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**Y. Serhan Arcan, '97**, is an auditor with Cooper's & Lybrand and has performed consulting services for the Chicago Stock Exchange. He has also dealt with the overall efficiency and effectiveness of their operations. Such experiences are preparing him well for a possible MBA at the University of Chicago.

**Michael Cornstubble, '97**, is currently living in Chicago, Illinois, where he is working for Eli Lilly and Co. He is employed as a sales representative for the U.S. Affiliate of this pharmaceutical company.

**Dimitrios Dadakas, '97**, is working on his Master's degree and applying for a Ph.D. program. He is doing research for his thesis on the effects of El Niño on U.S. agriculture. He is also working on his assistantship, studying the effectiveness of consumption advisors in Tennessee.

**Michael T. Gentile, '97**, recently completed an internship at the Ritz Carlton in Los Angeles and is currently employed as a research assistant/administrator for PaineWebber Group in Northbrook. He plans on pursuing his M.A. in economics at UC-Santa Barbara.

**Brett Roush, '97**, is currently working for the Trustmark Insurance Company in Lake Forest, Illinois. He is in the process of taking numerous actuarial exams in order to fulfill his duties as an Actuarial Associate.

**Gwen Alexander, '96**, has been at the University of Maryland, College Park, since graduation. She started working as a teaching assistant for a large introductory macroeconomics class during the fall semester. This spring, she has moved on to teach two sections of International Economics by herself.

**Faizal Chaudhury, '96**, started his new job in November '97 with Ernst & Young as an auditor in their Real Estate Group in Chicago. He audits real estate investment trusts (REITS), which are a type of

mutual fund for real estate investors. He has tentative plans to pursue his MBA in a few years.

**Dan Scholz, '95**, is finishing his undergraduate engineering degree in System Science and Mathematics with his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis. After graduation, he will be working for NISA Investment Advisors, a multi-billion dollar investment firm owned by two Washington University finance professors.

**Paul Davies, '92**, recently moved to Fairfax, Virginia, so he could start his new job with the Social Security Administration in Washington, DC. He does policy evaluation research in the Division of Policy Evaluation, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics. He recently had an article published in the December 1997 issue of the *Journal of Economic Development*.

**Michelle (Kennedy) Daniels, '89**, is working at Education for Global Investment in Chicago as Director of Special Projects. This is a not-for-profit business involved with global education for Chicago's public schools.

**Alex Daniels, '88**, is currently attending Loyola University-Chicago for his Ph.D in philosophy. He will soon be working for the State Department as a Junior Consular Officer in the Foreign Service. He was previously a Manager of Finance for a GE engineering services business and earned his MA from San Francisco State.

## Where Do We Go From Here? Advice From A Graduate

*Julie Waryjas*

In today's market, the issues of agricultural production and growth are taking on even more importance. The need for economists with the ability to predict and interpret trends in agricultural economics is on the rise. Jeff Blend ('93) is just one economist who has chosen to rise to the challenges associated