

BY SURAJ SRINIVASAN & ALL THE BATCH REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTED CLASS NOTES (BY ENTERING YEAR)

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1971

R.K.Kaul 71EO3005 BE(Hons) EEE, Passed out 1976. Was Tennis champion for 3 years at Pilani. Runs a company called DSCL that has been named the best Energy Services Company two years in a row by the Petroleum Conservation and Research association(PCRA). He has given the proposal to BITS Pilani, which could save upto Rs. 1 crore a year RK worked for many years at Shriram Rayons and was heading the Power Plant, Electrical Dept. and Instruments Dept. in addition to charge of Internatuional Quality systems . In 2000 he joined another unit of Shriram Group called DSCL Energy Services and is now providing Consultancy services to Industries , Commercial establishments like hotels, hospitals, buildings etc. he can be contacted at rkkaul@dscl.com

1978

Sunil Arora (75-80 Chemical) was promoted to the position of Head of HR for Lifetree Convergence Ltd. in April 2004. Lifetree Convergence is a Software Product and Solutions company in the

areas of Billing and Messaging. Its messaging suite runs the largest messaging platform 8888 of India.com and also that of Reliance Infocomm. Lifetree's customers are located in is headquartered in New Delhi and Development center at Bangalore, India besides offices at Hongkong, Johannesburg and Dubai. He can be contacted at sunil@lifetreeindia.com

1978

Dr Nilay Yagnik. In April 2004 , I have successfully defended my Ph.D. dissertation and I have qualified for the award of the Ph.D. degree in Management Studies from the University of Mumbai through the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies. My Ph.D. work is in the area of Information Technology for Rural India. In February 2004 , I presented a paper "Digital Libraries to Bridge the Digital Divide" at the International Conference on Digital Libraries , inaugurated by the President of India Dr.Kalam at the Vigyan Bhavan , New Delhi. My paper has been published , after a worldwide refereed process Dr.Nilay Yajnik BITS Pilani Class of 83 (78-83) Currently:Associate Professor (Information

Systems),NMIMS,Mumbai India
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1983

K. Sai Sankar 83A6PS346 was named Director of Operational Analysis of The Dallas Morning News in July 2003. Prior to that he had served in executive positions at American Airlines from January 1995 in Finance and Customer Service, where he was last the Managing Director and Controller of Field Services responsible for the finance function of over 120 airports across the U.S, Canada, Mexico, and Caribbean. Sai served as President of the DFW Chapter of INFORMS, a society for operations research professionals. He published three books and numerous technical papers. As an adjunct faculty member of the School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas, he taught undergraduate and MBA evening classes in production management and operations research from 1995. In 2002, he was listed in the Who's Who in America for his contributions as an educator and airline executive. Sai graduated from St. Joseph's Junior College, India in 1983 with an Intermediate certificate in Science. He attended the Birla Institute of Technology and Science at Pilani, India where he received a Masters degree in Management in 1987 and a Masters degree in

Engineering in 1988. In 1992, he received a Masters degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. Two years later, he was awarded a Doctorate from

the same university for his work in the development and application of operations research techniques to solve business problems. Sai and his wife, Raji Kolli, have two children: Vivek and Divya. He can be reached at ykolli@comcast.net

1986

Chandna Sethi completed her MSc Tech Science & Technology from BITS. After BITS, she spent 2 yrs at ICIM India, 2 yrs at SPJIMR in Mumbai for an MBA, and then 3 years at Titan Industries. In 1997, she moved to Hong Kong and since 1999 I she have been living in the south of France. She does occasional freelance business consulting but mainly she is a full-time mother. Email her at chandna_sethi@hotmail.com

1989

Raghavendra Chinchalli (89A3PS116) Much to my chagrin I was known at BITS (1989-93) as Eli. Currently, I am a Technical Analyst with an insurance brokerage firm in mid-town Manhattan. I have been in the US since 1996 working chiefly in the data warehousing and business intelligence realm. I have been happily married to Charumathi,

an Managing Assistant Director (Internal Audit) at Kean University, since June 2000.

Anirban Deb. After working many years programming internet applications, I quit and decided to follow my dream of learning computer graphics. I wanted to learn this since I saw the Titanic. I am still a photographer-but now my computer is my camera. I have completed my MS from George Washington University in DC. My only other hobbies these days are Salsa dancing and all things Hispanic. Recently moved to India and currently with Oracle in Bangalore

Anand Thyagarajan (89C5PS779) After Pilani, off to NJ to study economics. Dropped out and worked for a finance company in NYC. Then back to Mumbai for a couple of years before doing an MBA in London. Currently work for a bank in London. Email anand_tan@yahoo.com and my ph number, including country code, is 0044-7771-685-487

S. Padmanabhan I am currently working as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Texas Tech University (<http://www.math.ttu.edu/~padhu>). I greatly enjoy teaching and doing research. I work in the area numerical analysis and computational biomechanics. My research is funded by the

National Science Foundation. I got married in January 1998. My wife, Revathy is also employed at Texas Tech University as a server administrator. We have a two-year old daughter, Pradyuta who constantly keeps us on our toes.

Spent years in the UK due to Anand's **Vidhya Raman** vidhya@mahindrabt.com, 89B2A1542. I joined ICIM, Pune after BITS and married Anand in '95. Spent around job while I was contracting with BT and NTL. Have two lovely boys, Srivatsan & Saketan who are now 5 and 4 respectively. Back in Pune now - Anand is with IDEA cellular and me contracting part-time with MBT. While I'm not busy with the family, I

Vikrant Kobla vkobla@hotmail.com Graduated with a PhD in CS in Mar 2000. From that time onwards, been a director for a start-up company in the Washington, DC area developing next generation digital video analysis systems. Doing well for now, and are growing. Married with 1 son, Vishal, and another baby in the assembly line ready to roll out in June.

Laxminarayan "Lux" Chakrapani (89B2A1...) After 4 years on campus, and PS-2 assignments in American Express and Neyveli Lignite Corp, worked for Thermax and a small company called Megavisa until 1998 in Marketing and Business Development. 1998-2000 was spent getting an MBA

AlliedSignal) in various locations, in Business Development and I.T. Current role involves project management and financial planning & controls for the I.T function. Married to Jayanthi and have a 10 month old son, Vivek. Live in northern New Jersey. Contact email: narenchakrapani@yahoo.com

1995

Manik Pullagurta (95A5) recently completed his PhD from VCU and joined UGA for Post Doc Research. He has received the Lowenthal award in 2003 for excellence in the research of genetically based neurological diseases, the J.D. Smith Award in 2004 for being the Outstanding Graduate Student of Medicinal Chemistry



love gardening. Newly acquired hobby: B.A. in astrology (ongoing).

from the Univ. of Maryland (College Park). Been working for Honeywell since 1999 (then

and the Deans award in 2004 for excellence in graduate study, research and service ! .