ Hwang

A consultant at Arthur D. Little - Seoul Office. Finally my wife got pregnant and expecting in late October. Terribly busy working late with clients.

Eugene Jeon (from HJ Hwang)

He works for SK OC&P (Corporate Center of SK Group). His wife delivered the second baby last April. His wife got back from San Francisco with both a baby and a diploma.

Hawk Jeong

After commencement, I returned to my former Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade in Seoul, Korea. I just got a promotion and currently deal with bilateral trade issues with Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan and China. The job is still fascinating just except for not having a chance to visit U.S. especially Haas.

Marc Johnson

Marc Johnson is working at a retail design firm in Oakland, helping the company found a coffee consulting practice. He spends his days hopped up on caffeine and his nights dedicated to bourbon and the writing of the great Midwestern novel that doesn't read like Jonathan Franzen's 'Corrections

Cindy Karasick

Cindy is back in New York and busy enjoying the city. She is staying very clean as the Associate Brand Manager on Wisk Laundry Detergent at Unilever. She reminds us all to Go Ahead and Get Dirty.

Joe Karp

Joe's working in finance at Gap, Inc. where his efforts are concentrated on the long term strategic plan for the Gap brand. Other than that he's still riding regularly, but it's not often enough (is it ever?).

Peddy Khatami

Things have been going well since graduation. I've been working at Clorox w/ the great Brad Johnson and even greater Robyne Eldridge. Tons of Haas people here means there's always a friendly face somewhere in the hallways to greet you. It's weird working at Clorox because everyone is always trying to shamelessly plug their products. Not me, I maintain my life outside of work. A big part of my life outside of work involves CLEANING MY BATHROOM WITH TILEX, BECAUSE NOTHING IS TOUGHER THAN TILEX.

Speaking of my bathrooms, Linda and I purchased a little condo out in the boondocks. We still LIVE in SF, but we SLEEP in Concord. We figure it would be a good place to hang out until one of us starts to earn MBA type salary. Speaking of Linda, we're still busy planning our wedding (August 9th!!!) and are looking forward to an awesome honeymoon in Maui. She's still teaching the "voots" of America and very much enjoying it.

Of course, a big part of my post Haas life is Cal football and Haas Hitmen softball. The Hitmen are still cranking away as a Berkeley softball powerhouse, and trying to add to our unprecedented 3 straight City of Berkeley Adult Community Recreational Sports championships. Come catch the action every Thursday night, plenty of good seats still available!

Finally, let me remind you that the Swami is even better the second time around, so pull out all those old Haas Weeks and give 'em another read! You'll be amazed at how full of myself I was. My new contact info:

Cell: 415-690-6306 (they tried to give me a 925 number, I refused to accept it).

E: bigkhat@yahoo.com

Address: 3845 Northwood Dr Unit A, Khoncord, Ca 94520 (Post office prefers Khoncord to be spelled w/ a "C").

You know it... you tell the story... you tell the whole damn world this is Bear territory!

Karim Khair

Lots of things going on for me. Here goes...

I'm a new dad! Our daughter Amelie Tiziri Khair was born on Saturday, March 29 after 32 hours of long labor. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces, measured 19 3/4 inches. Mom and baby are doing well, although I am still eating for two as I did during the pregnancy. Her middle name, Tiziri, means "moonlight" in Kabyle (Berber).

We bought a house in Lafayette last July and are very happy there.

I started working last July as the Director of Financial Modeling and Co-Director of Research for Gifford Fong Associates, a financial engineering/consulting firm specializing in fixed income, derivatives and risk management. There are now four financial engineers from Haas working with me.

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Jay Kim

After graduation, I started working for the Korean Ministry of Commerce and Industry. My ministry, which is responsible for International trade and Investment, would be very helpful if any Haas alumni would like to do business with Korea. More specifically, I am now working as a Deputy Head of Oil Industry Division in the Ministry. Korea, the sixth largest oil consumer in the world, has five oil refining companies, most of which are affiliated with major global oil companies such as Caltex and Chevron-Texaco. These companies are so large, with an average turnover of US\$10 billion. My job is to hear and contemplate their issues and ideas for tackling their business difficulties, whether domestically or internationally. Although the chances of me joining the reunion are less than 5%, I sincerely want to hear as much news as possible from all of my classmates and wish it be a great success.

