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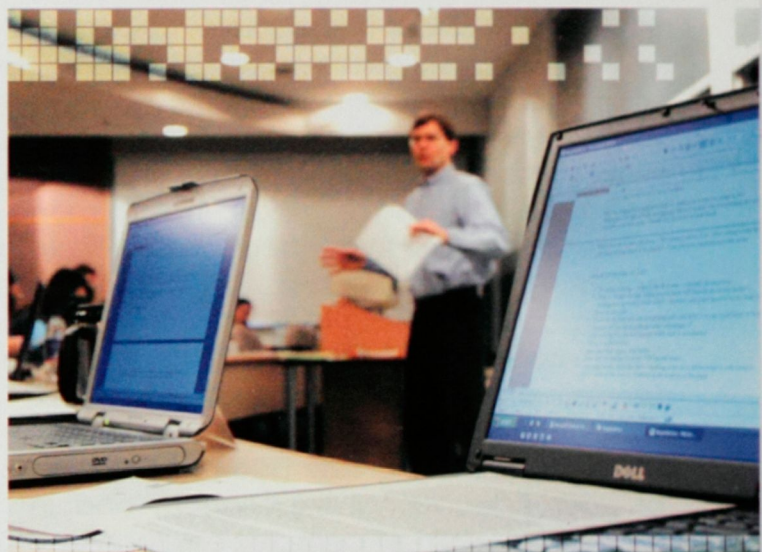


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dean's message

To all of our talented MBA students, congratulations on the completion of another challenging but rewarding academic year. Over the past year, your energy, drive, and hard work have made the Rotman name stand out throughout the business community.

Those of you who are graduating have an unprecedented chance to find your place and to make a real difference. Integrative thinking has been a key part of your educational experience, and in today's increasingly complex environment, it will set you apart from your peers. Rather than choosing between existing models, you have the toolkit required to build new models that address elements that others may miss, and an ability to see how the various parts of a business fit together to form the 'big picture'. The organizations that hire you will be lucky indeed.

As Rotman graduates, you will join a worldwide network of close to 20,000 UofT business alumni in 70 countries worldwide. I encourage you to take advantage of the ongoing benefits available to Rotman alumni, which include an ongoing suite of topical events, an annual day in June set aside for life-long learning, and an expanding suite of executive education programs. I also urge you to keep in touch with your peers and with us, and the Rotman Alumni Portal makes this easy. Be sure to bookmark <http://alumni.rotman.utoronto.ca>, and visit it often.

I will leave you with this challenge: instead of taking the world as it is presented to you, find a way to shape it for the better. Take the skills and tools you've gained here, and in a global marketplace where you can be more influential than ever before, don't accept the easy tradeoffs. Create better solutions. For those returning for another year of study, I look forward to watching you enhance our school's reputation for excellence.

On behalf of all Rotman faculty and staff, my very best wishes to each and every one of you.

Roger L. Martin
Dean



gbc president's message

Can you remember what you were doing two years ago? I can. I was sitting in a grey cubicle, looking at technical schematics, flicking peanut shells over the cubicle wall to keep myself from going blind with boredom. I was working on the same problems, dealing with the same people, and somewhat satisfied with the existence I had managed to dig out for myself.

Now what about last summer, or even last month? During the summer I was in Germany connecting with MBAs from across North America, learning about global policies in the European Union. Then, in January I was trekking across China, meeting up with Rotman alumni and corporate leaders to better understand the changing business landscape within Asia. These are some of the opportunities that we've been presented with, and they happened because Rotman students made it happen. Through the conviction and passion of all of you, we've been able to make the changes that mattered. We had Dodgeball in the atrium!



The true value of the Rotman experience goes so much further than the classes and the faculty; it's about all of us. We're the ones that help to shape the school for the short time we are here, and afterwards we all share in the responsibility of continuing to raise Rotman's reputation. It's no surprise to me that Rotman is now the top ranked MBA program in Canada.

Do you know where you'll be two years from now? This is the reason why all of us are here. Some of us might know exactly what the future holds, but most of us probably have no idea. But I do know that the future has never been so full of opportunity. I am proud to tell my friends that I went to school with the best and the brightest, the future leaders of our generation.

Thank you all for an amazing year, one that I'll never forget.

Kevin Taylor
GBC President 2007

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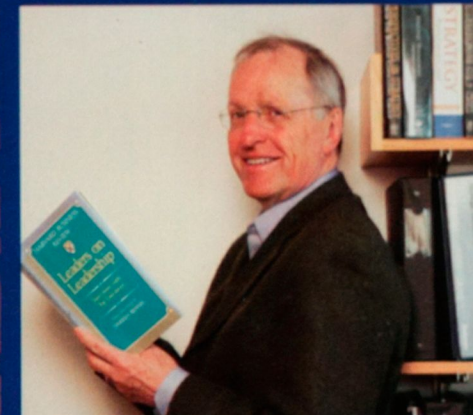


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*Before the study room became
our second
home, before
failed attempts to
sneak unnoticed into
class after nine, before
it all hit the fan ... there was
camp. The getaway before
we knew what we were getting into.
We shared some great memories with
second years and profs. Enthusiasm,
laughter, drinking, and free time – we
will see you again soon, old friends.
And then we will say, indeed, “Now is
the time to disco.”*



Orientation Co-Chairs:
François Cartier,
Chris Charlesworth,
Sonya Lockyer,
Kelly Gauthier



Oriental



tion 2006

Orientation

Camp Manitou-Wabing

September 6-8, 2006



Top: Gabriel, Kenneth, Yongsung develop new product ideas.

Above: Shakila, Carlos, Neil, Fayez and Marjan pose with the successfully dressed Shama.

Right: Risa & Sandra enact an infomercial.



Left: Joan, Henri, Alvin, Antoine & Colin pull hard for Survivor bragging rights.

Below: Giustina gets a lesson about teamwork and trust.

Bottom: The orange and green teams relax in the bleachers after a packed day.





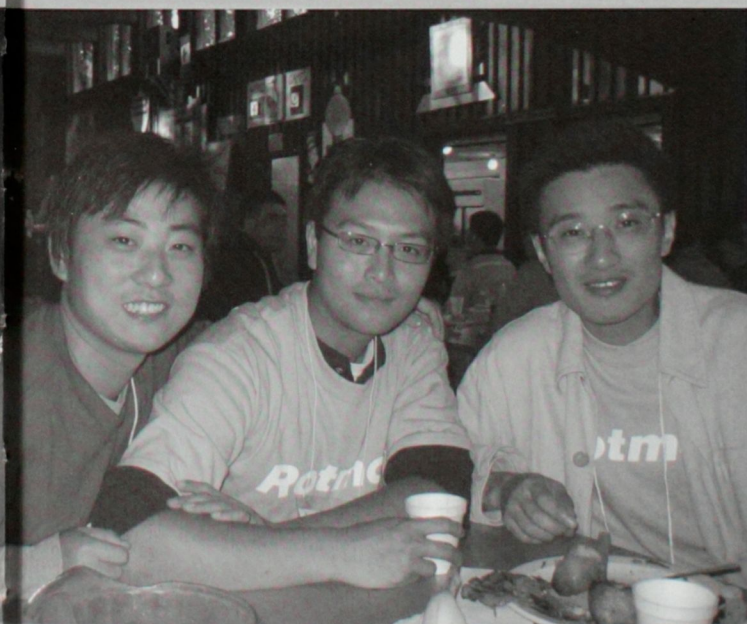
Above: The trading game introduces the first years to the chaos to come.



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Camp Manitou-Wabing

September 6-8, 2006



Top left: Building a human pyramid for spirit points.

Top right: Erin & Signy point out potential traders.

Left: 'Shir Pleasure' is jumping for joy.

Above left: Zhaowei, Jason & Joey start their day with a cup of Manitou-Wabing's premium blend.

Above right: Sarah, Anupam & Abijith - "Deal or no deal?"

Orientation

Camp Manitou-Wabing

September 6-8, 2006



Top: Christopher & John take on alternate personas for the night.

Above: Manil, Mike, Sam, Riz, Michelle and Hamdy hope that Bruno will deal them a good hand.

Top right: Alan, Liliana, Larry, Gerald, Anna, David & Li Ma pose for a group shot.

Right: Rick Powers & Shahida - it's ethical gambling!





Below: Jim Fisher deals at the blackjack table.

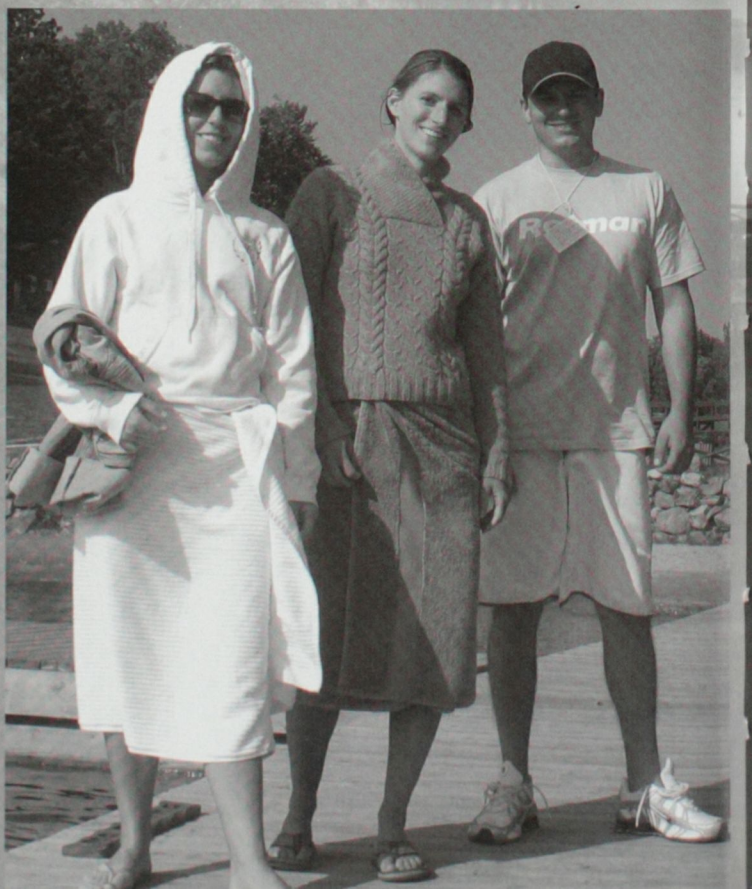


Top: Carey & Adan. We think this photo needs no further explanation.

Above: Fayez, Sid, Altaf, Yasser, Julia & Sid dress up as their personal heroes.



Above: Jads on ice!



Orientation

Camp Manitou-Wabing

September 6-8, 2006



Top left: If Henri is having trouble waking up now, he'll never make it through first year.

Above left: Ivan, Carolina, Carlos, Alejandro & Ardalan take a break during happy hour.

Top right: Matt, Michelle, Shazeen, Sydney and Daniel pay homage to their national hero.

Above right: Leonardo & Olga lounge between activities.

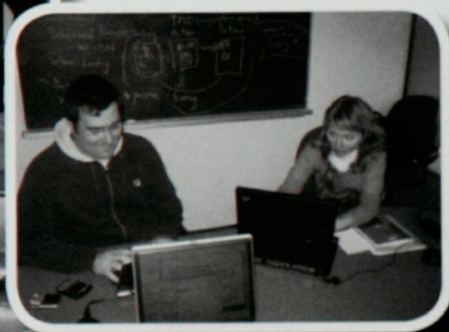
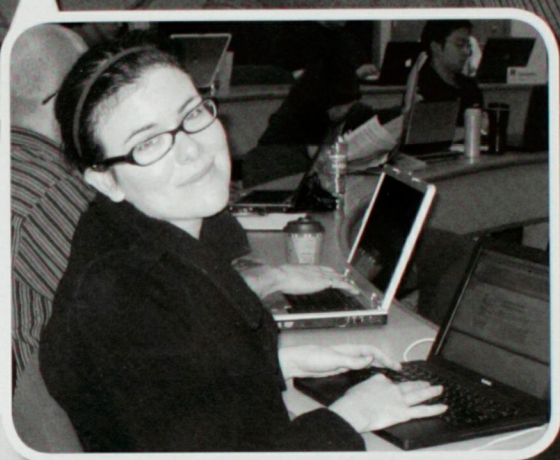
Left: Kathy, Signy & Chris came to camp with coordinated towels.

