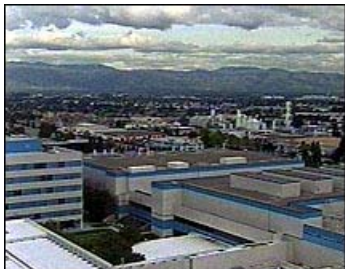


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UPCOMING EVENTS



WEST COAST

April 9, 2005, BITSAA Annual Reunion and Music Nite 2005

It's the time of the year again when BITSians, spouses and friends get together for the biggest (and best) Alumni party in the Bay Area! We are delighted to announce the Annual Reunion and Music Nite 2005. To encourage BITSian spouses to actively participate in BITSAA events, we have planned a 'BITS-style Music Nite' that would feature the bay area band "EasternWinds" alongwith BITSians and BITSian spouses performing live on stage.

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SINGAPORE

April 15, 2005, Quarterly Get Together Series

Continuing the successful and the now famous Feb 18th Get-together (see below) and spurred on by the good time had by all, BITSAA Singapore is proud to announce the next event in our *Quarterly Get Together* series.

Drinks, food, nostalgia and lots of fun, fun, fun! Also, as an additional benefit, meet some of the Greatest Bits Alumni who've lives in Singapore.

Venue: Harry's Bar at boat quay

Cost: SGD 300 per head.

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PAST EVENTS



SINGAPORE

February 18, 2005, Singapore

After a long gap, we finally managed to organize a get together of the Singapore Chapter members, Thanks to the initiative taken by Kanags of the '93 batch. We had a very informal get together at one of the Arabic theme pubs in the CBD. For a change, I was there on time and I found two other members to start with... Since I had Kanags mobile handy it wasn't difficult for me to locate him in that crowded pub (Friday evening 6.30, you can imagine!). Finding the rest of them was a challenge to start with and then became a fun game as it went along. We took turns and went to every Indian who was there in

and around the pub (who had a lost look in his face) and asked him if he was a BITSian. We managed to pull some of them to our gang and got an emphatic 'No!' from many of them.

It was a gathering with huge range (from Class of '78 to Class of '2003). There were about 25 of us and we had good fun. Lots of drinks and good natured ragging from the seniors were all a part of the festivities.

We also vowed to bring vigor back into the BITSAA Singapore Chapter and unanimously nominated Kanags as the "President" and Rajesh as the "Secretary" of the new look team. Seniors like Srinivasa Rao, Srikumar, Guru and Venkat Suri shall be the Patrons in Chief.

- Rajesh Krishnan.

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NAGPUR

April 9, 2005, BITSAA Annual Reunion and Music Nite 2005

The 2nd outing of the BITSAA Nagpur was a roaring event - complete with dance, songs and boy, was everyone high spirited at this event!

We all began the evening at 4 from Poonam Chambers, minus Akbar who decided it was better to *ghot* for his forthcoming exams. We were welcomed in the traditional Maharashtrian style, complete with *haldikumkum*, and *nagaras* which was followed by sumptuous curried *poha*. Then, we all settled down for some delicious *antakshari*, with Neelam bravely conducting the programme. We perhaps had never thought about words such as "*pyaar, aanke*" with as much vigor any other day!

The *matki* phodana which saw people loose their bearings - "*jaate the japan, pahoonch gaye cheen, samjh gaye na..*" - the boisterous musical chairs and the scintillating dance numbers - the quiz given by Mridulaji - the fortune telling - and the soulful *aarti* - complete with a Mehendi wali, and a giant jigsaw puzzle, it was an evening with multiple dimensions. I tried bringing some sobriety in the crowd and discussed how we could work together better, or with the worldwide BITSAA also. I was surprised that several people were sober enough to listen, and at least I got a few discussions going. We hope to all become



Linked In members with the BITSAA flag firmly tied around our necks and waists :)

Folks who missed it – wish you hadn't, and folks who were there, thanks for being such great company! Folks who had cameras and stuff, please, please oblige by putting them up on the groups album location.

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NAGPUR
 December 15, 2004, Lunch,
 Anyone?

Members of the Nagpur chapter played host to Chandra Bhopale (BITS '77) during Chandra's trip late last year. The group discussed the role of the alumni association in promoting a stronger BITSian community and exchanged ideas on how to further enhance its efficacy towards this goal. Chandra also shared his professional experiences garnered over a twenty year career.

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Is the BITS Alumni Network working for you?

Vikram Sampath ('97 Math EEE)



I am on the alumni advisory board of the Spicmacay chapter in BITS and a while back we were facing a financial crisis. I then decided to leverage the BITS Pilani alumni network for help. I contacted Anupendra Sharma at BITSAA who readily agreed to help and Sandpaper's recent issue carried an article on Spicmacay and also broadcast an appeal to alumni to help and/or create a corpus fund.

I received a list of contacts in the marketing departments of airlines and in this way leads to sponsorship were acquired. Sahara Airlines sent me an email approving the sponsorship of the tickets we had asked for! We are really grateful for all the help we've received from the BITS alumni community and look forward to their continued support. This would not have been possible without the BITSAA Network.