David Klingle

Megan and I are now living in the dreaded 'burbs: Dublin to be exact. We were engaged in November and we're getting married sometime soon in Napa (date and other wedding BS TBD).

To steal a quote from the Godfather III, every time I try to get out, they pull me back in! In this case, it's the booze biz. I'm working for Gallo Winery in their Imports group, primarily on Australian wines. I helped launch their first major Australian import this January called Black Swan (made in Australia, imported and marketed in the US by Gallo). It's doing extremely well thus far and it's been fun.

BK Kumar

I work for hp, yes! I work in Finance for the Personal Printing business unit supporting current business management for personal ink and laser products. We are getting ready for our second child due in November! My spouse - Aruna, works in hp as well, as an image scientist for the Digital Projector business. Other than that, I am hoping to help our local senators in an advisory capacity for the 2004 presidential elections, now, that we finally became US citizens.

Sue Lee (from HJ Hwang)

She works at Samsung Securities.

Matt Leonard

After disappearing from Haas for an exchange semester and misadventures in London, I returned to graduate in December 2002. From there I headed back to London, where Theresa had remained to begin working on the next Harry Potter film. I am working for Mercer Oliver Wyman, the financial services consultancy and we are doing our best to see the world in our spare time. Coincidentally, my former employer acquired Oliver, Wyman & Co. two weeks after I started there.

I am convinced that this is truly a small world because as I was getting out of a taxi in front of my apartment, I looked up to see none other than former Oski, Mike Stokes (he and his wife Jess live nearby).

Please look me up if you are in London. My mobile number is +44 78 1329 9591.

Joel Levin

Joel Levin has just started as Vice President for Business Development with the California Climate Registry, based in Los Angeles. The Registry is a private organization, but was established by California statute as a voluntary registry for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The purpose of the Registry is to help companies and organizations with operations in the state to establish GHG emissions baselines against which any future GHG emission reduction requirements may be applied. Given the increasing recognition in the U.S. that some kind of regulatory mechanism for cutting carbon emissions will sooner or later be established, smart companies are starting to plan for it now. In his position, Joel will be responsible for recruiting new members and raising the profile of the registry in the media, so it is a pretty exciting place to be. You can check out their website at www.climateregistry.org. He and his wife will be permanently located in LA starting in June.

Nora Li

I've been working for Siebel Systems, Life Sciences Division for about a year now. For my personal life, I now have a 3 month baby girl who has changed my life totally. But she is cute and lovely.

Jungwook Lim (from HJ Hwang)

He works as a report at Chosun Daily, the biggest newspaper in Korea. His wife delivered the second baby as well.

Jack Lin

After Haas, I joined a healthcare consulting firm, only to be laid off in January as funds dried up. (Does that make me the first casualty in MBA02?) Luckily, the stint on the bench was a short one. I now work at Blue Shield of CA, and play Markstrat for a living --- except with real money and real products.

Yili Liu

My company email is yili.liu@fidelity.com. I am an equity analyst at Fidelity Investments based in Hong Kong. I cover regional technology (Asia ex-Japan). Life in HK is boring as I don't speak the language and don't have many friends here. Besides, SARS is horrible here, although seems to get better lately. Miss my life at Haas and my Haas friends. Phone # is 852-9281-9681. If any of you visit HK in the future (after SARS is over), pls do give me a ring and I will be a good host.

Shanon Loftus

I am so sad to be missing all the reunion festivities next weekend especially since it couldn't have been made any easier for me to attend; I am still living and working (Blue Shield) in San Francisco. Unfortunately, I'll be at a wedding in Montana the weekend of the reunion here.

Peter Luber

I got married on July 6th in Bermuda, and spent the remainder of the summer traveling through Thailand and China. Now I'm working in S.F. at a hedge fund and living in North Beach.