Don't let the smiles fool you. We were just too tired to refuse. The matchmaking forces from above threw us together in a throw-back to eras of arranged marriages. As with many young relationships, there was laughter, tears, conflicts, and ultimately termination. We all came here as strangers. At worst, we didn't lose any friends.

And at best, we walked away with a few.



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Study Groups

Group 1

(right, top) Alexandra De Freitas,
Alex Stickler, Reza Hosseini,
Sid Sharan, Carolina Botero

Group 2

(right, middle) Carlos Vengal,
Paul Chavez, Sara Sarkar,
David Brown, Jason Ash

Group 3

(below) Jiejing Chen, Sid Malkani,
Andrew Hall, Angelica Gupta

Group 4

(right, bottom) Husein Jamal,
Serene Shen, Sarah Rogers,
Sean Alexander





Group 5

(left, top) Kamal Solanki, Joanne Hung,
Erez Eizeman, Teng Wen Fan

Group 6

(above) Gabe Shtern, Monika Kiessner,
Olga Chernykh, Dave Keil

Group 7

(left, middle) Kevin Chen, Sumit Chohan,
Mike Bales, Sara N-Marandi

Group 8

(left, bottom) Giustina Romanelli,
Daniel Oliveira, Manish Bansal,
Morgan Fine, Adan Campos

Group 9

(right, top) Deepak Pundir,
Gordon McGregor, Dan Solomon,
Nicole Phillips, Erin Lynch

Group 10

(right, middle) Nimesh Shah,
Shravan Kacham, Kent McCrea,
Irina Richter

Group 11

(below) Vivek Sekhar, Nipun Sehgal,
Lihi Pearl, Raju Pusapati, Jaime Coelho

Group 12

(right, bottom) Michael Evdassin,
Hugo Lorenson, Wei Liu,
Chloe Elizabeth Nicol





Group 13

(left, top) Matt Murphy, Sarit Daniel,
Gaurav Malhotra, Wayne Lu

Group 14

(above) Gagandeep Singh Issar,
Esko Mickels, Moira Cowan,
Chris Redgate



Group 15

(left, middle) Altaf Kassam, Vladimir
Gayduchkov, Milena Vassileva,
Neil Mistry, Mark Greenberg

Group 16

(left, bottom) Michael Brookes,
Alexey Kenjeev, Juan Rodriguez,
Denise Figueiredo, Alan Zhuang



Group 17

(right, top) Minesh Dave,
Avinash Abichandani, Faye Quereshy,
Sandra Ochoa, Felipe Goettems

Group 18

(right, middle) Yasser Mirza,
Alejandro Revilla, Lei Wang,
Kegan Winters, Mustafa Rahman

Group 19

(below) Ilana Bendayan,
Amartaj Parmar, Colin Dabisza,
Yvette Tseng

Group 20

(right, bottom) Sergey Ruzaev,
Connie Liu, Sandy Yu, Geff Stutman

Group 21

(not pictured) Ardalan Shojaei, Ali Mobin,
May Ongola, Keirin Lee, Kate Lee

Group 22

(not pictured) Janice Lin, Ken Kolodziej,
Prakash Gupta, Octavio Mindreau Valero,
Nikki Weng





Group 23

(left, top) Arash Barol, Grace Du, Iliyan Kaytazov, Rohit Singla

Group 24

(not pictured) Raymond Ma, Jamie Spratt, Tamar Grains, Patricia Gomez, Vikas Venugopal

Group 25

(above) Gentry Allen, Ram Venkat, Yongsung Park, Madhukar Sinha

Group 26

(left, middle) Shama Ahmed, Samarth Modi, Sean McCurley, Michael Hamilton



Group 27

(left, bottom) Philippe Perron-Savard, Li Ma, John Kaye, Andy Ko, Mohit Khoda

Group 28

(right, top) Marc Coward,
Kimberly Kislock, Jeanny Wong,
Gaurav Nagla, Ian Bradley



Group 29

(right, middle) Suriya Gnanasundaram,
Matt Woolsey, Larry Ho, Margaret Hui,
Joanna Kirke

Group 30

(below) Frank L. An, Paul Pasquariello,
Anna Castro, Jon Chow, Daniel Armstrong

Group 31

(right, bottom) Jorge Caballero,
Kathryn Wong, Farhan Ali Khan,
Richard Ahn





Group 32

(left, top) Salimah Karimbhoy,
Carlos Pinzon, Christopher Caira,
Russell Goldenberg

Group 33

(above) Conrad Tien, Sumit Bhatnagar,
David Crowe, Liliana Molina, Jimmy Sun

Group 34

(left, middle) Denis Venderov, Joey Qiu,
Shazeen Merali, Swamy Krishnamoorthy,
Alvin Ho

Group 35

(left, bottom) Kevin Fleischhaker,
Stanley Yu, Jude Martin, Jonah Peranson,
Dipa Banerjee

Group 36

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Narinder Dhani, Bharath Shetty

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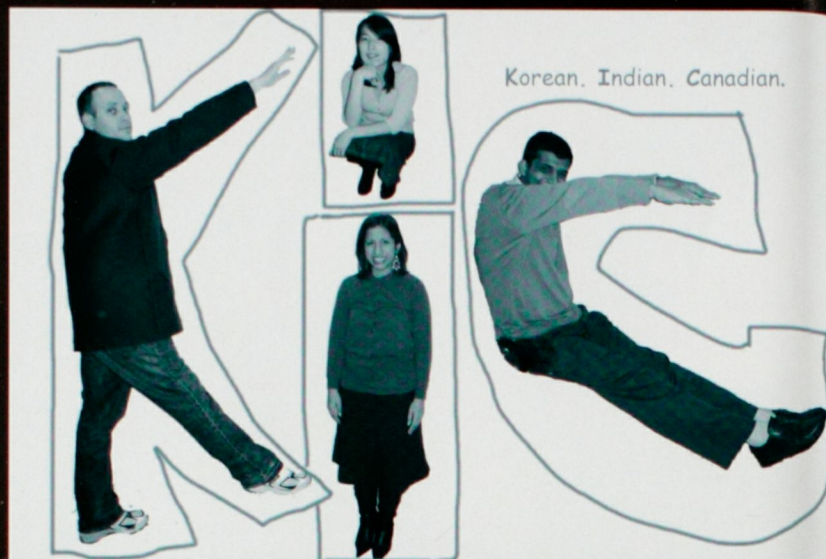
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Leonardo Galavis, Sarah Stern,
Dan Bandurka

Group 38

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Steve Kurash, Michelle Zimmerman-Day,
Leonardo Marchetti, Meenal Raizadaa

Group 39

(below) David Rozin, Varoon
Chuenmeechao, Kathy Skelton,
Feraz Shere





Group 40

(left, top) Signy Franklin, Teddy Lazongas, Jad Raouda, Vivian Yu

Group 41

(above) Adam Salmon, Jennifer Long, Azadeh Dehghanpour, Cavan Yie

Group 42

(left, middle) Ruchika Patel, Jordon Elbaum, Diana Palacio, Jason Yu

Group 43

(left, bottom) Julia Bonin, Richard Luft, Andreas Kouremenos, Ike Kaja, Prateek Mohanty



Group 44

(right, top) Daniel Penello,
Vivian Lo, Ivan Gloria,
Matt Switzer



Group 45

(right, middle) Vincent Lopresti,
Anupam Goel, Jason MacNeill,
Tram Tran

Group 46

(below) Prashant Kathotia, Rick Leung,
Jennifer Aiello, Daren Overmars

Group 47

(right, bottom) Fernando Sepulveda,
Anthony Chow, Marjan Ziadlou,
Danny Ochoa





Group 48

(left, top) Abhijith Merve, Michal Harel,
Michelle Senkiw, Hedayat Nasoody,
Felix Mednikov

Group 49

(above) Richard Wiltshire, Anwar Ansari,
Sven Schoening, Mary Ross

Group 50

(left, middle) Banafsheh Kalantari,
Hamdy Hamoudi, Nathan Aryev,
John Carinci

Group 51

(left, bottom) Riz Jiwan, Henri Guay,
David Ycasiano, Sydney Bryant,
Shahida Kathawala

Group 52

(right, top) Robby Davidson,
Tauseef Irfan, Michael La Fleur,
Samantha Yee



Group 53

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Ravi Dugh, Risa Goldberg



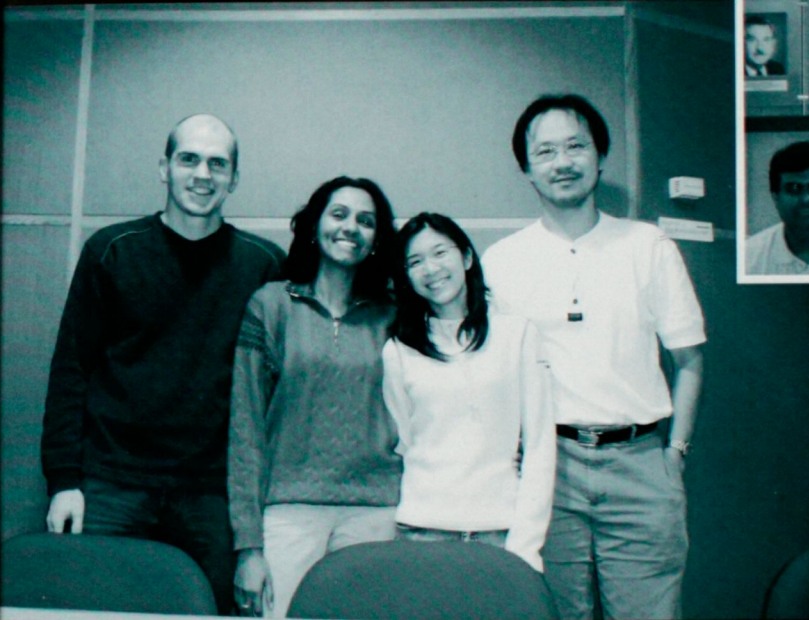
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Carolyn Schurek, Paul Maloney,
Zhao Wei Chen

Group 55

(right, bottom) Rachel Wihby,
Frederic Offman, Konark Gupta,
Mike Samuel





Group 56

(left, top) Manu Sud, Rahul Chauhan,
Wendy Guo, Hanif Joshaghani, John Wang

Group 57

(above, top) Chris Schneider, Jason Antao,
Kamran Sethi, Gerald Chua,
Shakila Hashmi

Group 58

(above, bottom) Ali Aslam, Sam Ault,
Arghya Chakravarty, Paula Lucas,
Hernan Sanchez Caballero

Group 59

(left, middle) Bruce Markham, Aditi Saini,
Joanna Lim, George Huang

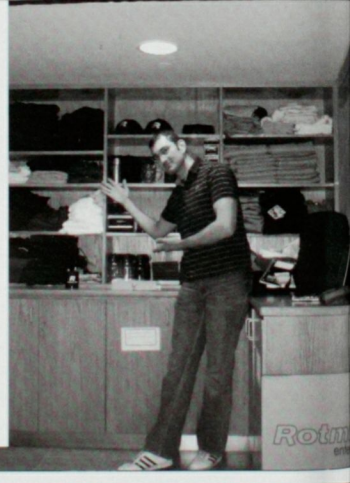
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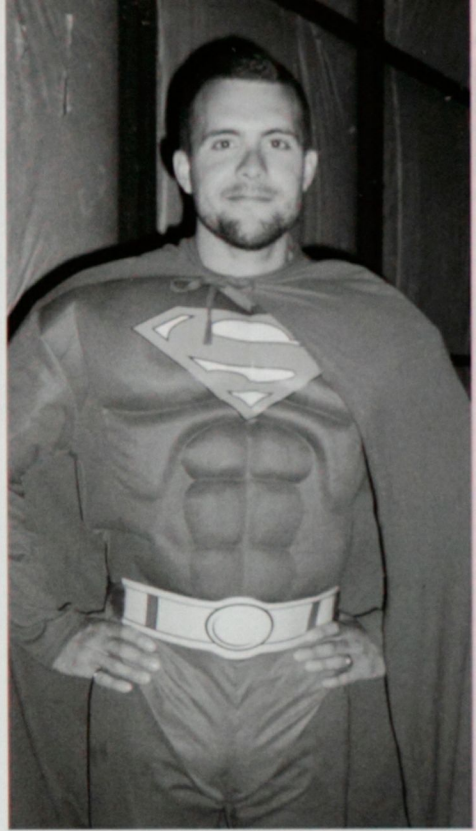
(left, bottom) Tal Gutstadt, Yarina
Tarasenko, Kim Ly, Miguel Blanco Matzuno





THE ENTERPRISE





Their emails and newsletters haunt us throughout the year. They gobble up our lunch hours and compensate with pizza and pop. Yes, they are our clubs and associations – the soul of Rotman student life. They magically convert our resumes into job-seeking missiles, introduce us to the finest wines, organize skiing and golf trips, remind us of our social responsibility, facilitate drinking sessions (ahem ... networking events) with successful alumni, and even lead us to believe that spending your Saturday morning doing case prep or learning about buy vs. sell side is Super! The clubs have it all – power, prestige, money, and most importantly, all of us.



