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the publication remains a paramount characteristic. Both the founding staff and faculty recall the tremendous gratification of holding the first journal issue hot off the press. The staff continues to take pride in the journal each year. Considering student enthusiasm, pride, satisfaction, and desire, the *Park Place Economist* will continue to be an integral component of the Economics department and Illinois Wesleyan University.

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Pritam Banerjee, '01

Pritam is currently pursuing a masters in economics and diplomacy at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, at the Center for Studies in Diplomacy, International Law and Economics (CSDILE). Pritam is on track to graduate in May 2003. Pritam would like to ask if America could please get out of recession so the 3rd worlders can sell them stuff they don't need so they can finally get out of recession. Pritam has some advice for all economics majors that are planning on attending grad school; "Pay good attention to Dr. Leekley's econometrics class and try and do a research project."

Lisa Birr, '01

Lisa is a Pricing Analyst for Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria, Illinois. She develops formulas and strategies that she uses to determine how Caterpillar prices the parts that go on Cat machines.

Julie Dusek, '01

Julie is currently working at Andersen in the International Tax Department. She hopes things are going well with the *Park Place Economist* this year. After working on it for the past three years, she can't wait to see this year's edition.

Justin Etnyre, '99

Justin is currently working as a Business Information Analyst in the Marketing department of the Consumer Lending Division of Household International. His job involves data management using SAS, OLAP cubes

and other technology to provide services for the Marketing users. Justin started at Household in October 2001.

Patrick Holly, '99

Patrick is currently a Quality Assurance Manager at Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Hewitt Associates is the largest Human Resources Consulting and Technology firm in the United States. He currently lives in Bloomingdale, IL with his wife, Theresa (also an IWU alum). In terms of advice, Patrick wants all economics majors to learn the concept of opportunity costs (and any related aspects) well. He says students will be amazed by how far that kind of knowledge can take them in 'the real world'. The most analytical and reliable people he works with were either economics majors or minors who apply those concepts to their work successfully.

Kristopher H. Kaneta, '00

Kristopher is currently the Manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Palatine, IL. He advises everyone to pick up research Honors in economics. His economics research helped him become more resourceful and thorough in his research and day to day analytical activities.

Esteban Lizano, '01

Esteban is currently working for Merrill Lynch/Howard Johnson doing pension plan management and consulting. He passed course 1 of the Society of Actuaries Exam last November and will be pursuing the actuarial route alongside pension consulting for Merrill Lynch. His advice: remain flexible, experiences are what you make of them and everything can be of use in the future. Remember to enjoy the journey.

Bryan C. McCannon, '98

Bryan is currently in his fourth year working toward a Ph.D. in Economics at Penn State University researching product quality choices by firms and labor raiding.

Guerric Russell, '97

Guerric is a maritime attorney at a mid-sized law firm located in downtown Manhattan, four blocks from the World Trade Center. He is admitted to practice in both New York and New Jersey State and federal district courts. Guerric's experiences on September

11 were memorable. He wrote an article for the winter edition of the Illinois Wesleyan Magazine depicting an eyewitness' account of the day's events. If he learned one thing since then, it's to enjoy everyday, including your job, which as a lawyer ends up being a significant part of your day, and make the best of what you have...you never know what's going to happen tomorrow. If any current students or alumni are interested in law school, the field of maritime law, or moving to New York he welcomes their emails.

Jennifer Van Dyke, '99

Jennifer is working for Andersen as a Healthcare Consultant. Her focus in healthcare is in revenue management. For the first time since she started with the firm two and a half years ago, she is living and working in the same city - Chicago.

The Class of 2002

Jamie Davenport

Greg Adamo is an economics and political science double major from Palos Park, IL. He will attend law school following graduation.

Timofey Checkhoyev, from Moscow, Russia, is an economics and managerial accounting double major. He will attend graduate school, specializing in international taxation, before taking the CPA exam. Following graduation, he will spend the summer traveling in Russia, France, and Italy.

Amy Cline is an economics major with minors in environmental studies and French. After graduation she will be attending law school, specializing in environmental law. Her senior project was titled "The Effect of Prices on Oil Demand in the Transportation and Residential Sectors."

Megan DeSerf is an economics and business double major from Dalzell, IL. Megan is currently looking for a marketing/sales job on the East Coast.

Marty Gardner is an economics and Spanish double major from Des Plaines, IL. He will be working at MB Financial Bank after graduation as a branch

manager trainee. His senior project tried to predict the stock market.

Andrew Giordano is an economics and business administration double major from Willow Springs, IL. After graduation he plans to work for Chubb Insurance as a Property, Machine, and Marine Underwriter. His most memorable movie night at Dr. Seeborg's house.

Katie Hampson, from Gurnee, IL, is an economics major with a minor in business administration. She will be working for Household International in Prospect Heights, IL as a Credit Risk Analyst. Her research honors project measured demand curves for marijuana, cocaine, and heroin to see if there are different patterns of demand between them. She will most remember the long hours she spent on her Econometrics final and beating the Accounting Society at bowling-twice!

Dale Hauser, from Plainsfield, IL, is an economics and international studies double major with a minor in psychology. His future plans include teaching English in Japan for a few years, getting married, and going to law school.

Katia Hristova is an economics and computer science double major from Bulgaria. She will attend SUNY Stony Brook in the fall to pursue a Ph.D. in computer science.

David Janashvili is an economics major from Russia. He is currently looking for a job and applying to business schools.

Mihir Khilnani is an economics and public accounting double major from Bombay, India. After graduation, Mihir will be working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Assurance and Business Advisory Services division. He plans to get his CPA and maybe attend law school further down the road.

Sam Kwainoe, from Accra, Ghana, is an economics major and business minor. Sam is currently living in the Chicago area working as a financial analyst at Siemens Building Technologies.

Justin Leverton is an economics and public accounting double major from Bloomington, IL. His