Karen Martell

Sara Williard-Williams, Irena Zakrajsek and I did some traveling after graduation: we went to Slovenia, Croatia and Italy - we had blast together. Irena, Sara and I are all working. Sara is on the East Coast, Irena is working for a small biotech on the West Coast, and I am shuttling between the coasts (I am based in the Bay Area -however) doing venture capital in the biotech/life science area.

Elizabeth Meyer

After accidentally missing graduation, took an 8 week/8 country trip to Europe. Alex Rogin and Amy Greenberg accompanied me through Turkey, Italy and the Greek Isles. Please ask us about the foam party in Turkey!!! I moved to the sleepy town of Livermore CA in August and we are renting a cute house that I like to pretend I own. In August, we welcomed a new addition to our family - her name is Ginger. She is covered in fur, enjoys hiking, riding in the car with the windows down, and sleeping on our bed. I have been working at E & J Gallo since Sept. in the finance department. The people I work with are great. I have recently moved positions and I now manage the Winery's Capital Investments.

Eric Meyerson

On the personal front, I'm now engaged to the lovely Annette, a woman I met the night before our Quant final. We live in a swank and pad full of hipster kitsch on the corner of Haight and Ashbury.

On the professional front, Wells Fargo has entrusted me with the future of its business banking segment, so I have one piece of advice: short Wells Fargo. Seriously, it's a super company to work for, and most importantly it's mentioned in Kool Keith's classic ditty about business, "The Girls Don't Like the Job":

"Down at 55 Water Street
Top official always seen Chemical Bank
Wells Fargo
Bank of America
With my fine secretary Erykah
Me and Al Sharpton was talkin
About real estate in Compton"

Can't beat that.

Clarke Miller

Clarke worked at the Net Impact national office in the fall in an attempt to extend the glory days of Haas a few months longer. This spring, he has been a consultant at California Environmental Associates where he developed Santa Clara County's Green Business Program. After damaging the environment more from his 100-mile daily commute between San Francisco and San Jose than he was protecting it by helping businesses address their environmental impacts, Clarke has decided to join the brand consulting firm, Prophet, based in San Francisco where he starts mid-June.

Jim Mooney

Living and working in Cleveland, Ohio for OM Group, a specialty chemicals company. Job entails securing raw material feeds for our nickel and cobalt refining plants in Finland and Australia, so quite a bit of travel (since almost none of these investment projects and/or materials are found in US). On recent trip to Moscow I caught up with Yevgeny Torkhov who seemed to be doing well. Plan to be back in Bay Area a few weekends this summer for weddings and some r&r.

PS ...I am also still celebrating the Ohio State Buckeyes NCAA Football Championship!

Katy Moore

I got married on May 25th and am now Mrs. Katy Song. Haas representation was rich... with Marthe Souza in from Atlanta, Wendy Hsu and Cindy Karasick from NYC, and a big Bay Area group.

Linda Ng

Post graduation, I traipsed around Europe for a few weeks with several of our fellow Haasians. It was a grand time even though we were still living on student budgets and I was pickpocketed in Paris, but what can you do? Then, it was back to the real world and the job search. I luckily landed a position at Gap Inc. in Merchandise Planning. I love working in the retail industry -- definitely the right place for me. I'm currently living in San Francisco in the South Beach area which makes for a handy 10 minute walk to work. Being the eternal L.A. girl, it is definitely a nice change of pace not to have to drive everywhere. I love it! While I still see lots of you Haas kids on a fairly regular basis, I look forward to seeing everyone at our 1 year reunion!

Sara Noc

Working at Sun Microsystems in Finance and living large in Palo Alto (meaning I regularly go up to the city for a social outlet). Favorite activity of the past year: Running on Stanford's campus wearing my Cal and ND clothing with pride. Go Bears!

Chad Nokleby

I am working for ChevronTexaco in the company's management development program. Brooke, Tyler and I are currently enjoying life in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. We will be moving to Perth, Australia in August for a one-year assignment and then likely back to the U.S. after that. If your travels should take you to Australia, please look us up.

