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Message from the Alumni Relations Office

Dear Alumni,

Asslam-o-alaikum!

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that LUMS Alumni Affairs Office has completed 9 years since inception. During this time the Alumni Affairs Office has taken many initiatives to foster linkages between alumni around the globe, and this magazine is among one of them. The Alumni Annual 2009 brings to you your class-notes, articles from alumni and news from LUMS. I am sure you will enjoy reading this issue and learn more about the LUMS community.

This year the total number of LUMS alumni has reached to 4,500 which is a major milestone in the history of LUMS. In 2009, the Alumni Affairs Office focused on reaching out to the LUMS alumni community across the globe and has endeavoured to bring them closer to each other. We have established several new alumni chapters for this purpose. These chapters comprise of alumni volunteers who have worked really hard in bringing alumni closer in their respective regions. We appreciate their enthusiasm and commitment towards LUMS. In the current year several alumni reunions were arranged in New York, Seattle, Bay Area, Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. We also arranged the first ever 20-year reunion of MBA Class of 1988 in addition to 10-year reunions of other classes. This year we have introduced an alumni newsletter to keep you informed of the success stories of your fellow alums.

In 2010 LUMS will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. We will be arranging special events for alumni to celebrate this great occasion.

We are grateful to our alumni who have set up individual or collective endowment and scholarship funds at LUMS to ensure provision of quality educational opportunities to their successors. This year more than 600 alumni contributed to various initiatives at LUMS, making it a record. We anticipate that this number will grow in coming years. We have also started preliminary work on creating a university endowment fund with the help of alumni and friends of LUMS with the objective of making the institution self sustainable in a few years.

In the coming years we will be working closely with our alumni to create strong connections between alumni, students and faculty. The alumni can help us with mentoring and counseling of students, giving lectures, participating in seminars and workshops, facilitating fundraising, organizing networking events such as the grand homecoming weekend, reunions, etc. I will be happy to hear your ideas in this regard.

Let's work together to make the LUMS network stronger than ever!

Regards,

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Pro-Chancellor's Message

Dear Alumnus/a,

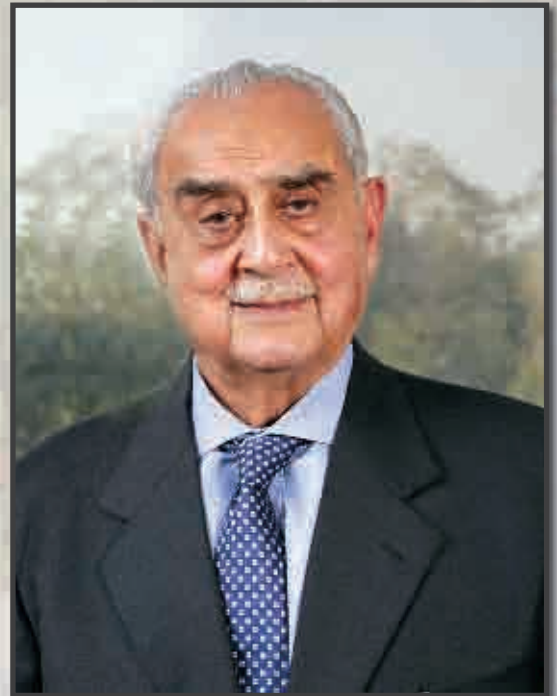
I want you to know that over the years you have been a source of great satisfaction for us and we are proud of your achievements. We always look forward to hearing about your progress in life and want you to share your experiences with us and also give us feedback on what you think should be done here at LUMS to make it better.

This is a dynamic time here at the University; many things are changing and we would like to share these new initiatives with you. We feel you should be engaged in the future development at LUMS.

At LUMS today we have a fairly solid base on which we can continue to improve our effort. We need your collaboration to make that happen.

Best wishes for your continued success,

Syed Babar Ali



Gearing LUMS for a Bright Future

By Risham Zaigham

The Alumni Annual team recently caught up with LUMS Vice Chancellor Dr. Ahmed Jan Durrani. What ensued was an interesting conversation about his decision to join LUMS, his impressions of the University and initiatives here, and of course, the personal implications of his professional choice. Read on!

Tell us a little about yourself and your decision to come to LUMS...

This has been the hardest decision I've ever made in my life. It's not easy to leave your family and career behind

and have your colleagues question your decision. But my reasons were not only professional; they were more to do with having a desire to help Pakistan. No question about it, it's a decision based on passion and gut feeling rather than any rational logic

that nothing else could justify that except you feel you must do it, it's your obligation towards the country and society and that's what brought me here. I have lived in the US for almost 35 years. My wife is a physician, she practices there and my son is a senior at Rice University. So all of us who are there essentially talk about doing something for Pakistan but nobody has the courage to do it and to me it was an epiphany that I need to be the first one if nobody else does it. Somebody has to start off. So it was a tough decision. LUMS had asked me five years ago and at that time I said no, and a



year ago they asked me again if I would join them. But this time, they presented it in a way that I should do this for the country, which made a compelling argument.

Speaking of where LUMS needs to be, there's a strong emphasis on research now, and what do you think is the reason for that shift?

I think a university aspiring to be a world class university cannot do so without really being an institution where new knowledge is created, where advancement of knowledge takes place, where path breaking research happens. Being a good education university is a pre-requisite but to be a great institution you must begin to create a scholarly environment and nurture the students, and advancement of knowledge must happen. Otherwise just being an educational institution, with time, the quality of instruction as well as the reputation of the university begins to deteriorate. Knowledge is developing so fast that unless you are part of that scholarly environment where you contribute to it and you build the capacity and the new generation of scientists who will develop that knowledge, the university will continue to fall behind and that would perhaps ill serve the nation because our problems are unique and we must solve and develop our own solutions and that can only be done if there's a capacity to address those problems through research.

Are there any specific initiatives that you feel alumni should be aware of?

Oh, there are. I have been here a year, and when I look back at what we have achieved during one

year, I kind of marvel at it myself. Change is not easy, particularly in Pakistan, where the inertia against change is huge. Especially when the mechanism to manage that change, especially the organisational mechanism, is missing. I can't help but commend my colleagues who have helped me manage that change. I would like to mention the financial health of the University. Let me recognize this upfront and address this issue. We had to tighten belts within the first three months of my coming here; we recognized that the University had financial deficit accumulating over the years, that we cannot afford to continue down that path without self destructing in the long run. So we institutionalized good fiscal practices meaning that we plugged wherever there was waste happening, we controlled some of the unnecessary operational as well as capital expenses, we revamped the budgeting process so that the budget is prepared with a view of the resources that are available to us rather than an open ended wish list and hoping that somebody will write a check for LUMS. So within the last one year we have not only reversed the trend of growing budget deficit but are hoping that within the next two years we'll bring it to zero and going forward we'll begin to build endowments which are so badly needed for LUMS. This will help manage our financial affairs in such prudent ways that hopefully we can put away some of the revenue that we generate for rainy days. I think that was one very important accomplishment that took a lot of time. Six months of my time were devoted to it.

My philosophy is that students are responsible, grownup and if we want to shape their minds as future leaders we need to give them responsibility and I have no doubt that they will rise up to it, and they have not disappointed me so far.

The second compelling matter at that time was that the three schools that we have, each school had its own incompatible policies, one is in a quarter system, the other is in a semester system, one is in modules, and because of that not only inefficiencies were happening, triplications were happening, each one having their own registrations and own admissions and own communications and marketing, but also it was ill serving the students. Because students could not take courses from one school to the other school, their vacations were not at the same time, the semester was ending at a different time, so that to me was an unacceptable way of managing the University. It is important that the focus must shift from three separate schools to really LUMS as a university, as a

whole, that students must be given the opportunity where consistent policies apply across all three schools. So we set about fundamentally to create one uniform calendar for the University and move to the semester based system. These are not easy changes. We worked very hard, many faculty members, even students and staff, they all played a role in it and we have moved to semester based system and things have settled down.

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And the third really was bringing this concept of residential colleges to LUMS. We need to think about the emotional health and physical wellbeing of students, advising system, their interaction with the faculty, etc. They are functioning as a community of students rather than individual students dealing with their own problems. All these essentially persuaded me to look at the model that I had been used to at Rice University and many other leading universities, the system of residential colleges. This means each college becomes a community of students; alive, well, and taking care of each other, where students take ownership of their own living spaces. With faculty and staff and this institution providing support to make their living places as attractive and as friendly as they want to be, and they should be self governed. There is a concept prevailing at many universities, that students cannot take responsibilities, administration has to make every decision for them. We have actually turned it upside down. My philosophy is that students are responsible, grownup and if we want to shape their minds as future leaders we need to give them responsibility and I have no doubt that they will rise up to it, and they have not disappointed me so far.

Over the years LUMS has produced very successful graduates. But most of them are in the corporate rather than the social sector or politics. Do you think that LUMS would want to focus on that in the future?

Absolutely. I cannot overemphasize that social responsibility and civic engagement must be part of the LUMS programme. There's a lot of potential for LUMS to provide service to society in a variety of ways, through either student organizations or as an institution serving the needs of the country at advisory level, or faculty providing technical expertise to the outside world. I think in the coming



years we will be emphasizing the issue of civic engagement and social responsibility here at LUMS and part of that has to do with elevating the stature of civic engagement and social responsibility in general.

Service to the society is fundamentally the responsibility of any institution that exists in a community and I think that burden is much higher for LUMS because LUMS being the leading institution in the country must provide leadership. It must provide that openness that its students when they graduate and go out, they can truly be leaders in triggering economic prosperity of society, being socially responsible citizens, in being the future policy makers of the country, and they take with them their core values that will serve the country in the coming years and those values include openness, tolerance, respect for each other, civility and a commitment to the betterment of society.

I'm hoping that we can encourage our students to engage in community projects. That's the best way not only to give back to the society, but also in a way to discover yourself and also to learn and become aware of what the real needs are, how ordinary people live. Many students come from very privileged classes, they come here, they live in a bubble, they go back, and they never really understand what the real issues are of the society. And having community projects as part of the education at LUMS I think would be a very desirable thing for their future.

How do you think LUMS expansion plans and the resources available go hand in hand?

I think except for SSE, LUMS is not growing very much, and it certainly can't because it's constrained by resources, the size of our faculty and

equally important, the residential capacity. At least half of our students come from outside Lahore and they must be accommodated and we don't have enough off campus housing, safe and secure housing in the neighbourhood like in many other countries, so we are constrained by that. So whatever growth that you're seeing here is simply the natural growth that has to occur, 5 – 7%. Many tell me that LUMS is growing too fast; the student body is growing too fast. This is not the case. All we are doing is adding the extra 200 students per year that are coming in SSE. So the growth is rather marginal and the thinking out there that LUMS is growing too rapidly is really not valid. The growth has to be sustainable.

Whenever you grow an institution you need resources, and there's always a feeling that those resources are being taken from one to give to another. That's how universities grow. After all, when the business school started there was investment made in the business school. When social sciences, humanities started, investment was made in that school. Now SSE has started, it requires a lot of investment.

As far as financing LUMS is concerned, we do rely on our alumni. What would that risk be if that support diminished?

LUMS alumni support LUMS in a variety of ways. It's not just in financial terms. I think they contribute in terms of ideas, minds, in terms of bringing knowledge to the institution, mentoring students, participating in its governance and of course the most direct and obvious way is through contributions. No institution can function and be successful and have new programmes and continue to grow without financial support of its alumni and other

benefactors. And I think and hope that LUMS alumni will not feel at some point that they do not need to give to LUMS for whatever reason whether LUMS has plenty of its own resources or they feel that LUMS is not quite rising up to their expectations, I think that would be a tragedy. Because LUMS does rely on its alumni for support, financial and otherwise, and it must continue to do so. The alumni have a lifelong relationship with their institution, and the institution has to do everything to continue to make the alumni proud of what is happening at their institution and I think LUMS has done well so far and I'm very confident that it will continue to make alumni proud.

On a more personal note, you've left your own family behind and your home for the past 35 years and that must come with its own set of challenges. Do you feel it's been worth it?

I honestly feel that it has been worth it. I cannot wait to get to my work every day in the morning. I almost work 7 days a week. Everybody leaves at 5, I work till 7 or 8, whatever time it takes partly because there's so much work to be done, and secondly because if I have left my family behind, I want to give my best to this institution, that every minute that I have goes towards building this institution. It does alienate people, that I'm so focused on work that I don't socialize with them, but I always tell them that every 5 minutes that I spend in non-productive social chitchat with them, I have taken that time out of my family time. And I would rather that time be put to use for what I'm here for. I have to say though, I hate to go back home in the evening. It's like saying hello to the house and the house says hello back to you and that's about it! And particularly the weekends are the hardest where I have to stay at home.

First impressions, surprises and realisations on joining LUMS

1. "What impressed me most was that LUMS was independent of the bureaucracy outside."
2. "I saw LUMS was really running strictly on merit. No one could question the integrity of LUMS."
3. "A pleasant surprise was how passionate and committed the faculty, staff and students were regarding LUMS. When students become alumni they recognize they had the best possible training in this country, and perhaps the best time of their life at this institution."
4. "There was a lack of emphasis on the total development of students and universities that have the privilege like LUMS to shape the leaders of the fu-

ture for this country have a responsibility beyond the classrooms."

5. "LUMS has been providing great instruction but is not engaged in solving national problems and issues. It almost feels like an island, a bubble disconnected from the realities of the society outside."
7. "The biggest surprise was that despite the strong outside perception, LUMS is not a rich institution."



This perception is hurting LUMS, because LUMS does not get any grants from the government as those grants come with strings attached. Tuition pays about half of the cost of educating a student, and the other half needs to be begged and borrowed. If it's small, it's manageable, but now that the University has grown to this size, the responsibility is much heavier. So something has to be compromised in order to continue to provide that subsidy."

8. "Being a world class university with a research mission, and at the same time remaining affordable and accessible, are conflicting goals and a very tall challenge for the University that we will continue to struggle with. I recognized right away when I arrived that long term financial planning of the University must be put at a high priority for the sake of the nation, society and students who want to come to LUMS."

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A Spiritual Approach to Success

By Sadaf Ahmed MS 2005

Life - at times an indefinable reality states events with crisp clarity. Clarity substantiated by visibility of direction and destination. At time it is haze in the foreground. The haze is caused by self created reality that is not real, that is not there, that is completely nonexistent, but the qalb signals the brain and it is all created. This self created creation, makes the visibility less visible and in this lower visibility life is treated. Decades are wasted in the haze of non existence as that so called reality does not mean anything substantial to LIFE. The almighty has created us humans as a part of nature, and has given us a certain role, in line with the Quran and life of prophet Muhammad (SAW) with crystal clear clarity, practicality and reality. The self created reality negating the above two makes humanity go around in circles like an animal. Our creator has made us to live as per His guidance and add value to the world, He has determined a deadline for us that comes as a surprise, giving us very less time to play our part in the world. Any deviation, mist or haze takes us away from our desired role. He wants us to think and reflect, create, innovate, enable and live a conscious life beyond just breathing life. Consciousness enables us to see beyond the apparent and find ways to unleash our potential and add to existing inventions of the world. Consciousness enables us to take full responsibility of our decisions rather than always blaming others. Consciousness make us start on the path of "SIRAT e MUSTAQIM", as per His guidance and His will.

Success also being a subjective statement has many connotations, success could be a great scientific discovery, an optimized high tech software, a painting, a book, a flower arrangement, a cheese cake, a good conversation or even a word of kindness. The ability to live out-

side our existence enables us to produce a higher quality output, be that our educational, professional, social or philanthropic endeavors. When we can see how others feel, when we can feel how it is to be without eyes, without legs, without a face and with cancer, schizophrenia or cardiac arrest.

When we can see how it feels without food and water, without a home and school and without healthcare and with internal dissatisfaction, brutal intentions and a camouflaged vision.

When we can feel how it is being with or without money with or without intellect, with or without the ability to reflect, with or without the ability to put us in the place of the other, with or without the ability to see the glass as half full, with or without a strong urge to add value to the world, with or without the thirst to please the Creator by consciously submitting and living as He wills.

We can see life being with or without essence. Happiness is the success of life, happiness in totality and reality creates more and more happy state of minds. A happy person is able to acknowledge the blessings of Allah from the reality of existence to the faculty of reflection. A happy person constantly works in the way of self improvement to the given benchmark, and constantly adds to the world by being there. His presence becomes the source of happiness for many in the world.

In the pursuit of happiness we constantly ask Allah for his guidance and we ask "Allah please make me worth being a human, make me worthy of being YOUR creation, enable me to live beyond the ordinary, please enable me to be an 'abud' be a 'mutaqi'. Ameen"



Success in Life

By Sabqat Mansoor MBA 2006

I get invited to speak to students as part of my work, and I like to start off with an analogy. I tell them to imagine a man who hires a cab, pays the cabbie in advance, but then tells him to proceed to the destination without getting in himself. They find the example amusing, but my intention really is to share a life lesson with them. Let's come back to that in a while.

Life is a beautiful gift, and a responsibility. Not understanding how to make the best of this is too big a loss, akin to rolling out your most important new brand at work sans any research. We find ourselves focusing on just one of its many dimensions, usually a professional career where we are stupefied by the associated monetary rent or salary. However in the process we overlook the many intangible but highly valuable benefits that other 'dimensions' of life have to offer.

Think about it. Some of the choices we end up making are suboptimal, to say the least. Our parents, for example, are the only people we will ever have in our lives who love us more than themselves, but we see them less than we see our co-workers at work. There is much value to be derived from

being with them. Consider also the case of our spouses, and our children, who face a similar treatment at the supposedly justified excuse of our deadlines and schedules.

Spiritual contentment is a third dimension that also takes the back seat. There are important questions that demand reflection, such as where we are coming from and where we are going. In fact they are also enlightening, and can lead to true self-discovery. There are numerous other dimensions that stay unexplored also; there is so much to learn, so much to see, so much to do, so many people to get to know and appreciate. Not as an afterthought, not as a guilt laden 'time off from work', but as our clear right as human beings yearning for a fulfilling life.

My final contention is that these dimensions do not have to be lived in separate silos. There are overlaps that one could learn to value. For example in the work place, focus on developing what I call 'life skills' side by side with your other trainings. These life skills include how to communicate better, how to resolve conflicts better, and how to be a dependable team player. These traits will benefit you in your career, and you will


take them home with you to your families, to your marriage, and to your children.

We are usually able to keep putting this off, and to ignore this fact till we reach the 'other side of the hill'. One is truly successful when one is happy and satisfied not just in the 'today' when one is young and everything is a daze, but also in the 'tomorrow'. Adding depth to how we spend our lives today is an investment in the future far more valuable than any material assets we put away for retirement.

It is time now to wrap up the analogy at the start. The cab really symbolizes our life, and the example is meant to remove unnecessary confusion from the view and present a simple and clear picture. Let us resolve to not let life pass us by just like the cab. The remedy, once again, is really quite simple. We actively need to learn to 'balance'. With a little effort, we can experience how valuable and enriching a life that is enriched by multiple dimensions would be.

The Passion Run

By Ayesha Ali Khan Bsc 2007

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a golden key. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the fingers wrapped around the key's stem. The key is held vertically, pointing upwards. The background is a clear, bright blue sky with some light clouds. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the skin and the metallic sheen of the key.

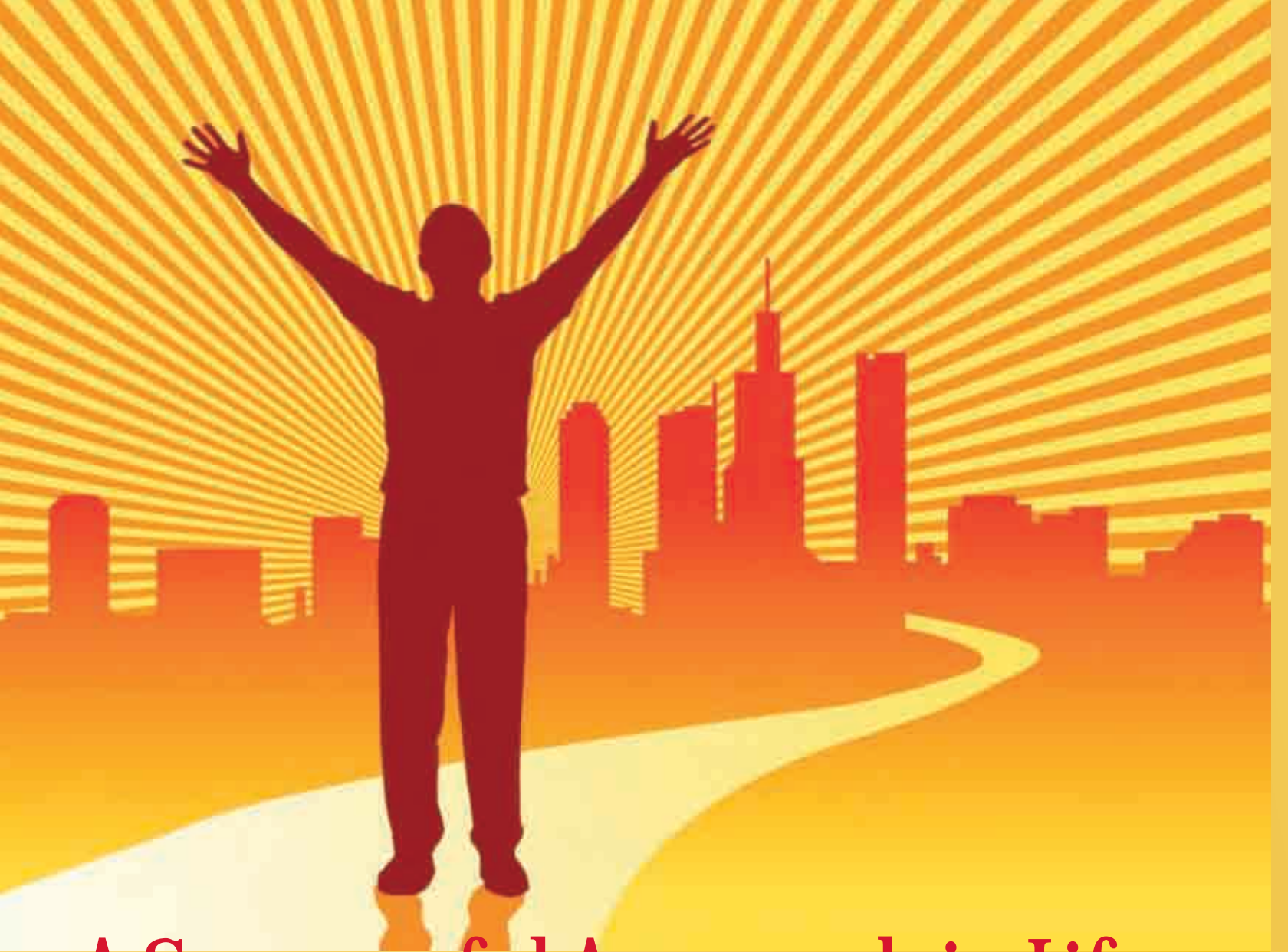
Remember how our parents always bring up stories about how relaxed, carefree and interesting life used to be. I cannot help but agree with them now. It seems, the more the global market place continues to grow, the more interest people continue to lose in what they do. People now define life as a static, perpetual routine of daily mechanical tasks. They seem devoid of any motivation and enthusiasm.

Every day, millions start their day with the sole intention of grudging it through the eight hours in robotic mode. This could not be any more evident than during the weekly traditions of Friday lunches in my native land. Friday lunches bring out a large population of young corporate executives. They converge in diversified groups where a very popular topic is the one sentence question, 'how's work going?' The most common answer seems to be that work is work. People simply cannot find anything special to say about their work. Are we all this bored with something we spend our most productive hours on? Yet at the same time, my peers are quick to measure their success by aligning it to the amount of their paycheck.

I am not being hypocritical; I am part of this very same group as well. But I would certainly like to change this. I think my brain cells are rotting away by simply being under the illusion that my current job description is failing to stimulate any creative thinking. No, this is not my success. Rather it is my failure. An old Chinese saying states that real interest is the key to success. Absence of interest in what you do would make everything a mere obligation which will only end up killing any motivation and drive to grow. There are times when a person needs to take charge of situations. This applies to one's employment. Either you can cave in and simply take things as they are and be happy with your limited success. Or you can turn things around and find success by being passionate about what you do.

I believe we are all hidden geniuses with unique talents and we all possess an inherent passion which just needs to be unleashed. I know it is easy said than done. But that is the beauty of young age. This is the time to go knocking on every door and try opening as many windows as possible. Each may hold a different outcome. But success is having the passion to take all these risks to reach the ultimate goal. Take this spirit and go for gold at your work place. Even if a boss holds you down, stand your ground and find a way around. Go ahead, be passionate and make your own corporate success story. Everybody backs a winner. The good thing is that this ideology can be applied to your professional life as well as personal.

So whether you are looking for corporate success, by coming up with the next big idea or even starting a revolution, or divulging in some personal glory, make sure you continue to dance with passion and determination along the way.



A Successful Approach in Life

By Ayaz ul Hassan Khan MS CS 2003

“Success doesn’t mean the absence of failures; it means the attainment of ultimate objectives. It means winning the war, not every battle.”

Edwin C. Bliss

It is human nature to compare; we define:

- something as beautiful by knowing something ugly
- something is good in smell by knowing the bad smell
- something is right by knowing the wrong

Similarly, talking about success stories without highlighting the failures contained within is worthless. As Shiv Khera, mentioned in his book [1]:

“Failure is the highway to success”

Tom Watson Sr. said,

“If you want to succeed, double your failure rate”.

If you study history, you will find that all stories of success are also stories of great failure. But people don’t see the failures. They only see one side of the picture and they say that person got lucky:

“He must have been at the right place at the right time”.

Let's take an example of a man's life history who:

failed in business at the age of 21
was defeated in a legislative race at the age of 22
failed in business again at the age of 24
lost the love of his life at the age of 26
had a nervous breakdown at the age of 27
lost a congressional race at the age of 34
lost a senatorial race at the age of 45
failed to become vice-president at the age of 47
lost a senatorial race again at the age of 49
and was elected the president of the United States of America at the age of 52!

The man was none other than Abraham Lincoln!

The question hence, before us is that would you call him a failure? He could have quit but he did not for to Lincoln, defeat was a detour and not a dead end. Similarly, we can easily find out great failure stories in every person whom we know to be successful. Some examples are:

1. Thomas Edison: he failed approximately 10,000 times while was working on the light bulb.
2. Henry Ford: the guy was broke at the age of 40.
3. Lee Lacocca: he was fired by Henry Ford II at the age of 54.
4. Colonel Sanders: he had to knock on more than a thousand doors before he got his first order.

All of the above examples show that every successful person focuses on their wants instead of the outcomes which they get for their immediate actions. They think long term instead of short term.

We can easily find the following qualities in every successful person:

1. Desire
2. Commitment
3. Responsibility
4. Hard work
5. Character
6. Positive Believing
7. Give More Than You Get

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9. Pride of Performance
10. Be Willing to Be a Student – Get a Mentor

Now the question is that how we can develop such qualities in ourselves. For this, Stephen R. Covey makes our work easy to remarkably gather the seven habits of the persons having above qualities in his book "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People". I recommend to the readers of this article to read that book in detail and try to practice these habits in their daily life. It is a nice tool to bring a change in our life. Following are the seven habits that Stephen identified by his research [2]:

1. Be Proactive: Principles of Personal Vision
2. Begin with the End in Mind: Principles of Personal Leadership
3. Put First Things First: Principles of Personal Management
4. Think Win/Win: Principles of Interpersonal Leadership
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood: Principles of Empathetic Communication
6. Synergize: Principles of Creative Cooperation
7. Sharpen the Saw: Principles of Balanced Self-Renewal

By analyzing the above examples, qualities of a successful person and habits which they should have, we can conclude that for a successful approach in life, we should focus on our wants instead of intermediate results that we get and keep a clear vision that is the picture of the future which we want to see. A clear vision provides us the following functions:

1. It gives us direction.
2. A vision greatly reduces the risk of realizing the worst case scenarios in life.
3. It helps us in our day to day decision making.
4. It gives us motivation.
5. It helps us fight adversity.
6. If we don't have a clear vision, we risk becoming the instrument of an undesired vision.
7. It helps us select some of our roles.

"You can and should shape your own future; because if you don't someone else surely will."

Joel Barker



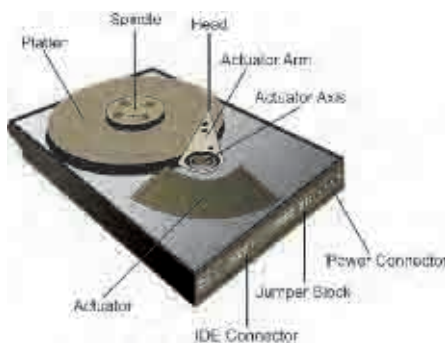
How to Survive a Hard Drive Crash?!

By Muhammad Yousuf Bawany MS 2003

People say that when you die, your whole life flashes in front of your eyes, all the things you will miss, all the moments, good and bad, which you will never re-live. Believe it or not, a hard drive crash is an equally distressful source of emotional trauma, especially for us techies, who live, speak, breathe and sometimes even laugh (yes, I'm referring to the sick IT jokes we crack all the time – all pun intended) in cyber-babble. Give me a choice between going to a wild forest with a laptop for one day and a day without it, and I will gladly go to the forest. As long as my fingers are caressing the keyboard lovingly, I am on cloud nine – does not matter if I get back with a missing limb or two! You get the point, right? Our entire existence, be it family photos, important

work documents or our precious software collection – everything is lost in a single heart-shattering, mind-numbing instant.

Before we get into the technical details of a crash, let us analyze the basic internal structure of a hard drive first. For the scope of this ar-



ticle, we shall be focusing on four components only, namely the **plat-**

ter, the **spindle**, the **head** and the **actuator**. The **platter** is where the data is stored magnetically. The **spindle** spins the platters based on the location on the drive from which data needs to be read. The component that actually performs the reading and writing of data is the **head**, which hovers in the air above the platters, without making contact. The **actuator** is the motor-mechanism that positions the head to the specific area where data is to be read from or written to. All this spinning and positioning is controlled by a software that resides within a chip on the hard drive, commonly known as the 'firmware'. Now that you sort of understand how this contraption works, let us get into the crash-related details.

Unlike popular belief, you CAN actually survive a hard drive crash. Unfortunately, most of us are unaware as to how this feat can be accomplished. There are four main types of drive failures in general, with different causes. We will discuss each one and see how these issues can be rectified.

1. Corrupted Firmware

Each hard drive has some relevant software information that is stored within the hard drive itself, usually on a chip. This software or firmware, as we like to call it, enables the drive to perform its intended functions, i.e. read in-

formation and write data to it. This problem occurs when there is an issue with the hard drive firmware provided by the drive manufacturer. If the platters on your drive are spinning but the system is unable to recognise or incorrectly identify the drive parameters, then you most probably have this problem. This problem is the rarest form of a hard drive crash and it occurs in specific drive models.

In order for you to recover your data from such a crash, you have two options. First, you can go to any computer store and ask for a hard drive-to-USB connector. These connectors vary for different drive types, i.e. IDE, SATA and SCSI. Connect your drive to your computer with this connector and see if the system is able to detect

the drive. In Windows XP, right-click on the My Computer, (no, not MY computer, YOUR computer), icon and click on Manage. On the resulting window, go to the left-most panel and select Storage Disk Management. If your partitions are showing there, it means that your drive has been detected and has been loaded as part of your Removable Hardware. Feel free to browse these partitions and salvage whatever you want to.

If this fails, then you have to take your hard drive to a data recovery lab, where qualified technicians will do some low-level reprogramming of your firmware and hopefully give you a fault-free hard drive.

2. Electronic Failure



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that it just appears to be dead when you connect it to a power source; no spinning, no clicking sounds, just a deathly silence. A power surge knocks out the controller board, which is the brain behind the hard drive operation, and you are therefore unable to even detect it on your computer.

In the good old days, it was possible to repair such a drive by swapping the on-board circuitry with that of a similar drive. Well, not anymore! Advances in data storage technologies allow manufacturers to make drives that use quite a bit of advanced encryption and proprietary micro-coding. So to fix these, we need some special people who have an in-depth knowledge of electronics, can detect problem areas on the circuit and know how to wield a soldering iron.

3. Hardware Failure

If your hard drive suffered hardware failure, then it is totally your problem – the blame is on you! Want to try this out yourself? Just drop your laptop while it is still running and you will probably have a

hard-ware failure on your drive. Now you know what causes it. Let us take a look into how these can be detected and rectified. Drives with hardware failure give out an unmis-

takable click when they start – hardware technicians call this the “Tick of Death”. Unlike electrical failure, where there is a problem with the electrical circuit, a drive with a mechanical fault has problems with its movable parts, namely the head or the spindle. In a lot of such cases, the circuit on such drives is intact.

Data recovery for such drives, (again), requires specialized help. The hard drive needs to be opened up in a particle-free environment, since a small particle can make scratches on the platter if lodged within the head. From the “hard drive internals” discussion earlier, you should be able to recall that there are two main mechanical components within a drive: (a) the spindle for platter-rotation, and (b) the actuator for head positioning.

The general procedures for such a failure include spindle or head replacement, depending upon which part has gone bad.

4. Logical Failure

Logical drive failures are often either the easiest or the most difficult to deal with, ranging from simple errors such as incorrect file-allocation entries or complex phenomena

including file system corruption.

These are caused by old-age (everything dies eventually, right?), viruses, and some other unknown causes. Data retrieval can be simple or complex, depending upon what happened to your drive.

In some cases, data recovery can be done using off-the-shelf tools including R-Studio, Recover My Files and Get Data Back, but sometimes, if the whole file system is corrupted, you might not be able to retrieve any data from your drive – this one is the silent-but-deadly attacker and



Living with Everlasting Memories

By Sheikh Taimur Nawaz MBA 2003

I went through an unfortunate tragedy and trauma on December 23, 2006. It was Saturday and I was asleep when I was woken up to take a phone call from the Foreign Office (my father was working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad, Pakistan). I was told by my father's assistant to rush to the Services Hospital as my father had had a severe heart attack. I was all alone at home and raced to the hospital where doctors were trying their best to save his life. I could not even gather enough courage to ask my father's colleagues about his condition. Finally I took a deep breath and asked one of my father's old friends about his condition. He hugged me and told me my father had just expired. I could not believe my ears, my father was the most energetic man on the planet; he was physically fit, working day and night and traveling half the month with heads of states and attending to the

visiting dignitaries. He was just 61 and I do not recall even a single incident where he had to go to the hospital as he was in great shape.

I am a very emotional person and now I had to be strong. I distinctly remember that I suddenly got some sort of super power and patience as I did not even shed a single tear. I started calling my relatives but I was not sure how to reveal this tragedy to my mother and of course, my only sibling (my sister who was married a few years ago and was supposed to visit our place on Saturday evening along with my niece and nephew). After informing a few close relatives, I finally called my mother and sister and informed them of his death. On hearing this news, my mother literally collapsed and fainted and I could hear my sister burst into tears. It was simply unbelievable for everyone as nobody could even reconcile

with this shocking news.

When I reached home along with my father's body in the ambulance, I saw the foreign minister sitting in the lawn. He hugged me and I suddenly came out of numbness, realized my father had died and started crying. The rest of my family was by my side. It was a horrible scene and I still feel that it's unreal. It's been over two years and I have not been able to come to terms with this tragedy.

The funeral was led by the foreign secretary and scores of people kept coming to our place for condolences. I still recall there were lots of beautiful wreaths from his friends from the Army, Foreign Office and from the president as well. I distinctly remember that the religious cleric who led the funeral prayers said at the graveyard, "I do not know this man but



the huge number of people who attended the funeral and what I have heard from them is incredible and he must have been blessed by God in heavens". It was a great honour as the prime minister personally came to our place for condolences. He paid rich tributes and remembered my father in beautiful words. There was a special reference at the Foreign Office and my father was remembered in great words and I really felt honoured to be his son. After his death, I started receiving condolences from literally across the globe from our embassies abroad.

A week after my father's death I got a call from the Foreign Office and I was asked to visit my late father's office to sort out personal stuff. It was such a painful moment as it took me almost three hours to sort out official and personal belongings of my father. There I discovered that I did not know a lot about my father. There is a rule that whenever you get a gift on your foreign visit or from any visiting foreign dignitary, since you are getting that gift in official capacity, you are supposed to get it evaluated from one of the government's ministries and in case the gift is above pre-defined thresh-

old in terms of value then you have to pay some percentage to retain it otherwise you will deposit it with the government. My father followed this rule religiously and it speaks a lot about his ethics and honesty.

My father had a yearly planner and I was astonished to see his organization at work. He had a very hectic routine and he was traveling a lot but even then I saw notes on his planner such as 'Call Hadeel (one of my cousins) for regrets for not attending marriage function'. I was told by my father's assistants at the office that he used to regularly distribute his official gifts amongst his office staff and they loved his gesture. It was such a beautiful feeling to see my father had maintained separate folders in his personal cabinet with certificates of my sister and myself.

There are a lot of memories worth mentioning that are now extremely precious to me. My father was very fortunate as I used to hear great things about him during his lifetime because of his impeccable reputation and it's still the same.

Once I was abroad on a business trip to Bangkok, Thailand and my father arranged a

driver and car at the airport to drop me at the hotel. For this, he obviously called Pakistani embassy in Bangkok. I called the gentleman at the embassy twice to thank him for this gesture - once I got dropped at the hotel and also when I was departing back to Islamabad, Pakistan. The gentleman at our Pakistani embassy in Bangkok wrote a letter back to my father praising me for my good manners. I remember my father came back from office extremely happy and said, "Read this letter son, I am really proud of you". There was extreme happiness on his face. I saw the same letter filed in the personal cabinet in personal folder that my father had maintained in his office. I found it when I was sorting out personal stuff in his office after his death. I now realize how happy it would have made him and it was his extreme passion for me that the letter of appreciation was of such value to him that he made it a point to file it in a folder as something very special.



Another time I bought a blue and white striped tie for my father and asked him to wear it when he went to the Oval Office as he was visiting the USA as a state guest with the Pakistani delegation. I mentioned this very casually. But I still recall distinctly that I was sitting with my mother watching television and tuned in to the news channel and I noticed that he was wearing the same tie. Now whenever I see that tie in my cupboard I am reminded of my father.

Once I was having discussion with my father on various professions. Apart from many valuable comments, he mentioned something that I still remember when he said that one could earn money easily with brains and good luck but it takes ages to earn a good reputation whereby you are respected as an honorable and credible person.

My father lived a very eventful and humble life. A lot of people know and have seen him on television, in newspapers, with high profile dignitaries and heads of states but he lived a very humble life. Even today when I go to some market, a shopkeeper would remember him as a cheerful man, a butcher in one of the meat shops cherishes times he spent while having tea with him in early mornings on Sundays at the shop, the chef and waiters at the Islamabad Club still recall my father's personal touch with them as he always enquired about their

families, the baggage handlers at the airport have lots of respect for my father and of course my father's staff at the Foreign Office who are still in touch with me and remember my father in great words as a great individual, a real mentor and competent professional. And the list goes on.

Now he is no more, but wherever I go I hear beautiful stories about him as a person and people have high expectations from me as he had set great traditions.

I miss him almost every day and of course on a lot of occasions like on my birthdays, the day I got promoted, on family reunions, on my marriage ceremony etc. But I am really proud to be his son as I get respect wherever I go and I have everlasting memories to cherish.

My father breathed his last on Saturday, December 23, 2006 in the early hours. Just a week earlier on Friday December 15, 2006, he performed Umrah and called me from Makkah after jumma prayers telling me that he had offered a lot of prayers. He was a fortunate man since Allah granted him with an opportunity to visit the Holy Kaabah a few days prior to his death. May God bless his beautiful soul with eternal peace. (Ameen)

My father is my role model and I always pray to God to give me courage and strength to be-

come a good human being just like him. He was truly a great professional, humble, selfless and honest man, a father one would dream of, a good son, a true friend, an inspiration for the family. My mother remembers him as her best friend and their relationship was filled with lots of love and beautiful gestures.

He was truly my hero.



SDSB

Update

Lakson Tobacco MBA Scholarship

Lakson Tobacco Company has generously given a scholarship fund of PKR 1,335,000 to the Suleman Dawood School of Business. This fund will be used to set up three full tuition fee scholarships for students of the MBA program for ten years. The SDSB is thankful to the Lakson Tobacco Management and our alumni working there for making this possible and opening much needed doors for the deserving and talented MBA students.

Social Enterprise Development Centre (SEDC)

SEDC is proud to share the recent successful efforts made by the entire team; the center obtained a grant of US\$68,000.00 from the Citi Foundation and United Ways in support of the Management Development Training Programme for Microfinance Institutions. This one year funding will open future opportunities for SEDC in the area of Microfinance.

SEDC also recently obtained a grant of US\$250,000.00 from the Packard Foundation, USA. The funding by the Packard Foundation entails that the SEDC shall publish 12 cases on RH issues in Pakistan as a casebook, train 30 health sector executives and 45 health sector managers under the

Leadership Development Training Programme.

Other activities undertaken by SEDC



include a workshop on Health Enterprises Leadership Management (HELP), Leadership Development Training Program for Afghan NGO Managers, and CSR 2009 – a round-



table conference on corporate social responsibility. For more information about SEDC's ongoing and future programmes please visit

<http://sedc.org.pk/portal/index.php>

CMER Data Resources (CDR)

The Centre for Management and Economic Research (CMER) has set up CMER Data Resources (CDR). CDR is an online, public-use repository of data resources developed to facilitate socio-economic research in Pakistan.

CDR is a collection of datasets from both the public and the private sector of Pakistan. These comprise of micro-data from government surveys, financial and provincial development statistics and LUMS surveys. About 65 datasets pertaining to millions of households and individuals and accompanying documentation in the form of questionnaires, code books, read-me files and section-wise description of datasets are currently available to the LUMS community in a user-friendly format on the website <http://cmer.lums.edu.pk/drc/index.php>

This data is a valuable source to produce original research in various disciplines by employing thousands of data points across provinces and across districts. In the coming years, CMER aims to reach out to a broader audience by making these datasets accessible to the general spectrum of academics.

Raising Executive Development Center (REDC)

This year REDC explored new grounds by successfully launching and delivering eight new open enrollment programs in the areas of Finance, Operations, Education, Information Technology and Brand Management. For more information about these and other programmes offered by REDC please visit <http://redc.lums.edu.pk/>

Entrepreneurship & SME Centre (ESMEC)

ESMEC in partnership with UNDP conducted a training programme on the 'Competitiveness of Garments Industry in Pakistan'. Other workshops held under ESMEC include 'Entrepreneurship – is it for me?' by Dr. Muhammad Azam Roomi from the University of Bedfordshire, UK. ESMEC also conducted a seminar on 'Role of Business Schools in Development Entrepreneurship and Small & Medium Enterprises'. For more details about upcoming ESMEC activities please visit <http://ravi.lums.edu.pk/enterprise/>

The MBA Placement Office (MPO)

With the vision of catering to the many needs of MBA students and to effectively cater to the fierce and dynamic corporate world, a separate placement office dedicated solely for the business graduates, the MBA Placement Office (MPO) was established in April 2009 under the supervision of Zainab Nawaz (MBA 2004). To realize this vision, the Marketing Department of Suleman Dawood School of Business was merged with MPO. From its initial onset, MPO is targeting a focused, sector wise approach. Officers in the MPO team are dedicated to one or more industries, working closely with faculty and

alumni. The MPO team is further augmented by the joining of Mr. Shehryar Ali Shah (MBA 1991) in an advisory role. Mr. Shehryar helped induce both the alumni and employer perspective to the placement activities and guided graduates in their job search through a realistic and practical framework. Mr. Shehryar continues to provide his expertise to both our office and the students.

Despite the adverse financial conditions, MPO has been instrumental in successful placements of its graduates. More than 70% of the class has already secured employment. Moreover, these opportunities have elevated the average salary bar against that of last year. In terms of internships, 100% success was achieved well within the deadline of the six weeks internship requirement.

To provide a career platform exclusively for the MBA graduates, MPO has taken several new initiatives. The MPO weekly newsletter is a highly interactive channel to keep the students apprised and involved in all its recruitment activities and processes. Other initiatives include sector wise Networking Nights and Alumni Sessions, workshops for professional and personal grooming of the students, MPO Corporate Visits, Mock Interviews by alumni, MPO Recruiter's Guide and MBA Profile CDs.

MPO is seeking maximum alumni involvement in all these initiatives. The initiative of alumni sessions is specially planned for this purpose. We will be inviting senior alumnus from different industries to give exclusive talk to the MBA graduates on the market situation and future trends in their particular sectors. We request you to contact us for the alumni sessions and mock interviews. We are positive that through your involvement and support, the MBA Place-

ment Office will be able to further enhance and sustain the LUMS MBA edge in the market, both in terms of academic excellence and professionalism.

To contact the MPO please write directly to zainabn@lums.edu.pk or call at +92-42-35608178

SDSB Marketing Department

Like every year, the SDSB Marketing Department is planning to conduct information sessions for prospective students in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. SDSB will also be participating in the GETEX Expo in Bahrain (31st Oct – 2nd Nov, 09). We welcome our alumni from all over the world to give their feedback and suggestions about colleges and universities in their respective countries where we may send our promotional material. Please send your feedback to zainabn@lums.edu.pk

SDSB Fundraising Department

The SDSB Fundraising Department has been set up to meet the growing expansion and research demands of the school. It has recently launched its first fundraising campaign 'The SDSB Promise; Inspiring Business Excellence'. The focus of the campaign is to mobilize people and monetary resources for the next stage of the School's growth. Funds include, but are not limited to, student scholarships, faculty research and naming opportunities for the SDSB building and academic chairs. The school aims to enter the next phase of growth with these endowments. The campaign aims to collect USD 50 million over the next five years.

We look up to our alumni for their support and encouragement to ensure that SDSB continues to foster talent which will transform the

students admitted to SDSB in to the leaders of tomorrow. Your dedication is critical for us to achieve the goals of this campaign. We urge you to participate in the successful realization of this vision by way of generous support and valuable donations. Please make your donations by visiting <http://sdsb.lums.edu.pk/>

Correction

The Battle of Minds (BOM) competition was organized by Pakistan Tobacco Company. We apologize for the mistake in the last edition of the newsletter.

In memory of Dr Naim Sipra

I had the privilege of knowing Dr Naim Sipra for over twenty years. In my long association with him as a colleague and friend, I found him to be an



immensely deep thinker, extremely bright scholar, remarkably principled administrator and an enormously kind person. With his passing, the Suleman Dawood School of Business, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) has lost one of its finest Professors.

Naim Sipra earned his MBA and PhD in Finance, both from the University of Texas at Austin. During his graduate studies, he worked as an Instructor from 1980 to 1984 at the University of Texas at Austin. Upon graduation in 1984, he joined the University of Colorado at Boulder as Assistant Professor. In 1988, he joined the Graduate School of Business at LUMS as Associate Professor of Finance. He earned his rank of

Professor of Finance in 1998 and remained active at LUMS until his passing away on 30 June, 2009.

Dr Sipra offered a range of courses in Finance including advanced courses in Corporate Finance, Investments and International Finance. His publications include "Statistical Tests of Stochastic Process Models used in the Financial Theory of Insurance Companies" coauthored with Patrick L. Brockett, Robert C. Witt, Boaz Golany and Xiaohua Xia, published in *Insurance: Mathematics and Economics* (May 1996) and "Linearity and Gaussianity of Interest Rate Data: an Empirical Time Series Test," (with Patrick L. Brockett), published in *Actuarial Science* (January 1987). In addition, he wrote numerous working papers including "Does Internal Diversification Really Pay: Evidence from Pakistan", "Market Efficiency of the Karachi Stock Exchange", "Role of Movable Property as Collateral in Pakistan", and "Implementing Completely Monotonic Stochastic Dominance: The Case of Mutual Fund Performance" coauthored with Alex Whitmore.

Professor Sipra was Director of the Case Research Centre (CRC) from 1997 - 2009, and founding Editor of the *Asian Journal of Management Cases (AJMC)* from 2003 - 2009. He was instrumental in launching AJMC, which aimed to provide high quality subject material to academics, consultants and management developers through cases and research on management practices in the socio-economic context of Asian countries. Dr Sipra was very excited about the response that AJMC received and he worked very hard to encourage quality submissions from developing Asian countries. He was a strong advocate of the case method form of teaching and wrote and supervised over 50 cases in the area of finance. Earlier, he served as Tech-

nical Editor for the *Journal of Marketing* from 1983 - 1984 and as the Director of the Lahore Stock Exchange from 1997 - 2001.

Indeed, a loss of human life is always a very painful experience. The experience becomes shocking when someone dies young, and traumatic when that someone is a good friend or family. I am taking this opportunity to thank Naim Sipra for being a good colleague and a wonderful friend. Naim has left behind a legacy of humane, selfless, kindhearted, and professional behaviour. In his untimely passing, he has reminded us of our mortality and shed light on what are the important things in life. Indeed, he has left a deep impression on the people who got to know him well. I only hope I can emulate some of his noble attributes. Also, I offer my profound condolences to the Sipra family especially his wife, Mrs Sonia Sipra. May God bless his soul and provide strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss - Amen

In order to celebrate his lifelong accomplishments to the academic community, the Suleman Dawood School of Business has launched a Dr Naim Sipra Scholarship Fund. The school also plans to organize a seminar in the academic year 2009-10 to honour his academic accomplishments. As one of the founding faculty of LUMS, Dr Naim Sipra has left a profound mark on many aspects of the university. Naim, my friend, you are going to be deeply missed.

Dr. Shaukat Brah

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Dr Naim Sipra -- A LUMS icon

The true meaning and spirit of great institutions gets symbolized in some icons – the people that give true meaning and life to the otherwise meaningless institutions. Dr Naim Sipra is such an icon who symbolized in a very unique way what LUMS stands for.

Since the time when he came to LUMS as a candidate for a faculty position to the time of his untimely death, Naim was a true symbol of what LUMS stands for: Merit, Integrity, Academic Freedom, Diversity, Tolerance and Excellence. On many challenging occasions, he stood like a rock (or anchor, as our Pro Chancellor described him when he was joining LUMS) to uphold these values. From his commitment to developing very high quality cases, to his devotion to rigor, to his high standards and expectations from students, and caring attitude towards all his students, Naim was a role model teacher. Over my more than twenty years of association with Naim as a colleague, I found him to be an extremely likeable person – one who would forgive others on matters that affected him personally, but at the

same time take a firm principled stance on institutional issues, even at the risk of confronting his close colleagues. He was not a man of many words, but whatever he spoke would bring immense value. As Vice Chancellor LUMS, I entrusted Naim with several onerous tasks of heading inquiry committees to sift through divergent and complex perspectives. On each occasion, he was able to dissect the issues with his sharp and critical approach. And he did all this without losing his smile.

It is individuals like Dr Naim - meticulous, extremely professional, highly committed, and compassionate to everyone- that make institutions. LUMS was extremely fortunate to have him as part of faculty for over 20 years. His untimely death has left a huge void. Naim was one of those individuals who in their quiet and unpretentious way help build institutions. He never sought attention or glamour but helped define the meaning of passion and commitment.

An unsung hero, one who gave credit rather than grab it from others,

Naim was a true gentleman and man of principles. May his soul rest in eternal peace, he is no more with us but the impact that he left behind on LUMS and hundreds of students will live for a very long time.

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Dr Ejaz Nabi

Talks About

The Big Issues

By Risham Zaigham

Dr Ejaz Nabi has been the Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (SHSSL) since last year but his involvement with LUMS goes back almost two decades. In this interview he talks about the evolution of SHSSL, the popularity of social sciences in Pakistan and the challenges and opportunities of alumni leaving Pakistan.

