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*By Dieter Haager*

**Dave Antolik, '97**, recently moved to London, UK, from New York City and is working in the Leveraged Finance Group at DLJ, a US investment bank. His plans for the future include, "I think I'll quit on June 30 at exactly 5:30 p.m. Greenwich Daylight Time! After that it is still a little cloudy... I am leaning towards taking some time to travel."

**Melissa Arms, '99**, is a management consultant for Ernst and Young LLP in St. Louis, Missouri. She is currently planning a vacation to Maccu Piccu. "As soon as I know [anything exciting], I'll let you know..."

**Peter Berg, '83**, is an assistant professor at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. He recently co-authored a book entitled *Manufacturing Advantage: Why High Performance Work Systems Payoff*. He also recently edited *Creating Competitive Capacity: Labor Market Institutions and Workplace Practices in the United States and Germany*, which will be published in April, 2000. He is married and has two children: Stefan (8) and Emma (5).

**Jesse Boyle, '96**, is one of three team developers at Tenneco Packaging Co., Inc.

**Jaynanne Callaway, '99**, is working on her Master of Human Resources & Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This summer, she will be working for Solutia, Inc. at the headquarters in St. Louis. Solutia is an 18-month-old spin-off of Monsanto; they were the chemical arm of Monsanto. She will be working on their recent merger with German-based Vianova. She'll be working on how to integrate the two very different company cultures. Jaynanne will also be creating a leadership manual for the company, as well as formal leadership training programs for new

managers and will spend two weeks at one of their plant sites, working on some employee relations' issues. If that were not enough, she added, "And, on the side, I'll be doing some university recruiting!" Jaynanne will graduate in December 2000 and is "fairly confident that [she'll] end up doing a Ph.D. within the next 5 years."

**Faizal Chaudhury, '96**, is a senior auditor with Ernst & Young LLP in Chicago, Illinois. He passed the CPA examination last year and is a Board Member at Oak Park Festival Theatre, a not-for-profit professional outdoor theater organization based in Oak Park, Illinois.

**Dimitrios Dadakas, '97**, is currently in his second semester of a Ph.D. Program in agricultural and environmental economics at North Carolina State University. Last year he completed his masters in agricultural economics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

**Paul Halley, '94**, graduated with an MBA from Vanderbilt in 1996. He then went to work for SAP America as an ERP business software consultant. He is now an SEM/Balanced Scorecard Consultant working out of SAP America's Chicago office. Paul is currently in Walldorf, Germany, for several weeks, helping to develop SAP's Strategic Enterprise Management software module. He and his wife, Diana (Johnson '94), built their first home in Plainfield, Illinois, in August of 1999.

**Diana Imaka, '96**, is currently in London, UK pursuing her MBA degree specializing in international business and strategy at the City University Business School.

**Risa Kumazawa, '94**, is still a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas at Austin. She plans on completing her degree either this December or by

May 2001. Her fields are labor economics, econometrics, and monetary theory.

**Bryan C. McCannon, '98**, is working on his Ph.D. in Economics at Pennsylvania State University. He recently took his candidacy exams over Christmas Break (1999). He has just started fieldwork and is studying Game Theory and Industrial Organization, specifically mechanism design and strategic interaction between firms. He will remain at Penn State studying for the next three years.

**Matt Mikulcik, '97**, started a new job in August as a Statistician at Experian in Schaumburg, Illinois. He is also back at school on a part-time basis and is enrolled in the MS in Applied Statistics program at DePaul University.

**Kara Rocheleau, '95**, recently got her MBA at Dartmouth College. She is currently working for General Mills as an assistant marketing manager, working specifically on new products in the 'Big G' cereal division.

**Brett Roush, '97**, is living in Palatine, Illinois, and is an actuarial assistant at Trustmark Insurance Company in Lake Forest, Illinois. Recent exciting events include "making it through annual statement work without perishing; reading a really good book

called River God, and celebrating Christmas in our house (with a fireplace) instead of in a rented dwelling. (Ok, I admit it's largely the bank's house but it's still an improvement over renting!)" Brett plans to do some traveling soon, "rather than putting off neat vacations until retirement." He also plans to continue working on his world coin collection.

**Ossi Saarinen, '94**, received an MBA from Purdue University in 1997. He is currently a Product Manager at United Technologies-Carrier Corporation.

**Ming Sun Wan, '96**, is currently working for the largest listed Singapore broker, Vickers Ballas (USA) Inc., based in New York City. He is living and working in New York City.

**Gnanika (Suriarachchi) Wijyaratne, '94**, is currently in College Station, Texas, attending graduate school at Texas A&M University. She will be graduating with an MS in Educational Human Resource Development in May 2000, and an MS in Human Resource Management in May 2001. Gnanika also recently got married in July 1998. She stated, "Not much else to report here... I'm just looking forward to finishing up school in the near future."