Doug Overman

If I had to value my experience at Haas, I'd get Joakim and Ben Soccorso to do the model, and I'd offer some vague but nice-sounding narrative. Wait, no -- that's if I had to value a short-haul airline. Actually, my experience at Haas is invaluable. Here's most of why: while on exchange in Barcelona (and while on a beach called Castledelfels) I met Emese, a beautiful Hungarian woman who had just arrived in Barcelona for two years at IESE B-School. Fast-forward to today -- just engaged, with Emese arriving from Budapest and moving in on Thursday (6/19). I couldn't be happier.

The job's great too. Still toiling for the benefit of the Golden Gate National Parks -- actually some pretty cool projects. I'm doing organizational strategy and managing the community programs division -- education, research, and volunteer programs. Those of you in the SF area, watch for our Trails Forever initiative to improve the trails system throughout the parks.

Phil Robinson

After 9 months in Germany for HP, I've returned to the U.S. and am currently splitting my time between my home in Portland, OR and the HP office in Cupertino, CA. Most importantly, I've gotten engaged and we're aiming for a May 2004 wedding date. If you're visiting Portland, please let me know so we can get together!

Alex Rogin

Alex lives in Nob Hill in SF with Andy Zigelboim. His days consist of walking to work at Wells Fargo, going to the gym where he is made incredibly uncomfortable by men who walk around naked in the locker room, and then dating Kit Noren when she can fit him in to her busy schedule.

Mike Rosenbaum

Hope all is well with you - Living Castro Valley - Working - Siebel Systems - Baby due in 25 days. Other than that not much to tell. Golf average is down to 90 but that's not much to brag about.

Christine Roveda Rush

I'm working for Wells Fargo as a Relationship Manager in the Seattle office of their Real Estate Group. Mr. Rush and I bought an old house up on Queen Anne Hill (north slope by SPU in case you're interested!), and I'm busy working on that, my soccer game, and just settling in to life up in the Emerald City. Come visit.

Jason Saculles

What a difference a year makes! I'm pleased (and more than a little mortified) to report that you may have caught me on daytime TV back in February/March when I was a contestant on three episodes of "Pyramid," the game show hosted by Donny Osmond. With a lot of help from celebrity partners Doug Wilson (of the TLC show "Trading Spaces"), Debby Boone (of "You Light Up My Life" Grammy fame), and Boney James (2003 Grammy nominee), I was lucky enough to walk away with \$50,000 as runner-up of Pyramid's tournament of champions. Since then, life has been much sweeter. I took a quick trip to London and have planned some vacations this summer. I've also managed to significantly reduce all that debt I accumulated during our time at Haas. The whole game show experience was rather surreal, but the complete MBA'02 Reunion Newsletter
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giddiness and then relief of paying off debt has been very real.

I am happy to have returned to L.A., the only city in which the magic of TV allows one to make use of useless "talents." I am also pleased to be working on the business side of the entertainment industry, in Brand Marketing at Buena Vista Home Entertainment (aka Disney Home Video). Of course, it's all just a cover until I can figure out how to make a career of being a game show contestant - ha ha.

Sorry to be missing the reunion. Best to you all, and drop me a line if L.A. is in your travel plans.

Jihong Sanderson

I am living in both China and California (San Ramon - 40 minutes from Berkeley). This fall semester, I am going to teach a new graduate Course "Management of Technology in China" at Haas, UC Berkeley, it is a MOT elective course, I am now busy with all preparations. Also, with my Berkeley Consulting Associates, I have been doing some projects in China too, the goal is to help businesses to bridge between China and the US. Please let me know if there is anything that I can be help.

Joe Schock

After seizing an opportunity to trade Russian debt in Siberia, I am now back in the Bay Area with my mail order Kazakistani bride. We have twins on the way! I am putting the finishing touches on our sailboat named "Haas It Going" before sailing the open seas for the next 9 months. If anyone is in Pulauw or the Cook Islands, give a yelp and we'll do a Bar of the Month, south pacific style. [Editor's note -- Last I saw, Joe is still a delusional Detroit Red Wings fan recovering from an early playoff exit]

Seong Song (from HJ Hwang)

M&A team manager at LG Caltex. His family will get back to Korea this August.