Tell us about the SHSSL and how it has evolved.

When the undergraduate programme started at LUMS in the nineties, it was still in its formative stages, offering economics and a mixed bag of social sciences. Now, we have three departments and about 60% of the students and 60 faculty members are in SHSSL. The Economics Department has grown to become the best in the country. The Humanities and Social Sciences Department is a huge establishment in the Pakistani context offering three new majors starting this year; anthropology/sociology, political science, and the remaining humanities and social sciences.

At present, LUMS is only known for its teaching platform and not seen as a research institution even though we have lots of faculty members who are doing very interesting research. We are setting up a multi disciplinary research centre to be launched in October this year. This centre will focus on five themes which are poverty; prosperity and social justice; regionalism and globalisation; institutional capability, transparency and accountability; and environment and heritage. A cross cutting theme to support these five will be the theme of culture. The kind of research our faculty has been doing the past five years fits very nicely under these broad themes. So I'm encouraging faculty to come together- lawyers and economists, historians and political scientists. We are thinking of research without necessarily seeking outside funding. We're in the process of restructuring our programme so that we will offer selected seniors an eight credit research paper, which will be a joint publication with a faculty member and focus on a topic from one of the five themes. Every year will have a theme. This year it is poverty.

We want everybody to start thinking about the big issues in the country. When I say we, I mean the leadership team of the school which is the three heads of departments, the senior professors and I, and we're going to bring in the student body.



So that's where we are, we've been quite successful and we've been fortunate to have this wonderful campus but bricks and mortar aren't the only things that make a university fantastic. It is the quality of faculty that is key, because if the quality of faculty is good, you will attract good students. A large part of time goes into recruiting faculty. The political situation in the country, especially the security situation, has not helped last year. It's not been easy, but we are fortunate to have a very good basis to build on and we continue to attract faculty, people who have recently finished their PhDs in good universities. It's been a little harder to get senior faculty than the younger people. But we'll keep trying and hope that the situation in Pakistan will improve.

Have you seen an increasing trend towards the pursuit of a social sciences education?

Now that I've been here for a year, I can see for myself that there has been an increase in demand from the students and parents for the Social Sciences. In fact it constitutes a very large intake here because people want their children to study anthropology, sociology, and economics.

There are very few places in the world that give you the kind of tangible access to history like Lahore and Pakistan. For us, not to be studying history doesn't make sense. The most

eminent historian of this country, Ayesha Jalal, a professor at Tufts University, has agreed to come and spend six months here starting in January 2010 to help us develop the history programme. I am hoping that in the future we'll be able to offer history as a major as well.

Students want to learn these subjects because they are seeking a framework for looking at the world around them. I'm extremely encouraged.



Now more than ever, people worry about whether their degrees are helpful further on in life. As far as employers are concerned with degrees, other than the usual technical ones, do you think there's going to be a change in that attitude?

Increasingly, the trend in the corporate world is to take people who have a very good grounding in the broader Social Sciences at the first degree level. Accounting and finance cannot be the only way you look at the world; it's a very limited view. So I'm delighted that Pakistani parents are willing to spend what it costs to send their child to LUMS for their child to develop that framework we talked about.

Our corporate world still has to rise and shine. But the global corporate world is not so narrow-minded. So we'll have to educate our corporate world!

Talking about LUMS alumni, what can people do on an individual level to make a difference?

This is a very difficult question. Look, what we shouldn't try to do is prepare a blueprint for the students who come here, a blueprint for life. That's not really what we're about. What we should do is to provide them with analytical skills so that when they look at something, they put on their thinking cap and they begin to ask questions about it. If there's a social problem they come across, or if there's a career choice they have to make, hopefully through the education that they've had here they've developed their own respective framework. And they'll come at it from their framework.

Now by emphasizing research, we're going to try and contextualize that analytical framework that they're developing to the Pakistani situation. What I'm hoping at the end of the day is that they've acquired an analytical framework and they have a canvas of Pakistan to apply that analytical framework. But I don't think we should restrict people. Neither in the type of analytical framework that they should get, which means that everyone should become an engineer,

or on the canvas on which they want to apply that framework. If we have done our job successfully at LUMS there will be enough graduates who will want to work on the problems of Pakistan and will want to live here despite all that has happened. There are many challenges. But if some of LUMS students, even if most LUMS students want to apply that framework to a larger canvas of the world, and want to live in a developed part of the world, that's okay to me. Because they will bring with them a certain analytical framework, and we now know enough about how globalization works to understand that even if people have moved away from their places of birth, provided they've not moved away because of violence and threats, but voluntarily, and have become successful somewhere else, they contribute phenomenally to their countries of origin. China's development started when the Chinese overseas started to send huge amounts of money back home as investments. In all of South Asia, India's prosperity and big change has come about because of non resident Indians sending money home. We get 9 billion dollars a year in remittances and the figure is rising. Non resident Indians and non resident Chinese are now buying up property in their home countries which has given a huge boost to a whole new industry. They contribute to social issues.

They're not gone. The richer their experience, the less likely that they have gone forever.

What about the flip side –brain drain?

We need to create the right environment. We can't cage people. I have now lived enough years, and I have lived in all parts of the world. I'm convinced that you set your place right and it doesn't matter how many years people have lived out, they will come back. No migration and no remittances would have made us far worse off than we actually are. There are some consequences of migration. One of those is what you talked about. Another is what I worry about that when they come back they cause their own problems in distorting the economy. But there are ways to address that. Take Nepal, a poor country in South Asia. Nepalese started to go out because their own environment wasn't very good. Nepal has seen a dramatic decline in poverty as a result of that. So thank God there is overseas migration. So we shouldn't stop people from going out, but we should address the reasons why people feel they need to go out. When we do that they won't go out. But meanwhile let them go out.





Building the Future the SSE Complex

LUMS School of Science and Engineering (SSE) is the first private research institution in Pakistan. Its educational mission is to produce technically competent graduates and innovative problem-solvers. Its research mission is to create useful knowledge to address pressing local and global issues through cutting edge research conducted by its faculty. For this purpose it aims to provide an environment comparable to the best research universities of the world. The SSE Complex is a testament to the commitment to teaching and research excellence that SSE aspires to achieve. So far it is the best science and engineering, research and teaching building that has been constructed in Pakistan. Configured by the world's leading designers of scientific institutions it is equipped with world-class laboratories and facilities to contribute to the frontiers of knowledge and transform life as we know it.

The SSE Complex is housed in a new purpose-built complex located on the existing LUMS campus. The physical infrastructure of the SSE is pivotal in its vision of multi-disciplinary research and education. It comprises state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories, lecture halls, classrooms, computer clusters, other learning spaces as well as faculty, staff and graduate student offices.

Plans for this infrastructure have been drawn up by the renowned architect Habib Fida Ali. The architectural plans are based on a facilities programme developed by the project team in collaboration with the campus and facility planning firm of Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates based in Boston. The magnitude of the building is such that it has to be developed in phases. Currently the complex consists of two connected 6-storey laboratory and classroom buildings


with a combined covered area of 300,000 sq-ft. Provisions for another 250,000sq-ft building are available, thus providing sufficient space for the school's ambitious research and teaching programs. It also comprises a 25,000 sq-ft physical plant and a 10 MW grid station.

The complex promises to be a facility that will prepare the SSE for new challenges with cutting-edge research labs and flexible space that allows for reconfiguration as needs evolve. The laboratory designs for the 26 research, 10 teaching and 2 support labs are based on extensive first-hand research of some of the world's finest laboratories at top ranking universities and incorporate vibration control, safety and environmental protection measures with guidance from leading US based architectural and engineering firms, including Payette Associates, Walter P. Moore, BDMI and Vanderwell Engineers.

Similarly, the design of classrooms and other learning spaces is in line with international best practices. The two 200-seat lecture halls and four 75-seat classrooms are equipped with digital projectors and audio visual devices. The building also has space for five computer clusters and three student lounges which serve as interaction spaces to allow students to discuss problems and new ideas in a comfortable and stimulating environment. The SSE complex can house up to 100 faculty offices, and accommodate up to 500 post-docs, graduate research assistants, technicians and administrative staff.



SSE is premised on a hope; that by getting the best minds of Pakistan and providing them with a world-class education, it can influence the destiny of this nation. The SSE complex is instrumental in helping the SSE in achieving this goal.

An aerial photograph of an offshore wind farm in the middle of a deep blue sea. Numerous white three-bladed wind turbines are scattered across the water. In the center of the image, a small white service vessel is moving, leaving a white wake behind it. The text is overlaid on the image in a white serif font.

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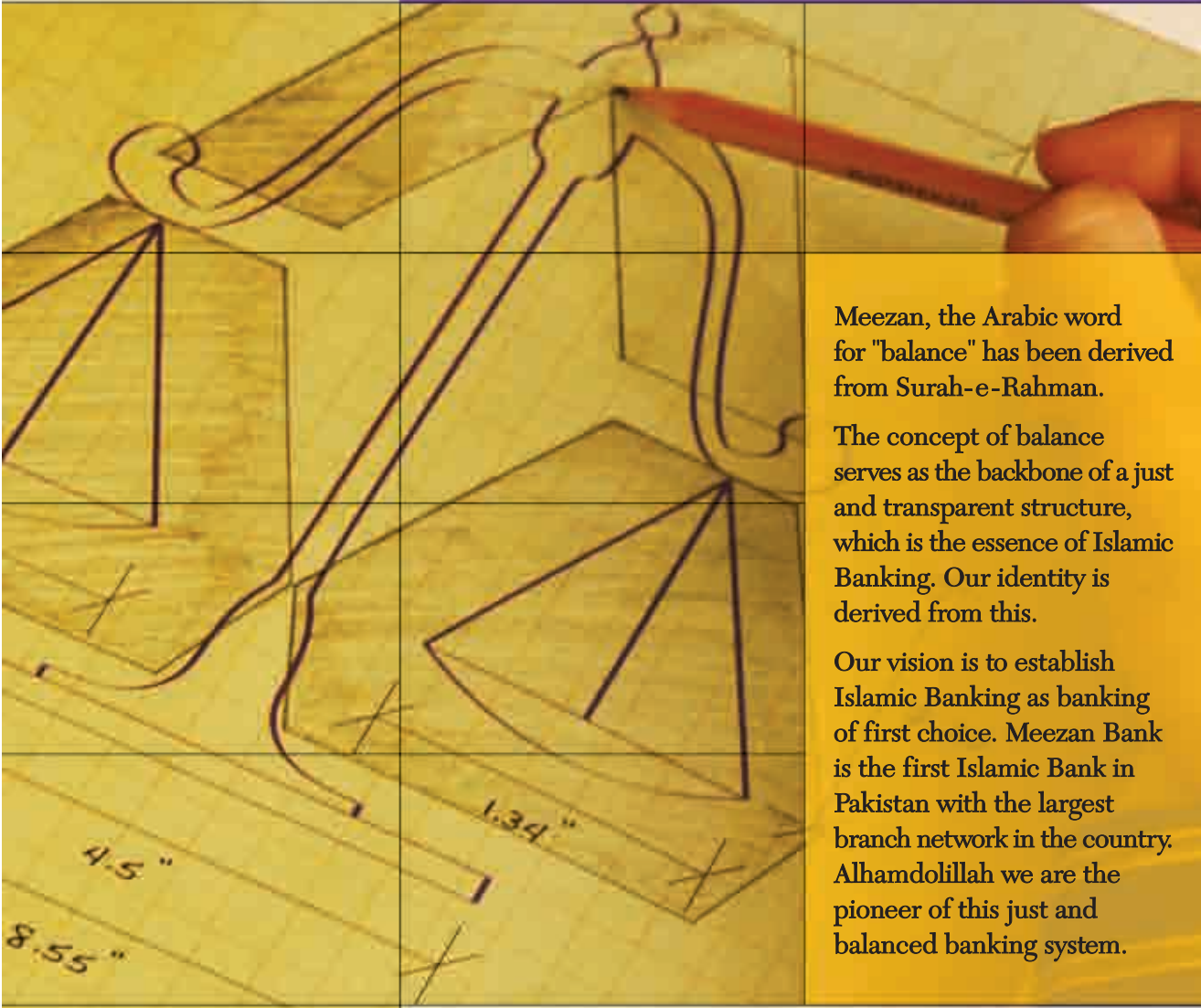
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LUMS student societies form an important part of the overall LUMS experience. Here, these societies provide us with an update of what their year-long activities have been!

The LUMS Student Council 2008-09 Bringing LUMS together

President Student Council 2008-09: Mohammad Usman (BSc 2009/09020163)

Vice President Student Council 2008-09: Fazal Ashfaq (MBA 2009)

General Secretary Student Council: Affan Javed (BSc 2011)

The last few years have seen a rise in student activism and a shift towards greater student empowerment at LUMS. Student societies have played a great role in organizing various events and creating platforms for discussions and exchange of ideas. This created a sense of independence and self reliance in the student body. The Student Council in this period has grown from a small body to an institution that now not

only looks to point out problems and concerns of the students but strives to provide solutions and looks for ways to bridge the gap between students and the administration. Over this period, the Council has helped in bringing the student body together as a community and as a driving force, and has strengthened the belief in student empowerment and unity.

The outgoing student council carried on with the momentum set by the previous councils and set an outstanding platform and a bench mark for the

new council through various accomplishments. Below are some of the Council's *major achievements*.

Earthquake Relief Project

In wake of the tragic earthquake in Baluchistan, the student council decided to set up a united platform which could

enable fellow Luminites to help their countrymen in their hour of need. After intensive efforts, the Council was able to collect over 1 million rupees. Tents, blankets, warm clothing, medicines and food items were procured from the majority of the funds and were distributed in collaboration with organizations such as ERRA and Edhi. The remaining funds were used to provide long term relief for the affected victims, which included buying cattle for them as a source of livelihood. Though the entire council worked for the collaborative effort, three people who worked

aggressively for this effort were: Haris Iqbal, Aneeq Cheema and Mohammad Usman.

Policy Review Committee and Change of Phd Academic Policies

The SC 2008-09 sent two representatives to the Policy Re-

view Committee which comprised of several faculty and staff members. It recommended policy changes in the LUMS governance and academic structure that were implemented by the Management Committee.

Freshmen Orientation

The Student Council traditionally manages the orientation for the freshmen at LUMS.

This year they gave the orientation experience a whole new angle. The organizing team was headed by the President of Student Council, Usman. There was a volunteer team of over 100 students under the Council.

The traditions that define 'ice-breaking' were used to set the tone for receiving freshmen. This time, session facilitators, who provide the first ever

interaction between LUMS students and students-to-be at LUMS, were hand-picked and had to go through a workshop with the student-counselor at LUMS, Ms Uzma Mazhar, for basics on how to welcome people into your fold. This made the orientation session much more interactive and fun. Further innovations were the Dean's session with parents and a tour of hostels followed by a session with the Council. The event as a whole provided a strong foundation for the Council to establish friendly ties with the students on their very first day.



L to R (1st Row): Fazal Ashfaq (Vice President, Student Council-MBA 2009), Aneeq Cheema (BSc 2010), Affan Javed (General Secretary, Student Council BSc 2011), Mohammad Usman (President, Student Council-BSc 2009), Zahoor Gorski (MS), Haris Iqbal (BSc 2010)
L to R (2nd Row): Zahra Arshad (MBA 2009), Rao Umer Farooq (BSc 2009), Ramsha Hasnain (BSc 2009), Asad Tahir (BSc 2011), Junaid Akhtar (PhD), Shaza Fatima (BSc 2010)

Q2S Transition

The change from quarter system to semester system from Fall 2009 is one of the biggest changes that awaits LUMS. While it is a move in the right direction, it involved a lot of confusion and concerns from the student body, especially from the batch of 2010 that will go through the transition in its final year. The Council was very active regarding this particular issue and stressed the need for greater student involvement in decision making. The administration acknowledged the difficulties that the graduating batch will face and has promised greater flexibility and relaxation in the graduation requirements. The Council members who made this effort a success are: Haris Iqbal (BSc 2010), Aneeq Cheema (BSc 2010) and M. Usman (President SC 2008-09/BSc 2009).

Residential Colleges

Aimed at bridging the communication gap within the student body and taking a step towards better student-faculty relationships, the idea was to divide batches into different houses and to have separate events for those houses/residential colleges. Although the vision and the idea itself is brilliant, it is important that such changes are introduced gradually especially when LUMS is already going through a massive change in the form of Q2S and this is exactly what the Student Council stressed on. Eventually it was decided that the RC system will be applied only on the freshmen and the sophomore batches and then gradually in two years time, the idea will be a reality

in the entire LUMS community.

Honour Council

This is probably one of the biggest initiatives taken towards student independence and empowerment. The idea is to have students responsible for their own actions and eventually the plan is to have students running the Disciplinary Committee at LUMS and being involved in actual decision making. However, the idea is not a reality yet because it was realized that since it will be one of the biggest changes for LUMS, it is important that it should be introduced and implemented gradually. The first phase consists of creating awareness about this system, and having the belief that we can trust each other and that it is a change that can help create responsible individuals from this community.

The people behind this effort were: Ashar Qazi (BSc 2009), Aneeq Cheema (BSc 2010), Haris Iqbal (BSc 2010), Mohammad Usman (President SC 2008-09)

Faculty-Student Relationship

In the view of the Council, its biggest achievement was to establish this relationship of understanding and mutual trust with different departments and faculty members. The Council is now looked upon as a strong student body where student concerns and suggestions are given due importance. Over the course of the last few months, the understanding and patience extended by both students and faculty has given rise to a

greater bond between them, opening new doors to student empowerment and activism.

People we would like to thank:

Vice Chancellor Dr. Ahmed Jan Durrani – for his constant availability, his efforts to improve student life at LUMS and for giving LUMS a strong vision.

Registrar Dr. Tariq Jadoon – for his availability, his tremendous help in every matter and his smile.

Other people who have contributed to our work over time are: Dr. Sohaib Khan, Mr. Yasser Hashmi, Dr. Uzma Mazhar, Dr. Ali Qazilbash, Justice Jawad Khawaja, Prof. Ali Cheema, Mr. Nasir Afghan, Provost Dr. Anjum Nasim, Mr. Mazhar Chinoy, Mr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Chief Librarian Mohammad Ramzan, Mr. Javaid Williams, and Prof. Zaem Jafri.

After the end of the academic year 2008-09, the Student Council is now no longer looked upon as a body that just points out problems and concerns; rather it is an institution that strives to find solutions to bridge the gap between students and the administration at LUMS.

Authority and Responsibility: Mohammad Usman's Balancing Act

Written by: Lareb Sabir

Members of the Student Council are the only democratically elected representatives of the student body at LUMS. These students voluntarily spend time and effort trying to get the is



issues of the students across to the administration and ensure that we get some say in all the major decisions that affect our life at LUMS. In this exclusive interview, we get an in depth look into the workings of the Council and find out about the man spearheading the organization.

Not an Easy Job

Mohammad Usman, the President of the Student Council hails from the batch of 2009, an Economics and Political Science major from Islamabad. He was elected to this prestigious post with the immense support of his batch-mates. After becoming such an integral part of the Council, he owes mentorship to ex-President, Saad Latif. It is also from this guidance that Usman has come to believe that someone can only be successful in a position of power and leadership if s/he can feel for issues without getting agitated and can put in a genuine selfless effort into bringing about a change. With power comes responsibility as Usman

was quite right in pointing out. Usman informed of the Policy Review Committee in which he



represented the student body of LUMS after the tragic death of a student in April 2008. It was the first time that the Council gained such a right and that a student was to be part of such a committee. The Committee, comprising of several faculty members, was successful in improving several academic and governance policies of LUMS.

At a later stage, Usman along with graduate council representatives prepared a report of student facilities and academic policies at international universities which were implemented for PhD and Masters students of Computer Science at LUMS. The Council is still evolving and it needs people who care, who want to get involved, and who want to make a difference. The President believes that the cause of most of our problems is apathy and when this attitude changes, our conditions will change. Usman brought to light a very apt example of the role of the student body in raising its voice for justice at a societal level. This was the protest of the LUMS student body staged outside LUMS at the tragic accident involving LUMS students which resulted in the death of one student. The protest was extremely fruitful as it helped in putting the culprits of this accident behind bars and ensuring that

justice was served. The protest led by the Council and joined by hundreds of students and many faculty members was the first protest held outside LUMS and was a step in the right direction towards a more concerned and informed student body. Usman believed that the students, faculty and staff collaboration in this time was essential in bringing LUMS together as a community. He was particularly thankful to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Ahmed Jan Durrani, Registrar Dr. Tariq Jadoon and Law Faculty member Dr. Ali Qazilbash for providing a crucial support to the students at this critical time. Usman was also particularly thankful to the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar for their continuous help and availability to the students. He believes that under their current administrative leadership, LUMS will continue to raise its institutional status.

Keeping Alive the True LUMS Spirit

Talking about SC Elections 2009, Usman was disappointed with the fact that some campaigners were asking for votes



on ethnic basis. He asserted that such a practice was against the spirit of LUMS and that the diverse and healthy environment of LUMS needed to be fostered further. He pointed out that most candidates wanted to change the system but were not fully aware of the

system and were not interested in finding out about the Council's current accomplishments and efforts which often went unseen in the student community. Furthermore, Usman asked for the students to take responsibility and ownership of their institution in matters of common such as conservation of electricity on campus and ensuring that littering was reduced- two common problems.

With regard to the workload of the Council, Usman remarked that since so many changes were taking place in LUMS, the Council had a lot on its plate and many a times it turned into a one man show as the Council was often over stretched and over worked. We as students need to realize the pressures on the Council and the fact that all they do is completely voluntary and they get no official recognition or reward for the efforts they make. Perhaps we can join in giving them a helping hand; after all they work for us. According to Usman, what the Council needs are students who are willing to take a stand and are willing to build a network of trust and are willing to respect and understand the concerns of the administrative departments so that they can have a better working relationship. He remarked that there is a vacuum of communication between the students and faculty, between the administration and the students and between student societies and the Council which needs to be filled through institutional development.

Usman believes that LUMS should produce leaders of tomorrow who would bring a positive change in our country and community. For this the

students at LUMS need to be more aware of their surroundings and its norms so that LUMS could succeed in shaping leaders of our society. Talking about the issue of dissociation from the cultural norms of the outside community that was brought up in the BSc 2012 election debates, Usman believes that students should understand our culture and society, and should make intelligent, viable decisions that will help them bring the necessary change in Pakistan. Talking about the Council's role in the larger scheme of things, Usman mentioned the Baluchistan earthquake relief fund and how the Council, with the help of the students, alumni and administration raised more than 1 million rupees. This is indeed a commendable task and we as Luminites appreciate this initiative of the Council.

Usman believes that all we need is genuine, mature effort on the part of the students. Mature, responsible candidates need to be elected who can take the larger vision of a LUMS community further. He believes that all members of LUMS need to engage more for achieving positive outcomes to any issue. He believes that we need to be more active, more informed and interact more with all who are part of LUMS. He believes that LUMS as a community is not only its students, faculty and staff but also our Alumni who we further need to engage and build networks with.

If you have any queries regarding the Student Council, its responsibilities or achievements please contact Usman at: 09020163@lums.edu.pk

Phoenix

Phoenix is a student run organization at LUMS, concerned with reigniting the youth's spirit, and imbuing in them a sense of responsibility, especially regarding the social and human rights issues in Pakistan. The areas of operation are, therefore, multifaceted regarding the social issues, educational problems and the identity crisis faced by our country, and the lack of counseling available to this body. Hence our aim is bi-pronged; initially spreading awareness vis-à-vis social issues and later on mobilizing students to take action. This is done using a variety of methods, involving discussions, debates, events, and awareness programs and workshops. It must be noted that we have no political agenda and are an independent, non-partisan society.

Our more recent events include the Child Abuse Prevention day wherein purple ribbons were sold and a seminar held to raise money for Bunyad (an NGO working for the protection of children's rights). We also had a seminar on corruption with guest speakers from NAB which included the Chairman NAB himself. The seminar was followed by a rigorous Q and A session, whereby the students voiced their opinions and concerns to the relevant authorities. We plan to hold a two day, intra-Lahore conference next year to promote social awareness regarding the various issues our country faces and what the role of the youth should be given these issues. This would not only result in the promotion of awareness but would also serve as a fundraiser for the various NGOs we are currently working with.



LUMS Model UN Society (LUMUN)

Creating Future Ambassadors of Pakistan

The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) team won the "Outstanding Delegation" Award at the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference held from March 22 – 27, 2009 in The Hague, capital of Nether-



LUMS WorldMUN Delegation after winning

lands. The team comprised 8 undergraduate students from LUMS Model UN Society (LUMUN) sitting in the simulation of various United Nations committees.

The conference was attended by 2500 students from over 150 prestigious universities world-



US Consul General Mr. Bryan Hunt with LUMUN Patron, Alumnus and President at Spring MUN, LUMS

wide including Oxford, London School of Economics, Yale, Sorbonne and UC Berkley among others. Of these, only two delegations were awarded the "Outstanding Delegation" awards on their performance ratio and LUMS, with 6 individual "Outstanding Diplomacy" awards out of the total 8 team members, was one of them. The other such award went to the MUN Society, Belgium. At the closing ceremony held at Novotel World Forum, The Hague, it was the green and white flag that soared high.

The award marks the fourth continuous victory of the LUMS team at the Harvard World MUN

Conferences which are organized by Harvard University and held in a different country every year. The LUMS team bagged the coveted "Outstanding Delegation" Awards in Beijing (2006), Geneva (2007) and Puebla, Mexico (2008), bringing Pakistan to the forefront of the largest and most prestigious student gatherings in the world, year after year.

Another LUMS team comprising 13 students performed exceptionally well at the Model UN Turkey Conference held in Izmir, Turkey from 9th to 13th March, 2009, which was attended by over 500 students from across the world. At MUNTR, "the team which comes and conquers every year, Lahore University of Management Sciences" were the words from the

Secretary General Yigit Canay, which made the 13 member delegation from LUMS rise to receive resounding applause. LUMS bagged the "Outstanding Delegation" award with 10 of the 13 member delegation receiving "Outstanding Diplomacy" awards in their respective committees.

The conferences provided an opportunity for the students to interact with a global audience and they left a strong, lasting impression of an educated, well-informed and competitive Pakistani youth.

The LUMS Model UN Society is the pioneer of Model UN simulations in Pakistan and organizes the annual All-Pakistan Model UN Conference every year at LUMS, which is the largest student gathering in South Asia, and the Eurasia MUN Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in partnership with University of Geneva.

Under the inspiring patronage of Dr. Zaeem H. Jafri, the society, founded in 2002, has grown exponentially and has now incorporated various social aspects relating to the advancement of United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Pakistan. As part of its expanding Social Responsibility Program catering to the MDGs regarding Universal Primary Education, LUMUN has affiliated itself with education-related NGOs including Care Foundation and The Citizen's Foundation, and

assists them in various capacities. On the environmental front, LUMUN has adopted Green Principles for its December conference (including limited use of paper) and has introduced a tree-plantation campaign with its Affiliate Programme. Several activities are planned for the Social Responsibility Day that will be held at LUMUN '09 Conference this December.

Another significant contribution LUMUN plans this year is to get the LUMUN platform recog-



LUMS Team in Turkey

nized as the pioneer in development of Pakistan's future ambassadors by the Diplomatic community residing in Pakistan. To this end, various dignitaries have been invited in the past. Of notable mention is Mr. Engin Soysal, the Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, US Consul General in Lahore, Mr. Bryan D. Hunt and Honorary Consul Generals of Malaysia and Turkey who attended the Spring Intra-LUMS Conference held on 16th May, 2009. LUMUN '09 plans to take this to a stratospheric level to enrich the experience of the participants.

A full scope of LUMUN's activities in the coming year can be accessed via its website at www.lumun.org.



The Turkish Ambassador attending a Committee Session at Spring MUN (Turkish and Malaysian Honorary)



ABOUT DRAMALINE

Dramaline, the dramatics society at LUMS, holds the prestigious position of being the oldest society in LUMS. It is an entertainment based society with a mission to bring out creative talent amongst students, be it in acting, direction, production, or script writing, along with providing quality entertainment to the student body in general. In the academic year 2008-2009, Dramaline organized three major events.

DramaFest 08

DramaFest 08 was the first All Pakistan Drama Festival to be held in LUMS in the October of 2008. The three day event attracted an audience of approximately 800 per day and showcased the best theatrical talent from all over the country. Fifteen schools and universities from all over Pakistan participated in the festival performing short 20-30 minutes skits based on various genres of theater. Besides providing a platform for students from all over the country to bring forward their talents and gain recognition, the event was able to capture a considerable amount of press and media coverage.

Standup and Improvisational Comedy Show: SHARK

From the creators of Pakistan's first improvisational comedy troupe 'Black Fish', comes another smash hit comedy group: SHARK. The new comedy troupe headed by renowned comedian Saad Haroon took the LUMS stage this December and gave the enthusiastic audience of LUMS a laughing riot. The show held in an auditorium in LUMS attracted approximately 300 students.

SkiTamasha 6

As the trademark annual Dramaline event, SkiTamasha was arranged on the largest scale ever, attracting an enthusiastic audience of 600 people every day. The three day event featured performances from LUMS students and was not restricted to a particular genre. The 20-30 minute performances showcased some of the most unconventional creativity in the students. The event also attracted sufficient media coverage.

LUMS Annual Play 2008

LUMS held its last annual play in March 2008 titled 'Marta Kya Naa Karta', a Pakistani adaptation of Dario Fo's 'The Accidental Death of an Anarchist'. The play was performed in Alhamra Hall 2 for five consecutive days and attracted an audience of more than 600 people every day from all around Lahore. Imran Khan was invited as a guest on the third day which contributed to the substantial press and media coverage at the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dramaline, due to the scale and frequency of its events, is categorized amongst the biggest and most active societies at LUMS. In the coming year the council hopes to replicate all the success of the previous year and hopefully set the bar even higher.

DramaFest 09

DramaFest 09 will be the second All Pakistan Drama Festival to be held in LUMS in the November of 2009. The three day event will be aimed at attracting an average audience of 1000 students every day. Around 25 teams from all over Pakistan will be competing in the event to be recognized as the best in student theatre. The event will be given extensive press and media coverage.

SkiTamasha 7

SkiTamasha 7 will aim to increase the participation of teams from LUMS and include a few guest performances from art colleges in Lahore. The three day event will feature 20-30 minute creative performances by LUMS students, and will attract considerable press and media coverage.

LUMS Annual Play 2010

An annual play will be organized in February 2010 to put forth the best performers and technical experts that LUMS has to offer. The play, which will be directed by a professional, will run for three consecutive days and attract an average daily audience of 1000 people from all over Lahore. Much press and media attention will be attracted by the event, which will be extensively advertised.

DEBATING AND RECITATION



The fact that the debating society acts as an agent that lends voice to issues of all spheres and natures, is what we're most proud of at DRUMS. It isn't only feisty battles of words and wit that the Debates and Recitation Society at LUMS (DRUMS) teaches, but we also strive to inculcate a profound sense of self confidence in an individual. Our eminent and dynamic society provides the ideal platform to young debaters and public speakers to exhibit their talent and voice their opinion on pertinent world issues.

The academic year 08-09 has been coloured by the tremendous achievements of DRUMS and our assiduous members.

LUMS IV

DRUMS takes pride in the fact that the LUMS Inter-Varsity was the first debating tournament in the local circuit to introduce the British Parliamentary format of debating. Over 60 teams, from the most reputable educational institutes from all across Pakistan participated in the LUMS Inter-Varsity Debating tournament 2008. The three day event was a roaring success, marked by fiercely competitive debates on significant topics of political and social concern, adjudicated by renowned judges and experienced debaters. The organiza-



tion of the tournament in 2008 was impeccable and was appreciated by all as the most efficiently managed debating meet of the season, which propelled us to take the Inter-Varsity to the next level!

This year, we're breaking all barriers and taking that next step by taking the LUMS IV international! This September, LUMS will host debating teams from Europe to Asia for the grandest debating event that Pakistan has ever seen!

MindQuest

Working up the right mix of entertainment and intellectually stimulating activities is what the debating society is all about. So it was only a matter of time that we came up with the MindQuest which received a spectacular reception from within and outside of LUMS which would put the best quiz shows on television to shame!

Bilingual Declamation

Another feather in DRUMS' cap was the unprecedented Annual LUMS Bilingual Declamation contest. The unfaltering hard work put in by our members to resuscitate the dying art of oratory paid off, as the contest culminated with a riveting finale appreciated by the audience.

The Olympiad

DRUMS also co-organized the largest university event in collaboration, that attracted over 1500 students from all corners of the country; the annual LUMS

OLYMPIAD 2009. This mega and vibrant affair, with its multitude of events ranging from debates to music, was an incredible accomplishment for us. It reached out to a larger student population, augmented youth interaction and also encouraged a diverse range of co-curricular activities; an integral aim of the society.

International Circuit

The World Universities Debating Championship 2008

After a hiatus of many years, DRUMS participated yet again at the biggest showdown; the most prestigious debating event of the world: the World Universities Debating Championship



2008! One of the few institutions representing South Asia, LUMS shone as a rising star in the tournament after two of its three teams broke for the octa-finals.

This year the stage is set for the Worlds' to take place at Ankara, Turkey, and LUMS is getting ready to give the Europeans a run for their money!

All-Asian Debates

The All-Asians' 2008 were a huge success and established LUMS (the only semi-finalist team that wasn't from Bangalore), officially, as a force to be

reckoned with in the South Asian debating circuit, winning accolades on team and individual basis!

Moreover, our DRUMS debating teams won laurels at various prestigious local tournaments all year round. We also represented Pakistan at the acclaimed UT MARA International debating tournament 2009 in Malaysia, and did exceptionally well.

Where we're going with all this

At a time where democracy is a façade and freedom of speech is afforded to only a certain kind of opinion, DRUMS proudly upholds the institution's name by affecting social change through effective dialogue, diverse opinions and healthy debate.

Over the next year, we plan to give back to the local debating circuit, having benefited from it since we were schoolchildren. We will be conducting workshops for debaters and adjudicators to enhance the standard of debating in the country by honing budding talent. Furthermore, we are taking on an ambitious project of organizing an all Pakistan declamation and recitation event, in the upcoming academic year and will also be a part of a grander, much anticipated LUMS Olympiad 2010.

With our promising track record, our ardent members and the support of our alumni, DRUMS is ready to achieve all this and much more.



Fawwad Khan of EP giving critique on Play-It final

LES

LUMS Entrepreneurial Society (LES) is the first student-organized entrepreneurial society in Pakistan. Not only does it offer valuable information, opportunities and exciting challenges to its members, but also to the Pakistani community at large, since it is our responsibility to work towards the generation of a healthy competitive and diverse corporate scenario in order to promote the economic growth of our country.

To achieve the above objectives LES organizes competitions, workshops and lectures for its members specifically as well as the students of LUMS at large, in addition to an international conference.

Every year, along with welcoming the blooming flowers of spring, we welcome delegates from all over the country and abroad to LUMS in the highly competitive Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs Summit (YLES) to facilitate networking, exchange of ideas and collaboration with other budding entrepreneurs out there. Under the aegis of YLES, workshops are conducted aiming to equip participants with the finer aspects of entrepreneurship and inculcating in them leadership and teamwork. On the other hand, it also challenges them with the Business Idea Competition; which tests their ability to innovate,



LES at NaSCon

analyze and present a business idea, and the Play-It; an ad-making competition designed to assess their creativity and comprehensive knowledge of the product assigned by coming up with technically sound advertisement videos and that too within a limited time period. Despite the diversity in these competitions, the Summit provides a holistic simulation of the business environment by complementing the competitions with networking opportunities like a concluding thematic formal dinner. All these events converge on another point: excellence. The workshops are conducted by honed experts of their fields. The victors of the Business Idea Competition get to lay claim on their trophy only when the gurus of Pakistan's business community are convinced of the financial viability of their business idea in the Pakistani context. Different companies have approached us to buy and copyright the ads produced in the Play-It for their products. The aura at the formal dinner leaves the

delegates nothing less than awestruck. This show of excellence is by no means restricted to LUMS Entrepreneurial Society's annual hallmark conference.

The teams representing LES in the business management competitions at the annual NaSCon at the Islamabad campus of FAST National University have consistently performed with the same excellence. This year at the NaSCon '09, LES teams bagged the 1st and 3rd positions at the Business Case Competition, the 2nd and 3rd prizes for the Business Plan Competition and won the Economic Plan Competition by a wide margin!

This pursuit of excellence is well embodied by the society's bi-annual publication, Enspire. The founders describe it as "a unique magazine with a purpose to inspire young and old, all and sundry to imagine, innovate and excel in life by sharing with them stories of people who had the courage to take an initiative, pushed themselves to the limit and are fulfilling their lifelong dreams today". This purpose is being served to date with four successful issues published.



Panel Discussion at Enspire Launch

This has been the path so far trodden by this dynamic society at LUMS. It seeks to explore new avenues to mark with its expertise, experience and of course – excellence. Social entrepreneurship has been earmarked as the overarching theme for its activities over the coming year. In order to continue with its performance and for successes yet to be achieved, it seeks continued support and patronage from its patron at LUMS, Mr. Asad Alam as well as the business community of Pakistan in the form of sponsorships and partnerships.



Winners at YLES '09



RadioLUMS is one of the hottest and most recent societies to be added to the impressive list of societies at LUMS. The main media link that the LUMS student body has with the rest of the world, RadioLUMS is a lot more than just a student run organization. It is the face of LUMS as well as an opportunity to project LUMS as well as Pakistan all over the world in the best light possible. Besides being a source of information, RadioLUMS provides its members with an amazing opportunity to express themselves. It also serves as an immense and extremely valuable source of entertainment.



From recruiting over 50 RJs, managing its own fully equipped radio room as well as transmitting 24 hours a day, RadioLUMS has done a brilliant job despite just entering its second year. We have also had listeners tuning in from across the globe, with the LUMS alumni being exceptionally active and avid listeners. Our vision and future for RadioLUMS consists of recruiting fresh, invigorated and original minds that have the capacity to think outside the box and push all boundaries of creativity. From a highly skilled technical team, to marketing gurus as well as exceptional producers, RadioLUMS has a mind blowing experience to offer to anyone who is willing to work hard and have a good time doing it.



ALPHA SOCIETY

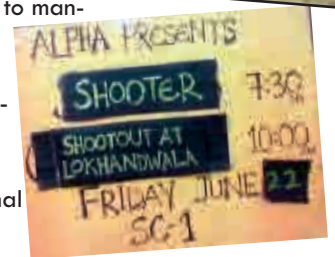


About The Society:

Alpha Society is an event management society at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. It is registered with the Extra Curricular Office of LUMS as an official student club since 2000 but has been an essential part of LUMS since 1995. The Alpha Society specializes in providing regular entertainment to the ever-expanding LUMS community on and off campus. Considered by many to be the most active society on campus, Alpha typically has some student entertainment activity planned for every week. Alpha continues to manage diverse events such as



movie screenings, t-shirt design competitions, high-definition film previews, campus radio shows, outdoor and indoor coverage of international cricket and football matches, scavenger hunts and treasure hunts, series' season premieres, a Rung (colour brawl) festival, etc. Some recognized brands have partnered with Alpha over the years such as City FM 89, Lipton, Paktel, OZO Drinks, Moods and Booster Drinks.



About its members

Beginning as a small group of 10 or so people, Alpha Society quickly made room for itself in the hearts and minds of not only its ever growing members but also amongst the LUMS student body. The Alpha Society is in its true sense a complete family. And like any other complete and wholesome family we are dysfunctional and harmonious, we joke and we get serious and above all, we fight but we always love and forgive. It is an honour to be able to call ourselves a member of this unique group, an honour which does not deplete after having left LUMS but rather makes one realize how truly great it actually is.



Chess Club

During 2008-2009, the LUMS Chess Club's focus was on increasing the number of its services. The year before, we organized a chess meeting every month, where the entire LUMS body was invited to the PDC to play chess free of cost. Its increasing popularity led us to convert the monthly meetings into weekly ones. This year, not only were we regular in providing this weekly forum for chess players, but we also expanded our target audience by keeping chess tutorials at this meeting. It therefore turned into a forum for those interested in learning the game, rather than only for those who knew how to play it. The members of the LUMS Chess Club were available in these meetings to teach anyone who wished to learn, be it a student, faculty member or a staff member. In addition, we successfully organized the routine annual tournaments: the Intra-LUMS Tournament, the Faculty vs. Student Tournament, the Inter-School Tournament for the Olympiad, and the Board Games Tournament. We also ranked the best student players at LUMS who form the university chess team, which will hopefully participate in the International Chess Olympiad in early 2010.

Starting from next year, we intend to start an online forum in addition to the weekly meeting, where the LUMS body can play amongst themselves around the clock. We also expect to expand the boundaries of the Chess Club's services by organizing and hosting Inter-University Tournaments and Championships at a national level.

SHARE-LUMS

ShARE is a multicultural non-profit organization that strives to develop understanding of an exceedingly complex world economic system. ShARE promotes dialogue on local socioeconomic issues through presentations, seminars and conferences, globalizing localized issues and therefore, stimulating a 'shared' concern within the international community. It is our long term goal to 'generate and use knowledge to contribute to a region's human, social and economic development.'

ShARE-LUMS in this regard, has been actively pursuing various research projects while also marking its presence internationally through joint presentations, conferences and international visits. Throughout the past academic year, ShARE initiated a number of research projects and delivered presentations on local economic and social issues of pertinence.

To mark the commencement of activities for the year, a seminar on 'Alternate, renewable solar energy in Pakistan' was organized by the ShARE-LUMS Energy Network. The seminar highlighted the importance of renewable energy sources and how they can be used to 'fill the energy gap'. Also, strategies to disseminate these resources across the mobile regions of Pakistan were also discussed.

A joint presentation through video conferencing on the 'Global financial crisis and its impact on local economies' was held in collaboration with the ShARE-ETHZ network, Zurich. The joint presentation strived to elicit localized impacts of the financial crisis, discussing implications by way of presenting specific cases and predicting the future pathways for Europe and Pakistan. The conference was initiated by the social issues network and was the first of its kind to be held at LUMS. As a follow up on the joint conference, a project was drafted focusing on the macroeconomic as well as microeconomic ramifications of the global financial crisis in Pakistan. The project was an initiative of the Macroeconomics Network.

A primary research project on the 'Recruitment patterns exhibited by Pakistan's corporations and banks for skilled labour (Bachelors and higher qualifications) in urban universities' was also completed by the Entrepreneurship & Innovation (E&I) Network. Work on yet another project commenced in early June focusing on 'The sanitary conditions and health measures in the slums of Lahore'. Primary research on the project was conducted at Chararh Pind, DHA, Lahore.

However, the highlight of the year's academic activism remains the ShARE LUMS Bogaziçi students meet, which took place in Istanbul, Turkey. The event led to joint presentations between the two networks on 'Issues of agricultural contract systems' as well as the 'Economics of disaster management'. The drawbacks and limitations of the currently prevalent land administration systems as well as land distribution patterns in Pakistan were also discussed. A workshop on the role of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in agricultural modernization was also conducted by Professor Gökhan Özertan of the Bogaziçi University which proved to be enlightening for all the attendants. However, the trip was not limited to academics alone and a lot of adventure and sight seeing accompanied.

For the year 2009-2010, ShARE-LUMS has come up with an exciting calendar of events. The year will kick off with a formal recruitment drive, targeting the crème de la crème of the LUMS community, followed by their assignment to different knowledge networks. Upcoming research collaborations include joint presentations with EPFL Switzerland and ITB Indonesia, which will continue throughout the first semester. The second semester will mark international visits including participation in the World Economic Conference scheduled to take place in Indore, India. ShARE members displaying great enthusiasm throughout the academic year will be nominated to represent LUMS at the event. Yet another international visit is planned for this year, the details of which will be communicated later. Also, all Inter-network presentations will continue in conjunction with the events mentioned herein.



Amnesty International (AI)

Amnesty International (AI) at LUMS is AI's official student group that is affiliated with AI in UK. Amnesty International works to protect human rights all over the world. It aims for a world where peace prevails. It was started in 1961 by a single man and since then has come a long way and is now present in 150 countries with more than 2.2 million supporters. AI does not support any political or economic ideology and this may be what has made it a reliable organization. It has adopted peaceful means to counter human rights violations. It writes letters to the concerned authorities holds peaceful demonstrations, lobbies with government officials and representatives and spreads information about what human rights actually are. Great stress is laid upon the letter writing as we believe that it is one of the most effective means of making oneself heard.

AI's student group was launched in LUMS in December 2008 under the umbrella of the Law and Politics Society. Since then it has been targeting human rights violations not only in Pakistan, but also in other countries. So, by working for/with AI-LUMS, you are essentially reaching out to people world over. It is our small effort to make this world a better place.

We started out our campaigning with a protest against the conflict in Gaza followed by a 24-hour vigil to show solidarity with the victims of war crimes. Petitions were signed and sent to governments of Israel, Palestine, Egypt, UK and US asking them to take action against these grave human rights violations. Next in line was our Counter Terror with Justice Campaign; the agenda was to put an end to the War on Terror and to actualize a peaceful end. To achieve this objective, a "checklist" was prepared by AI for Obama's first hundred days, which included among many other actions, closing down Guantanamo Bay, ensuring fair trials for its detainees and ending impunity. Postcards were signed and then sent to President Obama. Other than that, cards were sent to the families of these detainees to let them know that they are not alone in this struggle. We particularly took up the case of Masood Janjua and Faisal Faraz who have been missing since July 2005.

Women rights are another issue that remained our focus throughout the year. We started out with sending messages of solidarity to activists in Iran fighting for women rights. It was followed by a campaign on violence against women. We took up the cases of Tasleem Solangi who was "fed" to dogs by her husband on a mere suspicion of her having an affair, and Shahnaz Bibi who was burnt alive by her husband. Appeals were made to Prime Minister Gillani to take immediate action against the criminals and to make sure that women feel protected. We received a prompt reply from the prime minister's office that chief secretary punjab had been called upon to look into the cases. Up till the recent news, the Supreme Court has ordered an investigation into the Tasleem Solangi case and has also suspended the officials who were previously working on it. Our last action, so far, for women rights was a protest against flogging of a 17-year old girl in Swat.

Keeping in mind the military action in Swat, we started out an awareness movement, which is our latest campaign. Fliers were distributed that had a detailed account of what was happening in Swat as observed by AI's researchers. Also, funds were raised for IDPs by staging a play "A Palestinian Tale" which was a representation of what a family goes through in war afflicted zones. Since human rights violations in Eastern Myanmar are of similar nature, we took up that campaign as well. A documentary was shown to raise awareness about the issues faced by people in Eastern Myanmar because of the government officials and post cards were sent to the government with appeals to address these issues promptly.

PLUMS

(Publications @ LUMS)

Publications @ LUMS (PLUMS) is the society in-charge of overseeing all student-run publications at LUMS. In the academic year 2008/09, PLUMS was successful in providing several of its projects to the LUMS student body. Like every year, the freshmen were welcomed to LUMS through the ever popular, 'Unofficial guide for the freshmen'. The guide served as an easement into life at LUMS for the freshmen, and gave them access to information invaluable in steering them through their upcoming four/five years.

PLUMS also published two issues of its quarterly magazine 'Luminaire', which offers a student's perspective into various aspects of life at LUMS. Both issues were greatly appreciated by the student body and the faculty, and were sold out within a day. PLUMS was also instrumental in bidding a fitting farewell to the graduating batch through its annual yearbook. Based on the theme of 'Once upon a time', the yearbook was an ideal commemoration of the contribution made to LUMS by the graduating batch, and will be cherished by the graduates for a long time to come.



The LUMS Art Society is recognized for its commitment to promote and inculcate artistic and aesthetic excellence amongst the LUMS community. In an environment of business ideas and competition it provides a platform for creative expression and appreciation. Over the last academic year we undertook many activities some of which are listed below:

- An art exhibition "EXPRESSIONS" exhibiting the work of Dr. Kinza from the ACF Department.
- Another art exhibition "Experience Art", which was a mega event of the arts society, exhibited the works of all the members of the arts society and also some from other members of the LUMS community

- NOWPDP exhibition: This was collaboration between LCS, AISEC and the Arts Society done for an NGO, for the benefit of special children. The event included children preparing art work and the exhibition of that art work.

- Trip to NCA: This was arranged to expose the LUMS community interested in art to the art work of one of the best art schools in Pakistan. Definitely an eye-opener and very helpful in getting contacts for future workshops in addition to ideas for different art techniques.

- Trip to GIKI: LUMS Arts Society participated in the GIKI Art Gala and won positions in 3 out of the 4 competitions. An achievement by the LUMS students!

- An art carnival which was held for the first time in LUMS. It had all arts stalls, art games, live sketching and works of various artists were put



on sale. While continuing with its tradition the LUMS Art Society plans to expand its activities over the coming years, both in terms of scope and variety. Besides the exhibitions, Reality, 3D, and Beyond LUMS that have previously been organized, as well as the workshops held, we would like to organize trips to different locations for landscaping, launch the art society website and publish a magazine that would showcase, as well as promote, art at LUMS. Some of the planned future events along with their details are listed below:

The Art Society at LUMS

- Mega Exhibition: An exhibition of art work by artists

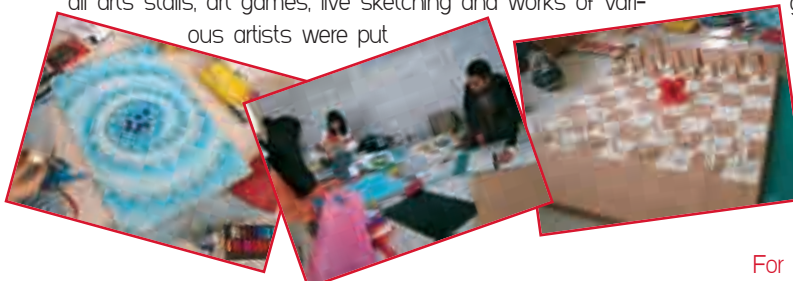
from amongst the LUMS community. Includes paintings, sketches, photography, poster design, graphic/digital art, as well as some exceptional three-dimensional work by artists from art schools, including NCA, BNU, Indus Valley, and Punjab University etc.

- 3D: An exhibition of three-dimensional art work by artists from amongst the LUMS community. Includes origami, jewelry, hand-crafts, sculpture etc.

- Workshops and lectures: The list may include but is not limited to jewelry making, pottery and sculpture, modern art, sketching and drawing, water colour, oil painting, origami, paper making, floral art. It is the responsibility of the arts society to hold such workshops to teach the LUMS community what they might be interested in as far as art is concerned. In the coming academic year alone, we plan to hold 4 workshops.

- Inter University Art Competition: This is an initiative the arts society plans to take next year. As one of the most prestigious universities in Pakistan and known for its student activities, we have a platform to hold this event and promote the name of LUMS in the field of art across universities and the art community of Pakistan in general. This would be a competition where art and creativity in different mediums would be promoted.

- Faculty Competition: In view of the great success of Dr. Kinza's exhibition last year, in the coming year we will be organizing a fun art competition exclusively for the faculty to promote and showcase the art talent present in our faculty.



For more information you can contact us at arts@lums.edu.pk



Music Bands Competition



Photography Exhibition



A participant with the judge of the PhotoEssay Competition



EP concert

LMA
 (The LUMS Media Arts Society),
 undoubtedly one of the largest and most
 happening societies at LUMS, inspires all those who
 recognize the ever growing importance of media as a
 powerful channel for human expression. LMA is dedicated to
 creating, producing and promoting all forms of media amongst
 students. Not only does it host a national amateur short film festival by
 the name of FiLUMS, it is also the society that has been organizing the
 LUMS Olympiad for the past three years. FiLUMS 2008 was a big success as
 we got more than 100 amateur short film producers to send in their entries

LUMS Media Arts Society

and screened them to a large audience in LUMS. An event like FiLUMS provides a great platform to young talented film makers to showcase their productions. The previous academic year LMA along with the debating society DRUMS also hosted almost 1300 students from all over Pakistan for the LUMS Olympiad 2009. They participated in 22 different events, including drama, music, photography, fashion designing, art, console gaming, speed filming, music video making, journalism, chess, math, debates, quiz competitions and many more.