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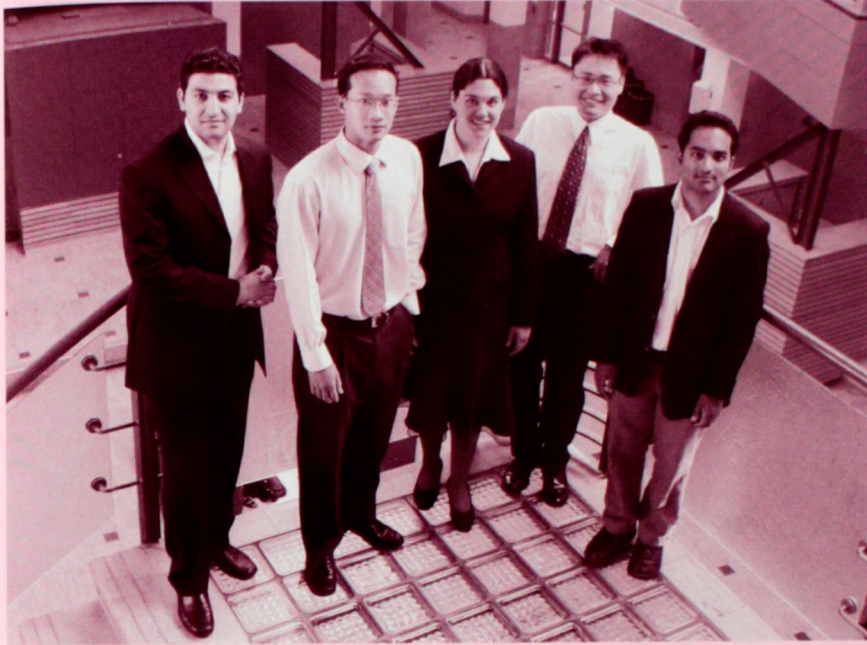
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Chakravarty

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gay straight alliance

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Andreas Kouremenos
Adan Campos



gsa

significant others club



President: Sol Rodriguez Piola
 VP Finance: Regina Gutierrez
 Mothers VP: Dana Arafat
 Communications Director:
 Sushmita Shetty
 Social Coordinators:
 Jennifer Shaw, Smitha Pradhan

(with Maria Jose Perez Gutierrez,
 daughter of Manuel & Regina)

the others

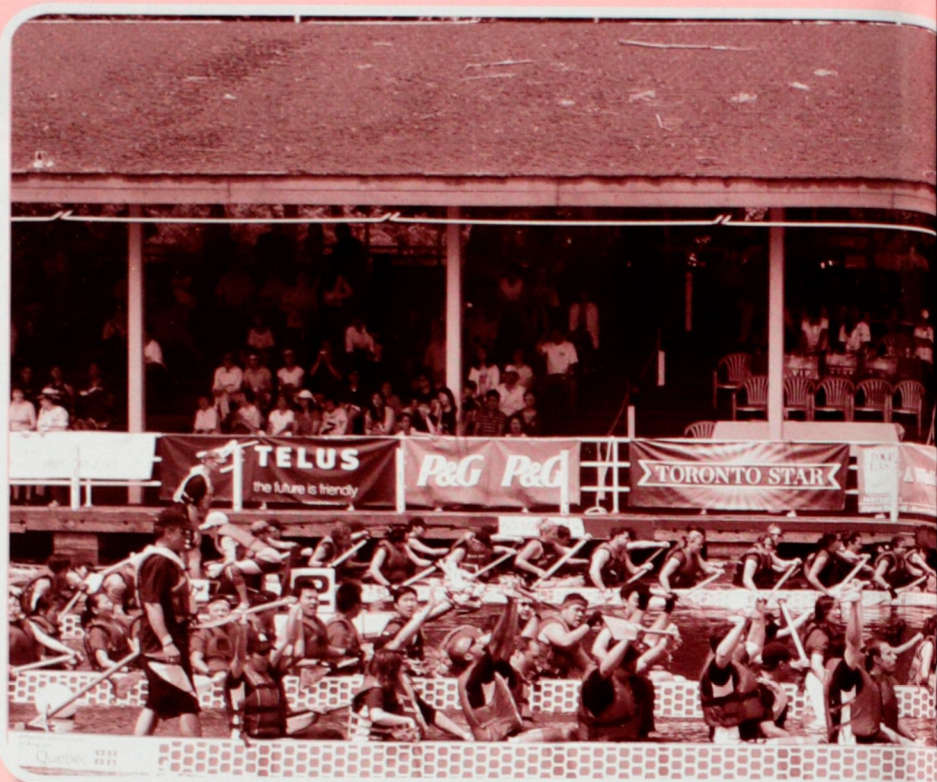
rotman wine society

President: François Cartier
 Executive Team:
 Kathleen Wheelihan, Jeremy
 Mersereau, Patrice Bansa,
 Ip Tsui, Grace Patenall
 Class Representatives:
 Jamie Spratt, Giustina
 Romanelli, Sven Schoening,
 Azadeh Dehghanpour



wine society

Did you succumb to street meat one too many times? Were you sick of thinking conceptually about the CAPM? Was it finally time to “take it outside”? Whether for physical or mental health, the sports committees were there to help you enjoy the simpler things in life. From cricket to ultimate, dragon boat to salsa, soccer to flag football, and hockey to basketball, they showed that fun can be had outside the classroom. And burning off those yummy hors d’oeuvres from cocktail hours didn’t hurt either.





Sports

basketball



Captain: Chris Velasco
Team: Conrad Tien, David Rozin, Michael Vasilevski, Hussein Sunderji, Dusan Lovren, Steve Kurash, Frank An, Hanif Joshaghani, Mike Graham, John Lin

basketball

cricket

Captain: Kanishk Gupta
Team: Gaurav Malhotra, Aditi Saini, Deepak Pundir, Prashant Kathotia, Vikas Venugopal, Sumit Arora, Prateek Mohanty, Abhijith Merve



cricket

dragon boat



Captains: Marg Wong, Rina Yoo
Coach: Sabrina Machel
Team: Jonathan Wen, Michael Wasylynchuk, Kevin Taylor, Ron Tsang, Jon Kimball, Dennis Woo, Patrice Bansa, Chris Charlesworth, Tarun Britto, Shouyi Ma, Ip Tsui, Leily Omoumi, Valerie Whitt, Sandy Sue, John Graydon, Melanie Perry, David Jube, Sophie Liang, AJ Choudry

dragon boat

ultimate frisbee

Captain: Henri Guay
Team: Michael La Fleur, Dan Bandurka, Kegan Winters, Olivia Fraser-Smith, Signy Franklin, Russell Goldenberg, Rohit Singla, Sarah Stern, Sandra Ochoa, Amanda Karahanas, Jamie Spratt



frisbee

hockey



Captain: Rob Voss

Team: Sean Alexander, Carey Squires, Andrew Thompson, Dan Rollins, Michael Bales, Matthew Murphy, Erez Eizenman, Andrew Stronach, Mike Wasylynchuk, Vikram Gupta, Eric Ng, John Cole, John Graydon

Congratulations on winning the Division II Intramural Championship!

hockey

soccer

Captain: Mariano Gimenez Uriburu

Team: Matt Switzer, Fernando Tizon, Eduardo Suarez-Mogollon, Daniel Carabajal, Yuyi Fu, Fernando Sepulveda Arriaga, Ivan Gloria, Vincent Lopresti, Arturo Ortega Campos, Jorge Caballero Rojas, Manuel Perez Palacios, Miguel Blanco Matzuno, Hedayat Nasoody, Tomas Fieg, Ahmed Ahmed, Cosmo Zhang, Esteban Munoz Hakspiel



soccer

salsa club



Executive:
Tarun Britto
Rajesh Kumar
Peer Flach
Michael Evdassin

salsa

flag football

Captains: Jacob Prager, Ketan Shah

Team: Michael Dary, Daniel Greenspan, Rob Voss, Sonya Lockyer, Francois Cartier, Kevin Taylor, Ed Lynch, Arturo Ortega Campos, Jason MacNeill, Jonah Peranson, Marc Coward, John Cole



football



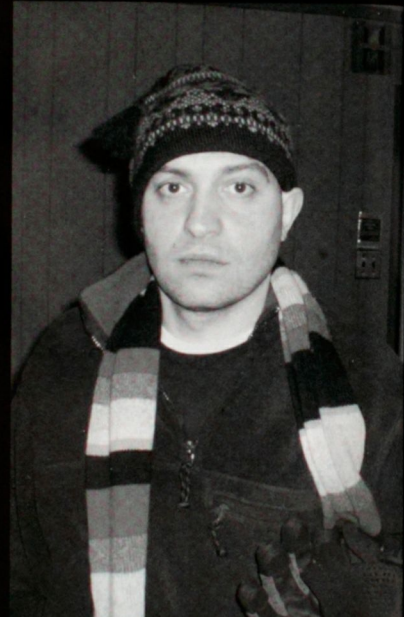
Three-Year MBAs

Above: The 3YR class of 2009

Below left: Smiles for the camera & friends for life

Below centre: Wishing you luck all year round

Below right: Garen bundles up for the slopes



Below left: Not really sure what to say about this...

Below right: Loading up for a long bus ride home from Vermont





Above: Dan rocking on the guitar



Above: Taking a break to warm up after a day on the slopes

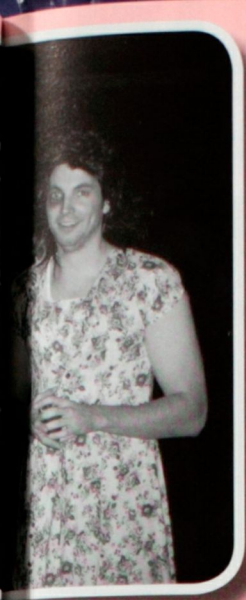


Above left: Riding the rocket after scaling the ski hills **Above right:** Looking smashing at the 2007 Graduation Formal
Below: Salman, Christine, Alain, Andrea, Andres, Lisa, Pieter, Aysara and friends bond outside of class



***D**o you remember when the prof stared that guy down when he walked in five minutes late? Perhaps, but who really cares? Especially when other events make much better memories. There was the Warren Buffett trip where students mugged with the legend. The Vermont ski trip – could anything be more fun? The whirlwind China & India study tours. The classy Semiformal and Formal where we dragged our significant others to meet our new friends. The showdown at MBA Games. The hilarity of Dodgeball and No Talent Night. And, for those with a fondness for great food, the GBA Fondue. What did we start out talking about again? Can't remember? Good.*





Events

Cheering on the **Buffalo Bills**

December 3, 2006



DK watches the game as Chris tries to catch snowflakes on his tongue.



Ed & Michael rise for the national anthem.



Left: During a dull moment between plays, Michael attempts to start the wave.

Below: John contemplating whether or not to hyperbolic discount his beer - drink it all now, or savour it later?