Bill Shaw

I am currently living with my wife in Shanghai, China, where I am working for an American real estate developer, Lowe Enterprises. I continue to support Haas, and have volunteered to be the Haas Alumni Network representative for Shanghai. We have added two new members to our family, Minnie and Taylor, a puppy and kitten, respectively. Please give us a call if you happen to be stopping by China! Tel: +86-1381769332

Sara (Smolek) Filippek

In the last year, I've gone from "Smolek" to "Filipek" and now my company's gone from "Integral" to "Analysis Group". I'm lucky I know who I am anymore! I'm still living in San Francisco, visiting my adorable 5 month old niece, Isabel, in Florida as often as possible, looking forward to my first Caribbean cruise in July, and endlessly searching for that perfect new home purchase.

Scott Stafford

I'm working for a real estate investment firm in New Jersey, helping to manage the firm's investment portfolio which is comprised of both publically traded equities and multifamily real estate properties. Rebecca and I are living in NYC and still thawing after the miserable winter that just ended. Home: 212-784-3142
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Steven Stokols

Sooooo, as of now, I am living in Denver. I work for the CIO of Qwest Communications, doing "special strategic" projects for him, which really amounts to flying around with him and acting important through association. Having spent a winter in Colorado, I am also considering snow boarding for a living, but am struggling to get some legitimate sponsors. I'll stick with Qwest until Burton comes through.

Nancy Suh

It's hard to believe, but I've already passed my one-year anniversary working at Walmart.com! These days, I'm working on the online photo business, and it's been putting my MBA training to the test. Outside of work, I've been enjoying life in the Bay Area. I'm sharing an apartment that overlooks the Bay Bridge with Linda Ng, and yes, I'm attempting to fill the giant shoes of Wendy Hsu! Haas and I see lots of Haas classmates on a regular basis...but we have a hard time keeping up with the social escapades of the "Marina Boys" (aka Dyson, Nipul, Krishna, Schock, and Winston).

Fezy Tecellioglu

I'm still living in Berkeley. I started a finance job at a real estate company which builds houses for military in Napa and working with two of our friends from Haas, Gerardo and Eren. It's great to be working with these guys at the same place side by side (literally). Other than that there was not much a change. In the summer I'm planning to go back to Turkey to visit my family and friends. I was planning for taking sailing courses but a serious ankle injury put my decisions for another spring.

Mike Todd

I'm working at Deloitte Consulting as a Senior Consultant in the Strategy and Operations Group. I recently became a proud first-time uncle and I am looking forward to spending some time with my nephew, Cameron, this summer.

Yevgeny Torkhov

Still, my story is rather short. I haven't yet made a space flight to Mir station, my name is still not notorious for being the richest in the world, and I don't believe that I have children. But I'm working to have my wishes come true. My personal life is absolutely enjoyable (I still don't understand why my girlfriend made me her man of choice), my work to analyse investments of until recently the largest Russian oil major is overwhelming, and I still struggle with gym equipment to make my body produce endorphins.

Since September last year I opened the beauty of Moscow to a number of my classmates and I hope to substantially increase that number within nearest future.

I believe all my classmates without exception found the jobs they Wished and have chosen the most enjoyable and pleasant lifestyles.

Debra Underwood

After taking a few months off post-graduation I started work at Levin Menzies, a real estate investment and development company located in Walnut Creek. I was enjoying her job immensely, but decided to take a short sabbatical to get acquainted with Nicholas David Underwood who was born on March 27th. Since then life has been like Groundhog Day? an infinite loop which goes something like: eat, sleep, diaper change, eat, sleep, diaper change?. It's the Life of Riley really. Nicholas and I will perfect the routine for the next month or so, by which time I hope to be able to fit back into my pre-pregnancy working wardrobe.