Live Art Competition



Fashion Designing Competition



Shan giving out prizes to Drama event winners



Workshop by Shan

SPADES

Educating and Raising Awareness

SPADES is a relatively new society, aimed at the promotion of science and engineering. Since the School of Science and Engineering (SSE) was launched this year, the society had a busy time, with three major events taking place one after the other.

Cancer Awareness Campaign

SPADES celebrated cancer awareness day at LUMS with an elaborately planned campaign. Ms. Fatima Khwaja, a visiting professor at LUMS SSE and also a Junior Research Scientist at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, assisted the members of the society in making this event memorable. The campus was decorated with banners and posters. A desk was set up outside PDC where pamphlets were handed out, which outlined the common types of cancer, their symptoms and what can be done



Donating money at the Shaukat Khanum Donation Box

to reduce the chances of getting them. T-shirts, cancer bands and other accessories were also sold, the proceeds of which went for the welfare of cancer patients at Shaukat

Khanum Hospital. Moreover a

donation box was set up where students donated generously. At another desk, art supplies were provided to students/faculty members to make get well soon cards for young cancer patients. Students participated in this activity enthusiastically and very soon piles of cards with impressive artwork as well as encouraging messages could be seen all around.



Students getting brochures from the information desk

A seminar was held by

Ms. Fatima which explained what exactly cancer is and how it develops. She went on to describe different types of cancers which are common in Pakistan. Furthermore, she outlined the



Students making get well soon cards

common everyday practices and chemicals which can cause cancer and advised students on how to avoid their use. She especially elaborated on how smoking is a leading cause of cancer and gave statistical evidence which shocked many in the audience.



Seminar by Ms. Fatima Khwaja

The seminar was attended by

some very special guests: former cancer patients from Shaukat Khanum who had recovered from the disease. At the end, they were introduced to the audience. The patients included children as well as young adults. Each of them had a story to share: about what they went through when they were diagnosed and how they were treated. All of them praised Shaukat Khanum for supporting them financially as well as emotionally in their struggle against this disease. The audience was touched by their bravery. The day ended with a dinner at the Executive Dining Hall for the guests.



Cancer patients at the seminar

MATLAB ka Matlab Kia?

With the creation of the LUMS School of Science and Engineering, an entirely new field of academia has been ushered into LUMS. The students of the first batch were taught entirely new courses, never taught before at LUMS. Even the three Calculus courses were different from those taught to the student in SHSSL and SDSB. One of these new courses was Problem Solving Using Computers (CSI02), which was taught to the SSE class in the Winter Quarter. The course was taught by none other than Dr. Arif Zaman and Dr. Sohaib Khan. The course was aimed at using computers to solve real-life problems and model complex situations and scenarios, e.g. ant behavior and chemotaxis in simple bacteria. The course was mainly lab and project-based, with a four-hour lab session every week, and a three-week long project at the end of the course. The language used throughout was MATLAB, a computational programming language used by



Hosts conducting the event

scientists and engineers worldwide. The 10 best projects were also recognized, with awards being given to the top 3. The event was attended by most of the Computer Science faculty, as well as other faculty members. Once the course was completed, the instructors conceded that the quality of the final projects was astounding and well beyond anything they had expected. Noting this, SPADES organized an event 'MATLAB ka matlab kia' which showcased the



Audience consisting of faculty members as well as students

best projects submitted at the end of CSI02. The event was held in the PICIC Auditorium, and the Chief Guest was Dr. Asad Abidi, former Dean of LUMS SSE. The projects were judged by Dr. Arif Zaman, Dr. Sohaib Khan and three graduate students from the Computer Science department. Approximately the best 40 projects were showcased, and a few of the projects were even recognized for their idiosyncrasies or less-than-serious output.

The event kicked off with a laugh, as the audience listened hard, trying to make sense out of what Faryal was saying, which was soon revealed to be nothing more than an extract from a random text generator submitted by one of the students! The audience was given an overview of the projects via a projector screen. Not all the projects were run, however; some were showcased by snapshots and videos of their output. The creators of the top 10 projects were invited on stage and asked to explain their projects themselves.

The best project undoubtedly was that made by Imran Sajjad, who made an astounding tree generator. The generator could generate five to six different trees, and the level of detail, down to the last leaf, was simply amazing. Combining this with the maker's brilliant aesthetic sense, we had some extremely beautiful and realistic trees made in MATLAB. Even though the project was amazing, it took MATLAB over 10 minutes to render, so snapshots of the generated trees were displayed instead of rendering them during the event.

Other projects in the top 10 included Anique Akhtar's Space Impact, Salik Nadeem's Nokia Snakes, Muhammad Usama's random maze generator and Asadullah Naweed's Shoot Out among many others. Apart from the Top 10 awards, a number of humorous 'awards' were also given out, like the award for the most blank lines of code, the most sleep-inducing output, most elaborately commented code and most irritating output among others. These awards were given out at regular intervals, and thus helped to lighten the atmosphere and bring even wider smiles on the faces of the audience.



Overall, the event was a huge success and the faculty members who attended the event said they were very impressed with both the quality of the projects as well as the organization of the event itself. The students who attended it also lauded the organizing team, and even students from SHSSL and SDSB were visibly impressed. SPADES hopes to continue this tradition with the projects of the SSE Class of 2013 (if they are good enough!).

Senior Project Exhibition 2009 (SPROJ '09)

Senior Project Exhibition (nicknamed SPROJ) is a showcase of the Senior Projects of the Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors at LUMS. It also aims to highlight and appreciate the world-class research conducted in the LUMS CS research labs by the faculty and the research associates (RAs). LUMS boasts an exceptional Computer Science faculty and student body, and this exhibition, attended by the LUMS community as well as people from the corporate community, is an opportunity for them to share their excellent work.

This year's SPROJ was bigger and better than ever before. Conducted in the galleries of the LUMS Academic Block, this year's SPROJ sought not only to bring many months' hard work to light but also to provide a recruiting ground for the IT firms in the country to select the best and the brightest in the field. The exhibition was attended by the LUMS faculty, students (particularly CS & Math majors and students from the SSE pioneer batch) and members from the corporate community. Among the more noted visitors were Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan (Ex-Vice Chancellor LUMS), Dr. Arif Zaman (Professor CS & Math), Dr. Sultan Sial (Associate Prof., Math); Dr. Sohaib Khan (Asst. Prof. CS), Dr. Shahab Baqai (Head, Assoc. Prof., CS), Dr. Naveed Arshad and Dr. Jahangir Ikram.

To add visuals to the event, all exhibitors were provided with large display LCDs to facilitate and enhance their showcase. Also



Guys from Dunkin Donuts

a permanent feature of the event was a stupendous Food Court, which was set up in the Central Courtyard of the Academic Block which featured Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts, Papaya Dog and Gelato Affair, among others. This food court proved to be a great relief for people tired of PDC, providing everything from burgers and pizzas to ice-cream all in one place.



At the Pizza Hut stall

But the main attraction of the event was the projects (what else could it be?) This year's SPROJ saw some awesome projects. From a Cellular Remote Control System to software for the preservation of the classical Mughal art, the projects demonstrated the remarkable creativity and innovative thinking of the CS/CMPE people in particular and the LUMS academic body in general. Following is a brief overview of the showcased projects.

SMS-based Remote Control System

Presented by Ahmad Warraich from the batch of 2009, the project deals with talking to your home appliances via SMS. You can use the system's "Central Unit" by assigning it a cell number and simply SMS-ing to the number to operate the devices connected. It can deal with 14 to 16 devices and is independent of geographical boundaries; after all it's an SMS.



Ahmad sharing his ineffable wisdom with curious minds

Originally designed for security systems, it can even be used by home users.

Remote Surveillance and Control (RSAC)

Showcased by Ahmad Omer Hassam Raja, Zohaib Akhtar and Usama Ahmad from the Batch of 2009, this project puts your home security and devices on your fingertips. This project makes use of SMS to alert you about any intruder threats at your residence. A major emphasis of this project has been to minimize the costs as much as possible. It uses 2 webcams and appliance control hardware and costs a maximum of Rs 5000/-



RSAC

Conservation of Mughal Art

Done by Ali Ahmad (CS '09), this project seeks to revive and preserve our Mughal Artistic Heritage. The software uses symmetries to reconstruct old Mughal Art by removing blemishes from

Images using data from other symmetric parts of the images. The software can also extract digital vector art from the paintings.

SM3DP (Structure from Motion, Display for 3D Perception)

Carried out by Abubakar Umer, Ahsan Dar and Saad Khawar, from the LUMS batch of 2009, with Dr. Sohaib Khan as the advisor, the project aims to develop a *Perpetual User Interface* for computers – machine’s ability to imitate human senses. The example illustrated in the exhibition used one webcam to capture head movements and change the 3D scene on the display accordingly, simulating real-world vision!



Non-Rigid Structure from Motion

Carried out by Ijaz Akhtar from the Computer Vision Lab, this project involves the extraction of the 3-D structure of the non-rigid i.e. moving soft objects from the videos shot by singular cameras. The technique is a major breakthrough in the field and has wide applications in the animation and gaming industry.



Wavelet-based Video Compression

Carried out by multiple research associates from the Multimedia Lab at LUMS, this Video Compression codec lets users “zip” videos to a set of low-resolution blurred files and send them over networks and then reconstruct high-quality videos at the receiving end.

This year’s SPROJ also featured the iRaffles’ Apple Education Drive 2009 in collaboration with SPADES. For the entire day, iRaffles staff showcased some of the tiniest iPods, coolest MacBooks and stunning iMacs. They attracted a lot of crowd from within the LUMS community.



All in all, this year’s SPROJ was a great success.

Emergency Medical System



LUMS now has a fully operational Emergency Medical Services system set up and managed entirely by a dedicated group of students on call around the clock, seven days a week to ensure that any emergency situation requiring immediate lifesaving intervention is provided for.

Trained through a rigorous fifteen day programme by the Punjab Government's Rescue 1122 personnel, the first batch of certified Medical First Responders (MFR) began operations on the LUMS campus in the winter quarter 2008-2009. They are trained in first aid techniques to handle cases ranging from heart attacks and choking to spinal injuries and fractures. Confidence comes with having received expert training and practice.

Any phone extension in LUMS dialing 1122 will make a call straight to the EMS office located in the sports complex. Emergencies include injuries and severe illness that require immediate medical attention. An MFR will reach the patient within 6-7 minutes, and conduct a thorough physical exam, to assess the patient and then attempt to stabilize his condition, and call an ambulance if need be.

A group of around 10 students juggle their academic and extra curricular life at LUMS while keeping the EMS system functioning, and even expanding. Every quarter, the existing EMS team conducts an EMS course, usually on weekends, to further train other students and even staff members. A small number are allowed into this course teaching basic lifesaving techniques and proper etiquette for an MFR, followed by frequent testing of theory and rigorous practical evaluations. There is a strong emphasis on a certain standard of performance, the right attitude, and attendance, for this course and its teachers carry with them a huge responsibility – that of attempting to save patients' lives.

The LUMS community also looks up to its EMS giving them the recognition and respect they deserve for their efforts. Appreciation from patients and their families themselves is an important factor helping them feel good.

EMS is now an active part of the University, in attendance at every sports tournament and match played by LUMS teams, (especially rugby matches, where minor injuries and nosebleeds are a frequent occurrence, but also respiratory distress and in one case, a serious neck injury). An EMS member also accompanied the LUMS Sports Team to a recent event in Turkey.



Given that they are pioneers of the EMS in LUMS, they also have to work towards raising awareness about the nature of their services, which is to respond to life threatening emergencies. They find it funny that students will sometimes think of them as a substitute for doctors, asking for injections, or show them month old injuries.

However, they take it all in good stride, and continue to work with a selfless dedication. Anyone who joins EMS has the common motive of wanting to provide community service, learn new skills and provide social services within their capacity.



This has been is the first such kind of initiative in a Pakistani university, and the LUMS EMS is actually also the first certified team to receive training as MFRs by Rescue 1122. The LUMS EMS wants to help establish the same kind of programme in other universities, and future plans also include extending services to the surrounding area of DHA in collaboration with 1122.

The EMS team is currently raising funds for an ambulance to be parked in LUMS at all times, and be driven by EMS personnel themselves in case of an emergency requiring transport to hospital.



Community service has been rendered a new meaning at LUMS with the EMS. Their motive is a selfless one, echoed by their 1122 instructors, and an inspirational message to every newcomer who joins the EMS classes, as put by instructors Zubair and Jamal:

'If we can save one life, then every effort we make is worth it.'

Note: To help raise funds for the LUMS EMS ambulance, support is welcome. Please contact Zubair Anis Ahmed, 10020001@lums.edu.pk, 0332-8400542 or visit the EMS website at <http://ems.lums.edu.pk>



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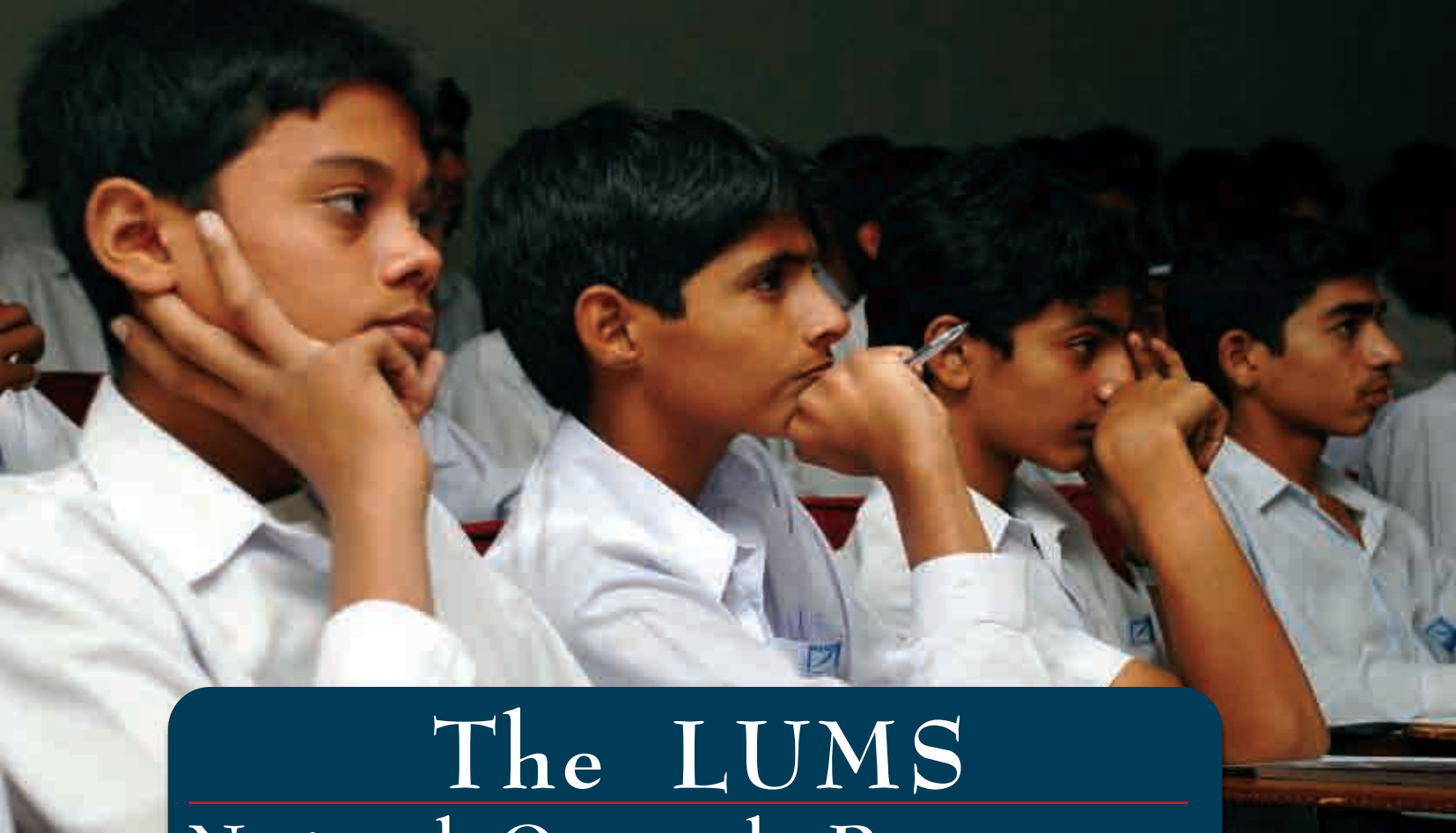
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The LUMS National Outreach Programme

By Hassan Pervaiz

2009 has seen an incredible growth for the National Outreach Programme (NOP). The number of applicants applying through the NOP stream reached 5000 this year. The Preliminary Evaluation Test was conducted for 3000 shortlisted candidates on June 06, 2009 across 12 cities of Pakistan namely Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Gilgit and Skardu.

The top 300 candidates were invited to attend the Summer Coaching Sessions at LUMS. This year, 136 students have been admitted to undergraduate programmes at LUMS through the NOP stream. This accounts for an unprecedented 20% of the total undergraduate student intake.

Another achievement for the programme this year has been the graduation and placement of its fourth batch. Nine NOP scholars graduated this year, making it a total of 29 graduates to date. Ahmad Mujtaba, Asim Jahangir and Amirali Rajani have been recruited by prominent companies namely, Procter and Gamble, UBL and Bank Al-Falah. Another

NOP student, Adeela Sarfaraz, went on a fully funded exchange programme to Austria. Furthermore two of our 2008 graduates, Sami Ullah Kashif and Afeef Naeem, have been offered admission to Georgia Tech University and Ohio State University through the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

Once again, we received very generous contributions from a variety of donors, ranging from corporate entities to LUMS alumni. We are extremely grateful to all our donors and would also like to thank the BSc classes of 2006 and 2009 and MBA class of 1999 for their philanthropic contribution to the NOP fund.

We realize that in order to make people avail the benefits of the NOP it is necessary to get the message across where it is needed the most. Apart from various public awareness campaigns, community involvement is an important tool to achieve this goal. One of the major developments in the extension of the NOP this year has been of the involvement of NOP scholars who are currently studying at LUMS. Most of these stu-

dents voluntarily went to the top colleges of their native cities (like D.G.Khan, Mardan, Peshawar, Okara, Multan etc) and encouraged the students of these institutions to come forward and make the most of this opportunity.

Since its inception, the National Outreach Programme has remained true to its mission, facilitating and recruiting promising students who lack adequate financial resources. Through the remarkable success of the National Outreach Programme, LUMS has been able to build a student community that is economically, geographically and culturally diverse and has a nationwide flavour to it rather than one that is regional.

The immediate challenge for LUMS is to make the National Outreach Programme sustainable by generating scholarships for NOP scholars with the help of alumni and other socially responsible individuals and corporations. Together we will be able to bring a much desired change by preparing future leaders of Pakistan.



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Alumni Events and Activities

By Ayesha Azhar

The Alumni Affairs Office is working proactively to keep the alumni in contact with the university and each other for their mutual benefit and for the continuing support and advancement of LUMS. The rationale is to enhance the involvement of alumni in the university activities. The Alumni Affairs Office is constantly looking for ways to connect further with the alumni.

Alumni Chapters

In order to bring a structure to the LUMS Alumni Chapters, one initiative taken by the department is to organize volunteer alumni teams in various regions to work with LUMS. The aim is to improve the networking of the alumni in the region and to support the University in placement, marketing, networking and fundraising. The first meeting for the Karachi Chapter Volunteers was coordinated in March 2009. The Alumni Office participated in the meeting to give initial team formation and activity guidelines. This meeting and then subsequent meetings resulted in the establishment of LUMS Karachi Alumni Chapter (LKAC). LKAC has connected with the alumni in the Karachi area and hosted their first event, a successful volleyball tournament on May 30, 2009. The chapter has also started providing support to various functions at LUMS like placements, networking etc. Prominent Chapter Coordinators in Karachi are Irfan A Khan, Al Hanani K Nizamuddin, Saira Khan, Abdullah Akhtar, Muhtashim Ashai, Nabeela Naem, M Anis Sajid and Syed Ather Ahmed

Similarly, a meeting for the Islamabad Chapter volunteers was held in April, 2009. The purpose of the session was to bring structure to the Islamabad chapter and exchange ideas on activities and procedures for the team. The Islamabad Chapter team hosted a reunion on August 2009 and have been having regular meetings and sessions. Prominent Chapter Coordinators in Islamabad are Umer Malik, Saud Mukhtar and Haider Rafiq

Similar alumni chapter teams have been formed in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait respectively. This will make the alumni network self sustaining and also help in the formation of an Alumni Association team structure in the future. Chapter Coordinators in Saudi Arabia (KSA) are Somira Tariq Soomro and Shafaq Tariq Soomro while in Kuwait Ali Maaz, Khwaja Faisal and Ammar Muqet are coordinating

Alumni Reunions in the US

In June 2009, a very dynamic group of alumni organized three alumni reunions in New York, Seattle and Bay Area (Stanford University Campus). Dr. Ahmad Jan Durrani, Vice Chancellor and Sheikh Ali Hussain, Director Resource Development & Alumni Affairs attended these events. A large number of alumni attended these reunions and had a great time in learning more about their alma mater.

Dr Durrani shared his long term vision and encouraged alumni to help LUMS become a globally recognized research university. The participants gave their feedback on improving several functions at the university. We are really grateful to Ali Almakky (MBA 1996), Ali Jaffery (BSc 2001), Imran Ismail (BSc 1998), Mona Akmal (BSc 2001), Sana Naveed Khawaja (BSc 2005), Abid Mohsin (BSc 2001), Sanaa K Nadeem (BSc 2007) and many more for arranging these wonderful reunions. We look forward to having representation of many more alumni in following years.

Besides attending the alumni reunions the VC and Director also met charter members of (Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs of North America) OPEN in DC, Houston and Bay Area. This visit helped in firstly introducing LUMS to the US based Pakistani community, secondly in boosting LUMS graduate placements and finally in developing linkages for future financial support for LUMS

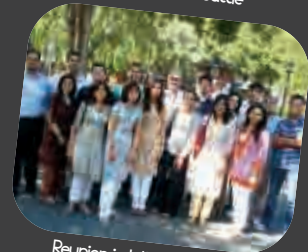
Alumni Reunions in the US



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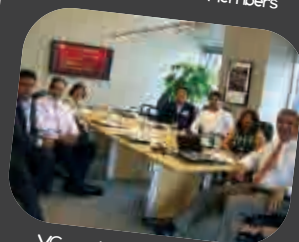
Reunion in US Bay Area



VC meets Alumni in DC



VC meets OPEN DC Members



VC meets OPEN, Houston

Islamabad Reunion

The Islamabad Chapter Annual Reunion was hosted at the Islamabad Club on Friday August 07, 2009. This is the first time the Islamabad Alumni Chapter Team organized and hosted this event themselves while from LUMS the Vice Chancellor Dr. Ahmed Jan Durrani, Director RD&AA Sheikh Ali Hussain and Amna Arshad from the Alumni Office attended. It was a well attended get together. The evening started with Umer Malik, a very active alumnus in the Islamabad Chapter Team, welcoming the alumni on the behalf of the Chapter. He shared the details of the Chapter meetings and invited the alumni to join in. The Vice Chancellor LUMS then shared with the alumni, various updates on LUMS and how their alma mater has grown. The evening ended with dinner. Haider Rafiq, Saud Mukhtar and Umer Malik were the main alumni coordinators for this event.



Islamabad Reunion

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Yasser Bashir is in Lahore trying to run a small but growing technology services company. He often also tries to fit in squash in his 12-hrs a day, 6-days a week work schedule, without success and thus losing the inevitable battle of the bulge, a little bit more. **Hajira Kureshi** has just finished up this year's admissions process at the LUMS SSE. That's actually her most major update for the last 2 years. She is fortunate to be a part of a great team at this pioneering venture to build Pakistan's first research university. They have a cute 4 year old daughter Eshaal. **Abid Butt** and **Maheen Rehman** just became proud parents of Daanika Bano. Abid is still running e2e which Alhamdulillah has grown leaps and bounds. Maheen is working for IGI Financials. Their eldest daughter Zaaria is four.

Mohsin Aikal is with Barclays bank. He is Head of Unsecured Assets, Head of Loans. While **Mahwish Gul Aikal** is lecturing Economics for BBA and BSc at the American College Dubai. They have a 4 year old daughter, Soha. **Sadia Sheikh** is working as a Managing Economist at Experian in London. Her husband **Hasan Amjad** has joined a hedge fund, taking a sabbatical from the University of Cambridge. They are living in Cambridge at the moment. **Omar** and **Rahila Chughtai** have settled down in Toronto Canada with their three sons. Omar is currently working for IBM and balances his work-week at client locations with quiet weekends spent at home. Rahila is keeping herself busy by taking care of the three boys. They can occasionally be seen at social engagements. **Zainab Latif** and **Asif Shahid Khan** have a new addition to their family, Amani. She and Jibran keep their hands full ;). They still live in NYC. Asif works at Morgan Stanley and Zainab is still PhD-ing and teaching at City University of New York.

Noman Noor is enjoying the work life

balance @ IBM. Not much sports though ... needs to get that started remembering the days at SLUMS (Sports @ LUMS). He has been in California (San Francisco) for 10 years now ... loves it. Noman has a baby daughter Aasiyah who is 1 year and 4 months.

Usman Masrur is working as Finance and Procurement Management Consultant and is looking after LUMS Alumni Organization in Canada, living in Toronto with his wife, Sadia and daughter, Zara. **Umair Shah** ever since his migration from the academic world has frozen himself in Chicago on track for capitalistic pursuits. Reliable sources say he was behind the Wall Street crash of 2008. We couldn't get direct confirmation from him since we were unable to locate his little house on the prairies. Until last reports he was still happily married with a 2 year old daughter Noor. After 5 years in Japan, from hating it to loving it, **Naveen Khan** has now arrived in Budapest, Hungary. She enjoys being in Europe though her husband Nick misses Asia more ;). Settling in is taking longer than expected and if all goes well, she should have the home of her choice by July. All friends are welcome! At the moment her son Sikander, 1.5years old, is taking up most of her time. Naveen hopes that will change soon and she can go back to some kind of professional occupation but she is leaning more towards charity and philanthropist activities. **Afia Nathaniel** is currently based in New York. Recently opened her film production company Zambeel Films in Lahore, Pakistan. She is looking forward to making an independent feature film in Pakistan that is meant for a theatrical distribution worldwide. If anyone is interested in investing in this feature film or knows someone who may be interested in investing, please contact her directly. "After all, if we don't tell our stories to the world no one else can do it for us." **Faisal Jan Allawala** is still working for his Dad in his Embroidery Business bringing out new Embroidered Fabric Collections season after season. He spends his free time with his 2 daughters Mariah and Hania. **Saadullah Bashir** is in Southern California these days, pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics.

Arfat Qayyum moved from Toronto to Qatar a couple of years ago, to set up the Private Banking business for a new

bank there. Enjoying life in the Middle East - especially being close to family. Arfat's son is turning 5 this year and his wife is also working in Qatar. He spends most of his free time with friends and likes taking vacations in Europe. If anyone is visiting Qatar, drop him a line. It is always nice to catch up with old friends. **Shahzad Khan** completed his PhD from Cambridge sometime last year. However, he is still an active researcher and has set up an active collaboration with the University of Ottawa, secured some research funding from the Ontario Government, and is basically having a ton of fun. **Ahsan Khaliq** is based in Karachi spearheading his Dad's UDL Distribution Empire. Apart from his business his family keeps him busy at home.

Asif Mujahid(Dada) is in Minneapolis working for an airline. **Salahuddin Khawaja** is still at Deloitte, still consulting, still living in New York. Still trying to figure out a way to settle down ... **Imran Ahmed Khan** continues to work for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as an IT Project Director in Toronto Canada. Imran and his wife are proud parents of a 2 year old daughter (Sara). He still tries to make it to Pakistan for Basant along with working on his tan in the Caribbean Sea once a year.

Irfan Haqqi continues to work for Cisco systems in California. He was recently "roped in" and is now happily married. He is active socially with the Luminite community in California. **Faisal Sardar** is currently working in New York as Director of Revenue Management, with Gemini Management in NYC.... **Abbas Raza** is working as Head of North America Credit Trading FVP for JP Morgan in Manhattan. He hates the weather but still manages to ride his motorcycle when it's sunny. His boxing career never took off so he stays in shape by fighting with rude NYC taxi and limo drivers who get in his way. His wife **Anabela** is the cool-headed person in the relationship, and is enjoying a successful career as a Product Controller at the same bank. **Fahd Osman** has a new addition to his family, Aarez Osman who is 5 months old and keeps him and his wife Saima very busy. He is still in Boston working for State Street Bank. **Salman Qureshi** is working for Friends Provident in Surrey, UK building Online Life Insurance systems. He has a beautiful wife and daughter. He has also set up his own consulting company Clearnet Consulting (if anyone is interested in IT Consulting

they can contact him).

Sabir Sheikh is based in Lahore managing his family's Textile Empire. When he is not minting money he tries to spend time with his three kids. **Asad Farooqi** is still working for Cisco and living in Bay Area, CA with his wife. In his words "No updates, same old man :-)". **Salman Hameed** is still working for Turin Networks in California. His biggest concern is his loosing his hair at incredible pace. He has two sons. **Mosharraf Zaidi** writes for The News, al-Shorouk in Egypt, and The Far Eastern Economic Review in Hong Kong. He advises governments, non profits and international organizations like the UN and EU on public policy and political economy. He was blessed to have had the opportunity to perform the Hajj last year with his wife Jawairia. Sons Musa and Isa stayed home with grandparents and aunts! **Khurram Ali** is often found jet-setting between his three mansions in Boston, Lahore and Gujrat. The Roger Federer of employment loyalty has been with the Pakistani software giant, Techlogix, for the 12th straight year, and counting. Khurram is also the proud father of three lovely daughters.

BSc 1998

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Really we alumni from 98 are from Stone Age of LUMS. LUMS has come such a long way ... Why? A Radio station, labs of all kinds and categories, programs, events, awards, gyms and courts and what not ... you name it. Wish I was back in university just for all this. This year I can safely say that we all have more achievements, more awards, more grey hair, more fat around our waistlines and of course more kids! Tracking down class mates wasn't as easy as I had thought when I volunteered to this. Many are hiding under rocks I think! Some very enterprising BSc 98ers even refused to share their news!

So presenting now BSc 98 whatever's left of it, in communicating mode.... alphabetically unsorted of course:

Starting from Dubai, which is home to several of our classmates: **Fahd Iqbal** works at an Egyptian investment bank for the past 2.5 years now. His son Haris turned 2 and his daughter Amaani is now 8 months old. He says he's been blessed with a beautiful happy family and has a lot to be grateful for! **Fahd Shah** works in Dubai Chambers of Commerce as an economic researcher. The move to Dubai has given him a chance to see his family who are in Karachi. He says he's enjoying Dubai, slowly taking it in. Also trying to learn and practice Arabic. If anyone comes to Dubai please take his open invitation to drop in on him with all your bags and baggage, unless of course he's packed his baggage and visiting Pakistan. **Mudassir Sheikh** also lives in Dubai and works for a consulting firm. He got married this past December. **Jawaad Chawla** too has recently moved to Dubai to join Standard Bank from Standard Chartered Bank in Abu Dhabi. He's enjoying Dubai after the early adjustment period to Dubai traffic and construction zones. His wife Tania of Mrs. Me fame has finally convinced him to hire a personal trainer who drives him like a slave.. Hopefully results will ensue. Moving on to the US of A: **Imran Moin** is settled in Sacramento, CA with his wife Nicole and their 1 year old daughter Noor. Tired of being on the road every day, Imran says he finally left Deloitte Consulting last year (after 6 years of being with the company) and joined the healthcare company Blue Shield of California in Sacramento, CA where he is a manager in their Business Transformation and eBusiness Department.

Imran Ismail works as a marketing effectiveness consultant for a media and advertising agency in New York. He lives in Manhattan. **Omer Rana** is still in CA. He now has 2 children Haider 5 and Shahmeen 1.5. On the job front, he's started a consulting firm sometime back and working with a lot of Fortune 500 clients.. He too sends an open invitation to all mates. Starting this year he's partnered with **Samir Sheikh** and Rafay from B97 to focus on government contracts and still continuing with that. This brings us to **Samir Sheikh**. He left his position at Avaya in search of a larger success and is working on a US public sector startup. He is happily married to Rafia and has a 2 year old son Raed. **Saad Khawaja** and **Sophia Saad** are in Dallas. Saad is working as a Application Architect at Intuit, Dallas, Texas and Sophia is looking



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offer their home and 3 kids. I hear Sophia is a great cook. Everyone is USA consider yourself invited ;) **Rizwan Aftab** says he's the same as last year. I hope he changes a bit this year. **Adil Sherwani** has wrapped up his MBA, finally returning to Seattle where he says he'll get to reunite with his band TMB and hopefully finish up their much-delayed first album! Hurry up Adil we're all tuning in. Adil also insisted that this be announced to **Vomic Nur**, after 11 years of silent bitterness at being beaten out for the BSc 98 gold medal, I can finally exact sweet revenge now that Syed Salik Nur has recently joined my group at Microsoft... muahahahaha!! (j/k Salik :D) Vomic if you are reading this please also be informed that I'd personally nuke you because after all my failed attempts at finding you for class notes all I get to do is to pass this threat on!

Northwards in Canada, **Shahzad Khan (Doogie)** is back on his 24 km bike commute every day to work and after the summer plans to take up cross-country skiing to cover the same territory over the snow. Way to go!!! Shahzad and Zeba had their third child in January, Hashim Muhammed Khan. Hashim joins his elder brother Hakan (5) and sister Melike (2) in a wonderful loving family. Shahzad has been continuing his research at developing thinking, personality-rich digital characters for games, and has received \$300K of funding from the Ontario government to recruit a team at the University of Ottawa to support this research. In addition, he is consulting to the Canadian federal government on Web 2.0 techniques to establish knowledge management standards via his consultancy Whyztech.com. **Tehseen Thavar** has not much to update. I'm STILL in school! I am a professional student, she says. **Ali Hashmi**, Javaria and daughter Manaal live in Canada, where Ali is working while Javaria is doing a Post Doc. In the UK we have **Arshia Ahmed** who says she spends most of my time watching cartoons, listening to nursery rhymes and going to toy shops in London. Why? Arshia says it's a combination of second childhood and her 5 month old daughter Zara's decisive nature. Arshia about time you take charge. Children quickly turn into monsters. **Salman Aslam** is a managing consultant at Capgemini, moving soon back to Pakistan from UK. Nearly ten years with **Nazish Afraz** he says - with two kids, Emaan 7 and Zayn 2. Over to the wilderness of Africa: **Naureen Madhani** lives in

Tanzania with daughter Rida, who's 5 now. She says she loves it. She's still working for Aga Khan University. God knows where life will take her next she says. By the look of her photographs, I'd say National Geographic Naureen.

Back home, in Pakistan, **Abdullah Akhtar** and **Khurshed Akhtar** say there is not much to add to their previous class notes. They are still running the family business in textile spinning sector, supplying Chinese spinning machinery to mills all over Pakistan. **Abdullah** and Saira are now married for 7 years and have one son who's 5 years old. **Khurshid** and Sara are now married for 9 years with one daughter 7 years old and son 1 1/2 years old. **Noman Yaqoob** says he's still up to his neck with work in textiles here in Karachi. He says he has two lovely daughters, aged 3 and 1. Nowadays he's also working towards lowering his Golf handicap. Well good luck Noman. **Waqar ul haq** and Amena had their first child, Zayna, in November 2008. Ninety five percent of people agree that she resembles Waqar. Poor child. Both parents hope she grows out of it soon. Waqar continues to work hard in the family business, and has also gotten involved with a budding creative agency in Lahore. He adds that he is currently contemplating having a consistent exercise program of some sort, as the years have put on a few inches. Waqar join the club because most of us are also doing the same. Our very accomplished **Dr. Umar Saif** says Hadi and Ali keep Tehreem and he quite entertained. His three startups (Bumpln.com, SeenReport.com and ChOpaal.pk) are all doing well. Research career at LUMS is going well too he says. He received the Mark Weiser Award and the CIO technology pioneer award. Congrats Umar. You do us all proud. **Ali Perwaiz** says he is still working in the family textile spinning business based out of Lahore. He is also involved in real estate developments and the possibility of entering poultry industry soon is on the cards. He's married to Sara and his family includes Mahnoor 3.5 and Hamza 2. **Arif Jalil Piracha** is currently running Nayna Fashion House (one of the leading designer labels), Evenement (a leading corporate event management company), and SmartPrep, which is a test preparation organization. He has a son who's 3, who apparently drives him crazy. **Haleema Salman** and husband Amaar are in Lahore. They now have a beautiful daughter named Mariam in addition to son Raahym.

Rest of our classmates preferred not to share their news, however they are on Facebook so I assume, alive and kicking. **Amber** and **Shahid Masud** last seen holidaying in London, **Haroon Sheikh** somewhere in the middle east, **Armughan Javed**, **Faryal Raja** and **Sumaira Khan** in USA. **Sabeen Aamier** is somewhere in Chittagong but no news from her as such. **Noman Sheikh** of LUMS longest academic association fame is well probably lost in the corridors of LUMS still. **Khawaja Umar Farooq**, **Khurram Qureshi** and **Vomic Nur** are in UK. **Umar Moghul** lives in USA but was recently seen holidaying in Lahore. **Ishaq Burney** is in Australia. I was told **Qamar Uz Zaman** is probably somewhere in London and that **Fahad Aqeel** should know more about his current whereabouts but then Fahad Aqeel is nowhere to be found. **Erum** and **Omer Ghaznavi**, **Aliya Khan**, **Tahir Munir**, **Khurram Shakeel**, **Adeel Rafiq** exist on Facebook and appear to be doing well. Also seen on Facebook are **Fawad Rafi**, **Bilal Ali Nawaz**, **Saad Karim**, **Syed Ali**, **Yanaal Khan**, **Ali Anwar**, **Ali Murtaza** and **Mubarika Aijazuddin**.

Of those who have disappeared into oblivion are **Suleman Waheed**, **Luluah Hashim**, **Sadia Hussain**, **Saadia Marium Sheikh**, **Naveed Zaffar**, **Naveed Ahmad**, **Nabil Hasan**, **Yousaf Ahmad**, **Mehmood Yar Hiraj**, **Roohi Chaudry**, **Sadaf**, **Ali Majid**, **Usman Rauf**, **Mehnaz Asghar**, **Fahad Aqeel**, **Zaheer Ali Jafri**, **Faisal Fareed Rattani**, **Hasan Hamid**, **Noor Zahra**, **Isfandyar Khan**, **Jahanzaib** and **Mudheea Hussan** and leaving no traces whatsoever.

Fate brought us together some 15 years ago. Our days at LUMS were no doubt a very memorable part of our lives. I thank the LUMS Alumni Office for keeping us connected somehow.

BSc 1999

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It's hard to believe but it's been ten years since we graduated. That means it is reunion time! We are planning one via the

LUMS BSc 1999 Alumni group on Facebook so join in on the discussion and hope to see you in Lahore.

Abdul Mannan Abbasi is working in London with Riskmetrics. He is happily married and is no longer missing New York. **Adeel Janeed Meer** is working in Jersey City. **Adeel Jamil Siddiqui** and **Nadia Hussain** are in Washington DC with their 3 year old daughter. **Adil Paracha** is working in the UK as a brand manager for Kimberly Clark Europe. He is a proud father of a boy and two girls. **Adnan Bhutta** and **Naira Latif Chaudhry** have a son named Mikail and a daughter named Amna. They are both still working at Microsoft. **Ahmed Hamidani** is working in Singapore. **Alefiya Lotia** and family are quite accustomed to the Texas heat. The girls (Zainab & Zahra) are (im) patiently waiting for the arrival of the newest addition-to-be. In the meantime Alefiya is trying to catch as many naps as possible (so far not to her satisfaction). Pool, school, and never-ending housework are causing Alefiya to search Craigslist for a 'driver' and a desi cook. **Aliya Salahuddin** is working in London. **Amanullah Jeffrey Kariapper** is at Strategic Systems International (SSI) in Lahore. **Amber Riaz** is doing her PhD from Oxford. **Ambreen Gilani** is working with the Poverty Group at UNDP and continues to enjoy living in New York. **Ameel Zia Khan** is working for Melbourne Water in Australia. He continues to be an active blogger and you can read his professional blog at insanityworks.org/acme and his personal blog at insanityworks.org/randomtangent.

Amir Ali Jafri is working for Microsoft in Seattle. **Aqib Elahi Mehboob** recently set up a new broking firm, called Alpha Beta Capital Markets, with his boss from AKD Securities (Nadeem Naqvi). He now aims to break into the top five with this new outfit, but the market has been tough. Things were way easier at AKD! He is happily married with two children: Adil is 6 and Areeba is 3. He recently lost weight, his hair, and his moustache! **Ashab Naeem Iqbal** is working for American Express in London. **Asif Amjad** is working for KPMG Financial Advisory in Riyadh. **Asim Butt** is making art in Karachi. **Asim Memon** and **Mariyam Mansur** are both working for Microsoft in Seattle. **Assed Jehangir** and **Tania Tariq** have moved to the Hague. After completing his PhD, Assed has started work at Siemens Netherlands. Tania is a stay at home mom who is usually found cleaning up

after the eternally energetic Ayaan who is 3 and Elaina who is 2. **Babar Ghias** is in NYC with Rabia and his daughter. He is working at Credit Suisse. **Faisal Wahab** continues to run his pharma and toiletries business in Karachi. **Faisal Wasey** is in Karachi with his wife and daughter. **Farheen Lotia** is in Karachi with her husband and daughter. **Farooq Mustafa Alavi** is working for Standard Chartered in Karachi. **Fatima Ashraf** has moved back to Calgary, Canada. She is trying to get used to the cold after spending three warm years in Houston. She is a stay-at-home mom to Ahmed, 5, and Sophia, 2. **Fatima Muzaffar** is living in London. She's busy being a full-time mom to her four year old son Mikaeel.

Feroze Gulzar is busy playing polo while running his family business on the side. He is married to **Hina Khar** and they have a daughter named Anaya. **Fuad Ghazanfar** is working for Nestle in Lahore. **Hassan Ali** joined Intrinsyx Technologies in San Francisco and started his career in business development. He is also involved with NASA in San Francisco (in their human and animal space venture program!). He got influenced by sufistic Islam and planning on redoing the trip to Mauritania to get blessings from a 100+ year old sufi shaykh. **Hassan Javed** is in Redmond. **Hina Khar** won her seat in the 2008 elections with a strong majority and is a special assistant to the PM on economic affairs. She is married to **Feroze Gulzar**. **Hina Khawar Aslam** is married to Akbar Ahmad and has settled in London. They have a wonderful daughter Zara. **Iftikhar Rafi** is working for a Swiss bank in Dubai. **Imran Ahmed** is taking the year off to see the world. **Junaaid Bin Jahangir** is in Edmonton, Canada. **Khawaja Bashir Uddin** is in Dubai with his wife (Sana) and daughter (Zaynah). He is working as Sales Manager for EMS, which is Blackberry's Partner in Middle East & Africa. **Khurram Khaliq Khan** is in Lahore with his wife, Fatima. **Kiran Nanjiani** is in Karachi, working in the media industry. **Maha Ahmed** is working towards her PhD in Holland. **Mahira Daha** and **Fareed Zaffar** are both in Lahore. Fareed is teaching in LUMS. **Mahvash Ghous** (formerly Akram) is in Dubai with her husband, Yusuf, and three kids (a boy and two girls). **Makhmoor-ul-Hassan** is working for Shell in London. **Mariyam Hassan** (formerly Naeem) is working for Shell in London. **Mariyam Memon** and her hubby, **Asim Memon**, are both working for Microsoft in Seattle. **Marukh Aftab** is

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working for Nokia-Siemens Dubai as a telecommunications consultant. She and **Hasan Muzaffar** have a beautiful baby girl (Zaria). **Mehreen Tanvir Butt** is in the US. **Mehwish Zaman** is full-time mom in London. **Moazzam Ali Khan** is working for Unilever in London. **Monazza Aslam** got her PhD and is now working towards a post-doc in Oxford. She recently had a baby girl, Zara. **Muhammad Amaan Akram** is working in London and has two beautiful daughters. **Muhammad Hasan Muzaffar** is working for McKinsey in Dubai. **Muhammad Omer Iqbal** is still happily married and working for Microsoft in Seattle. He recently had a daughter, Zainab. **Muhammad Oosman** is in Silicon Valley. **Mustafa Zulfiqar Rakla** is working for McKinsey. He and Marzia have a daughter. **Nabeeha** is going to be celebrating her tenth wedding anniversary in August and feels it's high time she changes her name on the alumni notes to **Nabeeha Arif** because that's been her identity for the last ten years! She is in Karachi teaching Mathematics & English Literature at the Convent of Jesus & Mary. Her daughter, Iman, is now five and a half; and though most say she resembles her dad, you only need to talk to her for one minute to know she's like her mom. **Nasir Masud Khan** is currently working at eBay, Inc. as a Senior Software Engineer. **Nauman Akbar** is working for Export Flow in Lahore. **Neda Mulji** is in Dubai with **Sameer Anees** and their daughter Alesha.

Nirmal Babar is in Maryland. **Novira Sabir** is in London busy being a mom to her two daughters, Alizeh and Manal, and running a small business of her own, Rusum (www.rusum.co.uk), which does photography and make-up for brides. **Omer Mehmood Asad** is currently working for Riverbed Technology in San Francisco, California. He is happily married to Maira and they were blessed with a little angel, Aleena, earlier this year. He still travels a lot for work and pretends to hate it. And he is still surprised when people in BSc class notes continue to claim that he has been getting job offers from Google and is rejecting them. Why would he?! **Razal Minhas** is in the US. **Rida Zaidi** is living in London and passed her driving test on the first try! She is working with Fitch and her past employer, FSA, is due to be abolished next year. **Runaas Deheem** is happily married, living in Jed-

dah, and is managing Pantene for the Arabian Peninsula region. **Saara Salim** is busy being a mom in London. **Sabeen Pirzada** is happily married to Aniq Ahmad and is living in the sweltering city of Houston TX. She completed her CPA and is working with a public accounting firm as a Manager in Tax. She wishes Uncle Sam would leave her clients alone so that she can have more time at home! **Saif Nomani** is working as a wildlife biologist and statistician in sunny Wyoming. He got married in July. **Salman Ahmed** is in London and has passed his driving test with flying colours! He is currently working with Nouriel Roubini to set up a macro advisory business in the UK. **Salman Khalid** is working in a cube for Microsoft in Seattle like many other BSc '99 folk.

Salman Mahbub is based in DC and working for Sapient. **Salman Mahmood** is happily married and living in Texas. **Saman Sheikh** is working for PBS in Chicago. **Sameer Mohammad Anees** is working as a strategy consultant with Arthur D. Little in Dubai. He is married to **Neda Mulji** and they have a daughter Alesha (pronounced Ali-Sha). **Samir Zahid** is in Australia with his wife Saira. **Sarah Fatima Zaka** is working as a development economist and consultant in Lahore. She has two daughters. **Sarah Naeem Qureshi** has two boys and is working as a realtor in the DC/Virginia area. **Sehr Sheikh** is busy with her son Zayaan. **Sheikh Mohammad Ali** manages Hilal Technologies in Lahore. **Shahzad Hasan** is working at a quant hedge fund in New York City, focusing at the Fixed Income options world. **Shazia Farooq Rahim** is in Karachi. **Shayan Mehdi Zaidi** is in Chicago. **Syed Mustafa Bilal** is in Seattle and is also working for Microsoft. **Syed Salman Zaidi** is at Deutsche Bank in Singapore. **Tayyab Rafiq Balagamwala** is working for his family business in Karachi. **Umair Jalil** is the managing partner at Web and Mobile (WAM) in Dubai. He is happily married and has two children: Abdullah, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment at SickKids hospital in Toronto for stage 4 neuroblastoma (abdullahumair.blogspot.com), and Aayan. **Usman Waheed** is working in Bahrain as Brand Manager Coca-Cola Middle East. He is happily married and has a daughter named Reem. Usman is happy to touch base with you on LinkedIn and Facebook. **Yasir Ali** keeps busy managing his portfolio of stocks,

options and ETFs when he is not @work (wink wink). He has finally moved to the Cisco campus in Massachusetts and commutes to work thrice a week. On the family front, Sadaf and Yasir are expecting their second child and have realized that finding the right baby name is way tougher than finding a house! **Zeeshan Mansoor** is working for his family business in Karachi.

Classmates not included in these notes: **Aisha Hassan, Anita Manzoor Chaudhry, Hasanat Ahmed Haider, Laaila Bushra, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Zakria Khan, Muhammad Rashid, Muhammad Umer Farooq, Nadia Rehman, Rana Sajjad Ahmad, Shama Saeed, Syed Hasan Hasnat, Syeda Shehribano Kazim, Waqas Ahmed, Haseeb Hadi, and Wasif Tanvir.**

This is the fourth year we have compiled our class notes online. If you weren't aware that this compilation was happening, you're probably not in touch with the rest of the class on MyFamily.com or on Facebook. Please do get in touch because we really would like to know what you're up to, even if all you give us is a one-sentence update on your life.

BSc 2001

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The news from around the world is really bad. It has been especially hard on the BSc 2001 batch. Some of us are saving everything, including internet bandwidth, so we haven't responded to calls for class notes. Others have gone into hiding, no doubt being chased by their creditors. The smart, hardworking ones have blocked off all distractions and keep looking down on their work desks, probably an instinctive response to try and keep the paychecks coming. Few of us have gone green, and they don't want to be part of anything published on paper. And then there are those who have chosen to lead a normal, healthy life. It is their chronicles that we will get to read this year.

In order of appearance (or response to

emails)...

Hussain Shehryar Humayun is.... married!!!! That's fantastic! How awesome! His current employer is the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd., which if you don't know, is the 2nd largest financial holding company in the world, by assets. He has been with them since May 2006, and is currently in London (why not Tokyo?). His previous employer was Deloitte & Touche LLP, also in London. **Munib Khalid Siddiqi** is still single. I'm with you man (in spirit, not literally). He responded with a wink ;) next to "single", which means he's living his life. Naaaiice! He is working for Accenture in Austin, Texas, since early 2008. Previously he was with AMD, also in Austin, Texas. What's with all the A's? On a personal note, he says: "I stayed at Abid's place for 2 days while I was in San Francisco but he was too busy to meet me even once." **Ali Jaffery** is married, working with Union Avenue Advisors, a hedge fund in New York City, breaking necks and chasing checks. He previously caused mayhem at Aeneas Capital Advisors. In his words: "I continue to live and work in New York City with my wife. I pretty much spent 2008 enjoying married life and trying to survive the economic downturn. During the slower periods, I co-authored a book with one of my professors from the Rutgers Business School. The book is titled "HEDGE FUND ALPHA: A Framework for Generating and Understanding Investment Performance" and is due to come out in the summer of 2009." Wow! Someone actually published a legitimate book.