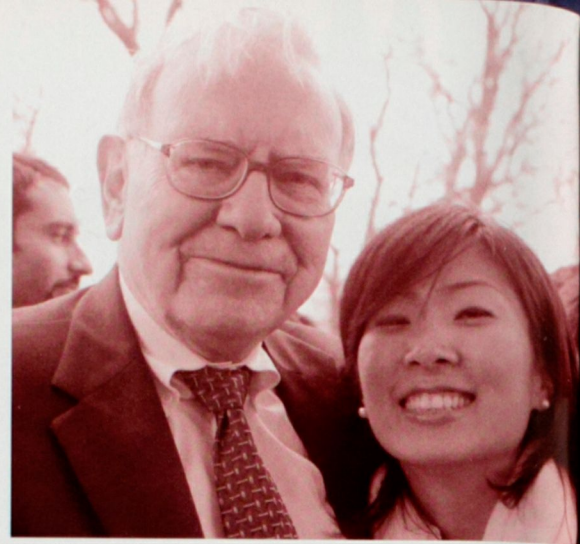
Henri & Kent among the cheering crowds.



Sabrina models a look of surprise for the camera.



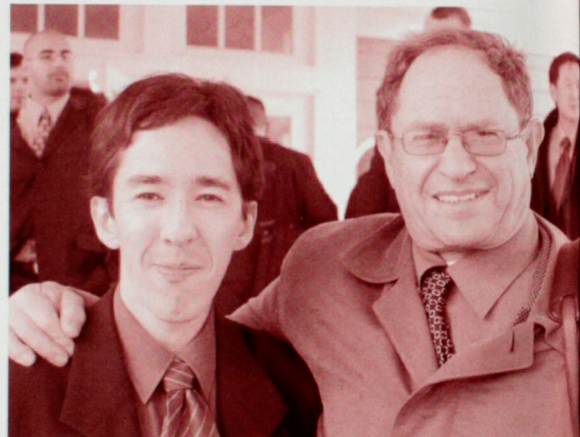
Above: Warren answers questions from eager students.



Above: Rina takes her turn at the camera with Warren.



Above: Warren poses with Andrew (left), Mohit and Jennifer (right).



Above: Nobu thanks Eric Kirzner for arranging the trip.



Above: Nobu, Shal and Rob get ready for takeoff.
Below: Warren poses with Jianhui (left) and AJ (right).



Above: The crowd swarms the business icon.
Below: Students anxiously await Warren's arrival.



JAY PEAK SKI TRIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2007



Above left: Don't get too distracted by the view!



Above: Peter swears it's not that cold.



Above: Chatten' up the ski bunnies



Above: Time to refuel and thaw out.



Above right: Everyone made it in one piece

Below: Huddling for warmth

Below right: Time for a group shot



Above: Après Ski gets going!

Below: Is everyone ready?



Below: Good spot for a condo development!

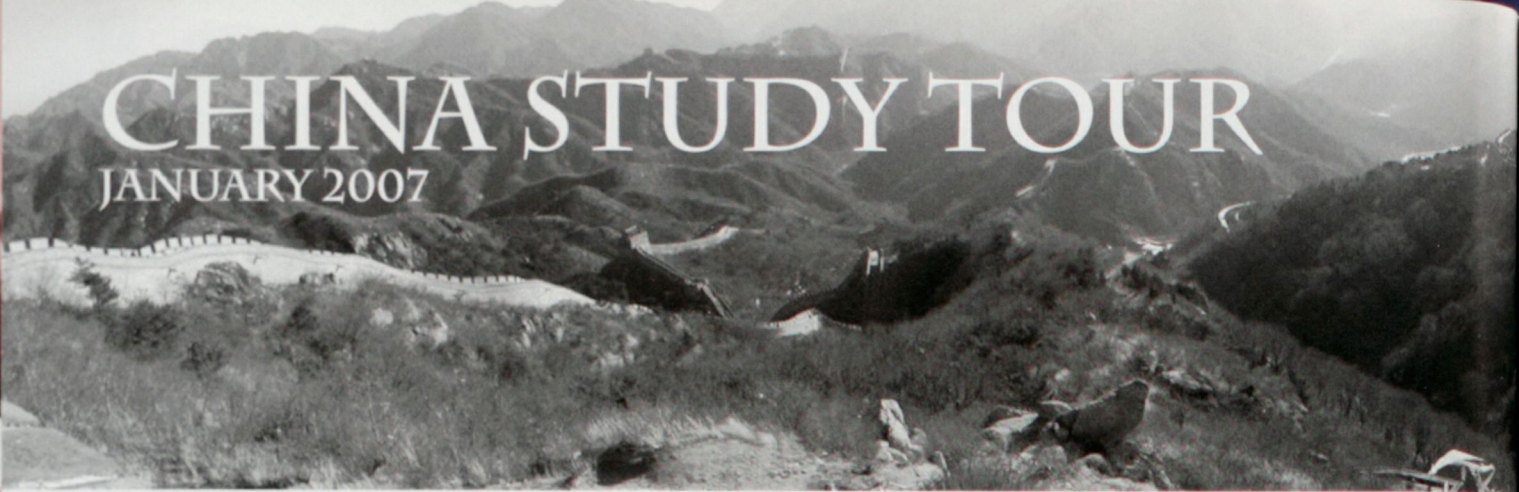


Below right: Together at the bottom



CHINA STUDY TOUR

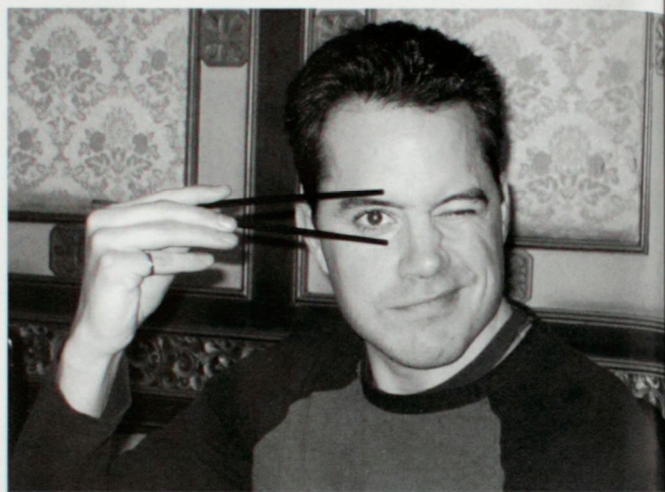
JANUARY 2007



Above: A panoramic shot of the Great Wall of China

Below: A view of Hong Kong from Victoria Peak

Below right: Andrew takes a remedial chopsticks training seminar



Below: Seth, Kelly, Ahmed, Maxine, Hedi, Patrice and Andrew pay their respects at the Ming Tombs near Beijing

Below: Mmmmmm! **Below right:** Sophie, Patrice and Kevin examine a scale model of the Kwai Tsing Container Terminal in Hong Kong



Below: Kevin and Dennis take a load off after a packed day





Below: Andrew, Bogdan and AJ scale the Great Wall

Above right: The Rotman study tour group at a monument near the Ming Tombs



Above: Zhongguancun Technology Park, Beijing
Below: A presentation from Manulife in HK



Below: The group leaves a museum in Beijing



Below: Rotman "Escorts"

Below: A beautiful garden path in Beijing



Semiformal 2006



Top: Mitchell, Signy & Orrin flash smiles for the camera.

Right: Colin, Carolyn, Sarah, Eric & Michael raise a toast to a night away from school.

Bottom left: Ketan, Tim & Anurag, just relaxing with the boys.

Bottom right: Olivia, Amanda & Erin dazzle in glitter.



Hart House Great Hall, November 17, 2006





Left: Denise & Mike bond on the dance floor.

Below: Harry, Lisa & Mugur pose for the camera.

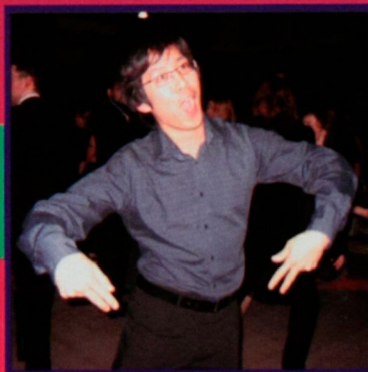
Bottom: Henri, Nicki, Kegan & Kevin enjoy a night out with friends.



Above: Chloe & Antoine take a moment away from the party.



Above: Sid & Sara show how it's done on the dance floor.



Above: Richard brings the robot back in style.



Above: Tricia, Harold schmooze in style.

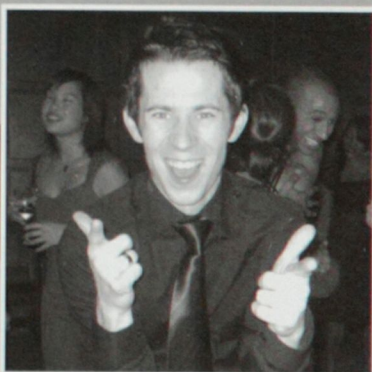
Rotmanites take it a few steps beyond business casual...

Semiformal 2006

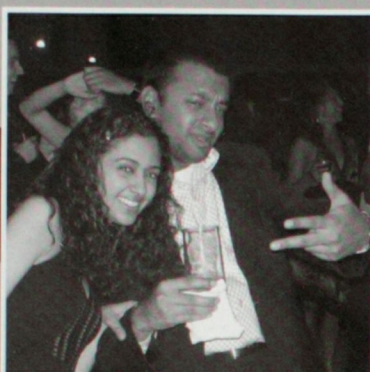
Below: Carolina & Carlos let loose and dance the night away.



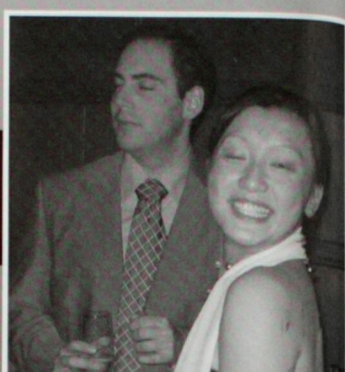
Below: David wants YOU to join him on the dance floor.



Below: Angelica & Rohit enjoy a night of great music and great drinks.



Below: Sam flashes a wink and smile.



Above: Kevin & Sarah share a drink together.

Right: Risa & Saurabh make their way to the party.





Hart House Great Hall, November 17, 2006



Top left: Aysara & Peer share a quiet moment together.

Top right: Juan, Carlos & Liliana pose with their dates.

Left: Gwen, Yaeko, Zsolt, Cathy & Shyam. Friends & drinks; what more could you ask for?

Bottom left: Azadeh & Joanna - friends for life.

Bottom right: You can always tell the success of a party by the guys lounging by the end of the night. Chris, Mike & François find a moment to relax.



GBA *fondue*

MARCH 23, 2007



Above: The national costume competitors await the judges' decision

Below left: Everyone seems fully satisfied with the international cuisine



Above right: Wendy demonstrates a graceful Vietnamese dance

Below right: Chokks serves up traditional Indian fare



Below left: Peer whips up delicious Belgian waffles

Below right: Kwong proudly mans the African & Caribbean station





Above left: Julio, Manuel, Carla and Tomas serve a Latin American lunch



Above centre: Pratima dons festive red for the occasion



Above right: Araba, David, Hala and Abhijit celebrate diversity at Rotman



Above: Aneesh models an outfit from his homeland

Below: Students scramble to fill their plates



Below: Manu demonstrates various dances from his Indian heritage



Dodge

Right: Pre-game strategizing.

Below: Diana collects her ammunition.



Right: Jan is just a little TOO happy at having whipped one at the students.

Far right: Dipa, Jennifer and Kat are just glad that they're only sitting on the sidelines.

Bottom right: A group photo before the slaughter.