Marcelo Vasquez

"We moved to Foster City to be closer to work. I have a 5 minute commute to Siebel which is very convenient to come back quickly to put the kids in the bathtub. Benjamin is 3.5 years old and Martin is 1.3. My two boys are doing great and using every bit of the little free time I have. Work life is good. I am working on one of the fastest growing software products at Siebel, Employee Relationship Management and I am responsible for the Performance Management modules, so if you think you company could use some tools to consistently execute their strategy, you know who to call.

The rest is missing Haas a lot and hanging out with the survivors of the "Latin Mafia" in the Bay Area."

Abby Veesser

I am living in SF and working as a Management Analyst for the City of Los Altos. I am basically an internal management consultant for the City Manager's office. It's exactly what I wanted to do and was one of the few City jobs out there, so I am happy to be working. Also, I am planning my wedding to Armando Sanchez for next January in Puerto Vallarta.

Terry Wang

After graduating from Haas I started working at Pulte Homes in the Land department where I am being trained to be a project manager. I am thoroughly enjoying my job which can be effectively described as driving around and talking on the phone all day. More recently, I got married March 29th, 2003 in Irvine, California and just returned from my honeymoon in Fiji.

David Weisz

David has been voted "most changed" among his MBA '02 peers. Since graduation, David has moved to Oakland with his girlfriend, bought a Miata (answer to the page 1 trivia question) and has turned into a modern day PolyAnna who sees no bad in life. David works in Oakland writing analysis papers for an energy consulting firm.

Rob Williams

I'm working at a financial analyst in the municipal bond group at Standard & Poor's in San Francisco, rating tax-backed debt issued by cities, counties, school districts, and other municipal entities in California and throughout the western states. I'm living in North Berkeley, in a newly-purchased home that is taking up most of my time with home improvement tasks. Won't be able to make it to the reunion, unfortunately, due to previous travel plans. Hope you guys have a good time. Cheers, Rob

Shing Wong

After a good 5 months of looking, I have recently accepted a job with Bank of China in Beijing as a VP in its BOC International (China) Ltd. division. As it seems with most things here, my responsibility is largely undefined except to help the company develop a joint-venture asset management division. So far, it's been a very very tough struggle to read things like a business plan and regulatory filings in Chinese. Not to mention learning the nuances of Chinese business practices and culture. Have yet to hit up a karaoke bar but I think that'll just be a matter of time...

Ani Wu

Living @ Embarcadero in the city, working as a Product Development Manager for an apparel company that markets to specialty stores and retailers, contracting from factories in Peru...

Jarrod Yahes

Ended up landing in the Tech Banking group at Salomon in NY. On an hourly basis am compensated very little. I constantly meet very nice young ladies in NY only to ask them out on dates on Monday evening at 12am when I get out of work. They stare awkwardly and ask if I am serious. Yearning for the hot tub and 45 days of skiing that was my Haas experience...

Have seen Nick Deans and Nate Kraft here in NY. Got blacked out at the Village Idiot with Coco and Emilie Cortes last night - interesting evening to say the least.

Jervis Yang (from HJ Hwang)

He's still in the Bay Area. He works at a IT related firm in the Valley. His wife finally delivered a healthy baby early part of this year.

Betty Yee

I'm working at BEA Systems as a financial analyst in San Jose and am still living in Pleasanton. Things are going well and John's doing great.

Andy Zigelboim

Andy and Alex Rogin share a quaint 2 bedroom in Nob Hill. Andy is doing real estate for Colliers International in Walnut Creek. On the weekends he hikes all day and then guzzles Heinekens every Sat. night.

Late update:

Aman Desouza

First of all, incase you didn't know, Nina & Pal Wibe are officially married! They had a truly beautiful wedding in Skein, Norway. I had a fantastic time meeting their friends & family, as well as catching up with Michael and hang out with him in Oslo.

Aside from that, it goes without saying that Paris in the summer time is a great place to be. Derrick and I have been hitting the cafe's, bars & restaurants quite a bit...and probably having more fun than we should. Work has been quite interesting as well - a lot of travelling, mostly in Scandinavia. In fact about a month ago I got to connect with Henrik in Stockholm over a quick cup of coffee.