Maleeha Ali is in London too. She's married to her employer. No, she's married, and HAS an employer, Lend Lease LLC London. She was previously at KPMG LLP London. A shout out from her to the rest of the gang: "Would love to have a BSc 2001 reunion if that's ever possible!" **Farooq Naseer** replied saying: "As for the class notes, I don't know what to write... it's same old except that I was ditched by some friends while visiting San Francisco this year ;-)". This seems to be a pattern here. Hmmm. **Mehr Shah** is single and currently pursuing her MBA at Syracuse University. Go, Mehr, go! She was previously involved with the Pakistan Microfinance Network, from 2005 - 2007. Mehr says: "Wishing everyone in BSc 2001 the best. We should get together soon!!" **Beenish Temur Hassan** is married. Is that how the name got longer? ;) She is "working with hubby in the family business,

Globe Textile UK Ltd." Nice! Apparently she is having too much fun, saying: "It's been a crazy magical year full of laughter and travels and Disney and magic shows and meetings and late work nights and singing and dancing and trips to the park and loving phone calls back home - I have a one year old beautiful baby girl, Alaya, am still settled in England, and am working with my husband in the family business, Globe Textile. I would say it's been pretty close to perfect, except that the unstable situation back home in Pakistan has made it impossible to be at peace. I wish to take up this space to pray for our country... let's hope the class notes next year reflect a picture of Pakistan that would make all of us glow with happiness and pride."

Asim Saghir "Jiggarr" Sheikh is married, as he was last year. No change there. He did add: "Currently running my own family business in Lahore, did my Masters from Nanyang Technological Singapore. Well, life is going beautiful with my twins now eight months old and getting naughty day by day. Everything else is almost the same as last year." Bahut aala. **Omer Suleman** is currently trading FX options at Deutsche Bank. He was previously trading the same at Lehman Brothers, before which he finished his PhD at Oxford. He is married with a 1.5 year old son. Come on people. What's with all the marriages and the babies? No wonder we have 6.7 billion people in the world today. **Farhan Khan** wrote a nice long note for us: "Hi there. Although the business and market was sluggish yet the year sped by in a few blinks. It really seems only yesterday when I was composing this message for last year's alumni update and here I am scribbling down again. I know 2008 was generally replete with depression and retrenchment news but Alhamdulillah the year proved to be a fruitful one for me. I got promoted to Asst. Vice President, tied the knot and got a chance to visit Zurich - all in 2008. Marital life is proving to be a bit too blissful for me, so much so that I have put on a few pounds already, hehe, but on a positive note I am trying to shed some by playing squash and cutting down on intake. We have a decent representation of our class here in Dubai and every now and then we meet up at somebody's place to catch up and reminisce the old times. Would urge all of you to give a shout if and when you visit Dubai. I am mentioning my updated contact details;



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do get in touch whenever you can. ". Sweet dude!

Umair Bashir has been married since July 2005, and living with his beautiful wife in Seattle, Washington. No matter what your wife says, Umair, I think you have an awesome car. You rock! Umair has been with Amazon.com since June 2005, and was at McFadyen Solutions, in Vienna, Virginia before that. He did MS in Systems Engineering from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. He elaborates: "After being in the technical track since graduating from LUMS, have finally made the switch to business side. This transition took a while from a Technical Program Manager at Amazon to a Software Development Manager and now a Senior Product Manager for an Amazon subsidiary: www.WarehouseDeals.com"

Syed Salman Jan is single, actively studying for his EMBA and working for NAFA Funds as an investment consultant, and says, "Very bored with my life! Seriously, yaar!" Yes, seriously, yaar :). **Khurram Malik** wrote to me and said: "I just graduated from my second masters at Carnegie Mellon University (the previous being the one at the University of Cambridge), besides TRYING to complete another part-time at the University of the Punjab. Employment details include stints at UNIDO and research at a couple of universities, since leaving Habib Bank AG Zurich (UAE) for my masters." That's quite a lot of brand names in 2 sentences. Impressive! **Beenish Pervaiz** is "working for Nestle and recently got promoted as head of the entire juices portfolio. Simply love my work and the complex business dynamics make it both challenging and exciting. Moreover, plan to resume my music lessons soon, as singing still remains my foremost passion in life!" Wow, the entire juice portfolio? That's awesome. **Saad Ansari** says: "I am awesome. Oh and I'm getting married. By the time you publish this I will be married. Bundle of thanks!" Saad has also lost all upper body mass and accumulated massive legs, from running marathons and his daily 10 miles a day. Crazy.

Abdul Rehman's status is "married". Hip hip hurray! He is currently working at Xelleration LLC, in Irvine, California, since September 2007. Enjoying the Southern California beaches and summer tan. Mmmmm mmmmm. **Mansoor Mirza** has a full update: "I left my

consulting position at NASA in late 2008 to work full-time on my offshore venture, **Techtronix**, in Pakistan. Since then I've been working out of Lahore and visit my office setup in Islamabad every couple of weeks. Although Techtronix has been dealing mostly with offshore customers, we launched our first Pakistani venture in the form of Starz.pk - a business listing and review website for Pakistan. The site has constantly gained traction amongst users and is now amongst the mainstream information portals for finding business outlets around Pakistan. No developments on the marital front yet." Very cool! I played around on Starz.pk and one of the coolest things is the satellite map view. Was pretty excited to see the LUMS one :). **Amjad Hussain** is also married. Helping save the world at Microsoft Corporation, in Seattle, Washington, since 2001. Isn't that when Microsoft released Windows XP? Amjad joins a company and good things happen. **Usman Jamil** is "still in the midst of his struggle to become a competent and successful litigating lawyer in Lahore. He is an associate at Raza Kazim Associates where he has been working now for the past 8 years ever since graduating from LUMS and has a license to practice in the High Courts. He still has a passion for sports and often watches and plays basketball, football, tennis and golf whenever he can find the time! He is happily married to his high school sweetheart Zahra, and has two children mashallah - a girl, Raaya, aged one and a half and a new addition - a boy - Raayid, born in the first week of June." Life is good!

Saadia Khilji says: "After graduation from George Washington University in 2004, I worked as a systems analyst at Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. In 2006, I moved to Connecticut with my husband where he started his residency in psychiatry. Now he is in his final year and we have yet to decide if we will continue to stay in CT or move somewhere else within the States after he graduates from the program. No complaints with Connecticut so far. I am thoroughly enjoying my job. Managing high profile and multi million dollar business/IT initiatives for Travelers Insurance; I received my project management certification last year. Besides that I am learning the violin, following tennis tournaments and skiing. I have certainly found many activities that I enjoy very much". **Kamran Ahsan** is

in Washington DC working for Capital One. He is a business manager, Strategy and Analysis, which means that he tells a bunch of analysts to come up with fancy charts with pretty colours and round numbers. He adds: "Due to my work over the last 5 years, I have had a chance to observe up close and live through the worst global financial crises in quite a while. This continues to be an unprecedented learning opportunity and exciting time for personal/professional growth." Quite a while? Try "since the dinosaurs went bye-bye" :). So, truth be told, this is all I got from the batch this year. Boo :(Granted we were a batch of about a 100, but this response is pretty weak. So I decided to write about more people that I know of. **Azmat Ali Pasha** and I are actually roommates now. He is working as a product manager at Google, loving it, and spending time meandering around the streets of San Francisco. Single (come on, now how can a married man come live with me, please) and happy. Cheers mate! **Fatima Kardar** and **Ali Alvi** are married, in Microsoft, and from what I can tell, having a totally awesome time in Seattle. Alvi only gets serious when you talk to him about Microsoft Explorer, and Fatima never gets serious. **Sara Tahir** is also in Microsoft, kicking it in high gear in the Zune division. iPod + iPhone killer? Only the future will tell. Married to a Loomy, Hassan Javed. **Haseeb Ahmed Shaiekh** is also at Microsoft, also in Seattle, Washington. He spends his time playing squash, and squashing all the people who now report to him at Microsoft :)

Ali Aziz I ran into in London. He was with Amazon.com in Phoenix, Arizona, but has moved out of the US and is enjoying life in Europe. **Ahmed Khan** I owe an apology to. I was in Pakistan, and we were totally going to meet up. But I had some personal things come up and never got to touch base with him. I apologize. Promise to come over and say hi next time. Also, congratulations on getting married! **Gibran Ali Malik** is working at Proctor and Gamble in Lahore. He goes to the gym twice a day, everyday, and is looking ultra fit. People usually do that just before they get married, I think. **Saad Tawab Khan Rao** and I became friends on Facebook, but I have no clue what he's up to. His profile says that he's married, in Karachi, has a beard, and "enjoying today's cricket match". I know that **Asjad Yahya** and **Umair Tariq** both moved to the UAE, Asjad from Pakiland,

and **Umair** from London. Hope they are having a good time paying 0% taxes. **Ali Awan** is still in London, still in investment banking. He was totally rockin' when I met him earlier this year. **Syed Abbas Ali Shah** is in Lahore, running his own import business. **Sultan Akif** is in Canada, married with a kiddo. Man, life is moving fast. He has taken up "shikkar", i.e. hunting wild animals. Camouflage and everything. **Sultan**, have you tried yoga? It calms you down. No really it does. I talked to **Jawad Saleem** on the phone a few days ago. He said "yeah, I saw your email about the class notes". Well... I'm waiting :). **Nauman Azhar** and **Ayesha Waheed** are living the good life with two kids in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For me, **Abid Mohsin**, things also went well. Just had my 30th birthday, or as some would say, my 9th annual 21st birthday :). Am still in the San Francisco office of McKinsey & Company, work is very busy, but very very cool, mostly around Finance and High Tech. Trying to get more into rock climbing, and overall trying to figure out what is going on. Still single, so I guess I haven't figured it out yet :) That wraps it up.

Talk to you next year. Ciao

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Bsc 2003 continued their use of the online wiki for collecting notes. Sana Shahid and Muneeb Ali edited the final notes and they are hoping that next year someone else will take care of this :-)

Bsc 2003 has a new mailing list now (the previous MSN group perished). Kindly, take time out to join the mailing list at <http://groups.google.com/group/lums-bsc-2003>. Thanks!

Regions are roughly ordered from west to east.

Canada

Amit Pinjani is in Toronto, Canada and is getting married in July. **Omar "Sasha" Farooq** is lost in Canada. Hello Sasha?

USA

Assam "Vex" Khalid graduated from UT Austin and is chilling in the big snapple before heading back to Pakiland. **Abish Toseef Khan** got married, has moved to Dallas, TX and is working on developing a Southern accent. **Ali "Moscow" Akram** is married to Zahra Niazi (Bsc 2004) and living in New Haven, CT. Ali is doing a PhD at Yale. **Ali Habib** just graduated from Duke and is back in Karachi and on the job hunt. **Ali Afzal Malik** requests a lot of du'aas. He is in LA trying to finish his doctorate in Computer Science. Ali got "nikaah-o-fied" last year. **Amina Hasan** is rumored to be working in NYC as a hot-shot lawyer. Her next public sighting is likely to be once she makes it to the US state department. **Atif Ikram** is married to Sonia Salam (Bsc 2005) and doing a PhD at Arizona State Univ. **Beeee Khan** graduated from George Washington University! Woohooo! Yippeeee. **Danial Ranjha** is doing a Masters at CMU. **Danny Afzal** recently moved to Manhattan and survived the financial collapse (or maybe caused it considering he's working with Lehman Bros!). **Danish "D" Mujeeb** is in NYC working at Morgan-Stanley, enjoying married life. **Hamza "Hamster" Javed** graduated from NYU and plans to move back to Islamabad. His animated movies are releasing soon. Watch out. **Mehreen Zaidi** left the PhD program at The Ohio State University in 2006 after completing her MA in Poli Sci (IR). Currently living in Boston, MA, she is married, has a 17 month old baby boy and is expecting another baby in August of this year! **Murtaza "Gullu" Halai** is still with Amazon, Seattle. **Muneeb Ali** started his PhD at Princeton and ends up spending most of his weekends in NYC. **Sarah Tariq** is working for NVIDIA. **Salar Farooki** is at NYU, keeping pace with the big city life. **Usman Ahmad** is a hot-shot lawyer in NY city where he claims to be working 16 hour days but actually spends his time scouring through Friday Times and Sunday Plus to keep up with the gossip in Lahore!

Europe

Aadil Khan & Shabana Abdullah are in UK where Aadil is finishing his MBA at

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Cambridge. **Aamna Alamgir** and **Jawahar Ahmed Sajjad** are both working as telecom consultants in Detecon International GmbH (Deutsche Telekom). **Adeel Khan** is still at Cambridge. At least accordingly to the not-so-recent reports. **Ali Farid** has moved from the hedge fund to a venture in alternative energy. He writes for Zawya DowJones and Blue Chip. He got selected as a Young Global Leader by Georgetown University and spent a week with Secretary Albright, generals from Pentagon, directors of CIA and US senators. Ali was the youngest participant of the Global Leadership Seminar and is using the platform to lobby for the cause of Pakistan. His wife Mubashira is a fund manager covering Global Emerging Markets at Aberdeen Asset Management. **Ali Gardezi** left Accenture and is now working for the London Stock Exchange and contrary to popular belief is not responsible for the current state of the British economy. **Asma Aleem** is still working with PricewaterhouseCoopers in London. She has finally sent her book to the publishers and is now looking to focus on her new found interest- 'patisserie making'!! **Bilal "Billi" Ahmad** got married again. To the same person. Well the first one was just a Nikah. He recently moved to England. **Farees Shah** is done with INSEAD and is not fighting crime but Karachi's power issues by taking up a job at KESC. **Hasan Ateeque** is working for Barclays Capital. **Haris Aziz** is married and working towards his PhD at Warwick. **Imran Aslam** is wrapping up his MBA at INSEAD and is figuring out his post grad school plans. **Kashmali Khan** is still at Oxford. **Mahrukh Saeed** is married, finishing her 5th year in EY London, and desperately missing home! **Murtaza Rehman** is enjoying his post grad in the city of Dreaming Spires - Oxford, with his lovely wife. **Rabea Malik** moved to Cambridge for her PhD. **Sana Shahid Haq** bid au revoir to the Parisien life and got married to Saad Ansari (BSc 2001) in June 2009! She is moving to the US and spends most of her time these days unlearning the metric system. **Shahzad "SIM" Ismail Mian** has recently moved to UK after rejecting a lucrative offer in Switzerland. He is planning to work in the UK while pursuing higher studies at Warwick at the same time. What a mess or what a passion? Only time will tell! **Usman Khan Lodhi** has finished his MBA from Cass Business School in London and is tying

the knot in Lahore this September. **Waleed Saraf** is currently in London, half way through his MBA from London Business School and will be interning at Google during the summers. He is often seen counseling his friends on CFA preparation and further studies.

Middle East

Ali "ANK" Nawaz Khan is married and working for Unilever. **Ayesha Farooq** is enjoying life in Dubai. **Fawad Memon** got married to Beenish Abbasi (MBA 2006) and is currently working with Proctor and Gamble in Dubai. **Imran Tahir** is in Dubai working for Emirates Airlines. **Jawad Khan** is grinding away at McKinsey & Co in Dubai, shuffling between, Bahrain, Saudi, Kuwait, Europe and Dubai. He misses his past life as a drummer, sports freak and being 10 kg lighter. **Khurram Ghufuran** is married and is working for Global Investment House in Kuwait. He likes to remember the days at LUMS, his never ending sleeps and the night long sessions in room 308. Life is never going to be the same! **Kiran Khan** and **Owais Qazi** are in Dubai. Kiran got a special extension for updating the notes and still managed to not update anything. Lazy! **Mohsin Siddiqui** is in Dubai and loving it. **Muhammad Noman Siddiqui** has moved to Bahrain and his high speed flashy car is a real complement to his most valuable asset - his long wavy hair! On the professional side, he has been providing his invaluable advise to distressed companies after the global financial crisis, and is in love with his job. **Rabia Zia** is married, has a one and half year old daughter, claims to be living in Dubai but spends more time "visiting" Lahore than she does in Dubai. **Rai "Inzi" Usman Mujahid** recently got engaged. **Salman Ikram Ul Haq** is an assistant manager at EY Bahrain, got married two years back and has a 1 year old son. These days he is planning to start the LUMS Alumni Bahrain chapter. **Sameer Noorani** is superman. In his ordinary life, though, he works as a consultant at McKinsey and tries not to be too conspicuous about his super-heroic-ness. **Tehmina Hasan** is working in Standard Chartered Bank, Dubai, as Manager Treasury Sales for the last 2 yrs. Previously she was at Unilever Pakistan. She is happily enjoying the life in Dubai by hitting every concert and event in town and has an endless supply of her friends and family visiting her

apartment through out the year.

Karachi

Aamir Ghulamani is developing a reputation as a tough interviewer as he works at the HR department at TRG. His ruthless attitude spares no one as one of his current colleagues and classmate from LUMS might testify. He also plans on getting married within the next 12 months. **Adeel Qaiser** is still working hard at Terradata and has worked himself up the corporate ladder and is contemplating on doing a Masters. He is often sighted on boat basin after work with rest of the gang for a discussion on the political affairs of the country over a cup of tea. **Adeel Farhan** is back in Karachi after completing his Masters in Mass Communication from London. He now heads a content company and is busy making films in Pakistan and should be making it to the Oscar's red carpet within the next 5 yrs. **Ahsan Fazal** is married and working with TRG in Karachi. He and his wife have just been blessed with a beautiful baby girl. **Bilal Farooq** is back in Karachi after his Masters in Statistics from UTA. Currently working with SAS as project manager and statistical analyst. Planning on starting his PhD in fall of 2011. **Bilal "Bando" Sarfaraz** epitomises the LUMS spirit like no one else as he saunters in to Dubai Islamic Bank at 11 am every morning (yes thats where he happens to work). His love for cars and sleep will be tested shortly as his wedding is scheduled early next year. **Cyril Almeida** regularly writes op-ed columns for DAWN. He is already famous you fools. No seriously he is. **Farhad Nadeem** is the manager of Surf Excel. **Fawad Mirza** is with ICI fighting world hunger and poverty ;). **Haaris Haque** is making it to the echelons of corporate banking with HSBC, is a father of a cute kid and is often spotted with wife Annie (Bsc 2004) chilling at beaches in Thailand with his infamous video camera. **Mansoor Ahmed Ali** has set up his own business in Karachi, happily married for two years and waiting to become a father. He is still quite the athlete as witnessed at the LUMS alumni volleyball tournament in Karachi which his team won easily. **Sattar Qureshi & Sanniya Rasheed** are busy with their two princesses, Zara and Zoya. Sattar is working for Faysal Bank and Sanniya has decided to pursue her career as a stay at home mom :). **Shakeel Hasan** has become one of the most sought after creative directors of Pakistan and is working with JWT. The most probable place to

meet him would be a morning flight to either Lahore or Islamabad. **Umer "Spikey" Mehmood** is working for Unilever. **Nazish Qayyum** is mother to a beautiful baby boy and working for a local school. **Saad Mohammad** is still a true Pathan, done with Purdue and is back in Pakistan after a minor stint in Dubai. He has taken up a job at TRG recently, and has moved to Karachi. **Sana Mekhari** is back in Karachi. **Siraj Vakil** got married and is working for JS Private Equity in Karachi.

Lahore

Amna Haider or "Teacher Amna" as her students call her, is a proud mom and continues in her pursuit of educating Lahore's youth. Her around the world travels continue uninhibited! **Bilal Salahuddin** is married and working at ICI. **Fatima Yazdani** continues to maintain an extremely healthy work life balance and will be getting married this November to Afan Malik (Bsc 2002). **Hammad Qazi** got married and is done with his MBA from LUMS. **Hina Shaikh** is relaxing in Lahore after recently ending a project as an Asian Development Bank consultant and continues to make wide ranging travel plans, a lot of which she actually does execute. **Ibrar Javed** is doing his MBA from LUMS where the first year has just flown by. **Junaid Tahir** is working in supply chain at IFFC. **Khadija Hassan Aftab** can be seen from time to time on Dawn News as a book reviewer. **Khawaja Fahd** (KMF) is a decade old @ LUMS doing his PhD with Ashraf Iqbal. Last year he taught algorithms @ LUMS. Meanwhile, in Punjab University he has been working as an AP. Also, Facebook will soon be introducing a new bulk upload interface for his mammoth amount of photography of LUMS and surroundings. **Mannan Amin** is back home after Stanford. Alongside teaching at FC College, he founded and is working at a startup, TinTash, which creates games and applications that hit the Top Ten slot on Apple's i-Store. Good Job! **Omer Farooq Khan** got married to Khuban Hasan (Bsc 2004), and is on his way to being the next big thing on the business scene in Pakistan. **Saad "Jaggu" Khan** has left P&G and moved back to Lahore as Brand Manager on Frito Lays and Cravys for Pepsi International - and continues to have cricket nights at his place every weekend. **Sadia** is working with Nestle in

Lahore. **Samar Deen** is living in Ithaca raising 2 beautiful daughters and a husband who is enrolled at Cornell for a PhD program. **Tariq Hussain** is in LUMS, working as a consultant. He is working with Arif Zaman. **Umair "KT" Siddiqi** courageously ignored all news from the finance world, threw caution to the wind and left his job at Nestle for a position at RBS in Lahore. **Zeeshan Zaheer Khan & Masooma** are back in Lahore - Zeeshan has started up his own travel company and Masooma recently got a sweet promotion at Metro. **Zawar Qayyum** is done with his Doctorate in Science (DSc) and is back in Pakistan. He is currently working at Punjab University College of Information Technology as a full time Assistant Professor, with some part time teaching at LUMS. He is also trading stocks in the US market and wants to become a saith some day.

Islamabad

Abida Nagra is done studying, for the next couple of years at least, got married, is consulting with the United Nations on the reforms process, has no particular city that she calls home right now and is enjoying that. **Aruba Irfan** has taken time off from work to spend time with her beautiful baby girl Sybil who just turned 1 :) Her Econ degree is really coming in handy to assess the demand and supply of Cerelac and the quantitative analysis of baby poop :D. **Ali Fayyaz** is working at Telenor. **Azeem Niazi** is working for J E Austin and father to the cutest baby girl alive! **Fahd Gilani** is back in Islamabad, after Paypal and a MBA from University of California, and plans to get settled very soon. While trying to get used to the load shedding, he is fascinated by how the load shedding conveniently takes care of resetting the router! **Faiza Ather & Omer "Momers" Sheikh** are trying not to get bored in Islamabad. Faiza is working with Unilever while Omer has taken up a job with Telenor. **Haseeb Bin Aziz** is at the Pakistan Embassy in China and is busy learning Mandarin. He got married last year and continues to be the best and most knowledgeable person to reminisce with on Pakistan cricket over a cup of coffee. **Madeeha (Bamby) Bajwa** is working at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Islamabad. Woah! **Naima Saeed** is in Islamabad, works at Oxfam, helps humanity, hosts her incredibly popular show at CityFM89 and is another example of why 2003 is so awesome! **Rizwan Bajwa** got married!! WOW!!





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He's also kicking butt working at the WFP. **Sobia Samad Khalid** is a super mom! She recently left Mobilink to join Ufone. **Uzma Hussain** is working on an ADB assignment in Lahore and also busy being the gorgeous teaching fellow at the Social Sciences department at good old LUMS.

Other

Ali "Mochi" Irshad is still in Singapore. **Omaid Hameed aka Kappu** is happily married and works at Schlumberger in Kuala Lumpur. **Zoaib Nafar** completed his Masters from UIUC in Aug '08 and is working in sales at IBM. Khyber TV ran a report that Zoaib recently got rid of his cap but nothing has been confirmed yet.

Aamir Alvi, Ashar Aziz, Eman Majad, Fatima Ansari, Ghazia Aslam, Saadia Ali, Asadullah Rathore, Mehru Asad, Sadaf Rehman, Sabeen Malik, Mehr Shaukat, Sufian Hashmi, Sara Shah, and **Sadaf Shams** are lazy and we have no updates on them. Bad kids!

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Sanam Kubra Siddiqui aka Channo has finally gone to the outback to pursue her post-grad. She is studying Masters of Development Studies at UNSW, Sydney, and will graduate by 2010. She is still contemplating whether or not to further do her PhD. Sanam is loving being a student, and keeps missing the LUMS days! Contrary to what I wrote in last years notes, **Yasir Baghpati** has been working at P&G for almost 3 years now (and is not at HSBC)...whoops, my bad! **Fawad Ahmed** likes fish. Fish likes Fawad Ahmed. Yum! (I have no idea what that is about, you'll have to ask him. **Faryal Khan** has moved back to Karachi and is planning on going back to work. Her son Rayyan is 1 years old. **Quratulain Memon** is a happy mommy of a boy and a girl. **Sundus Ahad** is making sure that everyone stays connected with BlackBerry from Mobilink. **Ihsan Ayyub Qazi** is currently

interning at BBN Technologies in Cambridge, MA, USA. This is his 4th year in the Ph.D. program (Computer Science) and he is hoping to graduate some time next year.

Maria Khan will be graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master's in South Asian Anthropology and History in August 2009. "I will be moving to Orange County, CA with my hubby hoping to find a job there with my highly practical and lucrative skills as a proto-anthropologist! : P Before trying my luck in the job market, however, I will be taking a road trip across the US from the Atlantic to the Pacific, penny-pinching on the way". **Asim Maqbool** has recently completed a Masters in IT Management from Carnegie Mellon and on returning to Pakistan has joined IBM. **Sonia Salam** is starting an MBA this fall at Thunderbird School of Global Management. **Junaid Muhammad** is still at Telenor and ever since he got a bigger chair he has once again decided to put off going to B school for yet another year. **Ayesha Sultan** is still working at HBL as a Senior Associate in their Investment Banking arm and is desperately trying to convince her supervisors that a hefty increment and promotion are on the cards should they wish for their retention strategy to be successful. On the personal front, she is still putting up with the antics of **Ahsan Nazar**, who refuses to mend his ways despite being advised by wiser (and obviously married) folks. He is still in New York City trying to figure out why he's there and what is it that he does.

Haris Durani is in Teradata helping banks and telecoms make more money by reading their customer's habits. **Fahad Majid Hasan** recently graduated from Columbia University and plans to get house arrested (return back home) after spending two very adventurous years in New York. He would be looking for a job shortly so be on the lookout - he might land in your office and become your boss. After grilling at LUMS MBA and chilling on exchange program to Bond University, Gold Coast Australia. **Shumyl Akram** has taken up a new challenge in Japanese style i.e. have started working at Kansai Paints in Lahore. **Zainab Javed** is enjoying life, eating baguettes and hanging around the INSEAD campus in France, while Imran pursues his MBA there. She has been spotted

travelling around Europe and cycling on the streets of Paris. **Fahad Tanveer** is currently interning at Procter & Gamble "one year down with my MBA at LUMS and still alive and kickin."

Nazia Zaman is still at Microsoft, and surprisingly seems to be growing some roots in Seattle. Her biggest root is her husband Mansoor Jafry (from LUMS 2002) who also works at Microsoft. Mansoor and Nazia got married this spring in Seattle and are currently planning a wedding reception by a lighthouse. They are also planning to celebrate their wedding in Pakistan this December, so if you're around please be in touch. Nazia still hates the Seattle weather and her plans for world domination (via higher education) do involve settling down in a warmer climate. She's been involved in some grass roots education projects for Pakistan, so if you have some ideas please touch base with her. **Babar Ismail** is working in Microsoft for the past 2 years and has survived two massive layoff rounds in the past 6 months. **Amber Rahman** is working as Brand Manager at Shakarganj Food Products Ltd. and shall be giving up her current marital status to join the married league soon. **Safeullah Shah** has been working for a hedge fund (Timescape Global Capital Mgmt.) for the last 3yrs and has just moved to their NY office. **Saad Akhtar** and **Hadia Majid** tied the proverbial knot this summer, which is the only reason why I'm letting Saad off the hook for not submitting these notes on time as promised (you are so doing it next year now, dude).

Take care, **Rabia!**

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Ahmad Abdul-Karim is returning to Pakistan after having completed his M.Ed in International Education Policy. These days, he is designing a course on democratic education that he wants to teach at LUMS - and hopefully other places. He is also trying to figure out what to do with his life (hopeless case!). **Ahmed Bilal Farman** a.k.a ABF after completing his

Masters degree in Finance & Economics from London School of Economics tastes different consulting environments in UK!! He worked in Oxford for a year before moving to PWC London, where he is currently working as a senior associate in strategy consulting!!! **Ahsan Ejaz** is currently in the process of moving to the UAE as part of the company's expansion plans. He is looking forward to this great opportunity where he can party (and work) to his heart's content however he is still figuring out how he will manage the cooking, washing and ironing on his own. Also, he denies accusations from some that this is going to be another paid vacation! **Ahsan Saeed Kirmani** misses the life in New York City, but is more than happy to be back in Pakistan with 'friends and family'. He has a love-hate relationship with his work at a private equity firm and a love-love relationship with Rabea Inamul Haque.

Aiza Nasir Khan of tantrums/volleyball fame, completed her MBA from IBA in 2008 and went on to work for Tetra Pak as the Juices and Soft Drinks Category Executive in the Marketing Dept. She eagerly awaits her marriage in January 2010 to another batch-mate of ours. **Taha Farrukh Akhtar** also completed his MBA in 2008 and is currently employed at Shell Pakistan Ltd. as a Finance Analyst. **Ali Azar** is about to sit for Level III of CFA, and continues to work for HSBC in Pakistan as manager for Basel II / Portfolio Analytics. At times he just sits like Al-lama Iqbal and wonders whatever happened to his Computer Science degree? He's getting married very soon. And he's convinced Chelsea will win Champions League one day. **Ambreen Hamza** has just finished her first year of MBA at Wharton and is now waiting to start her internship in Philadelphia (this time taking a break from the financial sector and venturing into media and telecom for a change) before visiting friends and family back home in August. And her new year's resolution (new academic year) is to travel more within the US over the weekends to beat Kimi's record of visiting 22 (I guess!) states in one year. History says it will never happen though. **Amer Mahmud Khawaja** is back in LUMS, after his two year break as a software engineer, for his MBA. Having completed the first year, he is now, strangely enough, interning in a cattle feed production company (which is very much in a startup phase) headed by the ex-Director of West Asia Business Unit, Pepsi Co

International!

Angbeen Atif Mirza *finally* graduated with a B.A and an L.L.B from LUMS in July, 2008. She proceeded to complete her pupillage under a senior lawyer named Makhdoom Ali Khan at a small law firm in Karachi called Fazlegani Advocates. She is now licensed to practice in the lower courts at Sindh and has quit, spending some time at home before leaving for Ann Arbor, Michigan for a year long LLM inshaAllah :). **Athar Hameed** has been living on the edge since going solo last year. He worked for a bit with the Russians. Then he founded a startup with a couple ex-Googleers. You think Google Wave is the future? Wait till this one comes out :-). He's also working for a Dutch software company, rewriting their e-ticketing platform from scratch. Oh and he's still very much in love with Choti. **Atika Hassan** is happily married and enjoying a relaxed life in the Middle East. A recent move with her husband to Abu Dhabi has had her busy in finding a place to live, furnishing it and wondering what to do next :). **Ayesha Ahsan Malik** is back. **Ayesha Ibrahim** is back after finishing an MA in Asia/African History and is teaching Middle Eastern History at the good old alma mater. When she has the time, she daydreams about a job that would involve travelling across the Middle East from Marrakesh to Istanbul, from Cairo to Isfahan. Occasionally she also considers a PhD in the effects of Partition on the political economy of Sindh. **Ayesha Saeed** returned to Pakistan this year after completing her M.A. She has high hopes of changing the world. Really! **Ayesha Suleman Sheikh** worked for some time in a software house and in a bank. She has enjoyed the drizzles, thunder and lightning of work. Nowadays she is off work and wishes to learn swimming soon.

Burair Nazir is working up the corporate ladder slowly and steadily. His plans to take over the world are still there but there seem to be some complication to it. He still wonders why the world doesn't offer itself to him in a golden platter. **Emad Nadim** has now been in London long enough to have learnt to appreciate sunlight. He's still selling chocolate for a living. **Faheem Shelot** is working as a consultant with Ernst & Young in Bahrain. He went through some pretty diverse experiences throughout the year, which included losing his passport and also getting some "andar ki hawa" (I'll leave it



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to you guys to decipher what that means), that too in Saudi Arabia of all places. The only thing on his mind is "bus kisi tarah yeh CFA level 3 pass ho-jaye..busss!!". **Faizaan Ahmad** & **Mahvish Ahmed** got married in December 2008 and have now moved into their new apartment in Karachi. Faizaan returned from Vietnam after a 6 month stint and is now heading Talent & Learning for Unilever Pakistan. Mahvish has launched Vishz, her brand of clothes, bags and nail art in Karachi and is now busy preparing orders. On an unrelated note, Faizaan is also collecting used action figures and board games and currently has Monopoly, Monopoly Here & Now Edition, Pictionary, Taboo, Cluedo and Game of Life :). **Farhan Ali Saleem** is making a living selling garam parathas at Microsoft. During his spare time, he works as a Software Development Engineer on the latest hotness Bing.com. He thinks that you ought to jump on the Bing bandwagon right now because soon they are going to kick some Google butt. **Fouad Shah Nawaz** has finally moved back to his family in Saudi Arabia after 7 years and is enjoying every moment of it. He resigned from Warid just before the financial crisis hit the GCC and is now waiting for things to ease down so he may find a suitable job for himself.

Hasaan Butt recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a Masters degree in ECE. Given his career interests and the current global economy, he has decided to pursue a dual degree program and obtain an MBA as well. It is hard to believe that these are his only reasons for staying another year in school, especially since Facebook reveals a better picture of how he spent the last two years, traveling across the US and partying it up! It has been heard that he intends to explore Europe now! **Hassan Abbas** is enrolled in the MS Computer Science program at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). He will graduate in December 2009 and then plans on working in the software industry. He is tying the knot this summer with batch-mate Samia Sohaib Siddiqui. He feels very lucky to have found a perfect life partner. **Izhar Siddiqui** has successfully managed to retain his job at KASB Investment Banking despite the meltdown in the financial sector across the globe. In his free time, he is found finding jobs for other

people, planning his vacation, and playing Burnout Paradise on Xbox. **Kazi Muhammad Siddiqui** is happily married to Zainab. His old roommate Siki is understandably not happy with the situation. Mr. and Mrs. KMAS are currently living in Boston where Kazi also happens to be pursuing an MBA at Boston University. **Mehran Gul** is poor, hungry and lonely. You have succeeded, he has failed. Does that make you feel better about yourself? Does it at least satisfy your voyeuristic curiosity? **Mehreen Khalid** has just completed a 3 year stint in corporate banking and is now ready to explore new industries and ideas. She's embarking on an exciting journey to Duke University's Fuqua School of Business for her MBA, and will graduate in 2011!

Mohammed Adnan is cruising through his MSIT degree (Masters of Science in Information Technology) at Carnegie Mellon University, Adelaide campus. He is almost half way through his one-year degree program. A highlight of his time in Australia has been his skydiving experience – tandem jump from 8000 feet from a small aircraft with 25 seconds of freefall before the parachute is tugged to open. He is enjoying his interaction with the outside world, while missing Pakistan at the same time.

Moizuddin Sabri is working in Milan, Italy for an oil firm. The job helps him fill in the spare time between traveling around Europe, hanging out with friends, and playing sports. Of course, he has no idea where he might be next year, but for now Italy's great! :D. **Mohammad Junaid Khan** is busy writing software for iscrybe.com. He is still clueless about what he wants to do with his life so he job hops from company to company; last one was Tera-data. Eventually he might just leave everything and set out to scale Godwin Austin. **Muzammil Shahid Bhatti** aka Bhatti just finished his MBA from IBA. He is all prepared to join the pool of unemployed labour force while at the same time cursing the phenomenon known as global recession. In other news he is missing the LAS summer trips and wants to go on a trek ASAP. **Nadia Hassan** successfully completed her masters from UK in 2007 and since then has been doing research and teaching at LUMS, confusing students with the concepts of game theory, industrial organisation and

macroeconomics!!! She likes her profession and wants to continue with it in future as well!!! She has got into PhD programs at universities in UK but is trying to defer it till next year. Being on the other side of the desk is giving her a lot of respect! The words like Ma'am/Miss have been added to her name and she is trying to get used to all these strange words!!!! :). **Nadia Rana** has officially passed through first year of MBA at LUMS, after quitting her job at Warid after 2 years. These days she's an intern yet again, working at Coca Cola in Lahore and planning for the Turkey exchange programme next semester to finally experience what it's like to study outside of LUMS: p.

Naima Aleem (now Naima Fahad) is a mother to a beautiful son, Hamza, and enjoying every minute of it! She frequently globe-trots between Al-Ain, London and Islamabad. **Natasha Qureshi** just got back to Lahore after finishing an MBA and M.Eng from Cornell. At the moment she is clueless, jobless and electricity-less! **Nausheen Ishtiaq Jivani** got married (to a non-Luminate for a change!) and now divides her time between being a corporate slave throughout the week and trying to run a house on weekends. She still hasn't gotten around to changing her name "officially". **Newal Osman** completed her Masters from the London School of Economics in 2007 and worked for a little while at the Sindh Education Foundation before joining the University of Cambridge. She is now about to commence her second year at Trinity College, Cambridge, as a doctoral candidate in South Asian political history. **Rabeea Haq** is still saying NO to corporate slavery and standing by her principled stance to put her energies to good use in the development sector—yes, still working for Kashf Foundation. This, of course, is the second most time-consuming item in her life's current as, the first being fielding millions of questions on when, how, where she'll be getting married. Oh well, at least she's spared the 'to whom' ;)! Besides work and dodging the 'Shaadi Brigade', she's putting her remaining energy in getting fellow batch mates to pay for the BSc 2006 Scholarship Fund and in organizing a relief drive for the displaced residents of Swat. Good deeds for the year—check. **Rabia Waqar** aka Bano just graduated from Columbia University and after two spectacular years in the Big Apple is all set to get married this June and visit Australia...

Raja Zohaib Yasin has been selling bhindis in the United Kingdom for the last year. **Saad Waqas** is still working with KPMG Saudi Arabia, churning out feasibility studies and business plans. He has made his peace with the most boring place on Earth - Riyadh. He is keeping his fingers crossed for CFA level 2 results. By the time people read this, Saad will be happily engaged and planning his marriage soon. **Salman Suhail** aka Kala is designing web applications for the Arabic world, and is hoping to launch six new products this coming quarter, along with a few of his own creations. Working hard, partying less, and growing up. **Saman Qureshi** just graduated with a Masters in Public Relations and Communication from her dream university, NYU. She has thoroughly enjoyed living in the Big Apple, meeting people from all walks of life, making life-long friendships, eating fabulous food and immersing herself in what the city and university has to offer. She has also traveled extensively within the US and abroad in the last two years, and is looking forward to spending some time with family and friends in Karachi before work life consumes her. **Samia Sohaib Siddiqui** is working as a Software Developer at Smart Technologies and living with her family in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She is tying the knot this summer with batch-mate Hassan Abbas. **Sana Ejaz** got married in November and has moved to Bahrain with her hubby. These days she is desperately trying to get hold of a job to keep her busy but the recession is not making it easy for her!

Sanobar Abdullah has just finished her MBA from LUMS and is wondering how to leave the alma mater that has defined her for six years now! She is looking forward to re-join the corporate world in Karachi. **Sara Inayat** is certainly doing better than **Mehran Gul**. **Shaheer Ahmad Khan** has been teaching Physics to O level and General Science to grade 7 at Headstart School Islamabad and serving as an Academic Coordinator at their Boys Branch. He is now preparing to move to Boston to attend Harvard's Graduate School of Education as a Fulbright scholar. **Sheheryar aka Shery** is suicidal after being rejected by companies again and again and when he does get a job they fire him before he starts :- (. **Sikandar Raza Khan** wiggled his way into Telenor with an award-winning dance to Benny Benassi's Satisfaction. **Somira Soomro** is happily running the GIS Division at e-Solutions and holding re-

unions for LUMS alumni KSA Chapter. She will be soon applying for her MBA. **Sumaya Rehman** has been travelling the whole of Asia Pacific over the last 2 years and has for the past year settled in Hong Kong with her husband, Durrani. She has secured a great job as a recruiter at Randstad and is now officially the lead recruiter for MSCI Barra APAC. She misses home immensely, but has managed to build an adventure-filled life with Durrani in Hong Kong. **Sumayya Zubair** has been loving life down under - and has been working hard as a business analyst at a semi-government financial organization in Melbourne. Loving having to do all the fun CS analysis stuff, meeting people and the challenges that come with it less the coding - yet scared of the 'global recession' and now the swine flu! Thinking of going back to school to start an MBA degree but temporarily convinced out of it by her bosses who think she needs to work a little more before hitting the books once again.

Syed Muhammad Hussain has completed his second year of Ph.D in economics (?) at the University of Rochester. The question mark is because he will be appearing for the Ph.D qualifying exams this summer, result of which will determine whether he continues with the Ph.D. or ends up with just a master's degree. **Taimur Adil** aka Cobra recently got engaged to the now-love-of-his-life Mahrukh. They are both working at China Mobile (Zong). Funny and true story: Cobra's boss's name is Peter. Ha! **Umair Haleem** is living in Lahore and commuting to Raiwind every day. He is trying to add value to his family business in these tough times being part of the Shafi Group. **Umer Hafeez** is still in Karachi 3 years on, now working as a product manager for deposits and Royal Preferred Banking at RBS. In those brief 3 years at RBS (previously ABN Amro) he has experienced acquiring a bank, being acquired by a bank and now awaits another acquisition by another bank. **Umer Akhlaq Malik** is back on the home soil after an eventful year in Europe. He enjoyed his degree (Masters in Economics) from University of Warwick UK and moved a step further in his desire to travel around the globe, including Spain and US in the painfully slow but steadily growing list of destinations. Recently joined Mahbub-Ul-Haq Human Development Centre as a Research Fellow, and looking forward to make it big in the social-development



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sector. **Zulfiqar Shaikh** is almost finished with his Master degree in International Development from Cornell University (just finalizing the thesis part). He will be back in Pakistan by June and will start looking for jobs in development sector in Pakistan.

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Ayesha Ali Khan continues to live in the still, glorious city of Lahore. She is enjoying heading the marketing division for Gloria Jean's Coffees, Pakistan where she continues to channel all her energies on bringing in a coffee drinking revolution within our tea-dominated society. While not busy brewing the perfect cup, Ayesha continues to dream about eventually pursuing her post graduate studies. **Bilal Bhatti** after graduating worked for Harvest International as a business analyst and then after clearing CFA level 2 exams left for far away land in pursuit of more knowledge! Bilal says "I'm pursuing my MBA from Krannert School of Management, Purdue University. Having a great time studying in university again...reminds me of LUMS...good old days!!Miss you all :)". **Bilal Rana** is wasting his time pursuing Masters in Financial Economics at University of Oxford. After failing to become a gambler (read trader) in financial markets, he is contemplating a Madoff-like scheme for his countrymen. **Hamza Khan** has been working with Citibank for the last 2 years. He now intends to pursue graduate studies.

Hissibuoyy wants to be a Hollywood hero, an international cricket commentator, worldwide filmmaker, and a famous Pakistani cricketer!!! But in reality **Hissan ur Rehman** is still surviving the boringly mysterious real estate industry of Dubai and Ajman, after making ads for an ad agency Lowe (Lahore) followed by exploring his short filmmaking skills at Aag TV (Karachi). Once again he is at a decision making phase having internal and external pressures of either to go for 'masters' or 'shaadi'. By the time this note is published he might have committed one of the above two

socially acceptable 'miss-takes'! **Hussain Ali (RAMU)** is working for a software house in Lahore, making games for mobiles so that students can enjoy their time in classes especially of Social Sciences. **Muhammad Farid Ahmed** is about to finish his second masters degree..... this time in investment management..... he's had a good year and will start looking for jobs as soon as he finishes his exams. **Muhammad Shuja Ali** is since graduation working for Askari Investment Management in Islamabad as a research analyst.

Maryam Zahid is currently working 9-1 at Gallup has also been looking after her 1-year old baby 'Asjad' who keeps her on toes 24/7. He's turning into a very naughty chap but still gives mama time to roam the world. Thanks to her husband's initiatives, she has been to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Paris, Nice, Cannes, Monaco, and Amsterdam and will be flying to Dubai in November also. She, her baby and her husband plan to follow in the footsteps of the great explorers of the world and enjoy life as it comes inshAllah!! **Noora Qureshi** is finally done and over with MCB Bank Limited..... yay!!!! She is now enrolled in the MBA Class of 2011 and is overworked, under slept (sleep... what's that?) and starved.... *fingers crossed* to get out alive. **Omer Imtiaz** is surfing on the waves of Corporate Banking in MCB Lahore as MTO, and missing the Good Old Dayz. **Ramish Hashmi** is misses Shafaq while compiling the class notes... last time she is doing so. Given up her job and going ahead to pursue further studies. **Saad Zaeem**, after graduating worked at Azgard9 for a year where he handled production of Diesel, D&G, Next & Zara jeans. After successfully filling up his siblings' and friends' wardrobes, he switched to an even sweeter career. Now he plays video games and gets paid for it!! Yes, that's right...he's Director, Business Development at Tintash, a game development studio concentrating on making games for the budding iPhone market. Ironically, he carries a Blackberry.

Shahab Ahmed has left IBM and is now livin' it up in Dubai as a consultant .He's experiencing new things, is happy for the varied achievements of our batch in these last 2 years and very very sad with what is happening to his country.

He plans to apply for an MBA soon and than settle back in Pakistan. **Shafaq Soomro** is settled in Riyadh, KSA and is working for e-solutions, her dad's company, as an HR consultant. Suzan B. Sheikh, now known as **Suzan Q. Jafary** is thoroughly enjoying her newly married life. After completing her Msc Econ from LUMS she went on a job search which with major breaks in between is still going on. **Waseem Ahmad Malik** changed his job last September and is now working as Manager Business Development for Askari Investment Management in Islamabad. On the academic side he cleared CFA level 1 and now is studying for level 2. **Zainab Saeed** is done with her MSc and is back in Pakistan. She has become a raging workaholic, and loves her work. She is working full time at Kashf Foundation and teaching sociology/anthropology courses at LUMS in the evenings.

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These are the very first class notes of the energetic, vibrant and varied BSc class of 2008. This is mostly in alphabetical order - do bear with us till the very end! :)

Afsheen Qaiser, the queen of table tennis, is now working at Navitus as an HR Consultant. She will be getting married to Omair Dawoodji ('07) this coming year. **Ahmed Usman** aka AU keeps himself busy doing killer deals for Meezan Bank's Treasury. Globetrotting on the side; he still loves food and spending time with the infamous Batura Gang. His future plans include yet another LAS trip and making sure he enjoys his life to the max. **Aleena Naseem** went on to pursue an MSc Accounting & Finance from the London School of Economics (LSE). She's currently awaiting her result and simultaneously enjoying the London/Europe experience. **Ali Soomro** too is in England trying to understand why after 5 years of taking courses in economics he might be start-

ing a PhD at Cambridge with a course called "how to do economics." We wish we knew! **Ali Gibran Siddiqui** is busy thinking, travelling and a trying to find a place for him. He has spent the year working as a consultant for the Gender and Governance units of Social Policy and Development Centre, a private policy research firm. His job has driven him all across the province of Sindh, from small goths in Karachi to archaic cities like Umerkot. Meanwhile, **Ali Sohail** has been trotting over Germany, loving the cultural and professional experience, working as a Business Analyst with Deutsche Post DHL in their Global Head Quarter in Bonn, Germany. His department is Corporate Procurement and his team is responsible buying/leasing for DHL's Ground Fleet (cars, vans & trucks) in Europe.

While everyone else graduated, one man remained behind to do his double major in CS and math and savour every last bit of student life. Now, much to **Amir Ali's** surprise, he's actually started a real job as a software engineer in Lahore. Hopefully, this is only a temporary aberration - if Fulbright and grad school applications go well, next year should see him in California, sunbathing, surfing, studying and enjoying the famous Californian sights. In the meantime, Amir Ali version 1.5 continues to challenges social conventions and expectations in Pakistan. Fellow batch mate **Amina "Mimi" Mazher** is already basking in the sun even if it is in Abu Dhabi, having passed the CFA Level I exam with flying colours she is awaiting the results of the Level II one. **Anam Nasir** is presently working at the Inter State Gas Systems on the IPI pipeline project. She, (like most of us poor souls) doesn't like her boss at all and is trying hard to cope with him while looking for another competitive job. Yet, she admits, "The earning part is fun!" She plans to go for her Masters next year. **Ar-salan Iqbal** aka Arsy moved to Bahrain and is an analyst at an Upstream Petroleum Consulting firm. Yes, he has been on oil rigs but no, does not own any (alas!). Plans for 09/10 include CFA, Euro/Middle-East tripping and getting his license. You can reach him at arsiqbal@gmail.com. Enjoying her time with friends and fiancé Fahad Jamil ('07), **Ayesha Majeed** is completing an ACA degree while working with PWC as an Assurance Associate. She is awaiting the arrival of best friend Duaa Khalid to London, whom she plans on corrupting

to her heart's content! **Ayesha Mulla** will be attending The University of Chicago on a Fulbright Scholarship in Sept 09 to sacrifice the next 5 years of her glorious youth in studying Media Anthropology at the PhD level. She is daily questioning this commitment and her sanity. She is also unashamedly publishing her life on Twitter. Follow her!

Ayesha Tariq Khan is searching for kaizen (Japanese for change for the better), success and contentment in that very order. She is, however, willing to settle for a graduate degree. When Ayesha's not wishing and wanting, or even while she is, she works for the Commercial Banking Group in Habib Bank Limited as a Relationship Associate. She also occasionally teaches at the Princeton Review to help teenagers achieve that proverbial American Dream. **Azka Khurshid** is currently working in The First Micro Finance Bank Ltd, Islamabad. She intends to go for her masters to London School of Economics. **Basharat Saeed**, having bid a farewell to his jacket lending days, is doing his MA in War, Violence and Security from the University of Sussex, UK. He will graduate in September 2009. **Belal Mahfooz** is working in Unilever, single and enjoying life to the fullest. He is yet to accomplish his mini-dream of watching an F1 race but that dream is about to come true soon...After graduating, **Dania Khan** started working in HBL in Training and Development. Yet, soon after she received the Fulbright Scholarship and got admission into Johns Hopkins, Georgetown and the Fletcher school at Tufts. She leaves for Fletcher school in August where she will pursue an MA in law and diplomacy. She is currently volunteering for concern for children as an IDP relief coordinator. Although vowing never to work in a bank, after graduating, **Duaa Khalid** found herself working as a Management Associate at RBS Headquarters in Karachi. While the program has been all one could hope for, she will be leaving for London School of Economics this fall in order to do her MSc in Development Studies. When she is not busy planning her sister's upcoming wedding or being surprised into compiling the class notes by fellow batch mate Saad Gulzar, she can be found stressing about her British visa. Some habits just die hard :)

Fahad Ahsan is working at HBL Lahore as an MTO. Having been placed in the commercial asset marketing he is currently overlooking the steel industry portfolio. He is also planning to try out for the



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Pakistan Rugby team which will go on tour later in the year. He also plans to apply for an MBA next year from either LUMS, NUS or somewhere in Washington D.C. **Faria Chughtai** is working as a Risk Analyst under operational risk in the risk management group of allied bank limited. Batch topper **Farah Said** is now at Oxford University doing her MSc in Financial Economics and was recently placed on dean's list. **Faisal Nadeem** aka FNR graduated from LUMS but never really left LUMS. He has often been spotted back there with a bag slouched over his back, posing as a student. On the rare occasion that he has been spotted in Karachi, he's been accompanied by his infamous two tone City. Faisal can also sometimes be spotted in a hard to find office with a fantastic view, "resting his eyes" and feigning sickness, although he suspects no one really buys that excuse anymore. Unlike FNR, **Fatima Khan** moved on and went on to Columbia University to pursue a Masters in Human Rights. She has been working, studying, and most importantly, enjoying life as we know in the city of New York - rafting, sky diving, hiking, if there's an adventure to be had, she's there. For about a year, **Ferozeh Maqbool** has been wasting her time – and loving every minute of it! Defying all the attempts to make her work, she now believes it's high time to start looking for a job – but wait, there pops up yet another chance for globetrotting. Well, who could pass on that one, right? The job sure can wait! One of the main highlights of the year for her has been of getting (what she likes to call) 'semi-engaged' to fellow batch-mate **Shujaat Haider Naqvi**, who is currently in Shell Pakistan Limited as a Project Planner Pakistan trying to implement SAP on time. He has finally come to realize that a '9 to 5' job is a mere illusion, whereas in reality, the day ends at the boss' whim. However, working from 9 to whenever-the-boss-wishes, he manages to balance all the aspects of his life very well, ESPECIALLY his trips to 'Islamabad'.