This! (for United Way)

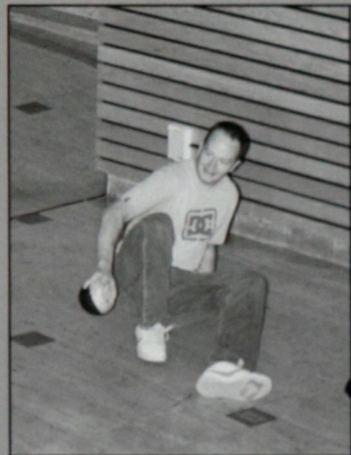
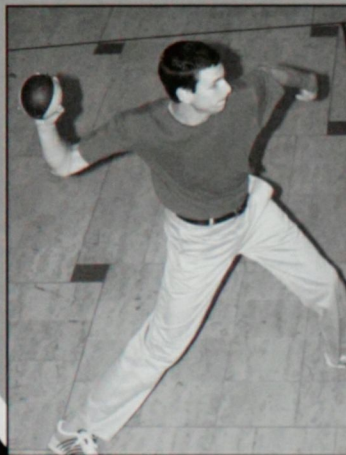
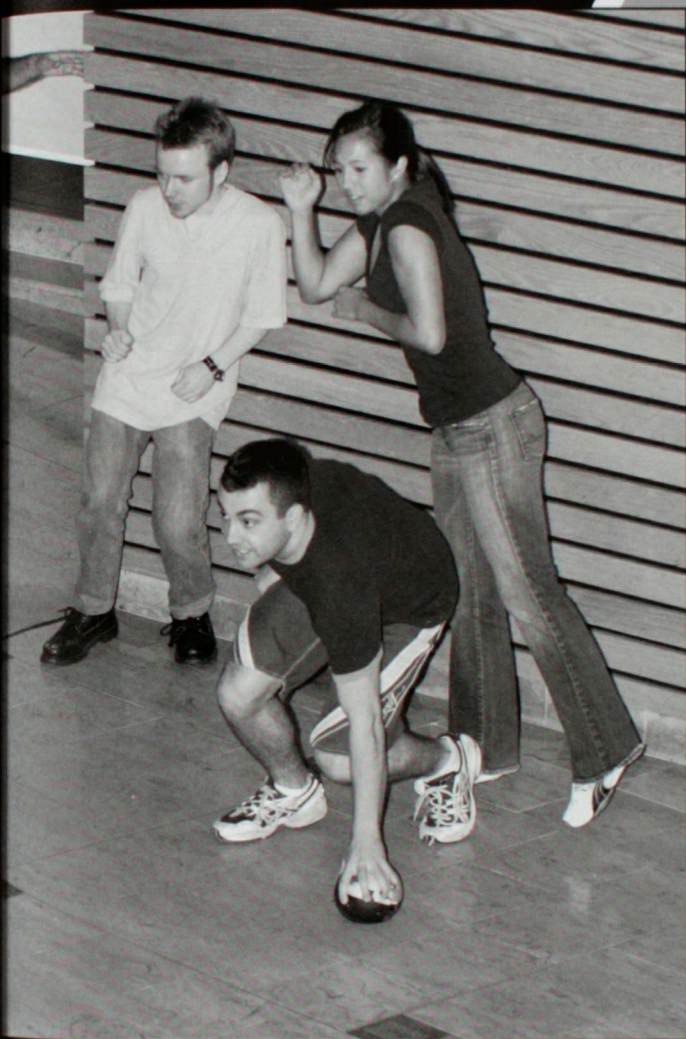
This year's United Way campaign was the most successful to date; Rotman Outreach raised over \$8,400 through events like the Dodgeball Tournament.

Left: John and Sabrina show an OCAD student what business school is really like.

Below: Ahmed, Jad, Ameet and Marg watch intently. "That's not allowed in the official Dodgeball rulebook..."

Bottom left: The ever-flexible Fleck Atrium becomes the official Rotman Dodgeball playing field.

Bottom: Skip winds up... and Chris is brought down.



NO TALENT NIGHT

MARCH 26, 2007



Above left: Kevin and Jon unveil their musical prowess while Marg **(Above right)** lays down the beat
Below left: Chris gives the crowd something to think about **Below centre:** Jacob waxes philosophic



Right: Karim leads Off Sync and makes the ladies swoon
Below: The Spice Girls return to showbiz at Rotman





Above: A special Christmas box...
Below: "Shouyi... I LOVE YOU!!!"



Above right: John, Josh, Andrew and Andrew provide commentary on Rotman life
Below right: Paul loses himself in a guitar solo



Below left: Stand-up comedy at its finest

Below centre: Bogdan's soliloquy

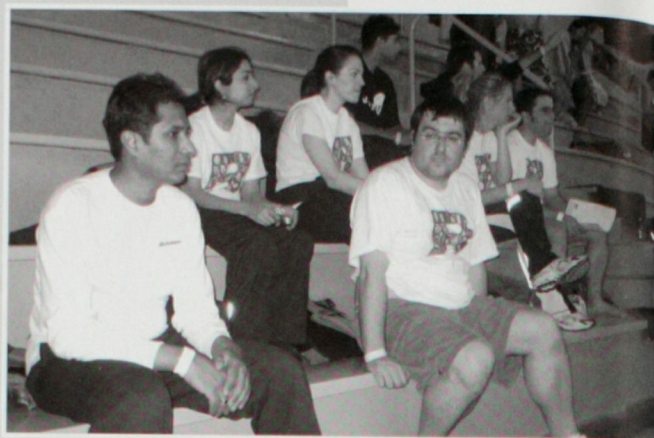
Below right: The incumbent and incoming GBC Exec face off in the most important challenge of all



MBA Games 2007

Edmonton, Alberta

January 4 - 6, 2007



This year, we bravely headed to Edmonton in the dead of winter for the annual MBA Games, hosted by the University of Alberta. The team of 20 proudly represented Rotman against business schools from across Canada, competing in the areas of academics, sports and spirit.

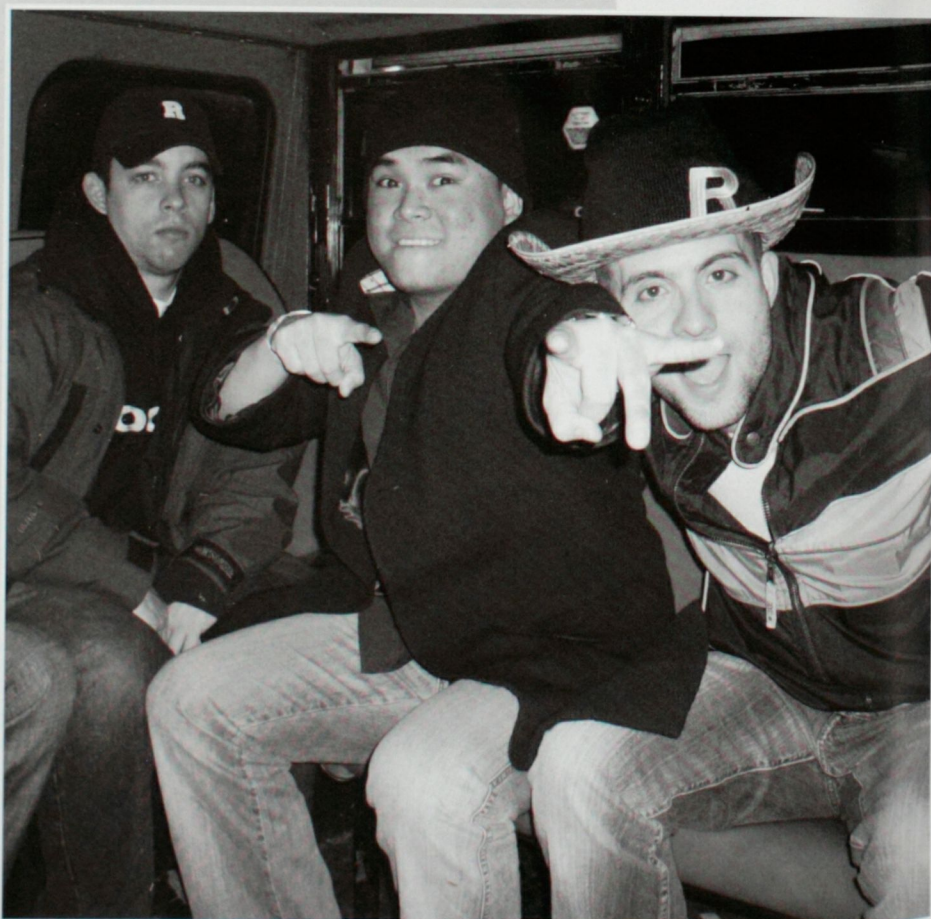
TEAM ROTMAN

Co-Chairs:

Sonya Lockyer, Hussein Sunderji

Team Members:

Rob Voss, Joanna Kirke,
Narinder Dhami, Paul Chavez,
Michael Dary, Jennifer Aiello,
Trevor Dauphinee, Allan Baril,
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Paul Malin, Sarah Rogers, Ike
Kaja, Andreas Kouremenos



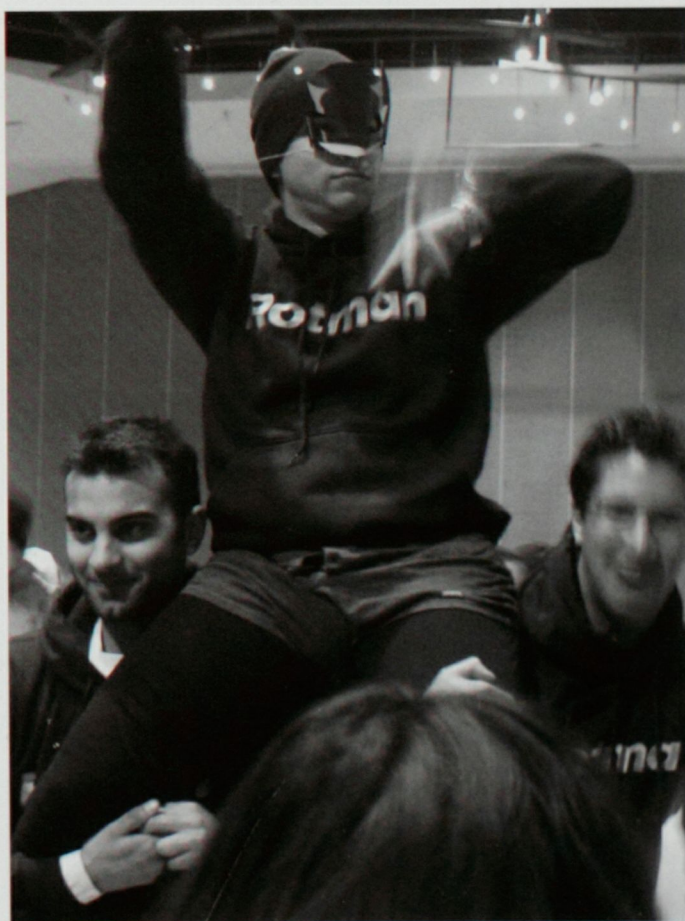
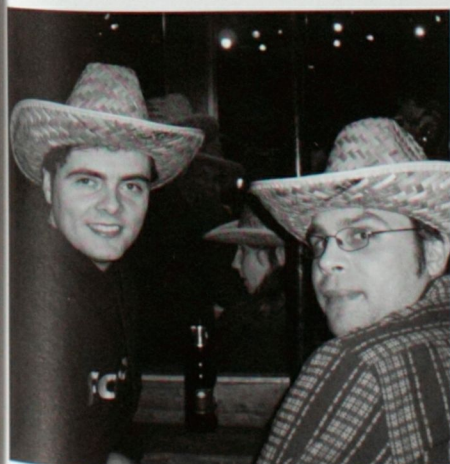


Above: Team Rotman 2007 gathers before the closing ceremonies.



Opposite page, top: Teammates watch in the stands as the inner-tube water polo team strategize for their next match.

Far left: The team blends in with Edmontonites in traditional western gear.

