

PARTYIN' AROUND THE WORLD

Coming soon: BITSAA Events in London, Sydney, Los Angeles/Southern California, Atlanta and Chicago. Check www.bitsaa.org for details

2003

April 5, Dubai: The active 40-strong chapter organized a small picnic for BITSians and their families.

March 22, San Francisco: Silicon Valley chapter annual event held with 200 guests at the Marriott Santa Clara. The focus was on dinner, dancing and BITSConnect. The theme was Giving back to BITS. With a play/skit by BITSians about marrying a BITSian, Mr. & Ms. India - San Francisco dancing and singing for everyone's entertainment, and a mime that reflected on BITSian life, it was a fun-filled evening.

March 8, Mumbai: The first Mumbai chapter event was a huge success, with the BITS Director, **Vivek Paul, Rajiv Maliwal, Shashi Warriar and Dilip D'Souza**. Over 300 people showed up, with lots of media in tow. The alcohol flowed freely.

January 26, New Delhi Picnic: On a beautiful winter afternoon, a number of families got together for a picnic at **Kapil Chopra's** SKN farms off Mehrauli Road. There were lots of fun-filled events including tambola, musical chairs, drinks and of course, lunch.

January 25, Pune Dinner: The Pune chapter, with over 100 members, got together for dinner at the Officer's Institute

in the College of Military Engineering.

January 24, Hyderabad Inaugural: The Hyderabad chapter had its inaugural bash with over 250 guests, one of the largest held this year. The party was held at the Chiran Fort Club, with alcohol, music and a DJ blasting music. It was a great turnout.

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September 28, New Jersey Music Nite: After an extraordinary music nite in 2001, **Tirthankar Das** and **Rasika** came back for another electric performance. The Director came from India, and 250 guests showed up. The auction sold bats, gloves and Anna Kournikova memorabilia. The BITS movie that the Director brought with him stirred a lot of emotions. He followed it up with a great speech about BITSAA in the US and the power of the network.

September 23, Boston: Dr. S. Venkateswaran met **Dr. SP Kothari**, MIT Sloan, **Mukesh Chatter**, Axiowave and a number of BITSians. The video presentation on Pilani was a big hit.

September 14, Detroit dinner with the Diro: Dr. S. Venkateswaran, Director galvanized the first ever meeting of BITSian alums in the area organized by **Krishnaraj Inbarajan** at **Deven Kataria's** house. The drawing room was standing room only.

September 7, San Francisco lunch with the Director: Dr. S. Venkateswaran had a private meeting with senior BITSians. **Mukul Chawla** gave a presentation on BITSAA International, and the Director spoke about the needs of the institute.

September 5, Seattle meeting with the Diro: **Mythreyee Ganapathy** and **Vidur Luthra** of Microsoft organized a welcome for the Director, who was in town to meet his son, also a BITSian.

August 23, Dallas & Houston Kickoffs. Two excellent events with a total of 95 alums and guests. This was the first ever event organized by BITSian for the South Chapter. **Manoj Saxena, Preetish Nijhawan, Shailendra Sachi** and **PS Raju** spoke at the events.

July 28, New Jersey Golfing Event. As the mist lifted off the splendid greens at the High Bridge Hills Golf Club in NJ, 28 BITSians and guests teed off at the first ever BITS East Coast golf outing. After an excellent breakfast of bagels and coffee, eager golfers grabbed their lunch boxes, jumped into their golf carts and headed over to play this gorgeous but challenging, par 71 course. The outing was sponsored by Radiant System's CEO, **Venu Myneni**, a spouse of a BITSian and a strong supporter of BITS

BITSians came from all batches - 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. It was an excellent mix of CEOs, technologists, venture capitalists, bankers, consultants and corporate executives. Beer, laughter and conversation flowed freely during the game,

and after the event was over, the cocktail platters were devoured by a hungry group of golfers.

The tournament was won by **Ravi Mehra ('67)** with a splendid score of 82, twelve strokes ahead of **Rajen Tibrewala ('65)** and **Ara Pararajasingham** who managed to complete the round in 94 strokes.

March 16, Silicon Valley Annual Event: The third Silicon Valley Annual Event was held on , March 16 at the Santa Clara Marriott. It was the largest event yet with 250 guests.

June 29, 2002, Boston Kickoff: This event was a great success with over 35 BITSians (not including their spouses and children) from batches ranging from 1966 - 1997 attending it. The event also featured talks by eminent BITSians entrepreneurs including **Prashant Rao** (CEO and President of Reflexis, Inc.) and **Satish Tadikonda** (Founder and principal of Tribiosys, Inc.) **Anupendra Sharma** (of BITSAA International) informed the audience about BITSAA International's upcoming events and roadmap. The party topped off with an excellent informal quiz conducted by **Srikanth Babu ('92-97)**, and the team sold over 20 BITSAA T-shirts too.

January 5, 2002, Bangalore Kickoff Event: Event organized by **Subodh Mittal** and **Anant Kansal** at the Eden Park restaurant.!

BITSians doing what they do best, at alumni events around the world...having a party !!!



Acoustic guitar and vocals !



Drum solo !!



Heavy metal BITS style!!!