On the brink of the engagement he is planning this year with a mystery girl whom most of us would like to warn, **Hamza Ahmed** is currently neck deep with RBS in what will be known as one of the biggest mergers in the financial world and Asia. All in all, enjoying the luxuries of Dubai and working in a multinational, he is set for the much planned M.B.A. at North Western in Mar-

keting as the next step in his career path. **Hamza Khalid** is part of the Management Trainee Program at UBL; and is currently working at Quality Assurance in Lahore. He is also involved in courses conducted on Quality Management and is planning to do a post-graduate degree in the field very soon. When **Hani Taha Salim** gets time off from vacationing she works as a TA, because she just can't get enough of LUMS, and for some semblance of maturity, attempts writing for The News. She hopes to garner some funding soon to launch onto more academic pursuits. Till then, **Sarah Munir**, who works for DAWN News, and her keep hatching plans of taking the world by storm. After working for a year on a Ministry of Finance and ADB Project, **Hashim Zaidi** has had enough of the public sector and is off to the States (either Columbia or UT Austin) for MPA. His mullah outlook is going to face a real test there and he is still on course of achieving his goal in life: getting married by the time he is 25! After graduating as a nerdy ACF (his own words I tell you), **Hassaan Ahmad** started working at HBL Corporate Banking in Lahore and is currently waiting for the result of CFA Level II exam. **Hira Tajwar** (now, Hira Ammar) lives in Singapore with her husband after getting married in July 2008. She works as Research Associate at TRPC, a Hong Kong-based telecom consultancy, and as a freelance writer for a local magazine called Asia! She will be moving to Paris in September as Ammar ('07) will be pursuing the NUS-Sciences Po dual Masters program.

Imtiaz ul Haq is currently about to finish his Masters in Finance from the Manchester Business School. Once done, he will be looking to go for a PhD sticking around in England for another 3 years! After graduating, **Iqra Shukar** started working in UBL as a Management Trainee and had an awesome time during the 5 week training in Karachi. Unfortunately, the graph just went downhill after that so she very happily quit in December and left for Johns Hopkins. Right now, she is in Baltimore doing her Masters in Financial Math. **Irum Jehangir** is busy working with her father in their family business of sports goods in Sialkot named AWAN Sports. She helps in external marketing affairs which keeps her busy with tours. **Khadija Habib aka tiji** (face book addict) is currently doing her Masters in

Financial Mathematics from Kings College London. She is still single and apparently there are 'no hot boys' in her geeky course. She misses LUMS a lot and so is often going to Warwick to meet some of them. **Mahreen Mahmud** and **Tareena Musaddiq** (fellow major Facebook addicts) are currently doing MSc Finance and Economics from Warwick University. **Maira Hayat** did a master's in Social Anthropology at Oxford. Her degree finishes in September when she intends to return to Pakistan. Furthermore, **Maryam Javed** is working in JS Investments as a Management Associate and is currently looking after Channel. She has been with the company since November 2008 and was with Warid Telecom before joining JS. **Mehreen Shahzad** is working as a Programme Associate at the Programme Development Department of WWF - Pakistan (become a member - help save nature!). She is like most of us, missing life at LUMS terribly and sends a cart load of cheery, best wishes to all her batch mates.

Mian Mansoor Akhtar is dwelling in the world of Java and Linux at Global IT Centre of a Swiss bank in Dubai. He is often found at wonderful beaches and restaurants having a great time with friends. **Moeez** is currently employed by AboutUs.org as a WikiEditor. His desire to become the ruler of the world is put on hold for now as he is attaining management skills at his job. Yes, he is also waiting for that Camaro. **Muhammad Ali Jan** has said goodbye to LUMS after 5 very memorable years and is going to his dream university SOAS to do a Master's in sociology, hopefully leading to a PhD. **Musaab Javed** has finally realized that Saudi Arabia is not the Kingdom to live in, where he currently works as an analyst in the asset-management division of an investment bank (so much for that after the credit-crunch). Having sat for an unplanned, peer-pressure driven, CFA exam in June; he is leaving the deserted Arabian La-la land in September in pursuit of better weather, a more lively/liberal environment, some rain (possibly snow) and quite importantly his Masters at London Business School. **Muhammad Bilal Likhani** is still trying to find himself - and currently working for External Relations at Procter & Gamble (P&G). After work, he is trying his best to spend time with friends, learn Arabic and mentor teenage kids. After five years, **Nadia Ahmad** has graduated with a BA LLB and will be starting Ann Arbor, Michigan this fall for an LLM in

international and comparative law. **Nauman Syed** is trying to complete his Masters' in Accounting from Texas A&M University. Every passing moment he thinks that had he been an ACF major; things would have been easier.

Working with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dubai and after auditing companies like Emirates Group and British American Tobacco, **Nauman Yaseen** has decided not to pursue a career as CA. He may divulge in the beauty of finance or the sweet bitterness of his own business, he has yet to decide. Currently, he is enjoying a quiet life watching new releases at Cineplex and socializing with varied professionals and fellow Luminites. **Nida Paracha** has just finished her law degree from LUMS. She is yet to return but intends to work for a legal aid office or in a socially conscious law firm in Karachi. **Rabeel Memon** is on summer vacations these days from school. She is teaching Sociology at Nixor College and gives private tuition to A level students. She keeps herself busy by taking horse riding and dance classes. **Radia Mohyuddin** has forgotten how to plagiarize therefore she cannot complete this assignment (i.e. writing about her life as of now). Contact her at radiam@gmail.com. **Reema Omer** has finally completed her BA-LLB and is heading off to Cambridge this fall for an LL.M in international law. **Saad Gulzar** spent the last year in Singapore studying for a Masters in Public Policy at NUS where he got to discuss Lahori food with Lalu Prasad Yadav. Next year, he is going to Columbia University in New York City for a Masters in Public Administration and is therefore not expecting to see Mr. Yadav again. He continues to reminisce religiously by going through all available Yo day pictures every month. Meanwhile, GEO has pretty much occupied **Saad Latif's** life. Working as an Associate Producer on their documentaries team, he has been engaged with a variety for projects for the Current Affairs department. Although aiming for masters sometime soon, he still feels lost in his life after LUMS (a true Luminite I'd say!).

Saadi Azeem joined Standard Chartered Bank as a Graduate Associate in June 08. After the initial 2 months in Karachi he realized that to go back to his "tafree" lifestyle he would have to move back and is now posted in Lahore in corporate sales. He is, at the moment, confused about going for his masters, MBA, CFA,

CA or settling down and marriage. He wants to play it safe and go for the marriage option and also help with the family business. **Saadia Gardezi** is studying at Warwick University, UK, specifically a Masters in Political Economy with International Relations and Humanitarian studies on the side. Her lecture notes are still a collection of doodles, and she is still trying to wade through Das Kapital. **Sabahat Salahuddin** is working at McKinsey and Co and is currently on an assignment in Kuwait. Her previous assignments have been in Pakistan and Qatar. Not surprisingly she is extremely busy with her work but still manages a healthy work life balance. **Sabah Elahi** and **Omer Riaz** have decided to finally tie the knot and are getting married in August. They are happily preparing for the wedding with all their friends. Omer has completed his MSc. whilst Sabah plans to complete her ACA whilst working as an assurance associate at Deloitte London. **Saheer Asad** is currently working at LUMS as an RA and is going to George Washington University for a PhD in economics on Fulbright scholarship in August. Since graduating, **Sajjad A. Sheikh** has been working in the family business in the textile sector and looking after its marketing and business development dimensions. The work involves



extensive travel and dealing with customers internationally. **Sameen Andaleeb Mohsin Ali** taught O'Level World History for a year at Lahore Grammar School, 55 Main Gulberg, and Lahore after graduation. She will be starting at the London School of Economics this fall as a Commonwealth Scholar, pursuing an MSc in Comparative Politics (research). Before graduation **Sana Agboatwala** had decided not to go into banking. Yet, one fine day she graduated and became an RM in Barclays Bank. She's living the life behind her desk, planning one vacation to the next and spending money on expensive cameras.

After graduating, **Sana Javed** joined Citibank as a Management Trainee Officer and stayed there for 2 months until she came to the land of oil and Sheikhs and joined Alghanim Industries. Currently she's employed at Alghanim Industries in Kuwait as a Financial Analyst for the Electronics division. **Sanam Khawaja**, working as an Assistant Manager at Unilever advises young graduates to choose their



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career path wisely and to network (which she adds they should start right away!) She reminds everyone to make sure their jobs keep them excited since once they are on the wrong train every stop will be a wrong one! **Sara Azmat** is working at Express 24/7 as associate producer rundown and is applying for grad school. After graduation our little friend, **Sara Khan** started working for Meezan Bank Limited in the Corporate Banking Department. She has to be the only female from LUMS working there, which implicitly implies that more females need to apply there. For those of you who don't know, yes the rumours are true. She admits to wearing an abaya and a hijab, because it is a requirement. **Sarah Mazher** joined Global Securities Pakistan Limited, Karachi. She is working as an Economist. Her responsibilities include release of the monthly product 'Economic Scorecard', Monetary Policy Reviews and other economic updates to be distributed to various stakeholders. She plans to expand her coverage from Economy to Treasury, Foreign Exchange trading and involve herself in forming Company Strategy.

Sarosh Sualehi is having an amazing time at McKinsey, Dubai. Many of her childhood dreams of superspy-dom have come true (she can now sleep on planes), but she also dreams of Lahore's winters, all the friends she has not seen in a while, and her cello. Never too sure of where she will be next week, she misses the rootedness of home, but carries a little bit of everyone in her heart. If you haven't heard from her in a while, it's only a matter of two or three more days- she got internet at her house yesterday. She will find you!

Sehrish Tasneem is still at LUMS, since she is part of the Law batch and misses her class mates a lot. **Shazre Quamber** is currently pursuing an MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development at the School of Oriental and African Studies. Her days are spent contemplating (in no particular order) human suffering, seasonal sales, the state of the economy, the impending doom of a credit-crunched career and the never-failing humour in a heat wave that peaks at 33C. **Shehryar Sadiq** is studying at Cardiff Business School doing an MSc in International Economics, Banking and Finance. He is currently working on his dissertation 'Banking Profitability of Pakistan'. **Sohaib Roomi** has been working at the Business Support Fund for

the last six months during which he realized that he isn't meant for this job-market but more suited to the business/entrepreneur world. He is hoping to be married by next year. **Suhaib Bari** is working as a Relationship Manager for the largest private bank in the country, Habib Bank Limited. He is looking after commercial markets and sits at a crucial intersection, coordinating between clients, diligence teams like SBP, internal audits as well as the answering to the heads. Even though, Suhaib, or Bari as he's better known masquerades as a diligent 'Habibian' by day, he actually is and probably will remain for a long time, a Batura Boy at heart. Just ask those who're subject to his 'work mails'.

Syed Talha Imam has been working with Unilever in his hometown, Karachi. He is enjoying the responsibility and spends all what he earns. He is on verge of the launch of his first individual project, and is very excited about it. He has not taken a single day off from work since graduation. That just tells you how much he loves his job. **Umair Mustafa Khalil** is almost done with his masters at the University of British Columbia and is preparing to head to the University of Rochester for his PhD in economics. His stay in Vancouver was absolutely fantastic and having spent the last few months chilling fulltime he is hoping to raise the tempo for the madness ahead. **Umul Awan** is currently working as an MT - Risk Analyst in the UBL Treasury and Market Risk department on Il Chundrigar road. Happy to have most of her friends from LUMS in Karachi only, she is glad that they all continue to meet up and have the "Batura Gang" fun that they were most famous for. She says that although no substitute is available for her soccer at LUMS and the LAS trips, she is trying to make the most of life in here. **Usman Hijazi** is in Islamabad, working with Red Bull as a Marketing Executive for the northern region and loves his job. After working at Mobilink for a year, **Zahbia Sarfraz** is headed to Columbia University this fall on the Fulbright Scholarship for Masters in Psychology. **Zainab Tariq** is currently working at Network of Organizations Working for People with Disabilities in Pakistan (Nowpdp). She recently organized a successful art competition for disabled children in Lahore, Islamabad and Karachi, of which the one in Lahore was held at LUMS.

Our hearty congrats to all those getting or are engaged, married! We wish everyone the best of luck and hope to compile longer versions for years to come...

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Babar Iftikhar is Projects Director / Validation Head at Sensys (Pvt) LTD. Sensys is a product development company that designs and develops industrial automation software products. I have a cute little son "Rayyan" who is almost 2 yrs old and am preparing him for Aitchison. We live in Tech Society, Lahore. Soccer is STILL on and I still play as FULL BACK. I have maintained a good fit sports routine and the boyish looks are STILL there.

Zahid Irfan is currently working at Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, GIK Institute, Topi. He is involved in a lot of activities like Open House Coordination, WebTeam, Network Team and other activities but teaching is his primary job and he loves it.

Khuraam F. Khatlani is enjoying a good health and atmosphere in NADRA. He belongs to Karachi and lives in Islamabad. He is working as Program Manager in Technology and Development Directorate at NADRA HQ, Islamabad. Last year he went to Khartoum, Sudan for 10 days to do the requirements analysis to develop the Civil Registration System for Government of Sudan, and enjoyed visits to the remains of Nubian Civilizations and 6th Cataract of River Nile. ('I was the state guest there!!') Nothing else out of ordinary happened after that :). He's nowadays involved in developing the Benazir Income Support Program in collaboration with World Bank. **Aimal Tariq Rextin** is pursuing a PhD in University of Limerick, Ireland. His thesis is in the area of Graph Drawing. He got married one and a half years ago. He thinks Ireland is a nice place but misses Pakistan and his friends.

M. Abid Khan is currently in New York on the Fulbright Scholarship pursuing PhD in Economics. This summer, he is interning at the UN working on the Human Development Report and a comparative policy analysis of 35 countries regarding migration. In his personal life, he is still single (still J) so you can imagine there is no news at that front. **Saad Gul** is a researcher at University of Tokyo, Japan, in the department of Interdisciplinary Information Studies. Recently he married and moved to Japan. Currently, Japanese study is at the top of his menu with free time put into seeing as much of Japan as possible.

Sajjad A. Madani has moved back to Pakistan after completing his PhD from Vienna University of Technology. Currently he is working as Assistant Professor in COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Abbotabad. **Ali Kabeer**, after working in Citigroup for 4.5 years has moved to Dubai in RBS bank. He is missing his family there. He has got a very cute son.

MS 2003

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Muhammad Asif finally completed degree requirements in July 2008 and is now working with Emirates. **Ayaz Khan** married three years ago and is blessed with a two year old daughter Dinah Khan. Ayaz is working with TRG in Karachi and is planning to pursue a Ph.D degree now. **Yousuf Bawani** is in the UAE and is quite busy in travelling back and forth from/to Pakistan & UAE. **Fahd Zahid** is currently working in IBM Pakistan as the Sales Leader for Pakistan North Territory. He is married for 2.5 years now with a 9 month old daughter (Rameen Fatima). He has been salesman of the year for 2008 in 25 countries (MENA region)

Faisal Jamil is leading a professional services group at LMKR Karachi. He got married 1.5 years ago and is still planning his honeymoon. **Zahra** is Assistant Professor Department of CS & IT at FC College Lahore. **Nafees Sharif** is still with

Waseel ASP Ltd Riyadh as Senior Software Engineer. He married 1.5 years back and performed Hajj with his wife this year. Nafees has been travelling around the Arabian Peninsula to prevent monotonous life. **Faraz Durrani** is running his own recruitment company.

Imran Yusuf is permanently employed as a Senior System Analyst at Central Depository Company of Pakistan (CDC) since 2006, and is also a visiting faculty member at University of Karachi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah University (MAJU). He got married more than a year ago and is blessed with a cute girl, Zoha, six months old. **Ibrar** finally got married in March and is now teaching in Hazara University. **Saiman Khan** too got married recently and is now assistant professor at FAST Karachi.

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Shahrukh Arshad worked in AOS for around 2 years and then left Pakistan to join Emirates Airline's IT Department in 2009 in Dubai. His wedding is in October 2009 InshaAllah. **Khurram Qadeer** is still working at Geo TV Network. He has moved into looking after Geo News more closely and has left his social life (or whatever was left of it) completely behind. He however continues to teach undergraduate students at a university and loves it. He hopes to go for another Masters next year. He still doesn't plan on settling down and believes there are still better things to do in life. **Zeeshan Rana** (Peter) has not yet completed his PhD in Software Engineering from LUMS ;), seems like a long journey... He is working with Dr. Shafay and Dr. Awais and is attempting to develop some relatively generic approach which can predict software defects for multiple scenarios. These days Peter is in Lero, the Irish Software Engineering Research Center and University of Limerick section. He is there under a research collaboration and student exchange program for a few months only.

Junaid Sharif joined Teradata after



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leaving Pakistan Tobacco Company in 2007 and has been working there since then. He is getting married in October and trying to enjoy every bit of bachelor time left till then by travelling to places everywhere.

Tariq Fayyaz has returned from US and is working at Xavor these days. He is living a very happy married life, while working at both office and at home :). **Rana Haris** aka Harry has been working at NESCOM (Islamabad) for the last two and a half years and now he is planning to move to Lahore kyun ke 'Lahore Lahore ay'. He is hopeful that he will be back from the 'city of living dead' by Q3 2009 InshaAllah. **Usman Tahir** aka cheetah has been working in M-Systems and he intends to remain there at least till the next century. He spends most of his time playing table tennis



and badminton in office, after office hours of course :). There might be a case that he goes to office for this very purpose ;) His marriage is planned right after Eid Ul Adha this year.

Khawaja Fahd (KMF) is a decade old at LUMS. He is still doing his PhD with Ashraf Iqbal. Last year he taught algorithms at LUMS. Meanwhile, in Punjab University he has been working as an AP. Also, Facebook will soon be introducing a new bulk upload interface for his mammoth amount of photography of LUMS and surroundings.

Syed Farooq Ahmed (Far0ck) joined Karachi Stock Exchange, last year in the midst of economic recession, as Information Security Analyst. He started photography in autumn 2007 and is now thinking of adopting this as his new career. He runs a studio "Portraiture", which is known for its selective clientele and appointment based shoots. **Usman Chaudhry** joined Motorola Pakistan, after leaving Techlogix, in 2006 as a Telecom Engineer. He relocated to Motorola Bahrain and has been living in Bahrain for the past two years. He is sin-

gle and apparently in no hurry to get married.

Farqaleet Kirmani joined Teradata after graduating from LUMS and has been working there for the last 2 years. He has no future plans and is happily single. He intends to stick with the current job until they kick him out by force! :). **Junaid Akhtar** wrote "Unlike most people I'm still at LUMS (God forbid) trying to complete my PhD. But aiming to get it done by the time next class notes are to be submitted. The biggest change has been my marriage this December. I went for honeymoon to Phuket, Thailand. If anyone needs information about the place, contact me. It's such a lovely place, I recommend it to everyone, but before that I recommend getting married, zaroori hai. At the political front, we are trying our best to form a graduate committee at LUMS that shall have its representation at the policy meetings. There's some breakthrough there. It's sad but the batch fellows that I'm still in touch with are only those who are doing their PhDs here. I wish that wasn't the case. The things I miss the most are the future dreams of Usman Chaudhary and serious talks with Farqi. I wish you all the best for this world and hereafter!"

Sher Shah Khan is working with Teradata since May 2006. Previously he was with Techlogix Lahore. He received New Associate of the Year award in 2006 and Associate of the Year award in 2007. Currently he's working for a UK client as ETL Designer. **Sheeraz Akram** says "I was very energetic about my field after graduating from LUMS in 2006, but slowly that energy went away and now life is very smooth and slow. I am still working as a lecturer in School of Computer Science, GIFT University in Gujranwala. Now to bring some change I am looking to switch institutes as well as the area, most probably to Rawalpindi/Islamabad and also looking to study some more. I am still single and looking to be married in next 2 to 3 years. I miss my LUMS fellows especially Aamer Zaheer (AZee), Zeeshan Ali Rana, Umair-ul-Hassan, Khalid Mahmood Amir and Umer Faiz". **Saqib Ashfaq** has recently left Teradata and joined IBM as a Data warehouse consultant.

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This is the second year of graduation of **MS2005** batch, arguably the most significant batch of graduate students in terms of numbers and certainly when it comes to fun. By now most of the people have settled in the corporate world, joining companies of all sorts, from established giants like Microsoft to humble, yet ambitious and promising startups. A few have decided to stick to academics, and still fewer have outright refused to leave LUMS at all! But one thing is common among everyone, they all miss LUMS badly.

Many people finally seem to have moved on (past their possible post-graduate crushes) to get a life :D. We have seen more and more people settling into married life. A few have moved abroad and some are there for a short tour.

Owing to such a large batch, many people have been out of touch with others, and we had to coerce their whereabouts from them or their friends in some cases, just in time for inclusion in the class notes. Missing deadlines of anything related to LUMS seems to be hard-wired in all O 5'ers. But in the end many people joined the volunteer work to get theirs and their friends updates included.

Major names in contributions apart from the editors are **Sadaf, Murtaza, Asim Shah, Wasif, Sajed, Imran Khan** and others who anonymously edited the wiki. We thank all these people for their help and contribution. Some of the people who were heard about here last time around couldn't be contacted/didn't respond in time, while there are a few first timers, including some from CMPE. Looking forward for even better participation in future. Enough blah blah from me, we'll move onto the real stuff:

Aaminah Hamid is in LUMS and will be finishing her MS in June. **Abdul Baseer:** Lost and out of touch, in a world where kidnappings are common, his batch mates are worried about him. **Abdul Rauf Muhammad Rana** after going through the list of courses in the handbook has finally discovered that he is done with the MS courses requirements. In pursuit of his everlasting wish to have a "Dr" with his name he is going to have a qualifier this summer [or a wise option would be to have a homeopathic certification]. Not to mention that he is almost done with his proof of $P=NP$ [WARNING! 'Almost' is a subjective term]. **Abdul Rehman** still works as team lead in Optimal Solutions. According to him he doesn't miss any TV series, just like old times. Is continuing to put on weight and has been able to add 0.5 kg in the last decade. **Adeel Munir Butt**, For all kind of



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Any inconveniences are regretted :D. **Adnan Ahmed:** Adnan Ahmad dropped the course named "Class Notes" :P. He deleted his previous class notes :P; rumor is that he still hasn't lost that cheeky heart-throb smile. **Adnan Waheed** has been engaged last year (as he claims) and expects to get married this year (supposedly). Much to relief of his peers in Lahore, he has moved to Karachi and joined Wichorus, where he is working as a S/W engineer. He already has the rich experience of working for more than a year at Mentor Graphics, Lahore. **Aemen Lodhi** is doing his PhD from G-tech (read Georgia Tech), that's all that could be coerced from Farhan Iqbal, his old time pal.

Affan Rauf seems to be really sincere with Red Math as he is there now for more than two years. He seems to enjoy his work and there are rumors that he is going for some office trip soon (abroad or to Abbottabad? it's not clear). **Ahmad**

Muqem Sheri being an entrepreneur at heart, founded his own company Sheritech in Lahore, ran it for 2 years, closed it down, got married and moved to Rawalpindi. He was then heard to be a lecturer at NUST and was again seen around a new startup. People who keep tabs on him say he is in Korea these days, doing a PhD in a field un-related to his prior qualification. He is highly disappointed with the standard of Korean chicks, chucks and food. Although he still can't pronounce the name of the city he is living in, he is fluent in Korean name calling. **Akeel-ur-Rehman Faridee** is still working in Mobile Weaver, Islamabad. Got engaged last year (in Dec. 2008, and hence his phone bills have soared many times) and will be getting married in September 09. He is trying to find a job to move back in Lahore (doing so unsuccessfully for the past 1 year.....damn the recession). Is nowadays happy without any reason. Oh wait! Didn't we say he is Guild Initiative' to financially support needy, talented students from remote areas. About Amir Raza, "There is news that Amir would be replacing Younis Khan for next Allied Bank commercial. He is there for almost 2 years and going to be 'Manaaager' soon." He was with HBL for over 16 months and now with MCB in the capacity of Internal Controls Division. He plans to stay with MCB for at least another year (wouldn't it have been better if he had done MBA or something?) He claims to miss the times of his stay at LUMS. He is thinking of organizing some charity work as well. Ammara Nadeem Malik is reportedly happily married and still residing in Lahore.

Anoosha Habib served as an RA in Suleman Dawood School of Business, LUMS for years, which lead to an offer by Lakson Group as Manager Institutional Sales. Then on she made it a priority to spend time with her family and moved back to Bahawalpur with a comfortable job of Assistant Professor in Islamia University. Suicide rate among her Business Comm. students owing to boredom is reportedly very high. **Asher Imtiaz**, after higher education is now giving higher education to the kids of FC University. He has been spotted at LUMS occasionally. But, the news is any concert he attends at LUMS these days ends in a crash. **Asif Rafiq Rajwana:** Rumors are that after working for TRG about a year; Asif is thinking to start his own company. Being a firm believer of "look before you leap", he has been thinking for quite sometime now. **Asif**



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Raza Baig is working in Techlogix, after resigning from Systems getting married? Started an NGO Talent Ltd. He claims like all other developers that "life is too bored and static, but it is going on"..... Yeah much better than exciting life in Fashion industry, right? **Asim Ali Shah** is alive :P He has just realized that it was a waste of time to remain single and has a vow to do some thing practical now. That's why he bought the new release of iPhone, and is loving it! :P **Asmar Azar Khan** is also working at UMT along with likes of Farhan (our sympathies as he is still stuck with him) and he is also completing his PhD at LUMS, and is often seen making tea in the CS building's pantry. **Ayesha Afzal** is persistently working with Mobilink's Information Security Team. Ever since she joined she hasn't switched a single job, that probably makes her the most consistent 05-ian.

Bilal Ahmad Bajwa after his MS went back on his faculty position at FC University. He is thinking of appearing for LUMS PhD qualifiers next time i.e. plans to come back with a big BANG! **Bushra Anjum** is halfway through her PhD at NC (Fulbright Scholarship). Nearing the Qualifier she spends most of her time submerged in Queuing Model Simulations, and the remaining time in planning a Great Canyon (Arizona) trip, a treat to her from herself if she passes the exam in her first attempt! **Eirij Ali Qureshi**: The only known fact about him is that, owing to confusion around his name, he was mistakenly allotted a room in LUMS girl's hostel; for that he is a legend in the 05 batch. Nobody has heard anything from him then on; we hope that he managed to get out of F-2. **Fahad Akhtar**, well, after spending a year and half in URAAN (which had a strategic location in Liberty Market, Lahore and he was found roaming the crowded market corridors on pretext of smoke, tea and lunch breaks). Fahad decided to have his own company, which is currently doing well as a start up. Working in all sorts odd technologies, he is often found saying "I love recessions, it sends

work to the Third world". **Fahd Khan** is working for Teradata corp., and is growing in size day by day like a flubber with each unsuccessful crush :P News is that he suffered a heat stroke in the Alpine winter of Switzerland last year, reasons not known! The Fastian-turned-Luminite **Fahd Mustafa Bhatti** is lost, his whereabouts are unknown, and the 05 batch is thinking of submitting an Alien Abduction report to the producers of "Taken" or may be "E.T.". Other suggestions? **Farhan Iqbal** is still working hard at UMT, educating the upcoming breed of electrical engineers in his own style. Also, secretly wishes since ages to take THE GRE test but can't find time for preparation (don't we all). But the good news is that he got married this winter. Good news for him yes, but for the other party, I think we gotta ask :)

Furqan Ahmad Minhas has been perfecting the art of laziness since he left LUMS. So much so that recently he was contacted by the director of "Heroes" for the role of a lazy super hero named "Super Minhas". Recently the laziest person awards was added to his honors and awards closet, when he was beaten by a snail to the touch line and btw he is proud of this unique super hero ability :D. **Furqan Aziz** is still working at FAST-NU. He is recently promoted to the post of Assistant Professor :). He is supposedly in Peshawar, and seldom visits his alma-meter, LUMS. **Ghulam Murtaza** is still stuck in LUMS doing his PhD. Though he says he is meant to be



a student for all of his life. So let's see how far it goes. He lead an adventurous few months with Microsoft Research in India, and has brought back a few dozen embroidered, block printed and patterned South Indian shirts to show off that he was there. **Hafiz Ali Ghous Fakhri** is working in Mobilink as a Business Analyst, and wouldn't like to share more than that :P. **Huma Naushad** is in Canada. Living in a small but beautiful city called Woodstock, she is working as a Web Developer for

Dixie Sales Company and enjoying her job. Recently she celebrated her 1st wedding anniversary. She is living happily with her husband and these days decorating her new house. **Hussain Latif Mughal** aka HLM, has made quite a transition from LUMS to the land of penguins :P He is still associated with STC as a System Analyst, fattening his bank account (& his tummy :P) and could earn some much needed "sawab" by spoiling some of his Pakistani chotu friends (*hint* *hint*). **Iffikhar Alam** is Assistant Director in Ministry of Defence and stationed at Peshawar. He is happily married and was blessed with a daughter a few months ago. He regularly plays host to any or all 05-ians who visit (or plan to do so, and never show up) Peshawar, Charsadda and adjoining areas. He hasn't realized as yet that he is a Bureaucrat, so he still keeps tabs with the lesser privileged old class mates.

Imran Khan is doing well in Egypt and is



assumed to be writing class notes (which never show up, somehow). He did write for Adnan Ahmad, Asim Rafique and the likes of them, but they weren't approved by the concerned authorities. He is often heard saying "I miss LUMS, the shady town, the alleys of which, I will never forget." **Inam Alam** is working in Systems nowadays. Few things which are common from before are his long hair and shyness. **Irfan Ahmed** recently joined REDMATH after working for two years at NETSOL. He is still committed to making Pakistan a better place by serving the IT sector whole heartedly. **Jareer Ahsan Husaam** after leaving the lightening world of Showbiz (I mean job in IT department of ARY), is now working in Vazay. His efforts of relief activities for IDPs are well appreciated by everyone. He is constantly visiting the camps and helping different organizations to help Internally Displaced Pakistanis. Other than that, he is trying to lead a 'Normal' (read

boring) life of an IT professional. **Javeria Rasool** is working in PEL Lahore. **Khalid Rehman** crashed n burnt in his "first ever true love" with Nottingham. By the way, he fell in love with this city on his first visit ;) He is still in Teradata. **Khuram Javed** is working at REDMATH, and is living in Lahore in a shared accommodation with 8 other Luminites. He claims that after moving from LUMS hostel, he is still at home with all "swizziness" of living along with other Luminites. **Liaq Ahmad Nasir Butt** is switching jobs like a playboy switches his girls. Now he is working with Vopium A/S. He too got Nikkah-ed last year (Oct. 2008) and is expected to be married at the end of this year. His effort of moving from Karachi back to Lahore paid off; now he can concentrate on things which matter, rather than spending money on return tickets to and from Lahore every other weekend.

Madiha Rehman is happily married and is on a full time job with Mahrosh, her cute lil' daughter. The year started with loads of fun as Madiha went to Germany with her family. Otherwise she is doing the same as the previous year; looking after her daughter and enjoying her. This year is a bit tough for her family now as her father passed away this year. Prayers of the whole batch are with her and her family. **Mahgul Qayyum** has said good bye to Systems Ltd. and is now working as a lecturer at Government College University, Lahore. After working at Systems she is finding this job relaxing and exciting :) (Career Opportunities at LUMS so she claims). **Malik Tahir Hassan** is one more PhD Student of the batch. He defended his PhD proposal recently and is doing quite well. He still has his trade mark BIG smile across his face, and still wears only WHITE colored clothing. **Mirza Muhammad Yousaf**: After following the footsteps of Furqan he joined Teradata to add to the tally of 05-ians in Teradata. There is also a little Mirza in town - his almost one year old, cute son named Abdullah, who was born just one day before the lovely month of Ramadan last year :). We're all hoping that he turns out as hyper active, fun loving and party crashing as his father. **Moeen Uddin Bandey** is working in ITS Lahore, happily unmarried, living with Najam and the guys. He is usually found half way between Lahore and Islamabad, somewhere around Sukheki. **Mohammad Ali Kirmani**, after having helped found at-least 3 start-ups and being a major reason for their foreclosure, is again working in an even lesser known

start-up company, this time in Rawalpindi. His quest for a job which offers Wednesdays 'off' is still unsuccessful. Being a very regular volunteer for non-profit social welfare organizations, Ali keeps getting lots of free food every other day. For reasons still not clear, is rumored to have started preaching "celibacy" on Saturdays to all who would listen.

Mohsin Naeem Khan was a very active member of '05 community but hasn't been in touch with batch mates lately. He still has "interested in women", "looking for friendship" flags set in his Facebook profile that gives one the impression that Mohsin is still "desperately single". **Mubasher Nawaz Awan** was lately known to be working for Cisco, and was minting quite some money. A series of road accidents and illnesses lead to Cisco people allowing him to work from home, and he was happy with the arrangement. Reportedly the highest paid 05ian, he frequents Mid-Eastern countries often. We received news just off the shelf, hot out of the oven, that he is currently based in Dubai in Cisco Systems as NCE (Network Consulting Engineer).

On to **Muhammad Abdul Rehman Akbar Khan** aka Mani, a happy go lucky, stylo guy :). One of the tension free guy of our batch, with many sleepless nights :P, he is living it up in the all time favorite honey moon destination, Switzerland. He is still associated with Teradata and *desperately wanting to be no more fun by the end of this year*. **Muhammad Ahsun Ali** has worked for 2 long years with Mobile Weaver, Islamabad, and has shared the tea-corner of the same company with Akeel, Ali Kirmani & Muqem Sheri. He resides in Rawalpindi. He appeared with a broken hand on Hasnain's Nikah. He is slave of his routine, but he hopes to break the chains and have a better life next year. **Muhammad Asad** is working in Allied Bank (Head Office Lahore) as Information Security Analyst. He is happily married and has a cute little baby girl. He is also still desperate about Nirvana. See <http://www.linkedin.com/in/muhammadasad> for any other updates.

Muhammad Asim Javed is working in Scribe as a software engineer part time and is found chatting on gtalk and Facebooking as a fulltime job :P. He has abandoned his PC after buying an iPhone, a phone with a ROCK solid BATTERY :P.



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He still enjoys streaming Punjabi Dramas from Youtube, and eats up all the bandwidth, much to the agony of his five other O 5ian house mates in a G-11 apartment. **Muhammad Asim Rafique** is doing Congo-ishly good. After having been in Congo for more than a year, he has realized its time to read some Sufi stuff :P to kill the loneliness. Angelina Jolie is not the only humanitarian, Asim too has adopted two kids in Congo, and we wish him good luck in the good work he is putting up.

Muhammad Fahim Ullah has supposedly started his own Software Company in Lahore, and is getting a lot of attention of out-sourcing agents because of his good work. He is on his way to making his first million dollars. He is so busy that he couldn't let us know whether he is still single or got married, as if we care! :). **Muhammad Imran Ansari** was last heard of working for Blue Rider, at F-10. He has his usual all-good attitude intact, but not much is known about him after his appearance for a get together in Islamabad last year. **Muhammad Ishaq** is still proving hard to catch, even if one uses Saif as bait! He is working in Next Bridge for last two years. He is living happily, spending time with family and friends. He also thinks compiling class notes is fun, so we are forwarding the torch to him next time. **Muhammad Ismail** is currently working as Open Source Technologist at Zeropoint. Before joining Zeropoint, he worked as a System Analyst at Makabu Pvt Ltd.

Muhammad Kamran Nishat has been blessed with a boy this year, is continuing his Ph.D. and currently is in Italy on Eureka scholarship program. He barely survived the earthquake there, though some of his friends here have other opinions about the reason of the earthquake. He still misses the birthday bumps he used to receive on anyone's birthday :D/:P. Clearly O 5ian birthdays haven't been the same after he left. **Muhammad Kashif Azhar** is working with GenTeam, Lahore, and lives with Khurram, Moeen and a few other O 5ians in Lahore, close to LUMS, sneaking in LUMS Wi-Fi from their home. Rumor is (though unbelievable) that he has put on some weight! According to unconfirmed sources, he has quietly gotten married. **Muhammad Nasir Mumtaz** is working in Leaseguard Ltd (A financial company in Oxfordshire, UK)

as part time system analyst. He is also in second year of his PhD studies working on Delay Tolerant Networks Security. He misses Pakistan very much and is worried about the situation of Pakistan. **Muhammad Omer Raffat** is working on a decision support system (DSS) project for Nortel HQ in Texas. **Muhammad Umair Khan** is missing his 7+1 jigrionic friends of LUMS (that 1 is aka Zahid, famous as our Bhatti). Working in Spectrum Inc (SibiSoft), his current responsibility is to work with CapeGemini Inc and TeleFort as a Consultant. **Muhammad Umar Farooq** is working passionately in Analytics department at Teradata. He has anxiously seen off his elder brother's marriage and wishes his number comes soon. He exercises regularly to stay fit and is currently taking lessons in photography to reveal his newly acquired Canon camera. Loves paint-balling..... guess all have to beware of him then :).

Muhammad Zahid Ali is going through a wonderful experience of life, in a sense trying to discipline his life. Every Sunday night he plans the whole next week and then starting on Monday he thinks "chad yar next week see pakka ;)"... The rest is good with him enjoying the summer of NY & NJ. For a living he is working as a Project Coordinator and Team Lead in a Technology company, leading and coordinating with the off shore Indian Team. He spends weekends with friends, visiting the Time Square and Jersey beaches often.

Muhammed Sheraz Sharif says: "I am working in International Turnkey Systems aka ITS (did someone say Turkey?) which is (as he says) the leading provider of cutting-edge integrated information technology solutions to a wide spectrum of industries and government entities across the Middle-East, Africa, the Asian region and beyond (all the way to the edge of the universe). I am working there in the capacity of Software Engineer." Ufff.... A response like that to request to update class notes really tells that we the O 5ians are total geeks at heart! **Munazzah Abdul Ghaffar** is happily married with Muhammad Hassan Khan and enjoying the weather of United States. Rumor has it that she went across the continent 3,000 miles just to meet an O 5ian friend! Wow, that's the social spirit we all need, good work! **Nasir Zeeshan** is currently working at NETSOL and also in his third year of Dars-e-Nizami course.

Natasha Qaisar is still in London and still doing the same job though searching really, really hard for a job in her own field. As for now she is enjoying her time off and the lovely London weather. If everything goes according to her plan she's definitely coming back in a few months time to meet her family and friends :D.

Naveed Ahmed a.k.a. Navie is working as Software Engineer at Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance. His job lead him to visit both Afghanistan and Syria twice. Currently in Syria for deployment and some kind of consulting as well, by the time this would be printed he will be off to Kyrgyzstan (yes that's a country). He finds it fun to meet people, learn about banking, and in the past one year he has perfected the art of staying away from family, and yet keep our bhabi happy by bringing her presents from all the exotic places he visits. **Naveed Ashfaq** left after studying just one course and never came back. Qasim Ali, after spending two years at TECHLOGIX, had a leap forward in his career and went on to join world's biggest IT company i.e. Microsoft Corp. (yipeeeee!) Currently he is working on an up coming version of Microsoft Windows. So guys and gals, if you find any bugs in up coming version of Windows, then this time at least you know who the culprit is :). **Reema Tariq** is working as a faculty member in Comsats and living happily with her Husband Usama. **Rehman Chughtai** has FINALLY left LUMS, just like his friends Usman, Noman, Zahid; all of who stayed as long as possible. Guess nobody will ever beat KMF on that. Employed in RAC, he is a bit annoyed with himself after selling his camera to Usman. His latest activities are still a mystery to his friends, and he himself thinks that he is blank more than ever before. **S. Meiraj Hasan** is currently employed at Consistel Pakistan (Private) Limited as Engineer in Building Networks North Region and resides in Islamabad. He claims to be looking for New Project Work Assignment (whatever that means) these days.

Saadia Mumtaz is having loads of fun in teasing students 'kiun kay Saadia bhi kabhi Student thi! :D Her activities have become far more dangerous after becoming Assistant Professor :D She is thinking to switch again though and hoping for some venture soon. **Sadaf Ahmed** is Alhamdulillah in a state of perfection and will remain in that state unless and until compelled by an external force (Allah

SWT) to change that state. She is learning Arabic besides enjoying her perfect life Alamdullillah :). After securing a senior position at an IT company named RAC, **Sadia Saleem** bid farewell to her mind numbingly boring job and decided to climb the academic ladder. She is currently busy pursuing her fully funded (as usual :P) PhD at Manchester University. Though Sadia bitterly misses her family and 'too good to be true' friends, news is that she is excelling at her program, burning Biryani and going bankrupt paying her phone bill. **Saif ur Rehman** is on leave from PTCL where he works on SAP, to finally get a break and complete his degree at LUMS. He is married and spends his weekends in Islamabad with his family. Has become a family guy and went totally missing from the O5 social scene. **Sajed Hafeez Malik** got married last year and has been blessed with a boy recently, named Muhammad Malik. He is the same old Sajed, chit chatting



and making everyone laugh their tails off. The first ever elected President of LUMS Student Council has not pursued a political career, instead he is working at the Analytics Department at Teradata, resides in Islamabad, and plans to do so for some time to come.

Sana Jawaid is now Sana Zubairi, and is (very) happily married. She currently resides in the U.S. She's been to Disney Land to meet Mickey & Minnie, to Miami, San Francisco, and a few other places next to her neighborhood. Wow, that's a neat neighborhood :D. Her only pastime is spending her husband's hard earned money. She still thinks she will be crowned home coming queen the year she 'surprisingly' shows up for it. **Sana Shafi**, honored Systems Ltd. for 8 months then decided to taste the research field by working as an RA in LUMS. As soon as she signed the contract she Nikah-o-fied with her Prince Charming who came from the Royal Kingdom (United Kingdom). After 4 months she decided to give all her time

to her shadi related activities and said her final good bye to LUMS though she kept on coming to LUMS for the Last Samosa. Finally she got 'rukhsat' in full 'Mughal' attire and flew to her home in Reading, United Kingdom with her Husband "Abdul Jabbar". Now she is visiting Oxford, London, Hereford, Swindon, and planning to go to Scotland and Wales very soon. **Saqib Rashid** is working as a System Analyst in Red Math and is currently in Amsterdam on a business trip. He really has no idea why Dutch people like him so much! **Shaheryar Iqbal** is happily married and currently in Singapore for the past six months. His old flat mates report that he is very generous person, in fact a party guy :P :D, but he doesn't like wasting tissue paper :D. **Sharjeel Shahid Sheikh** is working in Techlogix as Project Manager and he is looking to get married. Any one interested should know that he is no longer bald. He has spent a lot for hair transplant. :)

Shehryar Shaukat Khan at Mentor Graphics, as well as trying to setup a Viable Amsterdam/Lahore based Software house (www.outsourceddata.eu) ;) His hopes to advertise his venture via class notes are successful :P **Sidra Masood** is just like the Himalayan snow leopard; the sightings of Ms. Sidra Masood are equally rare. However a little birdie told us that Sidra's time is taken up tracing BUGS and I'm not referring to the six legged, disease carrying ones she loathes. Sidra Masood is working as SQA Engineer at Ikonami Technologies Islamabad. She is not watching Prison Break although Tayyaba and Sadaf are trying their best to convince her ;). **Syed Ali Ahsan Jameel** has got his hands on a lot of things: Alliance IT- a startup company where he is director IS, Envy- a men's formal shirts line; and Laraib.com- a repository of Islamic religious texts. Because he's so busy, he has to use algorithms to find what's on his mind but realized he needs an algorithm first to find the mind itself. **Syed Farooq Ali** has been working on a research project in Multimedia lab of LUMS as a Research Associate. He proudly tells every one that he is a team leader of a project comprising of seven persons. Also he is not engaged and claims it is good news for girls the world over ;). **Syed Mohsin Raza** got married last October, and switched jobs to DWT Technologies. He is reportedly in Islamabad these days. He still claims that the best food in the world is at Butt Karahi of Lakshmi Chowk. **Syed**

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Muhammad Noman Bukhari joined Teradata this year, and is back in his hometown of Karachi, and recently flew from Karachi to Islamabad just to join his friends on a trip to Naran Valley. He was seen capturing nature through a DSLR with an intimidating looking lens. Rumor has it that he is still single!

Since June 2008, **Talal Ahmed** has been working at Habib Bank AG Zurich (Global IT Department) as Deputy Manager in UAE (quite a long title for a job), which clearly implies that he is still very single! He became an instant celebrity when he uploaded a picture of dancing along side a belly dancer on his Facebook page. Everyone wanted to be in his place or at least the editors of these class notes. Apart from his professional life, he tries his level best to workout daily at Fitness First. And these days he is trying to visit Pakistan. It's been a long time (but hey who wants to leave the belly dancers all by themselves in UAE?) **Tayyaba Ayaz** is in UN and enjoying the great work she is doing :). She is sad about Michael Schofields untimely death ... Aren't we all :D.

On **Usman Naseem** (an intro to Usman by Asim Bhai, on special request) "ahaaa Supi, I am postive Mirza Galib na hotay tu Mirza Supi hota. "Ek Mohabat So(100) Afsanay" itnay Asfaq Ahmad nain likhtay howay nahin socha jitna supi nain parhtay ho sachha. Loving, sportsman, under beared Tom Cruise. Used to spend his time like most of MS (Charay) around PDC, reciting "twelfth player" by Iftakhar Arif, "Shaid koi sanyaha ho jayay". Beside all this he was a caring, loving (which we came to know very late), enthusiastic guy. I can't write about his educational skills, because I don't have such guts". WOW! Thanks Asim Bhai! :D.

Usman Raza Chohan has been abroad this year once again, this time to Australia where he was a research fellow at University of New South Wales, Sydney. He also made himself, his family, and batch mates proud by getting second gold medal for the batch. Usman visited Islamabad to catch up with friends accompanying Zahid for a fun weekend at Mondal sometime ago. That's all most got to see of him lately. His narratives of his visit to France and Australia have a very high entertainment value, people enjoyed them

more than he expected! :)

Waqar Ali So 'wam' (waqar ali mirza) is now a days working at Allied Bank (Ltd) as a System Analyst for the implementation of their T24 Core Banking Solution. He will be getting married by this year's end (we all wish you best of luck).

Wasif Hussain is still very single and more than willing to let go of his "Most Eligible Bachelor" title. In the meantime he has devoted his life for the noble cause of reforming Pakistani's tax system as Senior Business Analyst at PRAL. Fortunately even in these busy times he has managed to hold on to his rigorous trekking routine, enviable build and Nestle water bottle. But he has limited his activities to places where he can safely charge his android Phone :D. is still a loyal employee of Umair Javed, working on automobile software solution. He got engaged last year and is



literally getting married as these notes are being written! He has moved to Lahore with his family. **Zeeshan Malik** is getting married this month, (according to HLM its 101% confirmed news), It seems his dreams to become the next Pakistani snooker world champion won't be realized any time soon. Better luck in your next incarnation Shani Bhai :). **Zelleh Hussnain Syed** got Nikah'ed this spring, resides in Rawalpindi and after a brief stint with a bank, is believed to be assisting his father in family business, or that might be a cover-up for whatever conspiracy he and Khalid Rehman are hatching as usual, any ideas?

Well that's all folks, we are sure you must have smiled a lot reading all of this :-P! Stay connected, stay happy, and stay safe wherever you are.

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As cliché as it sounds, we still can't believe a year has passed since we "left" LUMS. However, we really haven't "left" LUMS (physically yes, but otherwise, no). We have transitioned into a somewhat different life (Better? Maybe). I will now give a stereotypical statement: best of luck and congratulations to my entire batch for this transition. I will now begin the fairy tale:

Farah Azhar insists she is too important to be missed (add: *wink*). After the sadistic Masters, Farah has found a new passion to make people healthy! No she is not practicing medicine (God forbid), but working towards setting up a free clinic in the Walton slums. She is working on a development project of the social wing of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf, completely apolitical in nature. The aim is to improve the health care, education system etc in Pakistan. (Farah, please say hello to Mr. Imran Khan from our end too). Farah refuses to let go of the dependency (emotional??!) on LUMS. This has been taken care of since she lives only 3 minutes away and thus is found wandering around campus. Her recent accomplishment includes going on the Khanpur LAS trip with friends (finally!). She terribly misses the quizzes, the stress andwait for it.....PDC KA KHANA. (Imagine how post-Lums life is when you start missing PDC ka khana!!). Oh, she also adds that she's happily single (it's complicated).

Nothing can be like the LUMS days, adds **Mahrokh Aejaazi**. She was one of the HBL management trainees for 2008 and is currently working as a credit analyst/manager in the SME sector in HBL. PhD is definitely STILL an option for her. She still reminisces about Dr. Burki's and Dr.

Cheema's paper submissions (she adds: it sure was a funny nightmare!!).

Khuram Ashfaq Baloch is working for the State Bank of Pakistan. He is in Karachi. That is ALL I know. **Neelma Mohammad Asif Siddiqui** got married recently in a beautiful ceremony. She sends her love from the other side of Atlantic! **Tehreem Husain** is also working for State Bank of Pakistan in Karachi. We get to hear from her every now and then! Last I heard, **Madiha Sardar** had gotten engaged. Any updates on that, people?

Our very own Fizzy (**Fazilda Nabeel**) went straight to do another Masters after LUMS, to Brown University (For a Masters in Public Policy, on Fulbright). She has been reunited with a Fizzy look-alike (a possible twin from a different time and space?) at Brown. We cannot tell them apart. She wants to come back to her 'Paki Sar Zameen' to make a difference. Although, she is not sure how and is still unsure about what career track to choose once she returns, but ultimately she wants to start a free charity school for girls (InshAllah). You go Fizzy! We all support this noble cause! **Nadia Mukhtar Sayed** is at LUMS, teaching. She says that it is indeed quite hectic with oh-so-many exams, quizzes etc to check and recheck. Dealing with the students, contesting marks, sometimes becomes unbearable. *HUG* (for the students, in case Nadia is strict).



Adeel Tariq insisted he write his own class note: Adeel Tariq is currently masquerading as a research associate at LUMS where he is secretly trying to discover baryonic dark matter with his imaginary dinosaur. Upon succeeding Adeel intends to retire to his motte-and-bailey potato castle in the fifth dimension and sporadically erase important events from history (such as the opening of KFC in Mandi Bahauddin). In his spare time, Adeel likes to play tic-tac-toe with the numerous Matrioshka Brains he has built over time. Those of you who are left wondering what species Adeel is, fear no more, for I have taken the responsibility to publish an Adeel-Manual. Wait for the au-

tographed version, which will be e-mailed to all in PDF format by the end of this year (Sorry, the research is taking too long due to Adeel's idiosyncratic behavior).