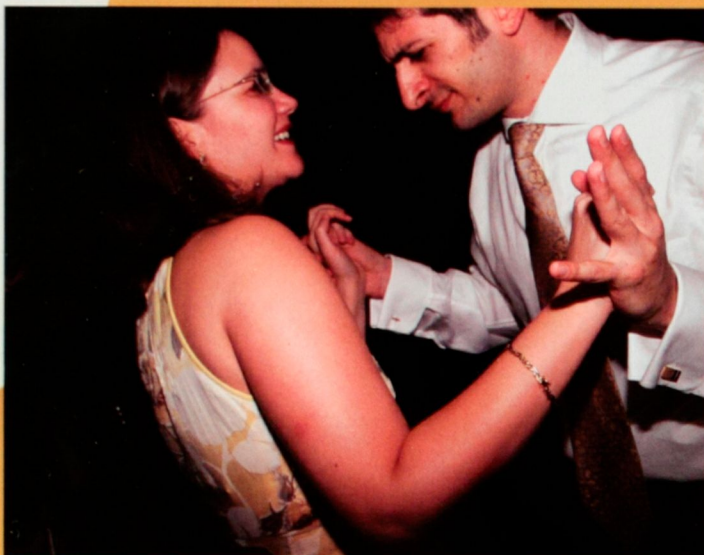


Left: Hussein and Ross hoist the Rotman mascot on their shoulders for spirit points.

Right: Cansel and Serdar dance up a storm.

Far right: Shouyi, Minjing and Jon are a picture of class and elegance.

Below: Yacko and Sabrina step out in style.



Above: Marko and Sandy enjoy their dinner before hitting the dance floor.

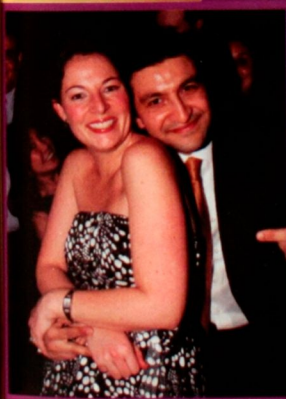
Right: Tim and Abhijit celebrate the end of their MBA in style.

Far right, middle: Marcela, Carla, Gina and Magaly show off their latina flair.

Far right, bottom: Erum and Cristina add some glitz and glam for the evening.



April 13, 2007 - Eglinton Grand



Left: Larry and Diana look up their table placement for the evening before entering the hall.

Below: The elegant Eglinton Grand



Graduation Formal



Above: Hedi, one of the evening's masters of ceremonies, works the crowd.

Left: Peer is Rotman's suave and sophisticated photographer extraordinaire.

I don't like what the position of valedictorian implies. At first, I was honored to be chosen. But then, as it all sunk in, I started to grow uncomfortable with the whole notion. Not with the notion that some of you voted for me – I truly feel great honor about that. What bothers me is that the position, by its very nature, singles out one individual from a group and seeks to put that person on high relative to the others. That's where I have a big problem.

Because I'm no better than any of you. And without each of you, I have nothing to show for my MBA.

When I campaigned to be your social rep, I walked up to the board, and I drew a little equation. It looked something like this:

Value = Benefits/Price

I want to come back to that. Let's think about what it truly means. That equation, when you apply it to the Rotman experience, tells you that the amount of value you get out of this program is a direct result of the ratio between what you paid for the experience, and the benefit you got out of it.

Of course, we all got some kind of benefit out of the program over the past three years. Maybe it was one of Asher's rants on the faults of accounting. Maybe it was the Littlefield game. Maybe it was in truly contemplating "who feeds Paris". Maybe it was the seminal work of one Hans Blaylock that truly inspired you. It's safe to say there was something for everyone in the past three years of classwork. And for that, you paid close to sixty thousand dollars.

The question now becomes, how do you add incremental value to the money you've just spent? How do you leverage this degree into not just better value, but actually tap into the real value of what Canada's best MBA can provide you? The answer is simple. Look to your left. Look to your right. Your Rotman peers seated around you will be the only thing you truly take with you (other than the intellectual capital you've garnered) on your road as you leave Rotman.



Jon Coyne Valedictorian, 3-Year Class

It is your peers who will continue to add value to your Rotman experience now that you've left. How, you may ask? They'll do it by being incredible; innovative; by being leaders, not followers; by reshaping their environment and by truly creating amazing changes and wondrous things to behold.

They will go forth, in your name, preaching the Rotman gospel. Their triumphs will be your triumphs. When they best opponents, overcome obstacles, and create marvels, they will do so in your name. Because like them, your name is Rotman too.

And likewise, they will gain when you gain. They will benefit when you benefit. They will surge on the crest of the wave that you create. So will we all.

As you prepare to leave Rotman behind, know that you only leave a physical building behind. You carry all of us with you for a lifetime, though. You may place a burden upon yourself to strive for greatness, but know in your heart that we are all depending on you to be great. And we are all

supporting you. For as you win, so do we.

And in doing this – by simply being great – you lift us all upon your mighty shoulders. Alone, you will be unable to conquer everything life throws at you. But together, Rotman can overcome any mountain, bear any burden, and conquer any opponent. By collectively pooling our individual greatness throughout the world, as disparate as it may be, and as disconnected as it may come, the world will come to recognize a Rotman alumnus as one destined for greatness; as one capable of solving the unsolvable; as one ready to tackle the greatest of challenges, and come out on top. On the backs of your peers, your reputation will precede you.

And therein lies the magic in the equation... therein lies the true value of the MBA.

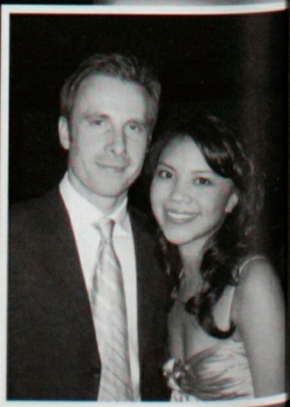
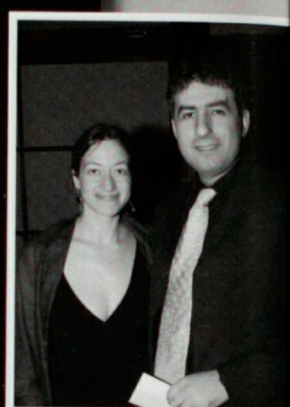
So you see, it's now incumbent upon each of us, to a person, to be great. You don't just owe it to yourself. You owe it to the rest of us because we're counting on you. I know I am.

Don't just wish for greatness. Make it happen. As Ronald Reagan once said, "Many a person has failed because they had their wishbone where their backbone should have been." Don't pine away hoping someone gives you an opportunity because you're an MBA from Rotman. Make them take notice. Show them through your deeds, actions, words and thoughts that it would be impossible for them not to put you in rarefied air. It's where you belong, after all. You just survived a program with the best of the best. You have what it takes. Now, go out and there and grab it.

So as your valedictorian, I will do everything in my power to be great. I will fight for every inch, because you deserve no less. After all, the inches we need are all around us. You deserve the best I have to give every single day I walk above ground. But I'll be counting on you for the same. And in that respect, I may be valedictorian, but I'm no more important than any of you.

None of us will be able to do this alone. But together, we will be unstoppable.

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Graduation Formal



Above: Shelley and her husband take a short break before returning to the festivities.

Right: Jordan and Araba cut it up on the dance floor on to the DJ's beats.





Far left: Bogdan walks in with Tania and Hala on his arm.

Left: Carla and Grace model the latest in formalwear fashion.



Far left: Alison and Kevin get swept away in the evening together.

Above: Guests line up at the bar for a drink to toast the graduates.



Left: Sherri vogues and strikes a pose for the camera.

Graduation Formal

Right: Anna and Trevor catch a quiet moment away from the excitement.

Far right: Esteban and Marwan give a cheer for their success over the past two years at Rotman.



Above: Anthony and Anurag simply can't resist Maria's charm and beauty.

Right: Alexis and Daria raise a toast to the class of 2007.

Far right, middle: Jacob, Patrick and Shang-Hai hold on to their little remaining time together.

Far right, bottom: Peter, Victoria, Christin and Jad share laughs and memories over dinner.



April 13, 2007 - Eglinton Grand



Welcome classmates, faculty and staff, family and friends, to an exciting night for all the graduates of the class of 2007. It's an honour to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of my fellow students and to try, in a few short moments, to reflect on the many highs and lows of the last 20 months. I won't attempt to explain Integrative Thinking again, or to explain why there were two guys riding that moose at Orientation Camp, but I hope you'll think back with me to the summer of 2005...

So just how did we all get here? You all left your jobs or added an MBA to your law & engineering degrees and arrived at the Rotman School of Management. Some of you came from only blocks away while others made different, harder, decisions and sacrifices - you left family at home and moved alone or arrived with your spouse and children from around the world to a foreign country. Most of us took on the same risk of uncertain employment after graduation, but you added the challenges of a new immigration system, or of facing the first snowfall. And then the orientation began...

At camp we immediately met our future classmates and, for many of us, quickly established friendships in a few hours that would help us through the many months ahead, and will stand for years to come. Amongst the fun there were other pressing questions and surprises - maybe you wondered exactly how tall was that guy? Or why in the world were people swimming in water that cold? Or is that guy really wearing a full spandex suit? Or is this fruit juice some sort of joke? If you were anything like me, you went home 48 hours later tired, smiling, and more than a little relieved - this MBA thing could turn out all right after all.

When the first day of class came we filed into those rooms that would be home for many hours a day. Enthusiastically you dragged that new Dell laptop in or wheeled your airline carry on right up to your favourite chair and settled in for the next 8 months. We were a generational mix of students - JD's and Skoll's would soon show us that they were rather good at school & exams and that we might need to think about a different spot on the bell curve. Old guys like myself had to get an MSN account, just so we could find our group members. And as for Facebook, well, it's a good thing we're graduating in a few weeks.

As the months passed, the surprises continued. Did you know there was a real live Bon Jovi impersonator in our class? Or that Tarun actually had a calculator in his head? Or that a warm call was a little better than a cold call?

Today we understand that the strange faces of months past are now friends and colleagues. Today we can happily recall those who have celebrated engagements, weddings, and parenthood - and remember those whose thoughts are with family, hours or continents away. Although it was easy to forget at times, real life carried on while we were immersed at Rotman - our classmates have become Canadian citizens, spouses, mothers and fathers, - all more than can ever be summed up with just three letters.

We are also missing some of our colleagues tonight who are unable to attend or are spread around the world completing their degree on exchange and enjoying the beauty of pass-fail courses - I'm sure like me you're looking forward to seeing some of their video messages later tonight.

So I wondered, what were some milestones from our days at Rotman? There have been



Andrew Stronach Valedictorian, 2-Year Class

some pretty good days - needless to say the last exam in Q2 or Q3 felt pretty sweet, and it wasn't so bad after you handed in the dozens of projects or made those big presentations. But maybe, just maybe, some of you out there are thinking about that email you got last summer - you know, the one about the IMC being, well, postponed. Sweet indeed.

Along the way our perspective sure has changed - the panic and fear over every little task of Q1 eventually gave way to a better understanding of how to make a group work, and how to make powerpoint slides appear out of nowhere. Big jobs got done, somehow.

And when did we have particular reason to be proud? We competed and won case competitions here and in the US. We were honoured for our academic and extracurricular achievements, and shared these awards with family and friends. For some of you it was the day you received your job offer, or your permanent residency status. Some celebrated more personal achievements like competing in sports or running a small business.

Along the way the class of 2007 has left Rotman and the community a better place than when we arrived. With the efforts of students in this graduating class, Rotman launched international study tours that took 35 students and staff on a two week immersion to China in January, and will also visit India in a few weeks' time. Closer to home, Rotman students generously supported a United Way fundraising campaign that more than doubled last year's results, and highlighted that the relationship between business and society truly goes deeper than just the bottom line.

A greatly expanded mock interview program let our class pass on some our best, and worst, recruiting experiences to an eager class of 2008. New clubs continue to emerge to serve the interests of students, while events like the LENS exhibit have shown the talents of Rotman's finest photographers.

Well, now we've arrived at the part of the night that our spouses and dates were probably afraid of. It may be normal to us, but they now know that an MBA is mostly just an expensive new vocabulary of three letter words and acronyms used to wow our friends, and to thoroughly confuse them. We PV'ed, we MCV'ed, and we DCF'ed anything we could get our hands on. GMP, GFY, CCC, GBC, GIL, FIT, & PSO. When would it ever end? Maybe you even used a little T A O around the house. So at the very least we all owe you, our friends and family, an apology for talking in this crazy language, and more importantly an enormous thank you for

supporting us emotionally and financially amidst the uncertainty of jobs and marks, through the good and the bad, even when dinner was regularly missed because of beer and hors d'oeuvres at recruiting info sessions.

