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Whether we will continue to move in the direction of economic freedom, or whether global development will create a backlash that will push us back a step or two. Economic freedom, and its sibling, political freedom, are hard to contain when they are unleashed, so I am optimistic. Domestically, I am concerned that the newly Democratic Congress will succeed in passing legislation that hurts our economy, but I am optimistic that gridlock will prevail.

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Y. Serhan Arcan, '97, worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Corporate Finance and Recovery Services group as an Assistant Manager specializing in valuation advisory and M&A deals. He has completed his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) qualification. Serhan is currently continuing his work at PwC as an Associate Director in Corporate Finance in Dublin, Ireland.

Lisa Birr, '01, worked as a pricing analyst for Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois. In 2006 she started work for the Global Mining Division as a Commercial Consultant where she administers the company's largest rebate program directed towards the world's largest mining companies. She and her husband, Andy Rader ('01), expect their first child in November, 2006.

Kory Blumer, '03, is working in Transaction Advisory Services for Ernst & Young in Chicago.

Susan Brown Lanter, '96, worked for Philip Environmental, Inc. after graduation, and earned an MBA from Southern Illinois University--Edwardsville. She is now a senior analyst with Ameren Services. She leads web development projects, oversees work of junior developers, and designs, codes, and tests web-based applications. She and her husband, Matt, have two daughters,

Abby, born in May 2002 and Molly, born in July 2006.

Faizal Chaudhury, '96, manages the Internal Audit Department at Stepan Company, a global specialty chemicals maker based in Northfield, Illinois. He is also responsible for leading the Company's ongoing Sarbanes-Oxley compliance efforts. Mr. Faizal and his wife have a son, born in September 2005.

Jamie Davenport, '03, worked as a loan specialist with the Rural Utilities Service at the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. She currently works as an analyst for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund at the U.S. Treasury Department.

Paul Davies, '92, works at the Social Security Administration in Washington, DC. He is the Director of the Division of Policy Evaluation in the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics. His division is responsible for conducting research and policy evaluation on the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs. Much of the research focuses on program eligibility, program participation, economic well-being, and the distributional effects of Social Security programs and policies.

Paul earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado in 1996.

Justin Etnyre, '99, works for Discover Financial Services as a Project Manager for the Recovery Department of Cardmember Assistance. He has been with Discover since March 2004 doing analytics and modeling. Justin completed his MBA from Roosevelt University with a concentration in MIS in the Summer of 2003. Prior to Discover, Justin held positions at Household International (now HSBC) and Krumm and Associates (now Analytic Innovations).

Adam Gray, '06, is a Service and J2EE Analyst at the Data and Information Strategies Area at State Farm, Bloomington. He married Laura Kelly ('06) in the fall of 2006.

Jaclyn Hood, '99, worked as a business analyst for Hewitt Associates for a number of years before leaving to join Milliman, an actuarial consulting firm, as an Implementation Analyst in the Employment Benefits practice. She is currently a Project Manager for Fidelity Investments in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Keith Ihlanfeldt, '72, earned his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1978. Keith has published widely on urban and regional issues, and he has served on the editorial boards of several economic and public policy journals. After many years on the faculty at Georgia State, he moved in 2000 to Florida State University, where he is the DeVoe Moore Professor of Economics. Keith came back to IWU in spring 2000 to give our Omicron Delta Epsilon address. He is currently DeVoe Moore Eminent Scholar and Director of the DeVoe Moore Center at Florida State University.

Richard Koenig, '89, earned a Master of Urban Planning in 1991 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is currently working on

a PhD in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University and is Executive Director of Housing Opportunity Development Corporation, a non-profit organization promoting affordable housing in Chicago's northern suburbs.

Justin Leverton, '02 is a lawyer in Indianapolis with the law firm Stewart & Irwin, P.C. Mr. Leverton's main practice areas are Merger & Acquisitions and general commercial litigation. He graduated from Indiana University School of Law summa cum laude in May 2005. He is also the Chief Financial Officer of his investment company, RJR Capital Management LLC.

Bryan McCannon, '98, finished his Ph.D. in Economics at Pennsylvania State University where he has specialized in industrial organization and game theory. In Fall 2003 he became an Assistant Professor of Economics at Elmira College. He does research on product quality, trade embargoes, voting theory, and plant physiology. In 2006 he was voted Faculty Member of the Year by students at the college.

Matthew Melick, '03, worked as a substitute teacher after graduation. He planned to travel to Costa Rica for a month in February and to Europe for another two months beginning in June. Matt is in his third year of law school at Indiana University, set to graduate in May 2007.

Amber Munday, '01, has worked as an Office Manager at Microsoft Corporation since graduation. She is currently attending law school at the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law.

Rahim Quazi, '92, pursued graduate studies in Economics at Southern Illinois University until 1993, when he transferred to the Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also spent one year as a visiting lecturer for North South University in

Bangladesh during the course of his graduate work. He completed his Ph.D. in 1999. Rahim was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Knox College (1999-2000) and the University of Georgia (2000-2002). He has been Assistant Professor of Economics at Prairie View A&M University of Texas since 2002. In 2006 he received tenure at PVAMUT where he also serves as the Director for the Center of International Business Education.

Pat Spangler, '03, graduated with high honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law in May 2005. He works as an Associate for Vedder, Price, Kaufman, and Kammholz in Chicago. Pat specializes in the areas of employment litigation and employee benefits.

Jennifer Van Dyke, '99, is a manager with BearingPoint where she specializes in healthcare revenue management consulting. In 2005 she

obtained her Masters in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She currently lives in Chicago.

Yuet Wei Wan, '93, worked for Goldman Sachs for a number of years. She then took a position as a Vice President at Oaktree Capital Management in New York. Her position involved the emerging markets hedge, and she was responsible for the metals and mining, paper and steel sectors. Yuet is currently a Portfolio Manager with Caxton Associates. She manages a global, emerging markets focused, long short equities portfolio.

James Yonker, '02, is a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed in Oak Brook, IL. James has his Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS) certificate and is working towards his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certificate. He and his wife Lindsay have two sons, Jakob and Lucas.

The Class of 2007

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Angela Agati

Angela is from Chicago, IL and is double majoring in Economics and Business with a concentration in Marketing. She spent some of her time outside the classroom as a member of Sigma Kappa and working for the Career Center, where she is now the Internship Peer. Her favorite class taken here at IWU was Ceramics, followed closely by Race, Gender, and Discrimination taught by Professor Seeborg. After graduation she will be working for Protivi as a Business Risk Consultant in Chicago. In the future, she plans to get her MBA and eventually take over her father's furniture design company with her brother.

Ben Burry

Ben, from Trumbull, CT, is an Economics major who will be attending the University of Chicago Law School next year. Naturally, his favorite class on campus was Business 340: The Trial Class. He also enjoyed Senior Project with Professor Seeborg and working on his honors research project with Professor Chapman. Ben is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity, the Park Place Economist staff, Titan Law Club, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and Phi Alpha Theta. Down the road, he would like to "own a large jungle cat" and live in San Diego, CA.

Ian Cohen

Ian is from Lake Zurich, IL and is majoring in Economics with a minor in Political Science.