Amber Nabi Malik got married in December 2008. We met the lovely couple on the graduation ceremony. Congratulations! Amber has not been doing much other than cooking and relaxing for the past few months. She got selected at IBA as a teaching fellow and has plans of joining from fall semester 2009 (InshahAllah). She wishes everyone all the best and misses everyone A LOT and insists on a reunion soon! **Nadia Rabbani Khar** says she's technically not an alumnus (again!) yet since she is currently working on her thesis and will InshahAllah graduate this year. Nadia says: "As you all might remember, I have a one year old son 'Wasay Abbas Khan' who keeps me occupied and whom I blame for delaying the completion of my Masters program ;) (Rather than my super powers of procrastination!)". Nadia! How can we forget our little baby Wasay who also attended our Colour Week (And looked very adorable). Wasay is actually turning out to be quite a hunk with his spiky hair and his interest in football!

Hammad Javed (Maddy) is currently working in Schlumberger, Abu Dhabi as a financial accountant. He is also completing his CFA and desperately waiting for the recession to blow over! He misses LUMS and Lahore. **Zainab Maklai** is working at a consultancy firm in Dubai. Her refrigerator is still full of chocolates *drool*. **Sahar Etezz** went back to Islamabad and joined the IFC group of World Bank as a researcher. She refuses to come to Lahore (*hmp*) and even missed the graduation ceremony.

Suzan Batool Sheikh recently got married and is spending time traveling. Congratulations Suz! She also tells us that she re-



cently joined Warid as a quality assurance executive. So in case the



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phone call is not going through, everyone now knows who to bother. You're welcome Suz! **Qasim Jalil Ahmed** is in Sialkot. I remember he told me where he worked, but sadly I have completely forgotten (please blame my short term memory).

Dure Shahwar Malik went off to London School of Economics and Political Science for another Mmasters. She loves the snow. **Zara Waqas (Saeed)** is a mom now, to a beautiful baby girl MashAllah. We saw the little one on the graduation ceremony. Very adorable! She says it's pure motherhood that she's into now and if anyone wants baby tips they can always contact her. She plans to work and employ her brains elsewhere in the future. However for now; she is enjoying her little one. Zara wants a reunion too!



analyst in an organization under Ministry of Industries and Production, Government of Pakistan. I have also indulged into my passion for writing and force people to read my narrations/short stories and give biased opinions (in my favour). I call myself a freelance writer (just so it seems fancy) and regularly contribute to a lifestyle magazine in UK (this is as close as I could get to getting published). Also, I am finally 'google-able' *woohooo*. I have planned a long list of things which might or might not happen.

Congratulations and best of luck to everyone, and we shall plan a reunion soon!



Who would have known that **Muhammad Asim** would be busy teaching econometrics in LUMS! He and Adeel Tariq are keeping their fingers crossed to get a research paper published. Best of luck guys! **Samreen Malik** went off to do her PhD in Economics at Cornell on Fulbright. She is almost done with first year and plans to work in Cornell from next year. For those of you who are wondering, Samreen is single (And she adds that she plans to stay single, for a while).

Dur-e-Shahwar Soomro went back to Karachi and is currently working for British Petroleum. **Karrar Hussain Jaffar** is yet another Fulbrighter in our batch! He is found in Harvard doing another masters and planning for a PhD. **Haseeb Anjum** (Our biggest Free Rider-Yes Haseeb, I still remember), is happily married Mashallah and unhappily working (Why am I not surprised?) at Arif Habib Limited as an economist & research analyst. He has no plans for further studies and is thinking of starting his own business. As for me (**Hina Sajid Khan**), I am working as an economic

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This year we complete 22 years of affiliation with LUMS and each other, as well as 20 years of graduation. It feels like yesterday that we had the water fight, the farewell dinner and the graduation ceremony, not twenty years ago.

I look around and see that it has really happened! My son got married, so did **Sheheryar's** daughter. **Shahzad's** son is about to join an undergraduate program. Life has moved on, and we have also, in a manner of speaking. The class is well settled in their respective professions/businesses. Those who decided to part ways with the country are away and those who took the plunge are sticking it out here. Then there are some who are creating new options with a view to immigrate. In the meantime, we all remain in touch through emails, particularly discussing the situation of the country, political processes, and the implications. We get the wisest comments from those who are living abroad but none from those who are in it. I think that is what is known as tunnel vision!

In 2006, we celebrated 20 years of getting together in Bangkok, which was duly reported in this magazine. We had then planned that the 20th reunion of graduation will be celebrated in a similar fashion, but at a different venue.

Come 2009 and we started short listing our potential destinations. After giving due considerations to security environment, economic downturn, historical perspective and religious attachments, Istanbul, Turkey appeared to be the choice destination.

A meeting was summoned of the Bangkok-7, to discuss the dates as well as list of participants. Ten people agreed to undertake this historic trip which included **Amer Aman, Azam Siddiqui, Ali Rahim, Ali Sameer, Imtiaz Naeem, Nadeem Butt, Shahzad Saleem, Yasir Mahmood, Zahid Khan** and yours truly, **Mumtaz Syed**. You can appreciate the popularity of this group as its membership has

jumped by almost 40%. We missed out on two people because of their prior commitments, namely **Arif Butt** and **Najaf**. They were missed during the trip.

I was entrusted with the responsibility of finding a parking place in Istanbul as well as preparing a schedule of activities. Shahzad was planning the transportation of 10 people at the most competitive rates. The variables in equation were the location, facilities and the rates, all conflicting with each other. So was the issue of air transport. Shahzad actually had to develop an LP model to resolve these issues. Shahzad was also given the task of managing the expenses for the trip, for being a Chinioti. He was the designated Chief Financial Officer at the start of the trip, demoted to Treasurer during the trip and by the end of the trip his designation was Cashier!

While planning the activities in Istanbul, I also used the same model to resolve varying interests of group members, from **Ali Rahim** to **Imtiaz Naeem**, not to mention **Amer Aman** and **Ali Sameer**. Result: a FANTASTIC REUNION! Prayers were offered along the shores of Bosphorus, on the decks of a luxury boat, and in the Blue Mosque. There was a rumour of seeing Imtiaz pray in the Blue Mosque which was later verified by **Nadeem**! At the same time belly dancing and cultural shows were attended in very lively and popular restaurants and during the Bosphorus cruise. **Azam** was seen in deep thought at one such show and **Haji Yasir** could not resist tapping his feet with the beat of beautiful oriental music. **Zahid** turned out to be much bolder than his Bangkok trip and was a bit more relaxed. It was also a trip of culinary discoveries! We tried almost all kinds of kebabs and sea food. The Mediterranean mezzes were simply amazing, so were Turkish Delights and baklavas. We made some amazing discoveries about the geo-political importance of Turkey and found out more about its neighboring countries like Ukraine and Turkmenistan. All in all, the trip was the best mix of the East and the West in more ways than one.

A lot of time was spent together, knowing each other better, and also granting space and taking care of others needs. I was the beneficiary in every possible way of this because of my age! Our country could learn a lot in terms of tolerance if they could see the Istanbul-10 interacting with each other. Shahzad has uploaded all the pictures on the web, and the Class

of 89 is invited to visit and post their comments. If the other alumni want to see these photographs for inspiration, they may do so by acquiring an invitation from Shahzad Saleem.

Last but not the least **Asim Pasha** has surfaced (may be as a result of NRO) and is living in USA. Apparently he has done another Masters, of course with flying colours, and working in a US Corporation. For further details, contact Shahzad Saleem again.

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The tranquility of my home life is about to end. My daughter got her learner's license this year to drive a car. I've called the producer of the movie "Click" to see if I can have the "gadget" for a few years. Job wise, still busy building Generalsoft.

Amir Syedain being employed to peddle loans by one of the first casualties of the global financial crisis in Bahrain, has seen much (or the lack thereof) in the last two years. He says, "I learnt the boring lessons like living within ones means; shunning greed etc. Having lost its capital thrice over, my employer has since been recapitalized and is threatening to articulate its future strategy. Separately, I learnt how to submit to destiny; and to give and accept love, unrequitedly. Sumer, my wife, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is done with her surgery and chemo; and her radio-therapy should be behind us in a couple of months. And life, God willing, should be back to normal. Sumer's experience has taught us much; helped us prioritize, and appreciate friends and family who rallied round us and helped us through this otherwise tough period. Saadia, Yousuf/ Zarmi, Sadiq/Mariam, Omar/Farah, Humaira/Asim, Hafeez/Asia, Jahanzeb/Anita, Sara/Nile, Inam/Saadia, Nasir, Sheheryar/Fatima – thanks for reaching out, being there, and reminding us that the world is a good place to be. It meant a lot. That Haider's name is not on the list is a reminder of the sorrows of life and



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a great loss of 2008. That Saadia's still is, is a comment on all that is good about it – thank you Saadia. The children, Zain 13, Kumail 10 and Mahay 2 – have coped remarkably well with the recent disruption at home and have been helpful in their own ways. Let me share something Kumail recently wrote before I check out: If I had wings, I would hear the earth screaming for me; as I leave slowly away.

Saadia Raza Bukhari says, "I think you probably have the gist of what has happened in my life last year. I lost my husband Haider Salahuddin very suddenly due to a ruptured brain aneurysm; he was 43 when he passed away. I don't want to narrate it like a tragic story but would certainly want that if you put anything in about our loss, that you do it in a way to solicit prayers for Haider's soul and continued prayers for a content and healthy life for our son, Emil Haider Salahuddin." She is in USA for now but is contemplating moving back to Pakistan as things settle down for her on a personal level.

Mohammad Shahzad Ali says, "Reflecting on the last year in order to write something for the class notes I realized that nothing has changed at all this year as compared to the last one. So I guess I have nothing significant to add other than the fact that I am still working with Syed Bhais as its COO. However, because of an involvement in a project with the Government of Punjab our very own Tania's husband, Ahmer Mallick, has by default, become my co-boss. It has been a good experience so far as Mallick sahib pays me a lot of respect. Now this is something that I have not been able to figure out yet: is the respect because of my age, work or being Tania's class mate? On the family front nothing significant to be added as every thing is the way it was last year other than the fact that all in the family are one year older and all the kids are in one class higher than the last. By the way my son secured 5 A's in O'levels and now he is taking his A'level classes desiring to become a CA."

Last year **Shujaat Mirza** was thinking about this, and this year he's done it! He's launched the Ikanway Scholarship fund. And many of his classmates have pledged or paid their support to the fund. These include: **Dr. Pervaiz Ahmed, Imran Ghani, Jahanzeb**

Naseer, Khawaja Khalil Shah KKS, Syed Mansoor Hussain, Yusuf Ali, Saiqa Butt, Sara Bakht Rabbani, Shazi Naiyer, Sheikh Mohammad Iqbal, Raza Ahmad, Muhammad Nasir Zaman Khan, Khawer Khaliq and Naila Hamid Maqbool.

Amina Ahsan Haque is still living in Pleasanton. Nothing to report so far. **Akbar Zaman Khan** is working very hard for International Finance Corp (IFC). Not sure what **Ahmed Zaka ur Rehman** and **Mohammad Zaka ur Rehman** are up to these days. Ali Abbass Hassan is dabbling in stocks again. We are still waiting to hear from **Alliya Azher** and **Dr. Saadia Asif** whether they have moved back to Pakistan or not. Have not heard anything from **Arif Shahab** since 2005. Also not sure what **Arshad Wadud Khan** is up to. **Azher Ali Hasmat** hasn't sent us an update this year though we do keep receiving weird pictures that he sends over the Internet. **Hafeez Ahmad Choudary** sahib has pledged/paid into the Ikanway Scholarship fund Shujaat Mirza is organizing this year. Last year, he was planning to move to Jakarta for



a new job. **Humaira Iqbal Khan** has not updated us this year. **Humayun Maqbool** sahib is serving on the board of a textile mill. He has also pledged/paid into the Ikanway Scholarship fund Shujaat Mirza is organizing this year. **Inam Ur Rahim** says, "Life has been good. My key achievements of past year are that I received a promotion, was able to retain the job and my taxation did not increase (in Pakistan it changes when your income increases). On family side, Faizan ur Rahim (14) now beats me in all the sports. Now I am preparing Furqan ur Rahim (6) to be my sports buddy. Another development is that we once again we have a sizeable population of Ikanway back in Lahore. So get-togethers are on the rise. During last year, I also volunteered to be a mentor in a TCF school. It's a 10 week commitment to spend time with mentees on Saturdays. Would recommend this to my fellow Luminites as well."

No updates have been received for what **Muhammad Maqsood Ahmad, Mustafa Zafar, Omar Masrur, Omar Saeed, Saad Haleem Khan, Shaheena Rizvi, Tania Shah, Shehryar Ali Khan** and **Sheikh Arif Salam** have been up to.

Last year **Nadeem Sarfraz** returned to Lahore after living in Karachi for 10 years; he was looking after consumer loans for MCB (bank). No update received this year. No update received for **Nasir Riaz** although I believe Nasir is teaching at LUMS. **Nile Rabbani Awan** was working for Noor Islamic Bank last year but no updates received this year.

Last year **Sadiq Yusuf Yalmaz** mentioned that he was working for WorldCALL. No update received this year. He has pledged/paid into the Ikanway Scholarship fund Shujaat Mirza is organizing this year. As of last year **Timour Pasha** was working for Citibank at Dubai. No update from him this year. **Victorio R. Arias** has been missing in action since he went back to Philippines in 1991.

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A disclaimer before you guys read on: please note that the order in which your name appears is not a reflection of my relationship or love for you!!!

Here goes the story of MBA 1992:

Muhatshim and **Zunee** are now based in Karachi. While Muhtashim continues to travel the country as Corporate Head for MCB, Zunee is the globe trotting senior executive for IFC. **Azfar Nomani** is still with MCB as Head of Credit Review-South and having the time of his life rejecting deals that Muhtashim wants to book!! **Man-soor Khalil** is (mis) managing the assets and liabilities of RBS in Karachi (no wonder it is being acquired now!!) and is enjoying his geographical bachelorhood by sitting for ACCA exams (this is exactly what all of us should do if we ever get a chance to be away from our better halves!!!!)

Weaved to textile sector are **Usman Durani, Rehan "Sufi" Afridi** and **Irfan Abdullah**. UD is successfully managing his own set-up in Lahore while our dear Sufi Cheap moved back to Lahore after a brief stint with IKEA in Karachi and is working for a textile setup, exporting products to top brands across the world. Rehan has also been blessed with a baby girl (congrats Rehan!!!). Irfan Abdullah is busy teaching, consulting and at the same time working for a leading textile group. I am sure Irfan, UD and Rehan look up to **Asad Zahoor** who is trying to boost the country's exports as Executive Director at Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. Also into teaching is **Nabeela Naeem**. She is helping students at various business schools in Karachi learn the intricacies of finance. Dr. Salman Shah finally has some competition!!

Jawad Amjad is ably managing his equity brokerage and corporate finance outfit, Invisor Securities. Jawad though needs to be mindful of **Maleeha Mimi Bangash** as she is now the regulator of all regulators, working as Member Competition Commission of Pakistan in Islamabad!! **Fatimah Afzal** I believe is also working in Islamabad as a consultant for one of the UN agencies. Keeping a watchful eye on Mimi and Fatimah in Islamabad is the one and only **Mohammad Ali Khan**. Ali is with MCB, heading their commercial banking set-up for the region. Intelligence sources have confirmed that Taliban have banned his entry in NWFP for his alleged non shariah compliant activities and may be that is also the reason that our dear friend **Haroon Zamir** has decided to base himself in Dubai !! Haroon is working in acquisition finance with Meraas Capital, a sovereign wealth fund.

Talking of Dubai, we now have quite a handful of our class over there and all of them, by the grace of God, are doing exceptionally well. **Aamir Zaidi** is heading the Corporate & Investment Banking division of Noor Islamic Bank and **Faiza** I believe is running a roaring furniture business. **Asad Batla** and **Asma** are also in Dubai with Asad heading the Consumer Bank of Noor Islamic. **Saadiya Saadat** is with HSBC Dubai working as Regional Senior Manager Channels. **Ahmed Yahya** is working as Marketing Director for GCC at Kraft Foods with **Tayyaba** aptly being the wind beneath his wings while my dear friend **Munawar** aka Monty is the king of credit policy at Dubai Islamic

Bank. Also close by in Saudi Arabia is **Farah Khan**. She has recently started work as Financial Analyst in the treasury division of Saudi Aramco.

Staying with our overseas friends, **Yawar "Admiral" Naeem** is the Country Manager for Land O' Lakes in Philippines, implementing USAID and ADB funded agribusiness and dairy development projects. **Yawar Mazhar** is the only "German" who has survived the layoffs at RBS. He is well settled with his family in Germany and continues to do well. Last I heard from **Faryal** was about a year ago. She was in London looking after her 3 wonderful kids. **Nasir Iqbal** is also in London running his companies Bellingham Carr and Marsh that invest in energy technologies and distressed assets respectively. Moving further west towards USA and Canada, **Omar Malik** is currently teaching at State University of New York. **Salman Mir** is flying high as General Manager North America for Canyon Group LLC. I hear **Hasan Razee** is in USA as well but not quite sure what he is up to. **Nadeem Ilahi** has said good bye to Pakistan and has settled in Canada. **Aliya Ehmara** is also in Canada working in the securitization division of Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation.

Back to Pakistan, **Omar Masud** is managing the bureaucracy of the Punjab Government while I hear that Umar Zafar, after getting an additional degree from London School of Economics, is now working with Netsol Technologies as Vice President for their strategic wing. Also in IT is **Shahid Mahmood**, working as Group Director for IT at Wordcall. **Hina Akhlaq** is the CEO for Pak Oman Asset Management Company. **Gulbano** has switched jobs yet again and as this goes in to print, she is working with Saudi Pak Bank (being renamed as Silk Bank) as Head for SME Credits. **Mehreen** is holding the fort at LUMS and was recently promoted as Director for the Rausing Executive Center. Way to go, Mehreen!! **Naureen** on the other hand is gradually and successfully growing her business empire and at the same time is busy building her new house. I am sure we all can look forward to a house warming party soon!!

I think one of two persons who have not switched jobs since graduation (19 years ago !!!) is **Mohtaram Nadeem Kazmi Sahib** (Azfar Nomani being the other). Kazmi Sahib is still glued to Siemens and has almost reached the top of the ladder.



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Shahzad Iqbal said good bye to the jet setting corporate life in 2007 and set up a dairy project with a passionate desire to bridge the gap between the haves and have-nots in rural Pakistan. His efforts have borne fruit as recently the Acumen Fund USA has partnered with him and taken equity stake in his project. Well done Shaz!! I hear that **Azmat Babar** has also ventured into the world of corporate dairy farming and at the same time is working as a consultant. Good luck, Azmat!! **Khola jee** is missing in action. She was last seen working as a corporate banker for National Bank.

Last and hopefully not the least, I, **Ather Ahmed** am still working with JS Investments as their Chief Operating Officer and enjoying life in the wonderful company of all the girls in my life (wife, 3 daughters and mom.....in case you guys were getting any other ideas!!!)

Take care and I hope that next year someone else volunteers to do this!!

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Another year has passed, and here I am trying to get the latest on my friends and class mates! My class fellows had to bear with my aging memory and poor computer skills when I lost information already sent by them. Once again, a special thanks to those who sent it again.

Karachi has seen some changes with **Amena** moving back to Lahore after a long stay in Karachi; still not sure what her work agenda would be. **Asim** is busy expanding his business and doing so very successfully. **Haseeb** is heading the water division with Nestlé, lives in Lahore and has two children. **Yahya** is also in Lahore enjoying his fifty-seat cinema which must be complete by now!

Imran Paracha, the inspiration for all aging men, is in Karachi and as per his

words, is in the same old city, with the same old job and many other 'same old' things!!! His daughter Nasheya just sat for her O'levels for Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat, while Mohaiman is going to Class 7. **Farah** and **Shahid** with their three kids are also there, with **Shahid** busy lending money to the poor with Tameer Bank and Farah teaching little toddlers at Karachi Grammar School. **Aali** and Saira are also in Karachi with their three daughters. **Sadeed** and Naureen live in Karachi with their two sons and he works for UBL. Hasan Javed has recently moved to Karachi with his wife and two children.

Qamar has recently moved to Standard Chartered Bank, Oman in the capacity of Regional Head SME Northern Gulf, Levant and Oman region. On the personal front, their daughter Shanzeh has just turned five. His passion for music continues and he has recently revamped and modernized his music studio. **Zulfi** works with Barclays Bank and has recently been relocated to Nairobi, Kenya. **Marryam** and he have been blessed with a lovely daughter whom they have named Noor Naira; the name follows the essence in the names of the two elder sisters; Mahnoor and Noorain.

Dubai also has **Soofi** and **Ali Mehdi** with Barclays and **Ossi** and **Rauf Arshad** with Noor Islamic. **Amir Basraa** recently relocated to Doha and works for Al Khaliji in their Retail Bank. **Ali Naqvi** and **Amna** are still in Hong Kong with their three children, while **Ghulam Mujtaba** was teaching students at the National University of Singapore till last known reports. **Memosh** and Maryam have relocated back to Riyadh with their two boys, where Memosh is now a big boss in Henkel and running marathons in Rome! **Naveed Asghar** is still working very loyally with Unilever and is based in Jeddah, but is in the process of moving to Dubai. **Haider Ali**, till last known reports, was settled in Jakarta with his wife Suzy.

Moeen and **Sabd-e-Zar** live in London where she teaches the CFA Program at Finance Grid Limited and other training establishments. They have two sons Zain and Saif. The elder one Zain, takes a few of his IGCSE exams this summer. **Sabd-e-Zar** very tragically lost her younger sister last year and the whole class would like to take this opportunity

to offer their condolences to her and her parents.

Faisal works for an institution which used to be called Toronto-Dominion, but now it has become TD Bank. Faisal and Urooj have two boys and have happily made Canada their home. **Ali Bajauri** is also in Toronto and his wife **Saima** is a budding artist and Ali is very proud of that. He has two daughters. **Osama** is about to complete the course work phase of his doctorate at Harvard Law School after which he plans to research and write his dissertation in Pakistan, and also do justice sector reform policy work. His wife **Maryam** just graduated with a Masters degree from Yale Law School. Osama has two kids: his son Hatim is in class four at Aitchison while his daughter Nawaal is in prep at Lahore Grammar School.

Dr. Mansoor has been with Roche Diagnostics Limited for ten years now. He moved to the UK last year in June and was fortunate to be able to get a position in the Roche Diagnostics UK as the Sr. Marketing Manager HCP. He lives in Haywards Heath, a town in West Sussex. He and his wife **Sarwat** have 3 children, Maha, Qasim and Sana. **Fatima** is also in the UK where she works in Barclays Bank in consumer banking. She and her husband **Omar** and son Usman live in Bradford in West Yorkshire. **Salman Nisar** and I (**Sarah Beg**) live in Lusaka, Zambia where Salman works with Standard Chartered Bank. We have three children, Mustafa, Zehra and Faiz. I am still writing book reviews for the DAWN and am serving on the Board of Governors of the children's school.

Each year I fail to get more information on **Dr. Saleem Dar, Salman Saleem, Omar Khalid, Abid Ashfaq, Khaqan Abasi** and **Naveed Chawla**. My apologies and I hope next year would present better results! All the best.

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This year our class seems to be keeping a low profile; there is no earth shattering

news, not many job shifts in mass droves and no shifting of country of residence. What has happened to the LUMS spirit?! Could it be that the middle age phenomenon is settling in? Well, only time will tell. So here we go with latest updates (latest as of early June 2009).

Abdul Rahim Butt still conjures up syndicated loans for his clients in Asian and Mideast markets, just sitting in his office in Standard Chartered Bank in Dubai. This year he managed to evade all request for a further update. **Ali Mahoon** is busy in Umas, Hajs and also his job which is in Jeddah as the Regional Risk Manager for Samba in KSA. He seems happy tackling more sophisticated cases in risk management which are a given experience in economies outside Pakistan. His wife Fatima and their kids Aahmad age 6, Dina age 4.5 and Danya age 3.5 are also now well settled in their new surroundings.

Ali Nadir Syed, as the founding member of an investment bank in Dubai navigates the post credit-crunch environment by playing backgammon, Russian roulette and monopoly with his borrowers. **Gul Nigar** remains busy as an activist, appears in talk shows and writes regularly for papers and websites. They have a daughter Amaan in class 3. **Amer Kamal** has seen it all in his 8th year in Dubai -he manages Shells's chemical sales in Mid-East & Pakistan. It is only through his personal effort that sales of anti-freeze chemicals in Bur-Dubai now surpass sales volumes in Nordic regions. He tells me that their villa is beautifully decorated with paintings by his wife Gul. (He has three kids; Dua age 10 in class 5, Jazib age 8 in class 4 and Rafay, age 2).

Atif Baig recently took up cricket umpiring in Singapore as an alternate hobby when he realized it was a quicker way to add runs. Atif heads the regional Credit Risk Portfolio Management for Deutshce Bank -with his skills in more demand he continues to enjoy life with his wife and three daughters. **Awais Hassan** the famous Baooooooooooooo has worked wonders at Habib Bank AG Zurich, in Dubai and now heads its corporate zone. His bank presented him with an award in Feb-2009 and he now spends his after hours in a gym building up his biceps. He and his wife Quratul Ain have two kids; Mahnoor age 11 in class 6 and Hasnain age 8 in class 3.

Azeem Ullah Khan, the forgotten entrepreneur, has his own immigration and settlement consultancy called "AukSun Consultants" and he operates out of three offices in Canada, the UK and Karachi; though where he could be at any point in time is anybody's guess. Wife Sadiya and daughter Anoush, who is age 5, studying in class 1, back his international travels and efforts with patience and support. **Behram Limbuvalla** not seen by any for the last many years remain in hiding in Canada. With all emails gone unanswered what is he up to..... any idea???

Eiraj Saleh Daud is the man or more correctly the General Manager behind every bar, every cup, every banner, every slogan and every delicious bite of Engro Food's new ice-cream. If you find him gaining weight, it's not his fault because every bar coming out of the production line has to be tasted for quality. He is at work 24/7 while wife Ayela handles kids at home. (Talha age 12 in class 8, Hira age 9 in class 5, and Danial age 6 in class 2). **Faaz Hassan** works with HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd as a director while being based in Dubai along with spouse Amina. Faaz, during his previous stay in London, accumulated a load of fishing hooks, lures and baits ... he is wondering what to catch with these in Dubai any suggestion ? Please email him directly. He has two boys, Omer age 9 and Aadil age 4.

Fuad Zaffer doesn't miss Lahore at all from Kansas, USA, where he has stayed put for the last 14 years, he works for Alcatel-Lucent which is a very, very, VERY high tech company that makes..... well if you are that curious you may check with Fuad directly. (Kids: Insia age 13 in class 7 and Faran age 6 in KG). **Haaris Zafar** is a director with RBS in London, loves visiting and financing ventures in mines and metals. His job is regulated by FSA while he himself is regulated by wife Fatima and also his son Mikaeel who is age 4 and in nursery.

Haider Rafiq's business in Islamabad is supply chain logistics & manufacturing of FMCG, in simple plain words, he makes biscuits, steel bars and milk and sells these as well..... a small clarification, cows make milk he only sells it. He has a son, Hamza age 12 in class 7, and daughter Aiman age 10 is in class 5). His pastime is perfecting his golf shots while



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pondering on customer complaints. Having impressed Al Gosaibi in his previous job, **Hammad Hassan** now keeps the guys in Bahrain busy; they bring in new loans for wholesale Islamic and structured banking at ABC Islamic Bank where he is the Head of Marketing. He was last seen visiting Lahore along with wife Nazia about two years ago. He has three kids, Wardah age 11 in class 6, Rania age 10 in class 5 and Afraz age 6 in class 1).

Even if you want to hate **Haris Ahmed** either for no or for all the reasons you'll still end up loving him for his good nature and manners. He is the Barclays bank's Regional Head for commercial banking and is based at Lahore. He loves fikkas, spicy curry, marinated chops and his twin boys Wali and Razi (both aged 5 in KG class), but in reverse order. **Haroon Khalid** got a promotion and is now the Chief Risk Officer for Bank Alfalah -based in Karachi. He will be signing a contract for his upcoming book with a UK based publisher. Further details on this book are being kept by the gora publisher but we are told that tickets for its launch ceremony have already been pre-sold to capacity because of accompanying dinner and dance party. Haroon and wife Sophia can often be seen visiting Abu Dhabi on alternate weekends. They have two kids; Rafae age 7 in class 2 and Emaad age 3 in nursery.

Jayikar Vaidya did provide an update to us last year on his exploits in Katmandu but changed his email address this year. Till we are able to establish a new contact with him you may consider him missing in action! **Mirza Hashim Baig's** previous role models were the talibaans that he has now replaced with Warren Buffet this year. He asks us to "realise that the end is approaching fast and to start preparing for the final destination". This he said while inspecting his new diamond-encrusted watch. He manages risk for Burooj Properties in Abu Dhabi and lives in Abu Dhabi along with his wife Aysha and kids Fatima age 13 in class 7, Maryam age 6 in class 1 and Zainab age 4 in KG.

Maimuna Arshad is a homemaker living with her husband Arshad in the USA and says that she's awaiting the time when cooking, cleaning, grocery shopping and kids' homework are not her daily worries!!!. (Kids: Ahazz, age 8 in

class 2 and Mina age 3 in preschool) **Nauman Chughtai** and **Sobia** are both settled in Lahore where Nauman heads the credit review function at MCB Bank and Sobia heads corporate marketing for HBL's huge base of customers in north. Nauman's favourite pastime is hunting sparrows with his Colt revolver but time and sparrows are both in scarcity for bankers these days. They have two kids; Saad age 12 in class 8, and Ayla age 9 in class 4). **Sajid Saeed** has not informed us but he too appears to have shifted jobs. He is now with Gulf Oil Saudi Arabia as its CEO, while the CEO at home is his wife Sumbleyina. They have two kids Safa age 11 and Selina age 3.

Mumtaz Kazmi along with wife Syma recently moved from the USA to join investment banking field in Dubai. Mergers and acquisitions is now his specialty; Amreeki experience counts with Arabs and it is 10 years in his case. The couple have two kids Mekaael age 5 and Zahra age 2. **Romana Malik** is settled in Dubai along with her husband Kashif and kids. She recently left work to give more attention to her kids Zain age 4 and Zoya who is mashAllah now 4 weeks old. **Saira Hameed** was last heard working on the investor relations side at UBL in Karachi. She has a daughter Fariha, age 13 and a son Mustafa, age 8.

Saira Shafi is based in Karachi managing her furniture business. She has three kids; Sara, Sana and Alisha. I'm the same old **Saiman Qutb** you knew but this time I'm challenging you to a round of golf in Lahore! Please contact me at MCB Bank, where I'm in the Basel-II/ Risk Management. Supervising study and homework of our 3 lovely daughters Zehra, Zeyneb and Eleena is managed entirely by my wife Saima. It's been almost two years ago that our **Shamoon Chaudhry** joined the Boubyan Bank in Kuwait as its Investment Advisor to its Investment Group but he still has to provide an explanation to us on the origin and meaning of his employer's name! Shamoon and his wife Rahla are settled in Kuwait along with their kids: Shaheer age 7 in class2, Abdul Rafay age 3 and Siddiq age 1.

Syed Ali Athar manages his daily travel to and from Nestle's plant some distance from Lahore on Sheikhpura

Road in addition to his responsibility as Group Manager Distribution Operations. Old habits continue so he continues to deliver lectures to both his staff and to his wife Tehseen and kids Nasir age 6 and Zujaja age 4. After 15 years **Kashif Shah** left investment banking and began a new career in petrochemical industry as Sponsors' Advisor to Bosicor Group in Karachi. New refineries and chemical factories coming up! They have three kids; Saniya age 8 in class 3, Alizehage age 7 in class 1, and Zara age 2 class Pre-KG.

We were finally able to trace **Shazia Kamal** who works for Kashf Foundation in Karachi. A micro finance specialist, she lives in Karachi along with hubby Nadeem and kids Farishte age 9 and Malhaar age 3 months. **Tahir Aziz** being the Group Head for Corporate and Investment Banking at Askari Bank claims that his job has also given him new insight into the tact of loan recovery and the art of chasing a customer be it a he or a she! He lives in Karachi along with wife Ayesha and their kids; Taimur age 10 in class 4 and Nadir age 8 in class 2.

Usman Hassan heads Credit Risk Management at MCB Bank and is based at its head office building in Lahore. He is heavily involved in building his house these days and has four kids -two girls and two sons. Doc **Usman Bhatti** is not the same good old doc any more..... he has just signed up for a lead role in a movie to be called "Hell's Angels Gone Wild in Lahore". Using his job of Country Business Manager Nutrition at Nestlé Lahore only as a front, he can be seen stealthily riding heavy bikes in those dark cold nights. To keep him inside, wife Amana is looking to install stronger locks on the front gates of their new house. He has two kids; Abuzar age 9 in class 5 and Ali age 7 in class 2.

Usman Khalid has worked his way up on the corporate ladder at Nestlé Pakistan in Lahore. Currently he is the Controller for Milk Collection and Agricultural Services. He has sold all his vintage cars to a filmmaker in Bombay and resultant empty space in his house is now converted to a vegetable garden by his wife Saima. He has two kids; Hamza age 10 in class 6 and Ayesha age 7 in class 2. Love of Lahore has brought **Yousaf Hussain** back to the city after 13 years, now he works for Faysal Bank as its Regional Head-North. He and wife Tanzeela along with their

daughter age 5 are busy furnishing and decorating their new house in DHA for its house warming party.

Those few who continue to stay away from the limelight year after year with no news or updates are **Aamer Naseer, Amir Chistie, Ayesha, Lubna, Nabigha, Saman, Ubaid, Uzma & Zahra**.

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In today's transient world, jobs change overnight, geographical locations



vary continuously, and even spouses may come and go! Contrary to what has happened in the past, we do not desire to limit this year's Class Notes to a narration of where everyone is working, how blissful their married life is, or how many offspring they've raised into veritable geniuses.

As **Zahid Mustafa** once said, "Life averages out." Looking around us objectively, most of the members of the Class of 95 are professionally and personally well settled, and – over the past 14 years – have brought to practical life many of the lofty but time-tried ideals that we learnt at LUMS – the values of hard work, loyalty, integrity, team work, fair dealing, personal maturity, and freedom of speech.

This year, for the Class Notes, we leave you with a few photographs to revive the happy memories of days gone by and never to return. As for who's working where, let's collectively echo **Ali Aslam's** words as he



spoke them at our 10th class reunion, "We came to conquer and ten years later we have conquered the whole world. We are on all five continents; in all perceivable industries; some at the highest levels of success and others getting there; and all existing as responsible members of our respective communities. And, this is only 10 years down the line....."

To commemorate the newest edition of the Alumni Annual Magazine, and to thank the editors to allow us an opportunity to express ourselves, I take the liberty of submitting three photographs from the



days of yonder on behalf of our class.

After all, a picture is really worth a thousand words.

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Aamer Manzoor is married to Beenish. They have a 4.5 year old daughter Maaha and are residing in Lahore. On the professional side his venture/company with Shafi group, WOL, got acquired by Orascom Telecom in 2007 and as part of the acquisition he started working for Orascom Telecom's internet arm in Pakistan. In 2008 he launched LINKdotNET in Pakistan which has recently been merged into Mobilink. Currently he is working as the head of corporate solutions for the Broadband & Carrier Division (BCD) division of Mobilink. **Abdus Sami** was last seen somewhere in Karachi walking between a PSO and a Shell petrol pump. **Adeel Umar Farooqui** has just quit P&G after a long, unsuccessful career and after stealing a formula for the detergent with the whitest dhulai; he's going into business on



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his own. **Ahmad Imran ul-Haque, Roohina Jamshed, Ishrat Khan, Mir Farooq Mazhar, Romana Malik**, no news from them, which is always good news.

Ahsan Afzaal Ahmad has tried unsuccessfully to be kicked out of Engro Chemical for 10 years. Is doing the same at Engro Foods and having a blast. After a few successful psychotherapy sessions (for the therapist) he has now completely lost his marbles and is not rowing with both oars in the water. He is still waiting for a movie offer from Siki. **Ali Hameed** is working on a top secret project for a beef company in Nicaragua that invented the swine flu and the bird flu before that. You may remember them from that late 70s Oscar winning flick 'One flu over the cuckoo's nest'. **Ali Tariq** has finally realized his dream of making it big in the intoxicating world of international high finance. Well, part of the dream actually – the intoxication part. **Amir Iqbal Khan, Chaudhry Tahir Masaud, Muhammad Ali, Rashid Haleem, Amir Shafi**, all is in the well with them. **Amir Masood** has not lost his cool and has managed not to raise his voice over 15 decibels.

Amna Waheed Khalid and **Zia Akhter Abbas** are still together. **Aqib Salam** has just been interviewed and rejected for the top slot at tehrik e talibaan Pakistan. Rumour has it that he was found to be too hardcore a fundamentalist for the position. **Aresh Manek Mehta** is working for the Iraqi cultural centre in Karachi and was last seen wining and dining Atif Ellahie at Roasters behind Hina's back. **Asif Umar Sheikh** is secretly involved in all the good work that goes on in Lahore. He has recently acquired a women's hockey team and is preparing them for the 2024 summer Olympics. **Atif Ishfaq Ellahie** and **Hina Baig** are based in an unislamic country and are still married since Hina has no clue that Atif has been seeing Aresh behind her back.

Azhar Saeed is based near the mountains and has made huge profits working for the non-profit sector. He works part time and parties full time. **Amir Shafi** is still working at one of his family concerns i.e. textile weaving company as executive director. He is settled in Lahore and has two lovely daughters MashAllah. Emaan is 8 and Eshah is 4.5 years old. He sends his best wishes to all of you. **Dilawar Khan Bajauri** is helping

the cause of his fellow Bajaurians, living a plush life in the US with an entrepreneurial venture that sells small handicrafts made from sheep skin. **Duraidd Qureshi** and **Momina Arif** have covered all angles of the media industry.

Fahed Amjad Khan is working at MCB Bank as Unit Head in Corporate Banking for the last three years. He got married while at LUMS so it's been 13 years now. He is the proud father of 3 kids (2 daughters and a son). Elder daughter Iman is 11 years and younger Maham is 6 while Momin has turned 4. **Faisal Akhtar Rana** is also working for Nestlé. There is a prize for finding at least 3 more on these pages who are also at Nestlé. Buy 1 get 3 free deal? **Farooq Ahmad Saeed** lost his way in purani anarkali a few years back and has still not found his way back home. **Fatima Asad-Said** has dropped her last name and with her husband's transfer, is back in Lahore working at Abacus Consulting as HCS Director and also managing the Internal HR and Corporate Communication portfolios for the firm. A proud mother of two beautiful sons Mohammad Ghazi Said and Mohammad Hassan Said, life is wonderful and hectic especially the days when she finds a happy balance between home and work.

Hafiz Muhammad Zubair Naseem is following in the footsteps of his role models of high finance, Milken, Boesky (not to be confused with the inventor of a type of kurtas for Pakistani men) and Madoff. He is at an undisclosed location in the US. **Hameeda Jamshed** and **Kashif Rasheed** are happily married. Hameeda still has an interest in the English language alphabets. After going through H, she has graduated to K, with a few Is and Js in between. She is looking for an L (any volunteers?). Kashif has applied for French nationality so that he can change his name to La Kashife. **Hassan Jawed Ahmed** has acquired a thick French accent and is working for a Boulangerie in Islamabad making those hard, long, cold sub type sandwiches whose name I can't recall.

Hassan Ahmad is working in a zoo in Congo studying the mating habits of the gorilla. In his spare time he plays hopscotch with them and spends 4 hours a day dropping/picking his 2 daughters up from school. He wants to be in a movie too. **Hassan Yousaf Shah**

finally gets married. Long awaited, patience pays off and Shahji strikes gold. **Hassan Zia** is still working for the French consulate in Botswana, and just applied for a transfer to Karachi for the 15th time. **Imran Alim Mufti** working with Shell for the last 11 years. Based in Lahore and responsible for the implementation of Product Lifecycle Management project for the East Zone Shell operating units. PLM is a real complicated area and is mostly focussed on supply chain end. If anyone is really interested, they may contact Imran.

Imran P Siddiqi... even LUMS does not know what his middle initial stands for. Well 12 years have passed and its time to declassify it Mr. Pasha. **Kashif Rahim Sheikh** is working for his 7th telecom company since graduation. One wonders what the industry did to him, when he was a child, to deserve this. **Khurram Javed Maqbool** is working for Nestlé in Lahore and is responsible for all the good marketing work that you see from them. **Khurram Zia** is working for Nestlé in Lahore is responsible for all the good marketing work that you don't see from them. What's the deal there? Should I change my name to Khurram before I apply?

Malik Faisal Qayyum is with Telenor for the last four years, currently working as Director Sales and Distribution for, based in Islamabad, looking after country wide sales of Telenor. He is married with two kids, six year old son Abdullah and four year old daughter Zainab. **Masoom Zehra** is still masoom, 12 years after graduation. **Mohammad Omar Faruque** and **Muhammad Hamayet Hossain** are embroiled in a mammoth competition to prove who is the prettier of the two and who will be the next finance minister of Bangladesh. **Muhammad Omer Gajjal** is working for an un-Coke company in un-Pakistan. The last I heard from him, he was wasting his time trying to contact everyone in US (Saad, Dilawer, Atif, Hina, Najeeb, Shaheera) to give me one consolidated write up. Sorry buddy, time's up and you missed another critical deadline.

Muhammad Salim after destroying the current generation with his escapades is working on the next one at Beaconhouse School System and that too in HR. **Muhummed Tariq Saadat** is the chief designer for a textile company in Lahore that has designed a trouser so tight that the only way to wear it is as a child and

then grow in them. He has 2 patents pending registration. **Nadeem-uz-Zaman** joined Coke so he could move out of Karachi. He now wants to join Pepsi but can't find a city in the world where they would hire him. **Najeeb Ahmed Hashmi** is seen lurking outside the corporate offices of Microsoft waiting for his chance after Mr. Gates passes away.

Najeeba Khan has washed away her academic sins by getting a degree in law and wants to defend Musharaff (Parvez from Prez and Haye from Uzi). **Nasir Mohayud-din** is running a small operation refining, packing, branding, transporting, distributing Afghanistan's best known export. **Omar Khalid** is married to Juwayria with two kid, Minahil (7 years) and Saad (4 years). Recently shifted to Karachi and working for a Singapore based company Meinhardt as Project Director. You can still see him jogging in fluorescent shorts on Sea View. And let me tell you, it's not a very pretty sight. **Rana Tariq Habeeb** is working at Nestlé Pakistan head office in Lahore as Sales Automation Manager, married with two kids, aged 4 and 1.5 years.

Saad Parvez Aslam is working for Merrill Lynch in NY and has one daughter who will be headed to 2nd grade in September. **Saira Latif** after completing her PhD decided to get back at the US and has started teaching in a university. **Sajeel Butt** had invented a pedestal fan fresh out of LUMS that gave off cool air in winters and hot air in summers. He has been trying to reverse the sequence for the last 12 years working from a secret lab in Gujranwala. **Sajida Ali** and **Yahya Iqbal**, not much has changed at their end. Sajida and Yahya still live in Dubai and have a lovely son, Mustafa. He will be turning 7 this month. Yahya continues to work for ABN AMRO while Sajida is brewing some interesting entrepreneurial ventures. If you guys are in/around Dubai do look them up.

Salman Beg has a grandson, 4 years old Salaar, who is the light of his eyes, his eldest daughter Sarah is married to Abbas Aizad and lives in Abu Dhabi, the second, Sehr Saba has done her MBA from NUST and is working with Attock Refinery Limited, and the youngest Saleena has just completed her BBA, also from NUST and is intending to work in the development field. Salman continues to be with Aga Khan Cultural Services Pakistan, that has projects in Hunza, Baltistan and since

2005 in the Walled City of Lahore. **Saqib Ahmed Buksh** is still the nice guy that he always was, despite selling you boxer shorts that send you back by a week's salary.

Shaheera Ikram is based in US, cloned her husband successfully through their son, Bilal, who just turned 9 months. She is in the process of relocating to Zurich and will be living between US and Zurich for the next 2-3 years. Do look them up if u happen to be in either of the two countries, she's on Facebook, always likes painting the town green and white with good old like-minded desis! **Shahid Rasheed** is working for a coal mine in Canada after realizing that 'moon kala karney kay eik say ziada tareekay hain'. **Shahzad Ahmad Malik** is finally parted from Azhar Saab – damn the motorway. **Shehryar Kasuri** is on his way towards becoming our next foreign minister.

Sikander Malik was last seen heading into the mountains of Gilgit in search of the ever elusive Yeti. All he saw there were the Marmots. He still has not realized his dream of working in the adult entertainment industry of California, instead wasting his time on the awakening of Muslim ummah working from a secret facility in Islamabad. He is very glad and grateful that I am compiling these notes on behalf of this "lawaris" class. He really misses LUMS because it was such an "elite/premium/super/ultra" school and that was the last thing of value that he accomplished.

Sohaib Ahmed is lost in the big bad city. **Sohail Nawaz Awan** is responsible for the current energy crisis in Pakistan because of the work he did not do for Private Power Investment Board, or was it because of the work that he did there? **Syed Ali Sarosh** was last seen pawning a gold medal to buy a pao of channay. **Syed Mohammad Ali Abbas** is working towards his third PhD after realizing that the first two did not help him even a little bit in teaching 'murghiyaoon ki munafa bukhsh nighaydaasht' on virtual university. **Syed Najam Ahmed Shah** is scheming to take over the world – well as soon as he can find a 'mini-me'.

Syed Uzman Akhtar Jaffery is still missing Musharaff (Parvez or Haye?) and working for Box Office, waiting to distribute the movies that Siki is not making. **Syeda Naheed Jilil** would have made a terrific



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MNA. Alas, the MBA spoiled her. **Tariq Jamil Shakir** of all people is managing risk for a local bank in Karachi. He is married again and is contemplating the plunge for a third time. **Usman Hayat** is working for CFA Institute in the UK, training the world on virtues and vices of Islamic finance and ethical financing. He is really a test invigilator who is sent to places like Pakistan where no one else would go.

MBA 1998

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Once again, there was not much interest in writing Class Notes from any corner. So, I decided to take up the task yet again to be able to have the pleasure of supplying inaccurate and cooked up information, but I guess inaccurate information is better than no information! So, please accept my apologies beforehand. Here I go:

Abbas Bokhari AKA Fokee is supposedly still with Maersk (unbelievable feat). He should still be in Italy. Rest of the details are unknown. **Abdus Samad Goraya** is the Head of Business Development at Presson-Descon and is based in Lahore. Samad is a frequent flyer. He has two sons. **Ahmed Jahangir** is heading operations at Nishat Dyeing. He still speaks a lot and is still fun to be with! He has three children. **Ahmed Nawaz** is nowhere to be found. We will always remember him by his broad sunny smile and occasional but emotionally charged CP, during which one had to look towards a calendar rather than a watch! **Ahmed Salman** is running his software export house by the name of Sigmatec Solutions. He is happily married to Sobia Haqqi, of course.

Ahsan Sheikh also known as 'Ahsan Nihari House' is one vital person responsible for keeping the class together. Besides throwing regular biannual 'Nihari' bashes at his place, he is also running a Telenor franchisee business and another business with Salman Danish called Media Logic. Ahsan has two

sons. **Akbar Ayub** is working with Pakistan Tobacco Company and is based in Akora Khatak, according to some not-so-reliable sources! **Akbar Moghal** is working as the Head of CRM and eBanking for Atlas Bank and got married in December 2008. Earlier, he had a year long stint in HBL as the Head of Deposit Access and eBanking after finally moving out of a long and travel-intensive tour of duty with NCR as a Business Consultant and Project Director. **Al Hani Khawaja** is based in Karachi and running his own business. Till last accounts, he had a daughter.

Amira Saleem, now Amira Haroon is settled in Dubai caring for her hubby and a son. She has also launched an accessories and clothes brand last year which is being distributed through two fashion retailers and four outlets. **Aun Mehdi** is with PTCL as Head of Consumer Business Development in Lahore. Aun still has one wife (official, as per his words!). He has twin sons. **Asif Habib** is working with Standard Chartered and based in Lahore. **Asim Hafeez** is working in National Commercial Bank, Saudia and is based in Jeddah. He has 2 sons and a daughter. Al-Haaj Asim must have performed countless Umrahs and Hajjs by now. **Asim Hussain** is still with Cupola, managing KFC restaurants, a long association of almost 10 years. He is settled in Lahore and lives with his parents. On the family front, Asim and Amaira have three adorable children Aiza, Shahzaib and Inaya.

Atif Qayyum is in Dubai and works for a media company. He has reportedly found his 'beachy atmosphere' and 'cozy music', not to mention his 'identity'! He is happily married with a son. **Ayesha Baqir** AKA 'Chandi' is reportedly selling beautiful candles and believes in alleviating poverty and promoting entrepreneurship. All of you are encouraged to buy candles, crafts and accessories from Kaarvan shops. **Ayesha Karamat** is teaching something somewhere in Lahore (LSE, as per last accounts). Ayesha and husband Samie are proud parents of three loveable daughters. **Ayesha Niazi** is a homemaker and reportedly has a son and a daughter. **Azim Abbas** is working for Bell Canada in Toronto. He has also ventured quite successfully in real estate business. The only real thing I managed to gather successfully from

his old 214 word update e-mail is that some guys never change! He has two sons and a daughter. **Faisal Niazi** is running his family owned packaging business by the name of Anipack and is based in Lahore. Faisal has a son.

Faisal Salim is nowhere to be found. He was seen a few years back in Lahore in connection with his industrial supplies business. **Faizul Hassan Ansari**, according to an ancient Chinese proverb, relocated from Saudi Arabia to Dubai last year and is working with a pharmaceutical company. Dr. Faiz has three children. End of CP! **Faraz Khalid** has recently moved to Dubai as Head of Policy Unsecured at Standard Chartered Bank, after spending a few years at the same bank in Karachi. Faraz still manages to be among the select bachelor crowd of our class. **Farid Ahmed** is the Director Marketing with Mobilink in Islamabad. Mobilink sales are said to have increased dramatically since he joined the company, as everybody wants to 'agree with THE Farid'!

Fawad Haider is working with Wateen Telecom in Lahore, besides co-managing his chain of Bonfire restaurants. Fawad is reportedly engaged and promises to get married in December, which, we hope, don't turn out to be like his previous 10 yearly promises!

Gunasegaran once again kept his record for being out of sight since he left LUMS. I hope no one calls him 'Guna' to be translated into 'sin' wherever he lives. **Hajira Butt** is married and lives in Vermont, USA. She works part time as an investment advisor for a private company. Hajira has a 2 year old daughter. **Hashaam Ashraf** is settled in the UK along with his wife. Not much is known about his job, what's important is that he bought a BMW Z4 last year. Still going fast, Hashaam?

Hasnain Ali is endeavoring into new business ventures, details of which are not known. He has two sons and a daughter. **Imran Gilani** after a brief stay at LUMS has moved back to Multan to continue has teaching, preaching and academic activities. He is pursuing a Ph.D. **Irfan Ahmed Khan** is the Head of Corporate Banking with Faisal Bank in Karachi. He reportedly has a son. **Ismail Arif** is looking after his textile spinning business in Lahore. Ismail is happily married with two children. **Jalal Khalid** is still working as VP

in Citibank Dubai looking after credit card products; he's been with the bank for 7 years. He indulges in golf along with squash and occasional volleyball. Jalal is happily married with a son. **Kamil Jamshaid** is with Emirates Islamic Bank and drives his SUV on the sprawling (now empty) roads of Dubai. He has two daughters.