Surely, there is more to the MBA than just mastering the language of business. Well, obviously there is pizza...the universal currency of life at Rotman. But other than consuming hundreds of slices, we also laughed, worried, chatted on breaks, smoked with Nitin out front, jockeyed for study rooms and braced ourselves for the times when Rick Powers added a microphone to his already stern voice. Some spent enough time at the Duke of York that you should have asked for equity in the place to get some IRR on the investment you made many Thursdays and after most exams.

And just think for a minute about what our Atrium saw...corporate leaders like Jack Welch one day, and dodgeball the next. Thought leaders like Malcolm Gladwell, and sumo wrestling hosted by Ramy. Hot Dogs and Beer. All-nighters followed up by suits and recruiting. Lectures and Cricket on the big screen. We're a pretty versatile bunch, and we'll need it - the world will be just as complicated and unpredictable as a normal week at Rotman.

It's amazing to think that the days and weeks have turned to months that passed so quickly - and now, almost two years since we first met, we're nearly done.

So now what to do?

We've worried about GPAs, deadlines, learned how much you really can cram into a six week quarter, and figured out that sometimes internet or cell phone reception in the building just isn't meant to be...

Now it's time to look forward - look forward to our future and to the ways that we can keep chasing the goals and dreams that brought us together in the first place. Some of you already know what that first step is, while others will know soon - regardless, a Rotman MBA has given us a number of things to make these dreams a reality. New tools & skills. Friendships and networks. The confidence to face uncertainty.

I believe that, while I stand before you as valedictorian, one student cannot possibly represent a class as diverse as ours. We all have different curiosities, have come from different countries and jobs, and are moving forward to different positions and challenges in the future. But what we do share is that we all came and made an investment in ourselves, remembered to have some fun along the way, and have contributed to the experience of each other precisely because we are all a little different.

Maybe you've been waiting for me to tell you to go out there and make Rotman proud, and that you're the leaders of the future? Well maybe we are, but if we're going to make that happen, we won't be able to do it alone. We'll need more than our own diploma & transcript; we'll need our closest friends - those who helped us through when we needed a laugh - and we'll need the others in our MBA network who can answer that obscure question or help solve that business problem in a year, or two, or ten. We'll need to remember that the achievement we are celebrating tonight is just one step on a path of continuing to challenge ourselves.

So on behalf of the class of 2007, I congratulate you all on the achievements of the past two years and wish you well in your future, wherever it may take you. Congratulations to all the graduates, thank you again to our friends and family for your support, and enjoy the rest of the party tonight!

International Exchange



The experience in Toronto and at Rotman was the best we've ever had. We want to express our thanks to all the people that helped us and gave us unforgettable memories.

Gary Yang & Ruby Chen
from China

My short 4 months in Shanghai was probably one of the biggest highlights of my MBA experience. Being in a city that fuses together ultra modern and traditional architecture was something that I loved. I also had the opportunity to meet other exchangers from around the world, and together we explored the unfamiliar culture, food, and way of life in Shanghai. Despite trying foods such as raw horse meat and duck tongue, I'm happy to say that I didn't need my health insurance the whole time. One day I hope to return to Shanghai for work or for vacation. Either way I know that I'll have an awesome time.

Sherwin Mah
in China



First time to be across the Pacific,
First time to go to a country larger than China,
First time to hear so many languages at the same time,
Unique experience, inerasable memory!
Thanks Toronto, thanks Rotman!

Hongwei Wang
from China



Toronto is such a multicultural and diverse city, that it's hard not to fall in love with this place. My experience at Rotman during these past four months has also been amazing; I really couldn't have asked for a better way to conclude my MBA programme.

Katrina Chiu
from Hong Kong

Right: Rob
and David
visit Sicily
with new
friends



Students from Abroad 2006-2007

Fall: Peter Hürzeler,
Lionel Marron, Piyush
Sharma, Franziska Zuber,
Sarvesh Kapoor, Aris
Tzounakos, Sarah Callil,
Sebastian Kemper,
Katrina Chiu, Ran Ben-
Hamu, Smriti Pradhan,
Ruby Chen, Vipul
Goyal, Steffen Wicker,
Antoine Aulanier, Gary
Yang, Mona Nazir, Jan
Olszewski

Spring: Karthik
Vijayapalam

with Rajesh Kumar, Kevin
Taylor & François Cartier

Roger Martin - omnipresent: on the beach volleyball court, in the mailbox, in the newspaper
Orientation Camp - how much sleep do you really need?
TEAM - what else
Masterfile - who has got it?
Alcohol - never on the street, but otherwise...
Nutrition - coffee@Second Cup, sandwich@campus store, coffee@Tim Horton's, BB@chicken@Innis, coffee@Second Cup, chickensweet-sour@rolling kitchen, coffee@Tim Hortons, hot dog@hot dog man, coffee@Second Cup, pizza@pizzapizza, coffee@Second Cup, sandwich@...

... that's the executive summary for you, I know you are too busy to read more than that. But the most important thing is still missing: GREAT PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD! IT WAS GREAT TO MEET YOU ALL! THANK YOU!

Franziska Zuber
from Switzerland



Going on exchange was like the icing on the cake: A fantastic way to end an overall amazing MBA experience!

Tricia McKinnon &
Salima Rawji
in Singapore



Above: Akif takes the usual mode of transport to class in Beijing

Left: Rotmanites take Karthik on his first ski trip to Mount St Louis

International Exchange

That's it.
I am done.

What remains from my stay in Toronto?
Though Rotman is a business school, I have trouble assigning "hard numbers" even to countable matters, wherefore here I content myself with verbal expressions of magnitude (by "sinning" against one of Prof. David Beatty's strictest rules, and daringly providing a list (!!!)):

- Pictures taken: more than ever in Vallendar (place of my home university), less than in Paris
- Nationalities of people I worked with: numerous
- New entries in my email table-of-addresses: quite a few
- Inventory of things learnt: impressive
- Cumulative hours of laughter: hmmm... 5-7 perhaps?
- Cumulative hours of causeless joy: basically 8 hours per day
- Money spent at Rotman Second Cup: half a fortune
- Number of visits to the CN Tower: more than once
- Number of tourist guides worn out during my stay: 6

Here are some of my favourites, now thoughtfully structured:

1. Favourite Locations:
 - a. Favourite Store: Honest Ed's
 - b. Favourite Neighbourhood: Rosedale
 - c. Favourite Real Estate Development: Scotia Plaza
2. Favourite Experiences
 - a. Favourite Food: Pad Thai
 - b. Favourite Public Holiday: Halloween
 - c. Favourite weather: Sunshine and blue sky!
3. Favourite new English expressions learnt:
 - a. "To fly off the handle" (never happened)
 - b. "Eupeptic"
 - c. "Conceptual Framework"

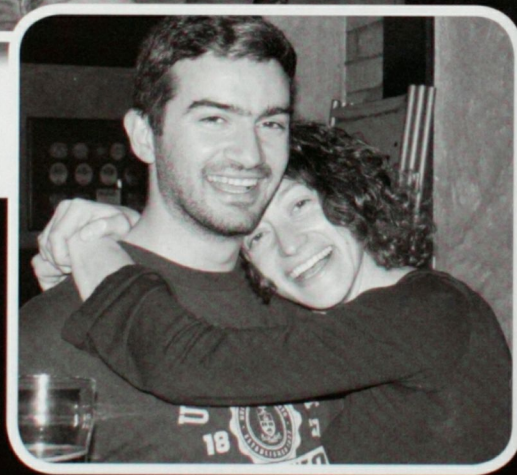
Sebastian Kemper
from Germany



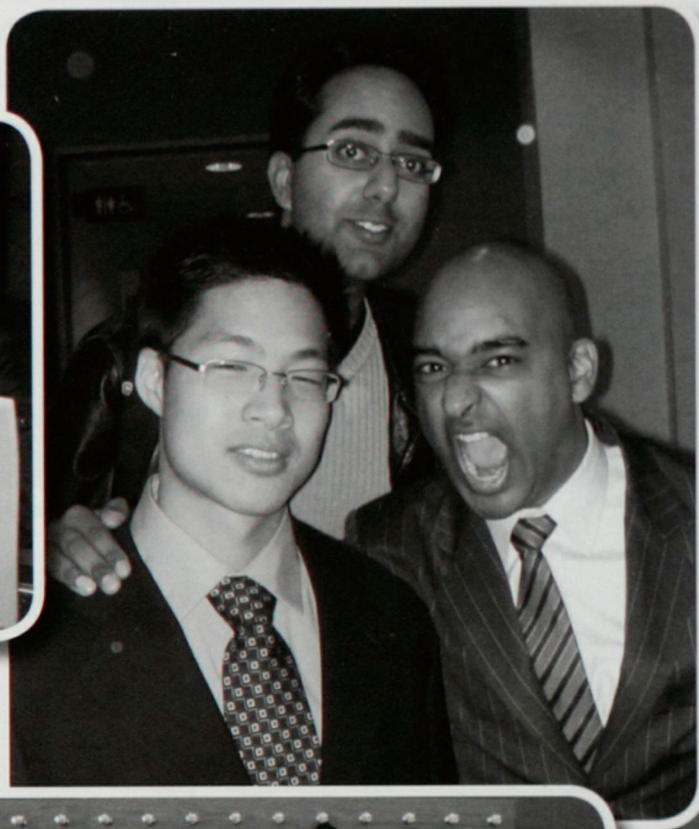
Above: Kathleen visits the Arc de Triomphe in Paris

Left: Ronit gets ready to ride the waves in Australia

Looking their benign best, our Rotman graduates can deceive the keenest eye. With dreams of champagne and caviar egging them on, these ladies and gentlemen have put aside their (minimal) worries and hangovers from Topsy Tuesdays and Thirsty Thursdays to pose for their graduation portraits. They are consultants, investment bankers, brand managers, not for profit professionals and entrepreneurs who have proudly joined the Rotman alumni network. Though divided by major, career choice, alcohol tolerance and ability to crunch a DCF, they will always remain united by the time they spent at Rotman.

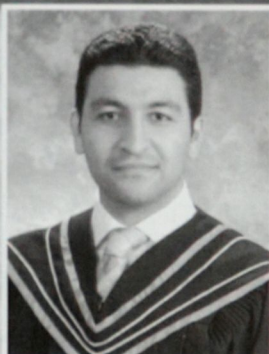


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Ahmed Abouel Kheir



Roy Abraham



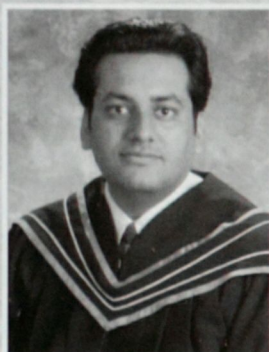
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Parul Agarwal



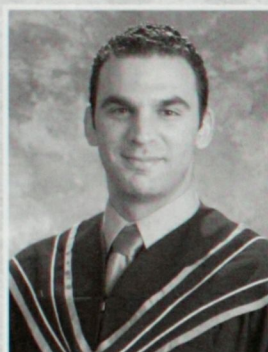
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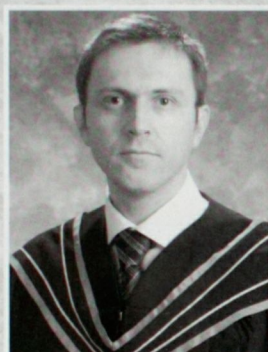
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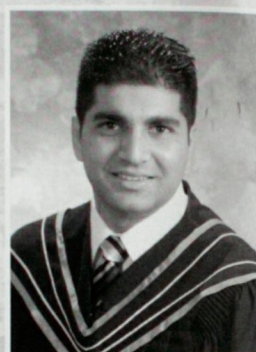
Cansel Akyol Yavuz