Kazim Mujtaba is with the wi-max division of Mobilink in Islamabad. He is seriously pursuing golf these days. Kazim has a daughter. **Khalid Khawaja** used to be the nice no-nonsense guy of our class. That is all that can be said about him, as no one I know has any contact with him since he left LUMS. **Khawar Khan** is the CEO of Presson-Descon and is based in Lahore. Mansoor Siddiqui is still with State Bank of Pakistan in Karachi. Mansoor has a daughter. **Manzer Nauman** is still running his medico-legal transcription business which has been expanded into a BPO operation by the name of Paradox International. Contrary to popular belief, his office is not in Raiwind! He is based in Lahore and has two sons. **Mubbasher Omar** is with Shell in Karachi. He reportedly has two daughters. **Mudassar Gondal** now goes by the name Mr. Anderson and lives in a virtual world called The Matrix. He occasionally makes trips to the 'real' world, where he is known by the alias 'Neo', and confirms his wellbeing from time to time.

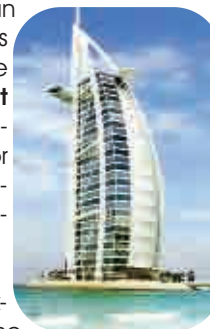
Muhammad Rizwan is running his 2 textile sourcing businesses by the names of Business One and Softwood since Jan 2007. He aims to use his alpha power to eradicate riba from Pakistan, any volunteers? He is sporting a small beard for quite some time now. He has 3 daughters and counting, Alhamdulillah! **Mujeeb Ahmed**, the godfather of our class is running his ice cream and dairy product distribution business. Mujeeb saab reportedly has 3 grandchildren (just kidding!) **Muzaffar Ahmed** resides somewhere in North Africa, oops, I mean North America! The rest of the details are not known about him, as that's the way it is supposed to be! **Naeem Butt** does something and resides somewhere in Canada. Whatever you do or wherever you live Naeem, we will always remember you for your British accent!

Nauman Khawaja is managing a textile sourcing business in Lahore by the name of Express Enterprises. He is also try-

ing to venture into the poultry business and a few other businesses just to prove that entrepreneurship doesn't work! He is still married to Sonia from MBA 2000 and they have a 2 year old son called Taimoor. Naureen Akbar is happily married to Douglas and they have shifted to Dubai, though they don't seem to like the place much and are thinking of moving back to the UK. Both **Naureen** and Douglas enjoy the company of their 2 kittens. **Omar Cheema** still works in Ericsson. He is also the life president of the Ericsson Loyalists Club. **Omer Tareen**, after living in the US for about 7 years, moved to Saudia (Riyadh) and has joined Samba Financial Group. Omer and his wife Faria have two kids Ibrahim and Zara. He is trying his best not to hit a mid-life crisis.

Qazi Jibran is working for HBL as Head Retail Agri, is married and settled in Karachi. **Raana Osman** was last seen at Shazia's wedding, it was reported that Raana had a son at that time. No other details about her are known. **Rabiya Ali** is in Ireland living with her husband Haroon. They have a son and a daughter. **Rajendran Mahalingham** is where he belongs. He is in Kuala Lumpur and is successfully running a school. He is still single. I managed to get this update from Qazi Jibran, the authenticity of which cannot be challenged, of course! **Rizwan Fazal** is reportedly with Mobilink and is based in Rawalpindi /Islamabad. He performed Hajj 2 years ago. Sources say that he has inclined more towards religion after Hajj Mashallah. He has three sons Alhamdulillah! **Rizwan Yousuf** is with Nestlé and is the National Field Operations Head in the Nutrition Division. Dr. sahib is happily married and has a son and daughter. **Saad Mahmud** is in Mobilink Lahore. In addition to being an avid golfer, he has recently taken up photography as his latest hobby. Saad has a son and a daughter.

Saima Sandhu is married to Montasir. Both are in Corporate Banking with Standard Chartered in Abu Dhabi. Saima, I have heard, still manages to sport that nice trademark smile of hers, come rain or sunshine. They have a son called Hariz. **Salman Amjad** is reportedly the Director of Treasury at Mashreq Bank in Dubai. He lives with his wife and a son. **Salman Danish** is successfully running his business Media





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Logic in partnership with Ahsen Sheikh. Salman is settled in Lahore with his wife and a son. **Salman Ishtiaq** is working in Abu Dhabi with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). He has a daughter and a son. **Saman Jawed** is still working with ABN Amro (now RBS) in Lahore. She is heading 3 branches and is doing a great job managing them and remembering their locations! She has a son. Saman has her own mobile now, for incoming calls only, of course!

Saman Jilani is still with Standard Chartered, still underpaid and still overworked (aren't we all?). She has recently earned the critically acclaimed award of 'Quotation Queen' on Facebook! Saman continues to enjoy the eternal bliss of bachelorhood. Samar Hayat is with P&G Saudi Arabia in Jeddah, by the last account. **Saqib Salman** is working as a Loan Sales Manager for American Equity Mortgage in Saint Louis, Missouri. Saqib, his wife Fatima and daughter Dania enjoy traveling within USA. **Saqib Karamat** after having completed his second MBA from Wharton, worked briefly at a consulting company in Dubai and managed to milk them for a hefty amount as golden handshake (who says the recession is bad!). He then returned home and got a job as VP Risk at UBL Karachi. Saqib recently got married to Sabeen.

Shafaq Javed AKA 'TP' is living in Karachi with her husband and two wonderful boys. She is working as GM HR at Engro Foods. **Shahab Ashraf** is still working for Strategic Systems International in Lahore. He is happily leading his life with his wife Natasha and two daughters, Emaan and Myra. **Shahzad Bashir** is heading mid-market corporate business at Barclays Bank in Dubai. He is on a downsizing drive these days, if you know what I mean! He has a son and a daughter. **Shazia Iffikhar** resides somewhere in the UK. She has done a Masters degree in Communication and is producing soap opera shows for TV channels based in Dubai. The 'boxes' for these soaps are being supplied by her, which she has in abundance! She probably has a son.

Sohail Hassan Mirza is reportedly in Egypt and working for Barclays Bank. Sohail has a son and a daughter. **Tahir Masood** is someone missing in action. **Tariq Razi** is working as Head of Unse-

cured Financing in Dubai Islamic Bank, Dubai. He is still faithful (that's what he told me) to his one and only Sherry (Scherezade) and is enjoying the company of his two sons and a daughter. Sherry is working as Treasury Manager in Kraft Foods. **Tariq Zaman** is looking after his family business Bareeze. He has also endeavoured into the dairy business. Tariq is married to Uzma Butt, of course. **Umar Javaid** is enjoying running his foam business by the name of Joy Foam. He has two sons. **Umer Shami** is based in Lahore and is looking after the current affairs for his group of newspapers (Daily Pakistan and others).

Usman Hameed is still with HBL in Karachi as VP in the Corporate Head Office. Usman is known for his banking knowledge and stern stance in the industry, a killer combination, Usman!



Usman Rasul is running his frozen fish distribution and marketing business by the name of Mahi Foods. He has a daughter named Hamna. Usman

plays golf in his free time. **Uzma Butt** is still married to Tariq Zaman and is working as head of HR with Nestlé in Lahore. **Waqas Khan** is reportedly with Shell in Karachi. **Waseem Akhtar** is successfully running his stitching unit called Cotton Web in Lahore and has made quite a mark in the industry. He has two daughters and a son.

Wasim Ahmed Sheikh is running his capital asset brokerage house called Fairway. He is also actively involved with Al-Mawrid and Mr. Javed Ghamidi, and also with Rizwan saab in heated debates about the position of Riba and the status of Islamic Banking. Wasim has a daughter and son. **Yousaf Yaqub** may be the Head of Auto Financing at UBL in Lahore by the last account, but may have moved back to the Middle East. He has a daughter and a son. **Zeeshan Shams** is reportedly with P&G Canada according to some unreliable sources. He has three children.

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Affan says, "I am still with Telenor and this means the same industry, same position and same tasks (Boring? Maybe). I have managed to start my own business somehow and the future looks promising (partnership with friends). The most important update of this year is the addition of my son Khan Mohammed in our family. Alizeh is going to pre-school and she now knows things that are not taught by us (and we try to guess what poem is this). Baaqi sub acha hai, Alhamdulillah."

Mehrukh Burki feels like she's a part of the furniture at CBG, HBL. She says, "Now people refer to me as 'Madam' instead of 'Miss'. I loathe admitting that I preferred the latter. Ten years have flown by and I'm still doing what I began my career with: corporate banking, i.e., glorified paper-pushing. In the process I have learnt a valuable lesson or two. One, your words inevitably come home to roost. Two, life is never linear. Uncle KJB, you are having the last laugh. And I can live with it."

Ali butt has changed jobs (finally) for the first time in his career. He left Nestlé after almost 9 years and joined Givaudan (flavours and fragrances) as finance manager of their Indonesian operations. He was blessed with a second son (Raahim). After changing 3 jobs since leaving LUMS, **Murad** strongly feels that he has found a long term place where he has been for over 5 years now. However, the curse of corporate life is again engulfing him. So, he is actively looking towards the Middle East when everyone is looking back towards home. He says, "Only time will tell how foolish I am....On the family front, I am kind of competing with Affan for the 'largest family' cup. Khadijah, 3 years old, and especially Ahmad, 10 months old, are already doing a fine job of keeping me and Osly awake most nights. With the new addition expected in mid June there will be some non stop entertainment." He'll update on that story next year, Insha Allah.

Zeynab Zaidi is currently working with ENI in Karachi (a head hunter) as their senior marketing & sales consultant and absolutely loves it. She has two kids (a 4 yr old and a 2 yr old girl) who keep her up and running for most part of the day.

Naveen is currently living in Japan and has been here for almost 5 years. Her son is now 1.5 years old and the love of her life. She is currently a housewife but is itching to do more. At the moment they are looking at relocation possibly to Budapest in the coming months. She is hoping to restart on the professional front in one way or another once there. **Saima Khalid** is living in Hong Kong for the last 6 months and totally enjoying the place. She has two kids, a 4.5 year old son and 2.5 year old daughter. Teaching them Urdu, English, Mandarin and something about God takes up most of her time these days. She is exploring new things about Hong Kong every day.

Khurram J. Butt, from the land of (almost) free petrol says, "When I'm not badgering Murad for mass-mailing fast-track tickets to heaven, I try to work in the structured finance division of Banque Saudi Fransi as the senior executive manager in the project finance department. Still selling the same old goods (money with "haram" interest), but now I almost always wrap everything up in green (Islamic) silk and tie it up with the "Shariah Approved" ribbon. Longest stint so far, finally having crossed the 3-year "psychological barrier" on 26 February 2009 in my third job in banking. The number "three" seems to have acquired special significance this year as, after the triple pipe-fitting in Sep '08, I am now waiting to welcome my third child to the world in three weeks' time. Yes, it's a boy, and yes, I know what family planning means, but hey, I'm in Saudi. Three IS small here. Oh, and I will be going for my third Umrah sometime in May, after his birth. (Unlike Murad, I prefer to go it slow, you see). And in three months' time, I'm going to turn forty."

Sheeraz Khan is still with PTC / British American Tobacco. He moved to Hong Kong last August. He is still doing brand management for more brands and more countries. Sheeraz says, "I am learning how to cook. Mostly stir-frying different stuff with some other stuff. Turns out good most of the time. Am trying to get to the gym and not succeeding. Walking about with my wife, enjoying the nightlife of Hong Kong. Thank God for the kids growing up, sleeping through the evening (if

not the night...) and a great maid! Taking the kids to different play areas and other interesting places...Watching them grow and try new things. Worrying about the country but remaining optimistic (thanks Ziyad!). Fantasizing about a newer, better sound system that I will not use enough like the one I currently do not use. Fast getting used to a public transport system that actually works and getting out of practice of driving a car...Being shamed into praying by a 4 year old son who prays more regularly than me. But always, always thanking God for a great life!"

Nauman Jaffar is in his 6th year in Toronto; both he and his wife are working for the same telecom company one floor apart (so not much he can do there anyways).He says, "I am trying to revolutionize Canadians by developing telecom products that can help them work from home / anywhere / anytime (Imagine the benefits). I get some time to run small business on the side, lecture at MAKs (Mohammad Ali Khan's College / University) and write on industry forums. I have two boys (2 and 4 years) and they are fast turning me old with their energy. Looking forward to spring and summer which is the best time here in Canada."

Rabia Ejaz says, "8th year in Austin, TX! Seems like this is home for now; but with the direction the economy is going who knows ;) I recently quit my job at Dell Inc as a program manager. My husband Asim works for a bio tech firm based off Austin. Currently I am at home taking care of my two kiddos; Zara 5 years and Raza 8 months. I am enjoying them, MashAllah as I have been told they grow up too fast:) Alhamdulillah, I cannot thank God enough for all the blessings He has bestowed on all of us."

Asad Mir says, "Life is as stable as it can be. Still with same employer (2.5 years), same wife (15+ yrs), same no of kids (3), same car (2 yrs) and same friends (no Nauman Jaffar, you are not one of them until you pay at least 2000US\$ for MBA 1999 NOP fund). The only changes are, obviously, hair- and waist- lines. But I guess that change is like a "constant" for all of us (except Hasan, whom I bumped into outside Zouk a week ago). For details, please contact Hasan. However, I did manage to reset (theoretically) my count of mice after performing Haj."

Asim Naseer invited everyone to his wedding in Islamabad this March to get a first hand update about him.



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Murtaza Mankani has been with British American Tobacco (10th year running, so this bit is getting boring). He moved to the head office in London in November 2008 in a regional role for Africa Middle East. UK is the 7th country he's lived in since graduating 10 years ago, so is hoping to stay there a little longer than his average stint. He's also getting used to life in London and now attempting to get back in shape a bit. On the personal front, he got engaged to someone he met in Karachi end of last year. He says he's enjoying the courtship period and hasn't decided on a date for wedding yet but would like to see as many friends as possible there.

Talal Mahmud says, "I am still with Standard Chartered (not that we bankers have much choice these days), however I moved into a new role in Feb. I now manage the MNC team within the corporate banking (we call it OCC at SCB) division in Dubai. **Sophia** continues to put in unrealistic amount of hours per day in her role as a "full time Mom". Sehr (now 8) and Omar (nearly 6) continue to be a handful. She says, "Our initial program (when we came here in 2004) to return to Pakistan by 2009 (end) is currently on indefinite hold pending improvement in law and order back home. All in all, life is great; God has been very kind to us both on the personal and professional front." **Basit Amin** is with Telenor Pakistan, working in the finance division in Islamabad. He has two children, Orva 9 years, and Basara 2 years. **Haroon Panezai** continues to live and work in Ireland despite the failing promise of global warming to produce warmer climates. He is married to Rabiya (MBA '98) and has a daughter Zoha (5 1/2) and a son Yusha (2 1/2).

Wajeeha Malik says, "Life has been pretty constant over the last couple of years. Still in my soap manufacturing business in Karachi and additionally associated with a consulting group in Karachi in the capacity of a senior consultant for strategy and marketing. At the personal front, my two girls keep me pretty much on my toes at home! :)"

Saadullah Bashir moved to sunny Southern California last September to start a Ph.D. in Economics. He is living near LA, enjoying Southern California and being a student.

Khalid Iqbal Sheikh is "Working in Net-Sol Technologies as Vice President and heading the Business Development for the Middle East region, Alhamdulillah. On the family side, I have two daughters MashaAllah; Hafsa nearly 6 years old and Khadija 1.5 years old. Alhamdulillah everything is fine. Allah has been very kind."

Zia Danayal is happily married with 2 daughters, Zoya and Fatima. Based in Karachi, she heads the banks' team in financial institutions unit of Standard Chartered Pakistan. **Kanwer Anwer Saeed** says, "After having done my stint with Engro Foods for two years, I recently moved to Engro Chemical Pakistan Ltd. I have three daughter and the most recent addition is Tia who is turning one this month." **Muneera Arif** says, "After completing a three year initial stint in the corporate world, I have for the past few years been busy raising my 3 sons, who include Shehryar, 6, Daniyal, 4 and the latest addition, Momin who is 6 months old. I hope to start working again on a part time basis in a few years' time, when the youngest starts school."

Ahmed Zeeshan is still in the UK, doing the same SAP work as a contractor now. Ahmed says, "Alhamdulillah, family is well and still the same 2 kids.. We are moving to a new house in a month's time, so that's the exciting part for the next few months."

Umair Hameed has been in Saudi Arabia for more than two years now, working for Tasnee in strategy and planning. Umair says, "Family front remains unchanged with one son. Overall, I am enjoying the Saudi life style but sometimes feel that it is time for a change to get out of this country, however, still undecided on this issue." **Hasan Razak** is working in Pepsico Pakistan in Marketing. He has a daughter and a son and is enjoying their different stages in life to the utmost. Life's simple and good overall for him. **Shyam** is in Nepal running his own small business. He has a 2 year old daughter Sanskirti and is expecting another child in July. Life's cool overall for them. **Rehan Ahmad Akhtar** is working with Telenor, in Islamabad, and completed 10 happily married years - a big milestone achieved on a personal front. Life goes on otherwise

Zubair Mirza says, "This is by far the

longest time I have spent with any organization. I am still with Citibank, for almost 5 years now. Currently, I am looking after Cards Portfolio for MEA & Pak region and based out of Dubai, UAE. Latest addition in the family is my daughter, Enaya. She is 9 months old now and we are enjoying parenthood." **Majid Jilani** has been working for the same U.S Company since the past 10 years but is now based in Islamabad. He is blessed with 2 girls- Karima, a year and half and Zaaina, two months old.

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What is the common thread that links Peshawar to Vancouver, Multan to Beijing and Dubai to Singapore? LUMS MBA class of 2000!

Not only the diversity in geography but also the diversity in professional and personal life choices is what makes this class quite an interesting collection of individuals. The following classifications are intended to highlight this diversity and progress 9 years after graduating from LUMS.

(The Pakistan Bankers Club)

Citibank remains the largest employers of bankers in our class. **Tariq Korejo**, now Trade Head of Citibank Pakistan, is a banker with a heart. I know it's a misnomer. He is an ardent environmentalist and serves as a non-executive director for a non-profit aiming to achieve a richer & greener Pakistan. **Muddasir Khan**, is a Citibanker to his core as evident in his 8+ years commitment to make Citi a better bank which 'never sleeps'. **Ali Tahir's** love for Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) parallels Muddasir's adoration for Citibank. Ali has been with SCB for 7 years now, first as a corporate banker and now as a treasury specialist. **Wasif Shiekh**, decided to carve out a unique spot for himself and chose HSBC as his banking partner and HSBC reciprocated. Wasif heads the

global banking unit, North region Pakistan. **Najeeb Ahmad**, remains the regulator in-charge as chief manager at State Bank of Pakistan.

(The Middle East Mafia)

Standard Chartered is the only British bank increasing its dividend payout and doling out bonuses this year. **Khurram Shakeel** couldn't have made a better selection. This daddy-to-be remains well-insulated from recession as a corporate banker at SCB in Dubai. Our Gordon Gekko, **Ali Omar Iqtidar** heads the Citibank investment banking unit for utilities & transportation sector in Dubai. The remaining mafia resides in Abu Dhabi and Riyadh. **Faisal Bokhari** is a corporate banker with HSBC, **Ahsan Hammad** is an investment banker with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank and **Zahid-ul-Islam** is with Al Hilal Bank. **Moez Khan** chose the holy land for his banking pursuits and is with Arab National Bank in Riyadh. May the mafia thrive & proliferate over the coming years.

(Ladies of LUMS)

Sara Khalid is a superwoman as with three kids she is working as marketing manager with UniRush Financial Services in Cinnanati Ohio. In the neighboring state of Illinois, **Mariya Akmal**, finished yet another MBA from the University Of Chicago Booth School Of Business and is now embarking upon a career as management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group in Chicago. **Maryam Afnan** has proven that initiative is all about internal drive. Maryam is in Beijing and is the Liaison Manager for VIVA and Pakistan Women's Association. She is also working on a book and is promoting Pakistani cuisine in Beijing by offering cooking classes.

Najia Wasif is giving back as a teacher and is passing on the great words of Shakespeare across generations as an English literature teacher. **Samia Beg** is in the beautiful city of Vancouver, advising rich people on how to get even richer as a wealth manager at Bank of Montreal Nesbitt Burns. **Fareeseh Chaudhury** is a trail blazer for all of us who want to be professional and yet work from home. She is based in Sweden and is the HR person in charge of designing expat compensation packages for all who join Procter & Gamble. **Sara Lodhi** and **Sana Mahfooz** have taken a break from their high powered professional lives to be full time moms. **Arshina Khan** is a corporate

banker with Barclays in Leeds and our solo ambassador in the UK. More power to all the ladies and well done on all that you have achieved.

(Story of Shell) **Yasser Effendi** joined Shell after graduating from LUMS and is the regional manager of its B2B business. **Junaid Parwaz** is also part of Shell. **Sohail Iffikhar** and **Waqas Ahmad** also joined Shell post graduation but have taken other professional routes since. Sohail after 5 years at Shell, joined SENSYS, an industrial automation software company, and is now the Sales Director of America region. His personal journey is interspersed with blog writing, guitar playing and being an avid patron of all nightclubs in Houston, USA. Waqas Ahmad thought there is more to life than convincing Pakistani's to use more oil so he decided to leave Shell after 7 years and instead decided to focus on convincing Pakistani's to take on more loans and joined RBS. He is happily employed as the level of consumer debt soars.

(Telecom Tycoons) **Wasif Mustafa** as a Director at Mobilink Pakistan continues to help realize his dream of making Mobilink, Pakistan's favorite cellular service and **Aniqa Afzal** at Mobilink also shares this dream. **Adnan Nusrat** however has a different vision for the telecom space in Pakistan and is part of Telecor. Well seems like Adnan is onto something as after all 20 million subscribers is no small market size.

(The Enterprising Entrepreneurs) **Baseer** is a leather tycoon and continues to dazzle us with amazing Pakistani leather. **Aamir Parvez** owns a fabric manufacturing operation and needs to talk to Arif - high merger possibility. **Arif Jalil Paracha** is the CEO of a high end bridal & ladies fashion house, Nayana, an event management company, Evenement, and a test preparation company, Smartprep - who said you can't do it all. **Shahzad Ahmad** runs his own petroleum trading business and with the current swings in oil prices could have ended up as a millionaire in our midst.

(Sole Agents) **Saad Karim** is the finance manager for life science businesses at ICI. **Moez Karim** has had the longest professional relationship possible with Packages and is the marketing manager for their consumer products. Moez is one of the very few remaining single people in our class which has an overall



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married rate of 93% (this is based on the 39 respondents for the class notes). More power to you Moeez. **Irfan Ahmad** is jet setting across Pakistan as marketing manager at Asian Food Industries. **Anjum Fayyaz** is giving back as Programme Head of SME Cluster and Network Development Programme at UNIDO. Other class mates who are working for improving the SME space in Pakistan are **Sarmad Hussain & Ali Khan** at SMEDA. **Usman Anwer** is with GWE, a company of BAUR group in Pakistan and is passing on his knowledge as visiting faculty at International Islamic University. Our solo ambassador in Singapore, **Junaid Iftikhar**, is with RBS in its credit portfolio management arm. **Syed Omar**, as a business development officer at Pakistan Tobacco Company is engaged in increasing the market size of smokers in Pakistan. All the best to our sole agents!

(Gene pool propagation) The 39 respondents to these class notes have collectively reproduced 45 children of which 16 are boys, 26 are girls and 3 are expected soon. So the gene pool has definitely been reproduced at higher than replacement level on a collective basis which is such a huge source of relief!!

MBA 2001

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It is now eight years since we graduated from LUMS. Sometimes it seems like ages ago. At the same time, some memories are so strong that it seems as if they happened yesterday. Well let's scroll down the class list once again and see what endeavors have kept MBA 2001 busy since.

Asad Aman is scaling the educational heights and is in his final year of PhD in Marketing at Lancaster University Management School, UK. Best of luck. Our class has its fair share of bankers. My old friend **Asadullah Saleem** is at Atlas Bank head office in Karachi in Operational Risk Management. For those who want advice in the currently hot field of

Risk Management, you know who to turn to. **Aqeel Hayat** is presently at Askari Bank head office in Rawalpindi as Vice President Consumer Financing. **Azam Haq** is now a successful investment banker working as AVP in Gulf International Bank, Bahrain. **Faisal Wasey** is with Samba Bank as Vice President in Corporate Banking. I am working for Askari Bank in Corporate Banking in Lahore and have been here since 2006. The job has given me great challenges but also great professional satisfaction.

Elsewhere, Adnan Cyprian is now living in Riyadh and has a beautiful little daughter. He regularly posts his photos on Facebook. The entrepreneurship spirit is making its presence felt in MBA 2001. **Osman Maqbool** left Microsoft in April this year and is now setting up his own business venture. **Ahmad Naeem Bajwa** is the Managing Partner in a Consultancy called Supply Chain business solutions. **Ahmed Umair** is running his own business of manufacturing agri-chemicals and in the evening is teaching at Punjab University. He has also started swimming to stay fit. That's the spirit. Work hard and play hard!

Salman Amjad is working in Nestle, Lahore along with **Fraz Pervaiz** and **Imdad Ali Malik**. **Aaminah Saeed** moved to Pepsi Co from Nestle. **Abdul Malik** is working for Agha Khan Foundation. **Ali Zayad** switched industries and is now working at Standard Chartered Bank in Lahore after working for US Apparel. **Amna Sajid** was last heard working for World Call Group. **Arshia Hassan** has moved to Doha, Qatar from the UK and is busy searching a nursery school for daughter Zara. **Asghar Hayat Khan** is working for BHP Billiton. **Faisal Saif** is at BAT. **Faisal Wahab** is happily working for his own pharmaceuticals business in Karachi. His occasional get-togethers in Lahore are missed.

Farhan Ahmed Khan is now settled in Jeddah working for a multinational. Please let us know which one! **Javed Iqbal** has also been working in Karachi for some time now. He is with Engro Foods. **Khalid Abdullah** is in Vancouver, Canada. **Khawaja Bilal Hussain** is in the UK. **Khurram Sarfaraz** is working for Pepsi Co Snacks in Islamabad. **Mariam Zubair Khan** has made a successful career at Pepsi Co where she is now Director Marketing. **Mohammad Hassaan**

Idriss is in the UAE with Reckitt Benckiser, whilst wife **Samia Shahnawaz** is with Citibank. **Mohammad Shafiq-ul-Islam** is working for Bangla Telecom in Bangladesh. Talking of job loyalty, **Mu-dassir Shafique** is working with Engro Chemical in Karachi since 2001. He got married to Mahwish back in 2002 and now has two lovely daughters Fatima and Zainab. **Mohammad Usman Bajwa** has been working as Director Treasury, Mobilink for the last 5 years. **Mohammad Usman Khalid** is in the UK with Standard Chartered Bank. **Mohammad Jaudat Amin** is settled in Karachi and is at Bayer. **Ayesha Akmal** is with Shell in Karachi, whilst husband **Omayer Arshad** (Captain Sb) has returned from Dubai. Saad Ali is running his own business. **Sabha Qureshi** is living in Jordan and raising her children. **Shaharyar Ali** working as CFO for Army Welfare Trust in Rawalpindi.

Shahzad Nazir is in Saudi Arabia. **Syed Ali Abbas** is with Nestle in Dubai. **Ali Murtaza** is with Citibank, London. **Arif Raza**, known as Dr Evil, is working with Barclays in Egypt. He is happily married with two beautiful daughters Zoha and Maha. **Kashif Raza Bukhari** is working in Standard Chartered Bank in Lahore and seems to be enjoying every minute of it. **Tahir Ejaz** has recently been elevated as Corporate Head Islamabad with Habib Bank and has moved there. Well done.

Waqas Javed is with Unilever in Dubai. **Saira Khan** was last heard having moved to BP. **Ahmad Salman** was also last heard working for Unilever. **Nadeem Chawhan** was running his own Mexican food chain



and I was fortunate to bump into him in Lahore last year. **Salman Altaf** is at Telenor. **Raza Moinuddin** is at Mobilink in the Customer Retention department. **Naveed Khalid Chaudhry** is at Medipak.

As for those of whom we got no news or update, the list of names are; **Aamir Sagheer Chaudhry**, **Adnan Kareem**, **Kashif Habib Mehdi**, **Mohammad Ghazanfar Ali Shah**, **Mustansir Saleem**, **Rabia Basri**, **Rabia Fida**, **Chaminda He-**

tiarachchi, **Omais Mohsin**, **Yasser Qayyum**, **Zille Ilahi**, **Arshad Majeed Khokhar**, **Adil Qureshi** and lastly **Ayesha Aziz**. Please do get in touch whenever possible.

This is the first time I have written the class notes. I hope I have given a fair and accurate account of those who sent their updates. Thank you to all of you who took the time to do so. Until next year, farewell.

MBA 2003

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Once again I missed the deadline for the class notes by a month or two. However, this time I have someone else to blame besides myself, in fact not one but two, Atia and Shuja. You guys should have reminded me of the class notes more often! Here is a very brief update on what our class fellow are up to

Danyal is still working hard at Citi, Islamabad and has been promoted to AVP. He is engaged to be married in October and is busy enjoying the last of his bachelor days. **Hur** is still with HSBC in Lahore and like Danyal is also engaged to be married soon. No Nofi they are not engaged to each other. **Zain** continues to work at his family business in Faisalabad. He like Hur and Danyal is also engaged to be married soon. (Availability of eligible bachelors must be really short for three Do Hazar Teen guys to be getting married within months of each other.) **Aabdara** has been teaching at the Preparatory School in Islamabad for over a year. Incidentally it is the same school which her children attend. Poor kids can't get away from Mom even at school! Why would you do that to your kids Aby?

Shariq Bukhari has moved from selling SIMs to seeds as he has left Warid for Monsanto. He has moved to Lahore and spends his time between Lahore, Dubai and Singapore. **Mahmood** is still with Silk Bank which by the way is a financial institution, so stop calling him to check on the price of silk cloth. He is still in Islamabad

with his wife and son Faris. **Hussain** continues to enjoy single life in Islamabad and has been with Ufone for over 4 years. **Jawad** is still serving the public at PTA (Pakistan Telecommunication Authority). He has recently returned from UK with yet another degree and will probably have to go for several others before he experiences all that places of higher learning have to offer. Kyon JD?

I called **Jehanzeb** in order to get information for the class notes. When asked if he had any passion other than work in his life he claimed that he is a devoted father and husband. He further claimed that he spends all his free time with his family. He also stated that these days he is mostly in Lahore where he claims to be busy with his construction projects. No independent verification of these claims has been obtained so far. **Shuja** has recently become the proud father of a beautiful baby girl, Warisha. He is living in Sargodha where he divides his time between working at Shell and... uhh um, working at Shell. **Taimur** is enjoying married life in Islamabad and has completed five years with Telenor (I wonder if that had anything to do with Atia and Ali Famvic leaving Telenor). **Hassan Nasir** is still with Survier (almost four years) and is enjoying life in Lahore with his wife and kids. **Adeel** is managing his family business and is expanding it to manage other people's business as well (long story). He is happily married and in Lahore but you have to work extra hard to find him these days. **Shariq M(ustafa)** continues to burn the midnight oil at Nestle. He is in Lahore during the week and spends his weekends in Islamabad if not in office. **Mustafa** still works with Nestle and vacations in Dubai. His second son, Muhammad Faateh was born a few months back. He spends his weekends in office.

Dr. Salman has moved to Nestle, Lahore in January 2009 after several years with BD. However this report remains unconfirmed as no sightings of him have been made in Lahore yet. **Zulfiqar Hameed** continues to lead the war against terrorism in Lahore even after his house was destroyed in the Rescue 1122 bombing recently. His wife and kids, Mohad, Azhad and Abdullah are all fine. He continues to serve his country as SSP Investigations, Lahore while ignoring the various death threats he receives on a regular basis. **Saqib** moved from SCB to Al Hilal Bank, Abu Dhabi almost a year back where he



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is the head of Retail Risk. He divides his time between office, driving to and from Dubai, learning English from his daughter Fariel, getting swimming lessons from his son Hamza and trying to teach golf to Ali Sultan.

Ali Imran aka Famvic has moved from Sialkot to Lahore. He has decided to leave Telenor and setup his own business. **Jaffar** is enjoying the recession in Dubai. He continues to work for Mashreq Bank in investment banking. **Farhan** has managed to disappear almost as well as Subasan. He is rumored to be working for Tetrapack in Lahore. **Ammar** continues to work for the Government in Lahore and Islamabad. He will be leaving for USA shortly for further studies. **Yasir** is still with Saudi Franci in Riyadh and still gaining weight. I am sure most of you remember his kids Shahnawaz and Shehreen from LUMS, well I met them last month and they have grown up sooooo much.

Nofel is working with SCB and has moved to Lahore. Rumor has it that he is being followed by a few companies for country level positions and might be leaving SCB soon. Engro Foods continues to benefit from **Imran Haider's** efforts in sales. He has been with the company for over a year. He is still looking for a shop that sells quality Hawaiian shirts. **Waqas** continues to build his business empire out of Multan. He has recently added oil and gas refinery equipment for power stations to his existing line of generators. **Imran Khurram** became the proud father of a baby girl, Janaf. He continues to work at his family business. **Nauman** is said to be looking after the Retail Asset and SME risk management for Barclays bank in Dubai these days. What he actually does is any one's guess.

Dr. Haroon continues to work with Saudi Hollandi in the Corporate Bank at Riyadh. He misses LUMS a lot. **Zulqadar** moved from Citi after spending over four years there to Al Hilal Bank, Abu Dhabi. There he is (ir)responsible for the credit policy for Personal Loans and SME. For some reason he has developed a strong aversion to Subway sandwiches. **Mutahir** continues to be involved with his family business in Lahore. He is second to only Farhan and Subasan in disappearing for long stretches of time. **Fahad** is also with his old company, Dupont Pakistan. He has

been there for over 5 years now and hopes to be there for several more. He has recently had a new addition to his family, a baby girl, Fatima.

Ahmah Farooq continues to work hard for the construction business he set up over a year ago. He is busy with several projects in Lahore and expects to see more expansion in the coming years. He offers architectural services, interior designing, turnkey construction of homes, investment based home construction with offices at two locations - Model Town and DHA-EME sector. Farooq, I will charge a 5% commission on any business generating from this advertisement.

The less said about **Tariq**, the better. He is busy with his communications business as well as his family's textile business. He is based out of Lahore and knows the Lahore - Sheikhpura road pretty well. **Amir Faiz** is planning to move from his current job and is busy these days marketing himself. **Imran Sardar** is still with PTCL in Islamabad. He has moved to HR where is said to be doing some not so nice things. The company is apparently letting go of a large number of people and our friend is one of those responsible for informing those who have become redundant. Not an enviable position. **Haroon-ur-Rashid** has been working with BSRM Steel for almost six years now. He is married and is back on the Yahoo group after a long absence.

Mian Amer is in Karachi where he continues to grow his business. As always he is available for a chat whether day or night. **Subasan** continues to be missing. **Zulfiqar Barry** is enjoying the married life in Karachi where he is busy these days with the planned opening of a third store (Optic Studio) in Defence Karachi. After having proved herself at HBL Karachi, Saima has moved to Singapore with HBL corporate bank to conquer new shores. **Rezwana** is still working hard to improve the quality of education at centers for higher learning in Pakistan. She continues to work for the Government at Higher education Commission (HEC). She has been with the organization for three years. **Hena** has moved to Stockholm where she is working for Tetrapack. She spends a lot of her time traveling to different parts of the globe for her company and is enjoying her job thoroughly.

Hassan Zubair continues to help Levis make quality jeans wear. He is based out of Lahore and is reported to be in possession of some discount vouchers. Would appreciate if someone can verify the existence of any such vouchers. **Haseeb** is still in US where he continues to slave in the financial sector (yes Haseeb, I forgot the name of your employer). **Nadia** is still in London with her husband and her son where she is working for HSBC in product management for the unsecured lending business. **Zaheer Sb** continues to work at Bank Al Habib where he is the Senior Chief Manager. He still prefers to drive to Lahore rather than flying there.

After spending the last few years as a banker **Faiza** has decided to switch careers and has become a full time mom to her two wonderful kids Marium and Harris. **Ali Sultan** continues to devise strategies for Standard Chartered in Dubai. After having frustrated Saqib's efforts at teaching him golf Ali is now practicing his FIFA 09 moves and expects to beat Shuja (as soon as hell freezes over). **Atia** is Deputy Manager at LUMS where she is responsible for marketing and (mis)communication, something which I am sure she is doing wonderfully well. And she is once again thinking of getting a new hair cut.

I moved to Al Hilal Bank, Abu Dhabi last year. Like **Zulqadar** and **Saqib** I am living in Dubai while commuting to Abu Dhabi on a daily basis.

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By the time you would be reading this **Adnan Zahid** would have become Dr. Adnan after completing his PhD - so all eyes on him whether he would become part of the LUMS faculty or pursue a unique A.D. path!!! No change as far as **Ahmed Saeed Tahir** is concerned - still as lively and lazy as ever and continues to be with the HBL Corporate Banking team. He always chuckles when he sees the TV ad with the tag line "Choo lo zindagee."

Aiza Shafiq continues to successfully gain market share for Samsung in the Pakistani market. **Ali Akbar** as the FMCG supply chain guru continues to be loyal to Nestlé. The same way HPs and CPs didn't use to make much difference to **Ali Asad** - the economic recession has had a similar effect with Ali continue smooth sailing for Dawood Islamic Bank.

Ali Siddiqui is all set to enter the record books as his longest job stint continues with Tetra Pak. However a surprise exit cannot be ruled out! **Asad Inayat** has completed one year in Etisalat Saudi Arabia as Manager Value Added Services. He has been blessed with a baby boy and is thinking of moving from the Saudi Kingdom. **Ayesha Wahid** becomes the second CXO office from the class. She has left Oracle after spending almost 5 years and is now working as the CTO at Emmaculate. She is enjoying her life with 2 kids and hubby in Karachi. **Azhar Ikram**, undeterred by the economic crisis, continues to sign investment deals for his employer, Banque Saudi Fransi in Riyadh. A fortune teller in Lahore told him that 2009 is going to be the year when we will see him tie the knot!

Beenish Abbas Malik is based in UK and enjoying life with her daughter and hubby. **Fahd Reaz** has been blessed with a baby girl. He is still with Noor Islamic Bank and waiting for an end to the adverse economic conditions in order to turn it into one of the leading Islamic banks of the world. **Fahd Salam** has bid farewell to the corporate world and now manages his family business in the education sector in Dubai. **Faraz Siddiqui** left Dell to come back and work for Inbox. He's making loads of money as he is always on a jet plane vacationing in exotic locations. Even today the entire class awaits an email on discounted laptop offerings from their second CXO class fellow! **Fateh Muhammad** is still with National Bank of Fujairah as its 2-I-C (second-in-command) in Dubai with his eyes set on the top slot - which is a year or two away if not more. **Gul Buhar Khan** is with Habib Bank and has contributed in many ways other than playing rubab to the bosses, in making the Pakistan operations one of the profitable ones in difficult times.

Hasnat Ahmed Haider is the most sought after jewelry designer in Lahore these days. **Huma Khalid** continues to be with the HBL Corporate Banking Group and

has been heard preparing for the CFA exam. **Kahif Khaleel** a.k.a Kiddco is with Nestle and based in Islamabad. It has been ages since we got to hear of his recent heroics! **Mariam Qaiser** got married and has left her job at Pepsi Foods and shifted to Islamabad with her husband. **Mohammad Zulifkar Ali Khan** is still with Standard Chartered Bank Dubai and has become even heftier. **Muhammad Adil Haneef** got promoted as a Senior Manager and continues to head International Roaming at Mobilink. However, he has finally left the comfort of home in Lahore and moved to Islamabad. The highlight of the last year for **Muhammad Fahad Yousaf** has been the launch of ZONG postpaid brand. The campaign was such a success that apart from his team, no one was able to get the message they were trying to communicate. Still as always Fahd is persisting with the same theme! His number is 0300-5 420420 and his network is Zong! He gets all-night free calls and his phone is always engaged from midnight till 6am.

Muhammad Hamza Aleemi got married and is still with Wateen. In case Wateen is bought out, Hamza is still expected to be handed over to the new owners with the same responsibilities. **Muhammad Imran Fazal**, the sardar of tharkees at LUMS has said farewell to the world of tambakoo and paan by resigning from PTC and joining the telco sector. He is working as the Trade Development Manager for Telenor and based in Islamabad. Last heard, he was enjoying his brand new car on the roads of Islamabad. He is happily married. **Muhammad Javaid** is happily single and joins the privileged few in the most eligible bachelors list. He heads the HR department of a recruitment firm and continues to be based in Lahore. **Muhammad Khurram Waraich** got promoted as Senior Manager Business Planning at Mobilink and has been doing a lot of community work over the last couple of months! He is known as Mr. Reliable in his neighbourhood. **Muhammad Shahid Qureshi** is inching closer to his PhD at the University of Berlin in Germany and enjoying himself as a guest faculty member. Yeah!

Muhammad Shoaib Ata Khan is probably the only Area Sales Manager in Lahore who keeps on exceeding his targets month after month! **Muhammed Ali Khan** is loyal to Telenor and was recently promoted as Manager PMO &



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Investment Control. He misses his Mitsubishi but has accepted the new City following the foot steps of his highness Mr. Imran Fazal. At other times he is found in the beautiful valleys of Europe where he likes to vacation frequently. He is happily married with a beautiful daughter. **Muneeb Wahad Khan** has completed three years with Du as Manager Strategic Marketing. Much to the chagrin of DXB bachelorettes, he he got married and continues to be based in Dubai. **Murad Salman Mirza** buddy a.k.a good-on-ya-mate is still with the University of Sydney as an Organizational Development Consultant. All underage girls have been advised to keep away from this handsome hunk from Texas. **Nadia Wasim** is working for Shell as a marketing implementer in the Retail business. She is based in Karachi and is ecstatic on the addition of a baby girl to her family. **Nadia Williams** works for Standard Chartered Bank in Karachi as the Product Manager of American Express.

Rabia Khan is enjoying life with her daughter and hubby in Tokyo. Nestle is honoured to employ the services of His Highness **Rizwan Aziz Khan**. He is living in the glory of "Azaad Adliya" and was a front runner in rallies for the restoration of the CJ for which his namesake Mr. Nawaz Sharif is ever grateful. He is now waiting for a party ticket to contest the next general elections. We wish him the very best. **Rizwan Chughtai** continues to be with the Central Bank and is based in Karachi. **Safdar Hussain** is still loyal to Mian Sb at Al Rehmat Textiles as Divisional Head, Garments. In spite of his repeated efforts, Mian Sb doesn't let him go. **Saima Khan** has been successful in kicking out her boss in order to take his position as Manager Pricing at Telenor.

Sleeping with Commander Safe guard each night has done wonders for **Salman Ghani Butt**. He has been shipped out to Geneva at the P&G office to look after the soaps bar category. He has been exploring Europe and can be found in an exotic location every weekend. **Salman Hafeez** is successfully running his own business and constantly working to diversify the same. **Samar Farzand Najmuddin** is still working for TRG in the UK. **Shaheryar Idrees** is with Telenor heading the Products & Platforms team. The only emails / phone calls / SMS he responds to is

those of his boss - else he doesn't believe in calling or replying back. He continues to tour the world meeting vendors in order to buy new platforms for Telenor.

The last time we heard about Major Sb (**Shahid Mahmood**) was when we had invested in the stone crushing business along the Salt Range. He has finally been released by the army. **Shakeel Ahmed Memon**, this gift to our class from MBA 2002 is working for the sole distribution company of P&G and is responsible for sales in S&B region. His side business of kidnapping people in interior Sindh has picked up pace. He offers special discount to class fellows! **Shehryar Khurshid** is working for Unilever in Karachi and responsible for the marketing and sales of Beverages. **Sheikh Gulraiz Pervaiz** though heading Customer Services of Warid, is desperate to get out before he gets surrounded by the representatives of the new Warid owners at Sing Tel. **Shezeen Hyder Ali** is enjoying life with her two kids and hubby. **Shoaib Awan** has lost his aggressiveness and still works for the banking sector in Dubai.

Sohail Mumtaz Bajwa will enter the records books by 2010 as the guy owning the most ALTOs whose registration numbers end with 330. **Syed Abbas Ali Shah** is running his own business successfully in partnership with Salman Hafeez. **Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi** is missing in action! West Pakistan has finally succeeded in getting back **Syed Atif Raza** from East Pakistan. He now works as Senior Manager Pricing & Strategy at Mobilink.

Syed Hassan Javed is the Regional Corporate Head for RBS (ABN AMRO) and is waiting for the new owners to takeover before planning an employer switch. **Syed Taha Magrabi** is still with Shell and working as the Subject Matter Expert for the roll out of a global streamline project in the Retail Business in Pakistan.

Syed Yawer Rasool became a proud father recently. Life is tough with the escalating prices of nappies but yawer power will survive! He works for Reckitt as the Brand Ambassador & Manager for Cherry Blossom. :-) **Tahir Shamim** continues to be with the HR department at Unilever managing its factory employees in Punjab. **Usman**

Mahmood has taken a new start in life and has taken photography as a serious hobby. **Usman Saeed Malik** has probably opened up another super market after successfully running the first one in Rawalpindi. **Usman Tariq Qazi** (UTQ) is working as the Pricing Manager for Ufone however is eager to move out and grab a good opportunity.

Waqar Ahmad Khan has been blessed with a baby girl and is busy helping his IPP owners in selling off their stake. **Yasir Ahmed Malik** is based in Karachi and is working for Shell's Supply Chain Department in a virtual role, responsible for the roll out of a streamline project in Middle East Asia region. His job takes him places around the world and with the end of his bachelorhood nowhere in sight, National Geographic has approached him to host a "spicy" "babes-oriented" travel show for them. **Zainab Nawaz** has taken the challenge of MBA placement at LUMS and is expected to do a great job in spite of the tough conditions of the job market. **Zhang Zejun** is with Nestle China and thinking of ways to get around the one-child-rule in his country. **Bilal Ahmed Khan** is a mystery and by the time the next edition of the class notes is out, won't be surprised if he is history.

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Zaineb Waheed was promoted to admin of MBA 2005 Facebook group. Employing her superb entrepreneurial skills she currently runs a home-based grocery delivery service in Vancouver. **Asim Mehr** finally tied the knot! He is proudly working as Manager, Products & Platforms at Telenor. However with the deteriorating conditions of Pakistan he has applied for Malaysian Immigration. **Tamania Jaffri**, impressed by Zaineb's rapidly progressing career, got married and migrated to Canada. She is currently in Edmonton trying to make the perfect shaped Koftaa after mastering the Paratha. **Bilal Ahsan Malik** a.k.a **BAM BAM** is hoping to spend the 5th year of his PhD doing fieldwork. After August, you can meet him and Zulekha for chai at the Bhera interchange. **Omar Moeen Malik** is still work-

ing for Telenor and living in Islamabad. Deserted by Fooqi and dumped by Sally, he continues to enjoy the crazy Isloo night life, partying away all night at clubs such as "Food 24" and "Shell Select". Not surprisingly, he's gained a few pounds (much to his wife's dismay).

Inspired by the current financial crisis **Amnah Ajmal** is pursuing a degree in Finance at the London School of Economics and continues to work with Citibank London. **Salman Ahmed** a.k.a. Sally recently tied the knot. He works with ABN Amro Pakistan. **Ali Anwerzada** is still studying. **Muhammad Umer Farooq** a.k.a Fooqi is still on a paid vacation in the US. **Zain Tayyebi** became a daddy this year (a real one and not the weird kind), with his son Mohammed arriving in to the world. Tayyebi Dawakhana's Marketing and Sales is still being managed by Zain, although he has faced some resistance from animal rights group on testing his latest naughty medicines on hamsters. Now that he has promoted Zaineb to Admin of MBA 2005, **Adnan Tariq a.k.a munshi** will be giving his undivided attention to Nestle's Market Research, which is actually his cover for trying to end his bachelorhood. He never shared Omar Akram's ambition to remain a bachelor till the end of time...

Atif Saeed a.k.a. theeta apparently impressed by Farzad, did not like the corporate world and started graduate studies, not in Electrical Engineering, but this time in economics. So nowadays he is enjoying his paid studies in USA. **Salman Khalid** has a lot more time available despite his Private Equity career (thank you global financial crisis), and is spending his weekends fishing on the tiny speck of dust in the straits of hormuz called Bahrain and planning a backpacking trip across Europe. **Taimur Cheema** is still the Manager Sahab in Ufone; and still tries to act as if he is very busy and has no time; actually he is just a little shy of Islamabadi girls and avoids them as much as possible. He remains single and his avoidance strategy is going very well (mashallah). **Ali Nawaz Khan a.k.a. ANK** is still selling deodorants for Unilever Arabia based out of Dubai. He continues to convince the Arabs that dry armpits will lead to salvation. **Omer Nazir** is happily tucked away in France pretending he is studying at INSEAD. His private activities remain a secret.

Hamza Mudassir is still working in Mobilink as Manager Marketing - Value Added

Services, which is the longest he has worked any where...like, totally. He looks forward to parading around in Tanzania with his wife, who is busy planning their next vacation to the glorious land of Africa and making sure that they go there before the next global recession arrives. **Hassan Munir** a.k.a. EX -maila is working in China Mobile (aka Zong), and has recently moved to the company's marketing department as Manager Segments - Post Paid. The key opportunity here is that people think that it is a Gas Ka Gubhara (Balloon) brand than a telecom one, which makes selling Zong Post Paid exceptionally easy on children's birthdays and carnivals. **Kiran Qureshi** needs to be seen to be believed. She has found so many dimensions to life, she thinks she should do a PhD now! There is no other way she can justify her existence. She is still in Nestle because she can't find a better time pass. **Mohammad Omar Akram** finally got married and has hence gone back on his claim to remain a bachelor till the end of time. He is in Tetra Pak where his core job responsibility is to go on paid vacations.

Hussain Raza Khan is working for Tetra Pak as Key Account Manager. 2008 has brought the biggest joy in Hussain's life with arrival of his beautiful child Mahnoor. **Farrukh Aziz** is still in Ufone and doing the same job since more than a year now. He has been blessed with a cute daughter. **Maiha Shahid** is still a Career Banker with MCB, which is a highly career oriented bank for Career Bankers. **Sarah Pervez** and **Suneel Sarfaraz Munj** were blessed with a beautiful daughter Zainah. **Bilal Ahmad** is looking after strategy at Worldcall Telecom Limited. He tied the knot earlier this year with Arooj Saba (BSc 2005). **Muhammad Abid** is found changing destinations on his google chat status. **Khizer Bilal Usmani** a.k.a KBU has managed to keep his job so far in recession-hit Dubai. **Abidoon Nadeem** was blessed with baby Abdullah this year. He is settled in Lahore with his family and is working on expanding his business of being busy all the time. **Owais Qazi** is up to something in Dubai. **Sajid Shahzad Sufi** has joined the 'do a lot and look idle' club, working on water business with a beautiful addition of a daughter to his family.

Rao Murtaza Hashim has now shifted to London with his family. He recently came back from a training/vacation at Amsterdam. **Aun Hussain** has moved to



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Toronto with his wife and now manages the messaging portfolio (SMS & MMS) of Bell Mobility. **Maham Yasmeen** has shocked Servis with her consumer knowledge and perspective. Hope they recover from the shock soon. **Saiman Tahir** has left SKMCH, and now SKMCH is completely LUMS-free. He has started his own business and has been blessed with an adorable son. **Waleed Sadiq**, like a true MBA, has once again reorganized the team and relaunched the Telenor Persona. **Abdul Moiz Penkar** had to move somewhere this year too, but his wife refused to move to Peshawar or Quetta so he's now back in Karachi! **Omer Bin Tariq** aka OBT has been promoted to AM Segments and is now the guardian of a 'Loyal' CHOTA; that he is very possessive of! He also had the honor of representing Telenor Pakistan in India this year and made it safe back home - to the disappointment of his boss :) Also his hair is gray-ing at an alarming pace... Maybe he's working too hard and needs a vaca-tion.

Aamir Altaf left his beloved Nestle to join China Mobile, where he works as Manager Segments. Unlike Hassan Munir, he has found his inner Yun Ma and is hence very happy with himself. **Javed Ahmed** is working as Risk Man-ager in Meezan Bank, which has proven to be very risky for Meezan Bank. **Talha Khalid** has learnt a lot this year and feels truly value added. He is thinking of writing a novel on it. Further more, he is in Telenor's Segments de-partment and looking forward to a long vacation in Goa. **Usman Muneer** is very happy with his Head & Shoulders and still works at P&G. **Danish Jabbar Khan** tries his best to be a family man but can't kill his oh-so-wild spirit.

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Three years after we wrapped our last case, moaned and groaned our way through the final projects and moved

out of our dorm rooms across the country and beyond, the class of MBA 2006 updates are here:

Ahmed Bilal Mansoor a.k.a ABM re-cently moved within Nestlé from Supply Chain to the Marketing department. On the personal front the change is even greater as he was married last year and is currently reveling in marital bliss in La-hore. Also within Nestlé, **Shamyle Javed** and **Raja Muhammad Ishaq** seemed to have their own LUMS alumni partner-ship going and both are heavily en-trenched in bovine matters. Raja is a Senior Strategic Manager and in his own words - "I'm getting ahead in life...I'm close to having direct interac-tion with cows and buffalos". Mean-while Shamyle truly is the "Chilled" Dairy Manager for operations and sales in Punjab.

Mansoor Aziz left Nestle last year to join his family business, which surprise sur-prise, is NOT manufacturing rugby gear. These days he is to be found promot-ing the game all over Lahore and as far afield as Malaysia to participate in in-ternational tournaments. He is tying the knot in August and we wish him luck! Another alumnus to go the family busi-ness way is **Nabeel Ilyas**. He is currently looking after Marketing, Sales, HR, Fi-nance and New Product Development at GFC Fans. When he isn't singlehand-edly running the family business he can be found visiting his wife who is a Ful-bright Scholar at Brown. His future plans include a PhD and the diversification of the GFC Product Range.

Rana Shuaib is currently working in UBL as a credit risk analyst and teaching MBA students at Bahauddin Zakariya University in Multan. After tying the knot last year he is now also the proud father of baby Aleeza. Both **Hasan Kabir** and **Farhan Riaz** are bankers in Lahore. Al-though the recession has slowed work at Habib Bank, Hasan recently found a great life partner which has brightened his outlook somewhat, while Farhan is enjoying the single life while working as a corporate banker at Dubai Islamic Bank.

Muhammad Abubakar is still working at Standard Chartered corporate in La-hore and recently sustained a head in-jury during the construction of his family home. Here's hoping that you recover

soon. **Khurram Mushtaq** is back in Lahore after a brief hiatus abroad and is currently self employed. He is looking forward to celebrating his upcoming nuptials at the end of this year.

In between flitting off to Europe to lead a joint venture between a European company and Sapphire Textiles, **Omeir Zahid** secretly indulges his passion for the arts and is recording an album for the only band to emerge from the batch – 3.0. We look forward to seeing more music videos and creativity in the future!

Yasar Rashid recently shifted from Karachi to Lahore when he defected from the State Bank to Bank Al Falah. He is cramming for his CFA Part (III) these days and ardently wishing that there was a CP portion in the exam! He is also hoping to soon become a faculty member at LUMS to teach commercial banking to second year MBAs. **Mehtab Haider** stuck it out at the State Bank and is now a joint director. After the replacement of Shamshad Akhtar at the SBP, he can now spend more time with his favourite girl – his baby daughter, Fatima. In his spare time he can be found socializing with the other Karachi walas.

In other news from Karachi, **Waqas Zafar** has remained true to Shell and is now a retail network planner and wants everyone to know that if you wish to open a retail gas station anywhere in Southern Punjab, Balochistan or Sindh he is the man to contact. He has developed a newfound appreciation for the countryside after living in Karachi for three years and in his spare time he can be found volunteering with TCF as a program facilitator with their "Rahbar" program working with schoolchildren. **Mian Usman** is also working at Shell as the brands and communications manager for Lubes. He tied the knot with Shazia Gohar of IBA last year and claims that the wedding and run up to the event and post marital festivities have bankrupted him...warning for the wise!

Muhammad Bilal is also looking to tie the knot with an IBA alumna (Sadia) this summer and has remained loyal to Dubai Islamic Bank in Karachi, where he is currently working in the wealth management department. **Khalid Farid** also tied the knot and while most of us had feared that the wedding might take place in installments, the actual event took place last year – all in one go. He is still at P&G

and is the only person in our batch to make it to the Guinness Book of World Records (so far!)

Another P&G-er recently jumped ship and gave in to the siren song of his hometown of Lahore. Yes, **Jaggu (a.k.a Saad Munwar Khan)** joined Pepsicola International as the brand manager for snacks (Lay's and Cravy's). These days he can be found reaffirming the halal credentials of his products on Facebook, playing Saturday night cricket and lamenting the loss of his friends to what he likes to call "the menace of marriage". Still at P&G is the original MBA power couple – **Saad Tawab Khan Rao** and **Saroop Gul**. Saad thinks of ways to spend the marketing budget on his brand (Pampers) while Saroop thinks of ways to save money in her job as the cost savings manager for Arabian Peninsula and Pakistan.

The other MBA couple, **Sanaa Shah** and **Arsalan J. Sheikh** are based in Islamabad, where Sanaa continues to enjoy her work at Mobilink with the Infinity Broadband wi-max business. Arsalan has finally left Teradata and joined IBM in a position in national sales. When they aren't being techies they host game nights at their new home in Islamabad and this is an open invitation to all batch mates to partake in the festivities. **Afzal Khan Shinwari** is currently in the process of salvaging his family's real estate business in the aftermath of the global recession and the current military action in the North. He shuttles between Kashmir, Kohat and Peshawar and after a day's hard work goes back to Islamabad where his wife Sana works at a dental practice. While the housing industry seemed to have been in a decline, **Haroon Mohmand Rashid** reports that when the tobacco industry was rising he took a sabbatical from his job as an area manager (and gave up a move to Uganda!). While we don't know whether or not that was dodging a bullet, he has a year to devote to family and decide whether or not he wants to return to hocking tobacco or pursuing further education.

Hammad Kabir recently left Mobilink to join Telenor as the segment manager for D Juice. His family has grown and he is now the proud father of two little girls, the most recent addition being little Arifa. Congrats Hammad! **Faisal Iqbal** is happily married and is also working in the telecom sector, at Ufone. He is currently a

senior executive for products and pricing and in his spare time compiles acronyms (he is planning on doing another PMP to update to PMBOK 4 – another level of the Project Management Body of Knowledge!)

Imran Sargaana recently resigned from Ericsson to join Powerwave Technologies as the regional account manager for Pakistan. He is based in Islamabad and enjoys spending time with his two sons. **Junaid Lodhi** is still with Microsoft in Islamabad. He has also set up his own business on the side and markets snacks called Frendo in his spare time and is learning that snacks and software don't have the synergies that he had initially thought. **Babar Javed Cheema** recently moved to Karachi and is now looking after the supply chain at Engro Chemicals. **Junaid Ata** is also working for Engro as a regional manager and is finally based in Sargodha after a whirlwind trip to numerous countries. When he is not traveling he spends time with his wife – Dr. Nabiha.

Many from the MBA batch moved abroad after graduating- some for work, some for school and some after marriage. Their travels have taken them far and wide.

Yasir Nafees remained loyal to Ericsson after graduation and is working as an account manager in Congo and is looking forward to moving to Ericsson Ghana soon. When he isn't traveling all over Africa, he looks forward to spending time at home with his baby son, Muhammad Ahmad Yasir. **Adeel Mubashar** moved to Dubai and is an associate at Standard Chartered. He got married to Uzma last

year. No, no, not **Uzma Ali**, she is still single and fabulous and still working at Citibank Dubai. Adeel and his wife Uzma are expecting a baby on August 3rd ...coincidentally, also Adeel's birthday.



Hassaan Munir also remained with Citibank in Dubai and according to various reports, shares his apartment with La-Z-Boy recliners and has developed a passion for the guitar. **Beenish Abbasi** moved to Dubai last year after her wedding and is currently working at Standard Chartered as a product manager in the credit cards department. **Asim Shafiq**



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Baig is still working at Ernst and Young in Abu Dhabi and has cultivated an entire range of new hobbies in addition to his existing ones (swimming and fast cars), including sailing, snowboarding and sky diving. Another recent addition to Dubai is **Nadia Zubairi** who is trying to settle into domesticity after almost three hectic years of shuttling between Dubai and Karachi working for Standard Chartered.

After relocating to NYC, **Faiza Kazmi** was torn between the joys of trying to coordinate with the batch, being a housewife and returning to school. She is currently looking forward to attending NYU in September. **Majnun Mam-madov** has continued at the financial advisory services department and Deloitte and Touche in Baku and is currently also preparing for his CFA exams. On the personal front Majnun is looking forward to being engaged before the end of the summer and we eagerly await an invite to the wedding.

was also a very kind-hearted, soft spoken, composed and down-to-earth gentleman who treated his students with respect and never left an opportunity to share his humor with them. With his death, LUMS has lost one of its best professors whose replacement can never be made. May his soul rest in peace!

Here is a one-to-one highlight of this year activities of our batch mates:

Abubakar Siddique has been gaining rich experience working as category specialist at Nestle looking after the products Nido, Everyday tea whitener and Nestle Cream. His comprehension on the dairy category came in handy in his suitor pursuit, as a Kashmiri family has agreed to commit their girl with him. **Adeel Allawallah** says that Life has been really hectic post LUMS. He sells cigarettes during the day at Phillip Morris International and cakes in the evening at Masooms. Everybody is invited to have a free cigarette with a cake slice at his franchise. **Adnan Nisar** reports being engaged and will soon be changing his status to happily married. He has been loyal with PTC and after his short stint in South Korea, has been appointed as Area Manager in Faisalabad. He has been planning and strategizing to increase cigarette sales for PTC brands but he himself has yet to taste one.

Ahsan Ahmad Maykan continues to work at Telenor doing segmentation for Talkshawk. He insists that his campaigns have nothing to do with the commercials that get aired on television. After his split-up with Ali Zafar, he now listens to Annie and Amanat Ali songs on long drives. **Ali Abbas Pujanis** is based in Sharjah where he is working for Habib Bank AG Zurich, and happily settled with his wife. Puji has become a proud father of baby girl and has already started strategizing investment plans for her. **Alii Maaz** got married last December but did not give much relief to bachelors by getting back immediately with his 'cooker' stories. He is still with Electronics Retail and was a star performer last year. He significantly exceeded his Kitchen category budget, only to find out that his bonus was tied to corporate performance. He has not lost the need for a larger audience and his appetite for class participation, former being reluctantly offered by

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The year 2008-09 has been a tough year for everyone. While unstable political and security conditions of our country continue to haunt us, recession has taken its toll globally and already we can see its after effects. There have been casualties and losses all around us. Some of us have been affected financially; some mentally; while some (like me) physically as well. But Alhamdulillah, we all stand up high on our feet determined to face the growing challenges with the same courage and spirit with which we all entered the corporate world.

This year also marked the sad demise of our beloved finance professor Dr. Naim Sipra. Words cannot do justice to this person's sheer brilliance, knowledge and command over his subject. Not only was he a genius at mind, he

bachelor brotherhood.

Aly Abdul Rehman has got engaged. Now we have a 'Bro' and a 'Sis'. **Aly Yousaf** has also got engaged and plans to get married in December. He is still at Unilever in working in the Finance Department. **Amina Ijaz** is presumed to be at Coke, getting free passes to all Coke Studio sessions. **Ammar Butt** is busy revolutionizing the Bicycle industry by implementing ISO-9001 and web-based systems in his company; creating a good excuse for the current downward sales trend. He's happy spending his last bachelorhood years playing online poker and Nintendo at home. **Anwar Kabir** took a brief stint at LUMS as Head of Corporate Communication for SDSB in early 2009, however, he was pulled back by Lowe & Rauf (his third time employer in the last 5 years) as Business Director for their largest client "Nestle" in Lahore. Anwar spends quite a bit of his time at Nestle, for which his company works as advertising and communication partner for leading brands like MilkPak, NesVita, Nescafe, Yogurts and others. Anwar went on a world tour last year and his pictures/travelogue is available at his 900+ Facebook friends site. He spends most of his free time getting his house constructed near LUMS and also dreaming and planning his next vacation trip later this year. Anwar recently became Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and continues to have a very active social life with Rotary Club and otherwise. Our 'Shahzada' is still single and got the title of "most eligible bachelor" from his close friends, with not many bright chances of getting married anytime soon. Let's all pray he finds his "significant other" this year.

Arshad Moazzam has shifted to VAS department at Mobilink and is currently attending a training course in Singapore. His daughter turns one this year. Recently, **Asad Mahmood** got the opportunity to cut loose of Wateen's lair, but at the same time remained in Abu Dhabi Group's farm joining the healthcare sector. He is currently serving as Manager Marketing in Al-Razi Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. He got married last October. His Sheikhness **Asad Shafiq** is working with Supply Chain at Alghanim Industries. He has long been disappointed with society's failure to appreciate his ideas and act accordingly. Now he mourns every disappointment by eating more and his ever increasing waistline is a reflection of his anxiety. He has also started playing football.

Ashhad Saeed is enjoying his 07:00 am to 04:00 pm public lifestyle at Etisalat where he is working in the Strategy & Planning department. It is heard that his brand loyalty has led him to reject all incoming calls from a non-etisalat number. He is expected to tie the knot by the time the class notes become public. **Azamat Akbarov** is serving the oil and gas sector as Financial Analyst at Eriell Corporation, an oil and gas drilling company based in Tashkent. He has become quite an active visitor of Facebook owing to his plans of changing his bachelorhood by the end of this year. Babur Rais is still working for Investment Banking at BMA Capital. He recently won the award for second best M&A deal in Asia Pacific by the Banker Deals of the Year 2009. That's what you get for putting in late hours in office. He plans to remain single for the moment.

Badri Nath Baral is working for a leading IPP company in Nepal named Butwal Power Company Ltd. as a Financial Analyst. He is happily married with a six month old daughter. **Bilal Javed Bhatti** has moved to Electronics Retail after seeing out the whole life cycle of his former division. He got married in September and recently visited the pyramids. The "jawaan" who used to dodge speeding cameras now spends time sleeping between them. **Bilal Malik** is currently in Melbourne to study how females of the human species have evolved differently on the two continents viz., Asia and Australia. It is an intensively research oriented project interspersed with occasional guess-work and recourse to divine inspiration. To legitimize his stay in Australia, he has enrolled for public policy studies, which he is least interested in. By the end of 2010, he intends to share the findings of his ground-breaking research with the most important stakeholder group i.e., Perennial Bachelors of Pakistan, having illustrious members like Mr. Anwar Kabir and Mr. Jasim Waheed. Instead of the benefits, Mr. Malik remains more interested in the fringe-benefits of the project.

Dilafroz is looking for MOP notes, anybody wants to share? She has to learn how to play "blind, deaf & dumb" game without playing it. She is proud of making 60% more sales than a year before for a small category. Only percentages are making her days! This year has been very kind to **Fasahat Feroze** who got first promoted to Assistant Manager Product and Platform at Telenor, then got engaged

and later hair started growing back on his head. The last miracle was courtesy of the laser hair treatment he got from his bonus. His nick has now changed from 'Goldie' to 'Goldilocks'. **Fizza Ijaz** has once again been on-the-go. After having worked in Global Markets at Deutsche Bank London for a year and a half, she decided to move to the more glitzy world of marketing. She is presently working as Assistant Marketing Manager for Home and Personal Care at Unilever Dubai. She is enjoying being with family and the new work-life balance as opposed to the hectic hours and cold of London. Being the kind-hearted person that she is, she is making her share of foreign remittance and investing heavily in Dubai economy by buying herself a new car and renting a new apartment.

Haleema Muniba spends her working hours as Assistant Demand Generation Manager; managing a team of 60 non-Luminites at ICI Paints. She insists that she has forgotten everything learnt at LUMS; while we still question the 'learnt part'. **Hamza Ahmad** is found flirting with Syed Noor on the set of the hit show 'Hero Banney Ke Tarang'. Engro Foods is helping him fulfill his dream of becoming a super star. We won't be surprised if Hamza gets casted in Pakistani film 'Dostana' along with John Rambo and Resham. **Husnain Alam** recently joined IBM and went to see Egypt in his very first month on his job. Husnain insists that 'wohi aik chaal be-dhangee si, jo pehley thee so ab bhee hey'; we however doubt it. On public gatherings, he never hesitates to enlighten the audience with his views on life, politics, religion and everything else. Ever since **Imran Hafeez** has gotten married, his mobile is always found on 'not responding' status after 05:00 p.m. He is employed at Ufone and insists that he has nothing to do with either Ufone pricing or its ads.

Jasim Ahmad is still at Adamjee Insurance working as Senior Manager heading a branch in Lahore. He recently has passed his CFA level 1 exam with flying colors; another milestone added to his 'bachelor' profile. **Kamilia Iftikhar** has completed the most air miles among the Kuwaiti community. She has already finished the Pakistani quota for UK visas and has been the reason for rejections for the rest of the people. Despite major restructuring she is holding her position firm in Business Development at Alghanim. **Kanza Fida** is getting married.



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Electronic copy of the wedding invitation will be e-mailed one week prior to the big day. Those wanting to congratulate her can catch up with her at Wateen. Engro brought **Kashan Yaqoob** back to his hometown place Karachi after spending nearly a year at village-cum-city Sahiwal. He got promoted to fatherhood with an adorable son named 'Shafay'. He is recovering from a minor slip disk. We all wish him speedy recovery!

Kashif Munir insists that there is nothing better to do than to get married during recession. So, he has got himself engaged quietly and plans to complete his conquest in December. Consultancy continues to be his line of business at Xavor. **Khurram Mir's** entrepreneurial venture Kualitatem, previously known as Kraysis, continues to make headlines every now and then. From being declared as Best Start-up for Pakistan and Asia Pacific separately, to contracting with big clients like Wateen Telecom and Netsol Tech., Kualitatem has already become a success story that we should all be proud of. Khurram has got engaged and is looking forward to getting married later this year. **Khurram Saleem** is still working for Xavor where he is currently consulting with Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, helping them with their supply chain. He is currently based in Burbank California which is home to most major studios (both Film and TV); and enjoys the Southern California summers where the maximum temperature is 28-30 degrees Celsius. His son Ibrahim turned two this June.

Khwaja Faisal is still a proud bachelor and is always found in middle of chicks, chicken and gossip. He has been a prime target of sermons by Usman luring him to get married. He is working in FMCG division and has lately been responsible for importing chicken from Brazil. Naturally he did not want to stop the importing there! He is the owner of infamous "kotha" which has been a meeting place for the Kuwaiti gang. **Luqman Awan** became a proud father of baby boy he named Suleman and not 'Suleman Dawood' (because of strict adherence to copyrights). His ongoing commitment with MBA-07 Endowment Fund has resulted in generating Rs. 1 Million which has been invested in Islamic mode of Finance. Kudos to Luqman! Presently, he is head-

ing one of the business categories of 3M in Lahore at National level.

Mehdi Raza is busy making 'tons of money' working as Financial Analyst for Uch Power. He is celebrating the nation's newly discovered judiciary freedom with full zeal and vigor. **Mehtab Lasharie** returned from her sales training (others insist paid vacation) in Amsterdam last July. Having spent a year with individuals from 41 different nationalities, she took up other exciting career opportunities as linguistics expert, Europe tour guide and biryani chef to name a few. She settled for continuing to work for Cisco, as a Service Account Manager covering global accounts for Middle East and Africa. After spending a couple of years in the scorching heat of Sindh and enjoying metropolitan life of Karachi, **Muhammad Anis Sajid** is back in Lahore. Persisting with Shell and still selling lubricants, he is always looking forward to bump into any old classmate. **Muhammad Farhan Tayyab** left P&G early this year and came back to Lahore to attend to some family matters. During this time, he made a brief stint at Wateen Telecom in their Solutions division. He is now back at P&G as Assistant Brand Manager 'Ariel' and is looking forward to continue his streak from where he left.

Mian Murad is working for Kimmco, insulation material manufacturer and has become a SAP guru over past two years. Following the legacy of Mard-e-Mujahid Mr. You-Know-Who, **Muhammad Ali Imam** is looking after six sigma and leadership development interventions at Engro Chemicals as Organizational Development and Quality Manager. His children are growing fast as Ali turns 5 and Zainab turns 1 this year. After spending almost a year to-ing and fro-ing between Dubai and Aberdeen (Scotland), **Muhammad Ali Jawed** has returned to Sharjah for good. He is currently engaged with Petrofac's ERP implementation project and enjoying a happy married life.

Muhammad Ayaz Karim, being the peaceful, disciplined and self still sticking individual that he is (NOT!!), still works for Habib Bank AG Zurich Dubai in Corporate Banking. He is found active in the Dubai social circle and is seen on one too many occasions attending premieres of Bollywood flicks.

His weekend usually includes a trip to Sharjah to visit his relatives and he is a frequent flyer to Karachi as well. **Muhammad Bin Shahbaz** spends his leisure time cursing his competitor Gourmet for giving Nestle water a hard time in Lahore. He prefers to drink Sufi Water for himself. **Muhammad Faisal Amin** has taken charge of planning of the Engineering division. He is a regular member of the football team and has transformed into a no nonsense defender.

Muhammad Farooq Soomro, the not so holy disciple of His Sheikness spends most of his time connecting over smoking pot. He still dreams of load shedding in the scorching heat of Karachi while sitting in his chilled room in Kuwait. He has become an expert in writing macros and has been planning to use them to find answers to God, the Universe and everything else. Previously, **Muhammad Hamid Khan** worked as a Business Development Manager and headed the Graphics and Animation division in a multinational software company. This year, he rejoined his family business and is now working on consolidating the different work sites in to one factory. He is still single and looking... and giving serious thoughts on relocating himself to UK. **Muhammad Niazi Malik** is still at SAMBA working as RM corporate.

Muhammad Shahid Bashir continues to make his mark as an entrepreneur. He resides in Lahore and is working on three business projects; a transformer manufacturing unit that he runs as a CEO, expanding the ethanol unit to include a steel mill to utilize excess electric energy generated from in-house sources, and lastly setting up a dairy farm in Kasur of a head count of 500 and establishing sale points for milk and beef in different neighborhoods in Lahore. His son is fast learning to become a footballer. **Muhammad Usman** became a proud father of a baby boy named Omar. Working at P&G sales, he is currently posted at Lahore.

Muhammad Usman Ahmed is working for Home furnishing division at Alghanim. He got married in December and since then has disappeared from everyone's sight. It rumored that he is planning something fishy. However he is still conscious of his social responsibility and constantly sends emails, marked yellow at times to highlight misconduct and to nip evil in the bud. **Muhammad Usman Khan** is looking after Key Accounts Busi-

ness Development with Nestle. No wonder the chances of finding Nestle products at Utility Stores are higher these days than plain flour. He will be getting married this autumn.

After making his way up the ladder towards becoming a manager at Zong, **Muhammad Umar Tanwir** realized that he needs to start all over again as an executive at Mobily. UT has gotten married and will be moving to Saudia Arabia by September. He is busy collecting home entertainment content for his Saudia stint. **Natalya Nicklaevna** is with Petrofac in Sharjah and prefers the burning heat of Dubai over the freezing cold of Moscow. **Nizam Ahmed** has gotten fed up of making finance CP's and has moved into ICT development sector where he enjoys making Dabbas for a change. After spending his honeymoon period at Kuala Lumpur, PTCL has placed **Omar Ahmad** at a remote location called 'Akora Khat-tak' in Pakistan, which according to Omar is in the middle of nowhere and he is facing tough competition from local cocaine producers.

Omais Yunus is rising up the corporate ladder and very soon it will be difficult to find him a suitable boss. He has been instrumental in developing the toys and several other categories within Alghanim Electronics. He is mostly found on planes to different destinations across the globe.

Rabia Raza Tirmezey has successfully completed over a whole adventurous year in Dubai. She has proudly cleared CFA Level 1 and is working for Mashreq Bank Treasury as a Derivative Structurer for Commodities and Rates. (Who says finance was only the 'guys thing' at LUMS?!). Visitors to Dubai can catch her up on either a premiere of a Bollywood movie or on inbound flights between Dubai and Karachi. **Rafael Ali** moved to UAE last year and is working with Descon. He is enjoying life with his wife and two sons in Ajman. He was last seen on Yasir Memon's wedding dancing on the song 'menu yaar daai waiya uthaay naachan veei daai'.

Rai Usman has gotten engaged according to our sources. He is still at Barclays Bank posted at Dubai UAE. **Raza-ul-Haque** got promoted at Chevron and is now working there as Senior Zone Manager. His guest appearance in the TV show 'Happy Hour with Rukhsana' resulted in a massive flow of marriage proposals subsequent to his

saucy exercise-cum-dance performance. **Raza Rehman** is working as Assistant Brand Manager at Nestle and is managing complete NIDO Portfolio for the past 8 months. Raza was blessed with a son last year. He continues to live his passion for site seeing and trekking in northern areas and went to Nanga Parbat Base camp (South Side) and Hunza this year. **Saima Ansari** is sticking to her guns working as ABM Surf at Unilever. She regularly adds her photography work on her Facebook profile.

Sajjad Ali Khan has gone back to what he does best - music. He recently launched his demo song on the website www.sajjadkhan.net and is expected to release his own Rock music album soon. In the meanwhile, Wateen Telecom continues to be his professional home ground. Salman Ahmed Khan is working for an organization where employer turnover is higher than employee turnover. He is designated as RM corporate for RBS which was previously known as ABN AMRO, and will soon be called as MCB. **Saud Mukhtar** keeps his mind and heart occupied to extra-curricular activities thanks to his 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM job timings at SECP and his non-marital lifestyle. He has become a fatherly figure of LUMS Alumni Islamabad chapter and was last seen collecting funds from LUMS Alumni for an Islamabad chapter reunion at gunpoint.

Saqib Mubarak's division acquired an ailing business and now struggles to meet its own budget every month. He spends day and night devising strategies and models which, to his credit, at least "forecast" the past accurately. His legendary bat carry in which he did not score a single boundary helped Alghanim Industries clinch a corporate cricket trophy. He was rewarded with a toaster for his efforts. He is still as colourful as ever and has the widest collection of dazzling shoes.

Shafiq Sobhan moved to Melbourne Australia and lives there with his wife. **Shahrukh** and **Maryam** moved to UAE last year and have been hopping around Abu Dhabi and Dubai since then. They spent their last year going through their 'Pursuit of Happiness' life stage. Shahrukh now works for Bank of Oman.





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Shahzad Ahmed was last seen hiking around an endangered species and wildlife resort at Makhspuri trek in Nathia Gali. Faisal Bank continues to be his employer of choice.

Shehreyar Mehmood can be found at Oracle working as marketing manager for Sage West. His colorful language vocabulary is a treat to listen to in all 'Isloo' gatherings. After commoditizing her sky diving experience in Dubai, the next agenda on **Shelina Ramzan Ali Khoja's** list is bungee jumping in Seattle. The first batch of her pictures has been uploaded on Facebook as I am writing these lines. She has been moving from department to department in the Industrial division of Alghanim during the past one year. Calm and composed **Siddique Ahmad** was last seen screaming and cheerleading at Maykan's apartment for team Barcelona in UEFA Cup 2009 final match. He now prices prepaid Jazz at Mobilink.

Sohaib Hashmi turned out to be a true Lahori acting as a great host to yours truly and Umair Butt during our trip to Dubai. Not a huge fan of clean-up, we discovered 73 empty water bottles lying unattended below his bed. He is still at Habib bank A.G. Zurich. **Suresh Shrestha** is working for the Department of Transport Management under the Ministry of Labor and Transport Management Nepal. Both of his daughters have started their schooling; one studying in Grade-1 at St. Mary's High School and the other enrolled in Nursery at Eurokids International. **Syed Aamir Asif** continues to work as part of the Investment Portfolio team at Mashreq Bank, overseeing the Hedge Funds Portfolio of the Bank, where he is still popularly known as "Mr. Touch-me".

Syed Ali Haider made a successful job hop in the recession stricken Dubai city where he moved from Habib Bank AG Zurich to Barclays. He is enjoying his stay in Dubai with his wife and his little daughter who is soon turning two. **Syed Ammar Yasin** switched from Telenor to enter the cheesy world of water, milk and juices at Nestle. Having declared himself as an 'IDP', he came back to Telenor where he now works in Financial Services Division and spends his time researching names for his upcoming products. Doctor joined the parents club earlier this year with the birth of his daughter.

Tahir Masood has been promoted to the position of Chilled Dairy Manager for Central Zone. He controls the Yogurt supply-line for Punjab which makes him the second most influential person after Shahbaz Sharif. **Taimur Karim** now does budgeting for KESC while controlling the electricity supply to North Karachi. He rarely makes public appearance these days due to inherent controversial nature of his job. Thanks to **Umair Mukhtar's** wife, they are enjoying the luxuries of a 'Sarkari' apartment in G7 Islamabad. He continues to inspire PTCL with his profound strategies. **Umair Shabbir Butt** is still single and insists on maintaining the status quo during recession. He hasn't left Wateen nor has Wateen left him. Juggling between corporate and consumer segments of Fiber and Fixed Network, he spends his free time gaming on his Play Station.

Unilever's two ABMs **Umer Farrukh** and **Umer Mehmood** reside together in Karachi, one looking after Energile and the other looking after Walls. Consequently, they have unlimited supply of energy drinks and ice-cream at their apartment. After a year at Citibank, **Wasif Sikander Butt** decided to head back to Lahore. He is now working with Standard Chartered Bank - Global Corporate and enjoys the long hours pretty much! He is still single but plans to rectify this status shortly. **Yashrah Masood** is still working with SOUL Collections (sister concern Service Sales Corporation) since graduation and is leaving no stone unturned to win the CEO Excellence Award for 2009. Despite her efforts to behave like a typical corporate sugar coated pill, she is recognized as the one having the loudest vocal cords.

For **Yasir Suleman Memon**, life has become quite calm and composed since his marriage last year. His busy schedule starts in the morning working at Unilever in the Modern Trade division, and continues at night involving cleaning dishes, dusting and laundry. **Zenobia Qureshi** has moved to Bahrain with her husband Arsalan and is currently waiting for her CPR; it's a resident visa status - not to be confused with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. In spite of our tiring efforts we could not get update on **Ahmad Raj, Abdul Jawwad, Hassan Ismail, Sarmad Balouch, Shuhrat** and **Zeeshan Saleem Bhutta**. We wish them good luck for their future and that they are fine and hope to

hear from them next year.

And lastly, your class note coordinator **Ahmed Shiraz Butt** vowed a New Year resolution of having 'a new job, a new babe and new weight' by the year's end. After experiencing a four months long non-stop mental torture of job insecurity, he managed to dump Wateen just-in-time and joined Telenor Pakistan as Sales Planning Executive in their Postpaid department. Consequent to his move to the land of opportunity 'Isloo' and his flirtatious nature, his family decided to hook him up for good. And as further consequent to his engagement, he has been forced to shed some pounds and has left the fast food industry for good. In short, his New Year resolution of having 'a new job, a new babe and new weight' has been achieved successfully. It would like to end this article with a quote...

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always brings your own sunshine. (Anthony J. D' Angelo)

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Hi everyone, we have finally gotten down to doing the class notes. All we can say after this exercise is: thank God for Face Book and linked in! Note: If anyone has any complaints, Ahmed is to blame since he was let loose on the document after I was done with it.

Since graduation **Haider Ali Khan** has been based in Lahore, working with Tetrapak. It has been noted that since Gibu left for Islamabad, Haider's work life has apparently become much easier. Other than that we don't really hear much from Haider but know he's around and enjoying his new Bravia. **Osama Ashfaq Butt** is currently working at Alcatel – Lucent as their Manager Sales-Enterprise Business Group. Osama and his lovely wife; Shafaq have recently been blessed with a baby daughter Momina. The past year

has also been a very eventful one for **Usman Gul** who has gotten married and blessed with a baby boy; Muhammad Ibrahim. Gulgee has finally settled down at the Imperial Electric Company, but only after breaking the hearts of many an employer in Lahore. **Muhammad Tayyab Safdar** is working with Pepsicola International as their Area Sales Manager. Tayyab recently got admission in Cambridge for an M.Phil in Development Studies. He and his wife Shan will now soon be leaving Lahore for England. Tayyab has been one of the most active members of the Lahore alumni chapter, showing up at a moments notice for any class get together.

Jibran Khurshid is working with PTC and has moved to Islamabad after spending time in Jhelum. Jibbi is going to be moving in with the Isloo boys i.e. Gibu and the boys. Rumor has it that he is going to be sharing rooms with Gibu. **Saad Asif Ali** is working in Coke as an MT for the Supply Chain. He is looking forward to getting married at the end of September. Recently he has developed a syndrome which makes him think that he is losing hair, and as a remedy he is using "Tarpeen ka Tael" to stop the apparent hair loss.

Kashif Iqbal joined the First Gulf Bank in Abu Dhabi after his graduation and is still there. He has made a couple of trips back to Pakistan. In the winters Pathan, Tayyab, Khurram and the boys went on a road trip to Murree, the details of which are not available. One of our brightest class fellows, **Nimerta Sirichand**, joined Unilever soon after graduation and is currently in Singapore on rotation. **Jamal Nasir** is working in his family business here in Lahore as expected. He also recently got married.

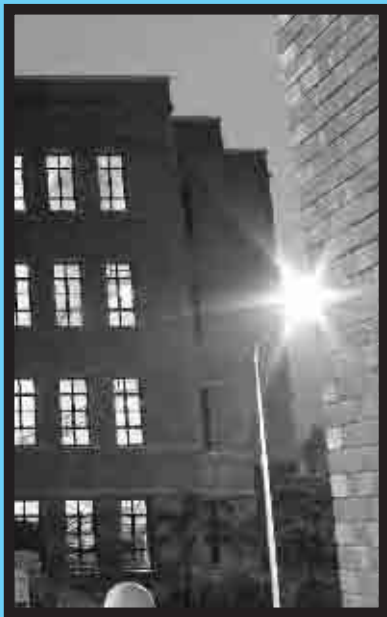
Khurram Javaid is working in Telenor in the Products and Platform Department. He is based in Islamabad. **Usman Nazir** is in Pricing in Mobilink and is currently Gibu's room mate in F-11. Prior to Mobilink, Usman worked at Emaar. **Umer Javed Hashmi** is busy expanding his family business to Lahore, the current update on "Wood-n-Style" is that the construction of the factory has begun. These days he is quite unreachable because of his busy schedule. However we are certain that he has already started building a customer base. Gibu being UJ's roommate at LUMS, has promised that he will definitely have his Jahez

made from Wood-n-style. The last we heard of **Ayesha Hamid** was that she was doing an RA'ship in LUMS. **Jahanzeb Khaliq Toor** is working in Wartsila Pakistan, as their Sales Coordinator. He got married in April and is based in Lahore with his wife Fatima.

Babar Salim is currently working in KESC as their Manager Business Strategy and Operations and is based in Karachi. **Adnan Adil** is working as a Financial Analyst at HBG Holdings in Dubai. And even though he's so far he still finds ways to motivate people to take such initiatives as writing class notes. It's been a while since we have heard from Chuchu; news from Moiz is that Chu and Fuad are having a blast in Dubai - going clubbing and painting the town red. **Ehtesham ul Haq** is currently working in Ernst and Young, Lahore as the Manager AABS, and much to every ones surprise, he is intending to switch jobs soon. **Toqueer Ahmed Butt** recently joined the Bahrain Financial Exchange and is working in Financial Product Development. He is currently enjoying his last few days in Pakistan as he will soon be joining Armaghan in Bahrain.

Javed Hussain Nayar is still working for the State Bank. **Moiz Javed Qureshi** is working in Standard Chartered Dubai as a Relationship Manager making big bucks and enjoying the good life. He makes frequent visits back to Pakistan, and meets up with us regularly. Dada is going to be heading back to Pakistan for Ramadan. **Syed Mahir Salahuddin** is working with Ericsson as their Assistant Account Manager. He is probably the only Karachi-ite left living in Lahore, with his lovely wife Shermeen. The couple tries to be very social and have recently hosted an amazing breakfast at their place. **Mian Kashif Bashir Bhatti** is with US.Denim and is their Marketing Manager, he is looking to go abroad for work in the coming months. **Ahmed Shahan Khalid** is working in Mobilink as an Assistant Manager in Pricing and Strategy. He too shares board with Gibu and the boys in Islamabad.

Armaghan Zafar had a grand wedding in Islamabad earlier this year. Most of the batch made an appearance on his almost week long function. He is currently working with Standard Chartered Bank in Bahrain. **Hassan Mahmood** recently completed his second Masters in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago. Upon coming back from the States he has resumed enjoying Lahori food and



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hosting FIFA nights at his place. **Zee-shan Mirza** and his lovely wife Nabiba recently welcomed their adorable twin girls; Abeer and Areesh into the world. Zeeshan is working with Mobilink as a Business Analyst; he has risen to the post of a team lead and has recently hired two fresh MBA's from the Batch of 2009. **Rabiya Ahmed** just recently got married to Ahmed Hassan. She has completed the management trainee programme at ENI and continues to be based in Karachi.

The first inter section marriage was that of **Ali Irfan** and Kiran Riaz. Ali has been with ICI since graduating and has recently become their Assistant Manager- Channel. **Umair ur Rehman** is working at PACRA as a Financial Analyst and is going to as well as what, whom, where, how, why be getting married after Ramadan this year. **Adnan Ahmed Dharra** is the Relationship Manager in Zong in the Corporate Sales department. He had a huge wedding function on Valentines day in Faisalabad this year. Adnan continues to live in Faisalabad with his wife Sadaf enjoying a very exciting life in Faisalabad. **Salahuddin Chaudhary** being his old enterprising self has begun his own company S.addin Design Studio. He too has gotten engaged earlier this year.

Adnan Mahmood Awan is currently working as the Regional Sales Manager in BOC. He obtained the 4th Position in the CSS exam and will be joining as a DMG in January next year. **Syed Khurram Hussain** is working in Engro Chemicals in their sales department. The update on Facebook is that he has recently gotten engaged. **Khwaja Muhammad Shoaib** is working with the Lahore Stock Exchange as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer. He got married in December last year. Sources say that **Jupiter Zheng** is still at Nestle in China. Omar Bin Ayaz is working with First Gulf Bank in Abu Dabhi. **Muhammad Mustafa** has found his calling and is enjoying working in on the Zong brand. Furthering his acting career Lucy appeared in a TV play and was also spotted in one of Zong's advertisements sipping a glass of "Chinese" water. As I am writing these class notes Lucy is trekking the northern mountains with Hassan Shahid.

Faisal Kasuri is in Canada, Halifax and

is working for American Income Life as their Agency Manager. **Gibran Ahmed** began working with Tetrapak here in Lahore after graduation. He moved to PTC after a semester and is now working there in brands. Gibran is living in Islamabad now with his family. As of graduation **Hammad Qazi** has been working with Unilever in their Marketing Department. Qazi too got married in December 2008 to Sara. The couple has recently shifted to their own place in Karachi. **Zubair Anwer** is currently working in Warid as the Assistant Manager for Prepaid Pricing and is looking to hire female executives. And as we all know, **Saad Khawaja** has moved to Dubai along with his family and is working for McKinsey.

Khurram Shahzad Samad is running a successful software house by the name of GenTeam. **Fayaz Ahmed Shaikh** is still with Barclays and is currently placed in Kenya. He is looking to go to Egypt soon. **Sadaf Shahid** has remained loyal to NetSol Technologies and is currently an Assistant Manager. She is now permanently moving to the US with the company to look after sales there. **Umair Karim Khan** is working in Karachi as the Assistant Manager at AXACT. **Salman Javaid Butt** is presently working in sales with Abacus Consulting here in Lahore. **Muhammad Umair Afzal** is working in Islamabad with Telenor in their Marketing department. He is based in Islamabad with his family.

Farhan Ahmed Sheikh is working as a Business Analyst at Confiz Pakistan here in Lahore. **Waqas Safdar** is the Project Sales Manager at Etimaad Engineering Pvt. Ltd. He got married very recently here in Lahore. **Ahmed Ali Chaudhry** is working for Wateen as the Product Manager for Internet, the lucky guy and myself got married last December and are based in Lahore.

After Nielsen, **Jalila Ahmed Ali** has now finally found work at NetSol Technologies in their Global Marketing Department and is no more enjoying the luxuries of sleeping in late! **Aamir Bhatti** is working with GWE Pakistan- a company operating in the water & energy sector- in their Project Management team. Aamir also got married and has not been seen since.

Abdul Mannan (Commander Gulzar) joined McKinsey Dubai after

graduation. His consulting assignments are strictly confidential so I have no idea of what he does there and nowadays he is enjoying a much deserved break in China. **Ahsan Malik** (Chattha) initially joined a local hypermart after graduation. However, the media industry soon became aware of his immense ability to speak and recruited him. He says "(I) Joined Makro Cash and Carry in August 2008 and within the next 10 months switched to group m - media investment management arm of WPP group. The group is a global giant in advertising as well as the media planning and buying industry. In today's cluttered media landscape and being consultants to brands communication and media strategy, this profession offers an opportunity to truly understand brand's footing, its reason for existence, as well as what, whom, where, how, why and when to communicate with the target group. Working with a small group of young, ambitious and extremely energetic professionals is a phenomenal experience :) Wishing you all Good luck and a prosperous future."

After completing MBA, **Ahsan Faiz** has gone back to the banking industry where he is leading a 9 to 9 life at Standard Chartered Bank in the Corporate Risk Department.



For those who don't have an idea, it's a combination of Financial Management / Corporate Finance / Economics class! Overtime, he has finally managed to level up his excel skills to meet the daily work requirements! **Ali Zulqarnain** (Ali Bhai) says "After graduation I had some time to do a few consultancies for an international organization and a few national firms. In March I was posted to GHQ in budget directorate which formulates and allocates the army budget - so unlike me, right? Independently I have been involved in a conference paper addressing human resource development in refugee camps of Swat and Bajaur IDPs. The paper has been accepted for presentation at an international university."

Amir Manzoor (Amir Bhai or Dr Google) is a member of the permanent faculty at Bahria University Karachi and a part-time IT consultant. He eagerly spends all his free time with his family. The wonder of wonders, the pick of the lot, the guru of all things financial, our very own **Asad**

Abbas started off as an RM at Allied Bank. Being the driven and ambitious person that he is, he soon outgrew the role and moved onto Pepsi Cola International.

Asim Hussain is looking for a good job and a good match. He has been awarded the Acumen Fund Fellowship for 2010 and will soon be starting off in New York. **Athar Mansoor** (Athar bhai) went back to his public commission post in the DMG after graduation. He has recently obtained admission into a Masters program in something like public policy or public administration from Harvard, with full funding from the government and will be starting that shortly. **Awais Umar Nawaz** says "after LUMS I rejoined ICI in Karachi. Got married lately in July 2009, had a wonderful honeymoon in Singapore and now enjoying the married life."

Bilal Khan Niazi joined First Gulf Bank after graduating. **Fahad Farooq** joined Pepsi, Shell and then finally settled on Baker Hughes.

Farid-ul-Islam Pasha is working as Global Business Development Manager at IN-TECH Process Automation Inc since May '08. Currently he is based in their Lahore office but will soon be moving to Libya. Allah blessed him with a baby boy (Noor Ul Islam Pasha) in July 2008. **Fuad-A-Tanjil Hossein** has been working in Dubai Islamic Bank, Dubai for a year now. He daily routine is as follows: wake up, rush to work, smoke cigarettes, work, rush home, download movies, watch movies, eat, sleep- repeat for best results! As for favorite pastimes, Fuad adamantly insists that there is "No clubbing" but "lots of cigar smoking". **Ghufuran Khalid's** (lala) post LUMS corporate career started off in sales at PCI. Nowadays he is recuperating from this traumatic ordeal by polishing his poker skills and occasionally going to the gym. **Gibran Ali Malik** -according to UT- "joined a retirement home after graduation and has achieved the status of best bingo player in the Lahore Region :)". More seriously, Gibran says "I joined Tetra Pak in their sales department and recently have switched to marketing. I took up horse-riding as a hobby, but after a couple of accidents decided to put this on hold. Life is good, I am well and I have a lot to be grateful for."

Haroon Rashid (Dockey) can be found either in his hometown Sahiwal or in Mobilink Islamabad's marketing department. His entrepreneurial spirit continues to pos-

sess him from time to time. **Haseeb Bin Hakim**: "Right after LUMS, I joined Pepsi Co and was lucky enough to work in my Hometown Rawalpindi. I am still with PepsiCo, trying my LUCK again to shift from their sales department to Planning. So keep your fingers crossed." In addition to this Haseeb is currently under the apprenticeship of Raza, preparing for the CFA level 1 Exam. **Hassan Shahid** (Sandy) is a happy slave at Mobilink Marketing. He says "Life so far is great both on personal and professional fronts. Red bricks are still the best thing that happened in life." His soulsearching has led him to snow covered peaks and deserts - as exemplified by his recent Naran trip with Lucy. According to him, this quest for self has also made him take up singing. "(I) miss my batchmates a lot ... LUV!"

Hira Khalid Raja joined HBG (which stands for either Haidry Brothers Group or Helping Businesses Grow) in Dubai after LUMS. She was there till her marriage to Omar Aziz. Nowadays she is also preparing to clear the CFA level 1 Exam.

Kabindra Shrestha (Kabby) says "After graduation I went back to my same organization called Nepal Telecommunications Authority. The post I was offered was Assistant Director which was the same post before I joined LUMS. I am thinking about starting investing in power sector and I am working on that. I got married in the month of February 2009. Everything happened so fast but I must say everything happened for good."

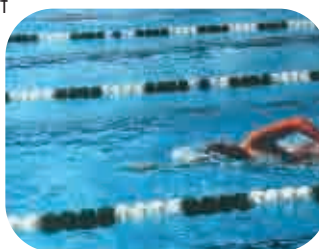
Khurram Shaikh joined First Gulf Bank after graduation and is currently offering pilgrimage at Old Trafford - UK "After Lums, I found out how wonderful I was before 2006, so since 2008 I have been trying to find out the person I was and am almost there. Before Lums, during Lums and even after Lums, United it was, United it is and United it will be, GLORY GLORY MAN UNITED. And oh yeah, I'm also happy so far and will always remain thankful to the One up above :)"

Kiran Riaz, one of the few people who truly understood Dr Farzad, has been teaching at UCL for the past year. Case in point, one of the subjects she teaches is "Managing Modern Corporations". On a more personal note, she got married to Ali Irfan a couple of months ago. **Usman Jamil** joined Pepsico International as a marketing designate and got himself promoted to brand manager for FritoLay (Pepsi's snack division) a month after joining. He can often be spotted in LUMS :)

and has joined Shapes recently in a bid to regain fitness. **Maheen Binte Shafqat** says "I've shifted back to Lahore after working for PTC for a year. I'm living life here to the fullest with my hubby and kids. Working for Descon Chemicals as their Planning, Logistics and Warehousing Manager, I'm finally getting to do some work that satisfies my self actualization needs."

Mariam Minhas: "Right after LUMS (I) joined the fast paced world of Nokia Mobiles doing something I love doing and getting paid for it...Human Resource :) Slipping into the full Karachiite mode and getting used to the tafrih Iran with a head scarf and bits n pieces of Farsi and now will be found in Dubai for the next few months. I have also given a shot to designing clothes under the banner of Needleworks during my time in Karachi. Awaiting the next exciting challenge in the world of HR" **Fahd Ashraf** "joined US Denim Mills and got married in Nov '08. After spending a year in a textile company (I) want to join lums and do an MBA again. Currently working hard to get all Paki females to wear jeans cuz they are the 51% of the population."

Muhammed Moazzam Ali (Mouzy) is in UAE working for the Al-Batha Group as an assistant manager in their group finance function. He lives in Greens-a suburb of Dubai- and has recently been blessed with a Spartan named Abdullah. Gymming and swimming are always on his mind in addition to his part time role as couple therapist.



Muhammed Umer Malik (GDP): "I've been able to withstand the torrents of financial crisis sticking to First Gulf Bank, Abu Dhabi in quite a challenging job as Forex / Derivatives advisor. Now I'm planning to expand my horizon further. Personal life has never been better. Making friends from all over the world, in fact I find my kind easier than back in Pak. And for those who experienced my parties in Lahore, they have really become famous here too. Oh and still a proud happy Bachelor!"

Murwa Bhatti graduated to become the tallest female in Zong, where she was working in Corporate Sales. On second thought, seeing as it is a Chinese company, she was probably the tallest person overall. Murwa then switched to NetSol where she oversees all client interaction/activity for Daimler. "I joined Zong and enjoyed to the fullest then shifted to NetSol and never looked back" **Mustafa Hassan Arif** (Mustah Fah - to be read in an Austin Powers sultry British accent) got married shortly after graduation and recently hosted a haqiqq for his baby daughter. Mustafa keeps himself busy managing his footwear business and an internet marketing firm. **Nabeel Husain** is back home in Islamabad, working at CPC as a Product Manager IT Solutions, and still dabbling in arts. **Omar Azeez Babar** (OzyB) is teaching various management subjects at three different institutes: UCL, FAST and BNU.

Raza Ali Zaidi (Raza Bhai) is currently working at PTC as a Finance Analyst for Supply Chain and Planning. This was preceded by a brief stint at AC Nielsen in the role of Regional Client Support for CMEA. Raza had been offered admission to Harvard MBA but he has deferred that and intends to apply for a PHD in Strategy or Social Science. Raza may be going for Hajj this year, but that is still tentative. **Saiman Ahmad** (Tweety) started off at HBL, left it the first chance he got due to interest issues and moved to Constellation CK as a market analyst. Tweety went from single to engaged to married in record time and now no longer dresses as an uncle. **Shehryar Zafar's** (Sheri Bhai) career started off at Nestle Supply Chain but then morphed to Corporate Sales in Zong.

Shehzad Valliani (Valliani) has been working at UBL for a little over a year now. He started off in Auto Finance and is now in Commercial Assets. Valliani also actively participates in community service. He is a volunteer, part-time teacher and head of an MIS department. **Tayyab Gandhi** is championing the cause of Seth culture through his many businesses. Tayyab has also recently tied the knot. **Umar Tariq** (UT) is working for Pakistan Tobacco Company as an Audit Manager. He has been enjoying a lot of, and I say this with a pinch of salt, business class travel and he thanks all the smokers for their contribution. He was

previously working for HBG Holdings in Dubai and after taking the Private Equity Fund to the brink of failure he left and joined PTC. The Fund is now recovering. When asked how his last year was, he responded "It had ups and downs but it was my friends (from MBA 08) without whom I wouldn't have survived."

Umer Hiyat has been fairly busy travelling, with visits to China, Thailand and more recently Naran. He is employed at Netsol and frequents the gym in his free time. **Usman Ahmed Bhatti** is now settled in Islamabad with his family. He rejoined Telenor after LUMS and is currently working on their branchless banking project - coming soon to a mobile near you! **Usman Dastagir** (DG) says "I am currently working in Telenor in their pricing department and doing pretty well." **Usman Javed** (UJ) states he "Joined Zong after graduation, soon realized Value-added-Service (VAS) was anything but 'me'...jumped over to PTC after a month, these days (am) shooting 'Living-in -the-Wild' for NAT GEO in DGK :) and also performing my duties as an area manager." I would like to quote **Usman Khalid** (Producer) as having said "I have been travelling the world", "have taken trainings to become a global business leader" and "work at the world's most ethical company". Producer works at Monsanto - the proud makers of Posilac- in their marketing department. He also got married a couple of months ago.



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