Hedi Amous



Alin Antimia



Anurag Arora



Sumit Arora



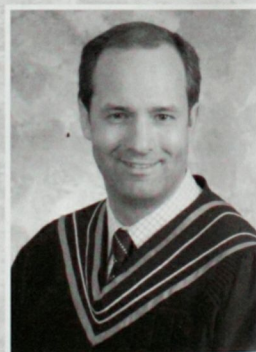
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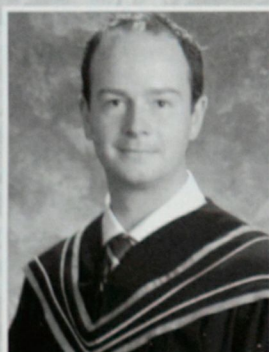
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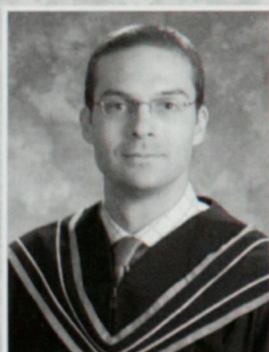
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Patrice Bansa



Chris Beltgens



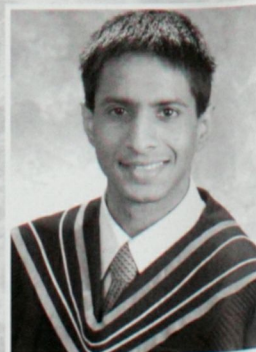
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Kathy Boulanger

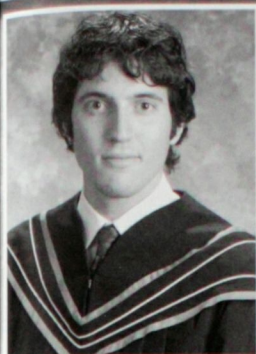


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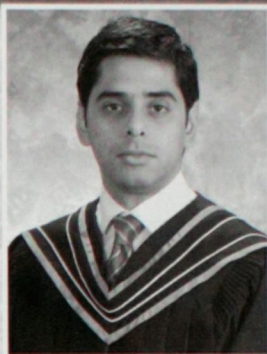


Tarun Britto

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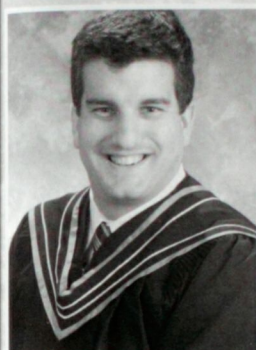
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Daniel Carabajal



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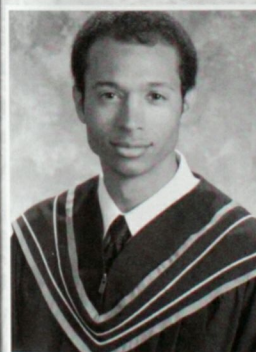
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Cristina Ceron



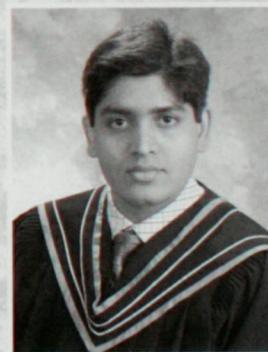
Jason Chang



Christopher
Charlesworth



Bogdan Chmielewski



AJ Choudhry



Ivan Ping Kin Chow



Andrew
Clarfield-Henry



Carla Corral Aliaga



Roger, Skip, Kevin & Sandy grab a bite after a long group meeting.



Raj & Sabrina accept a token of appreciation for coordinating 200 first years onto orientation buses.



Ronnie gives Ameet a farewell kiss as Shir looks on.



Abhijit & Sonya chill on the patio at a summer barbeque.

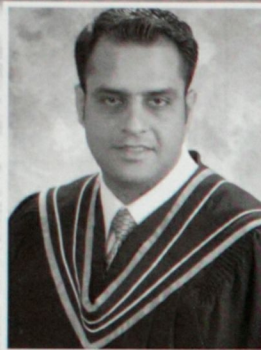


Mariano, Sol, Akif, Shouyi & Rob take a night out away from business plans, mergers and acquisitions.

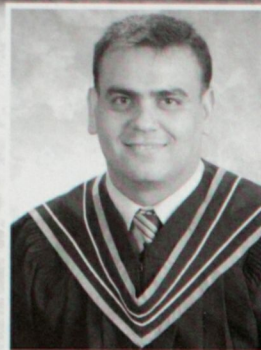


Rachel & Yaeko catch up with their news from the summer at orientation camp.

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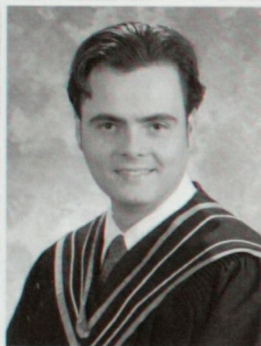
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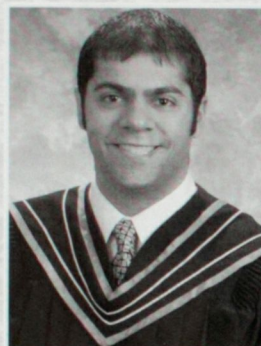
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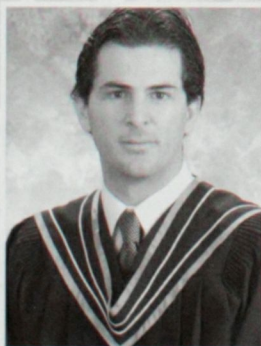
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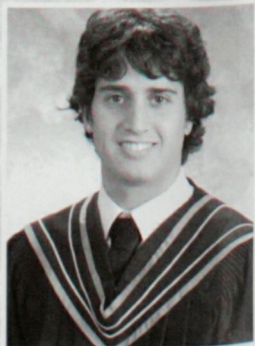
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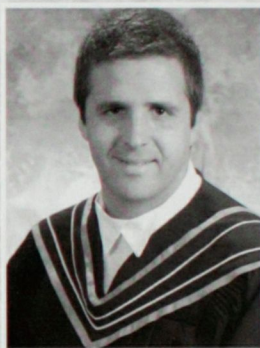
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Jennifer Geng



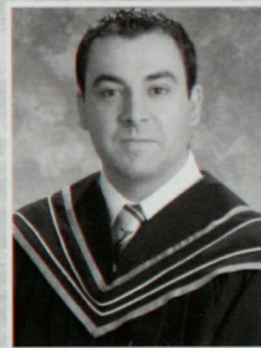
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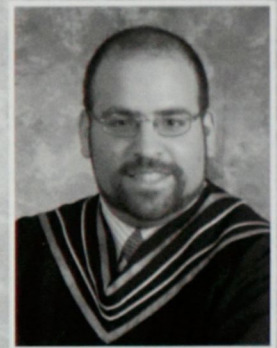
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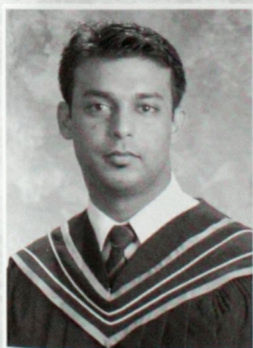
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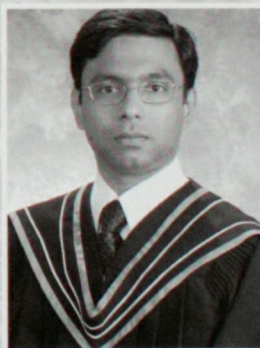
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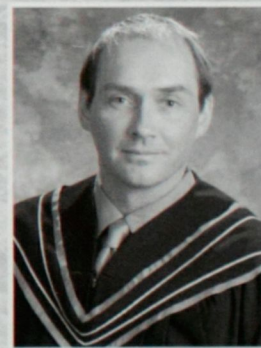
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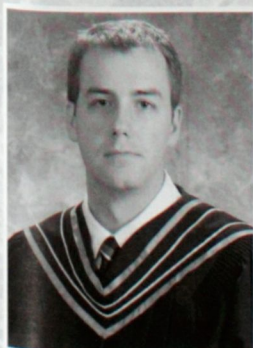
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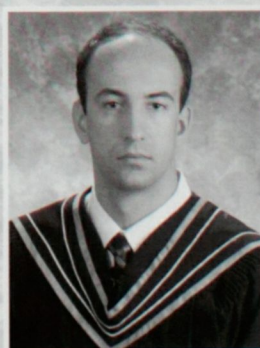
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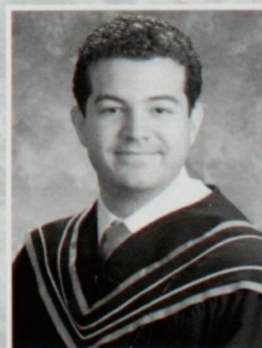
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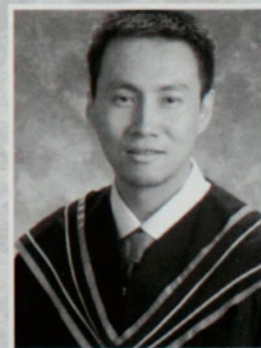
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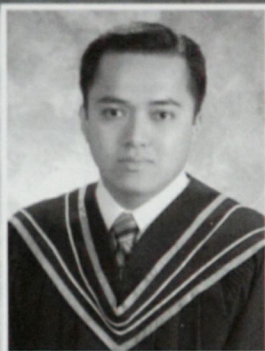


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Gary Hum

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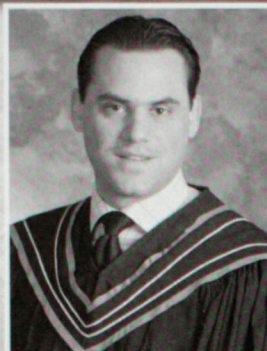
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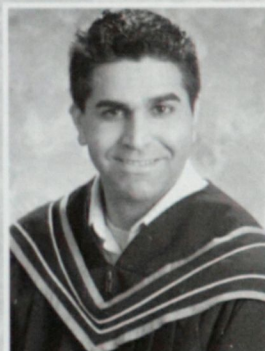
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David Jube



Shir Kalmanson



Bobby Kalsi



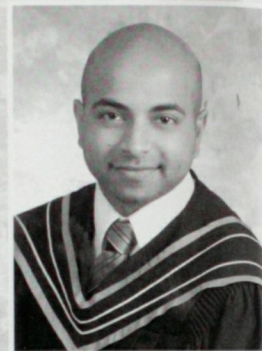
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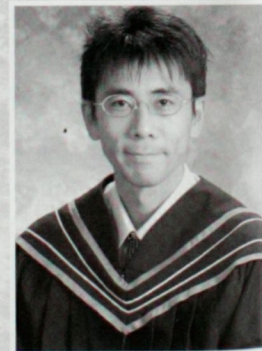
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Katharine Kim



Jon Kimball



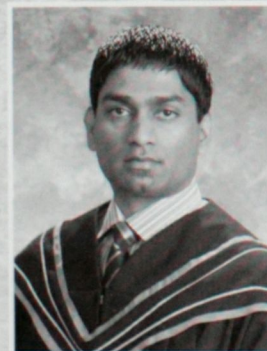
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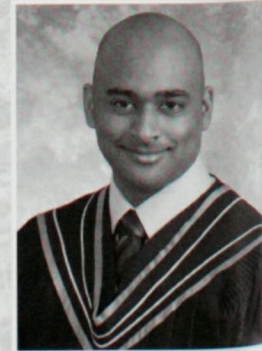
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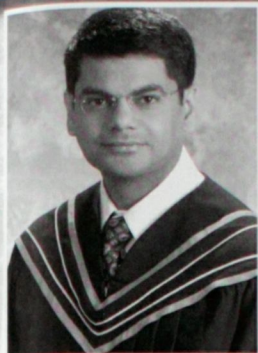


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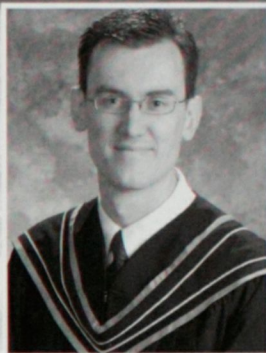
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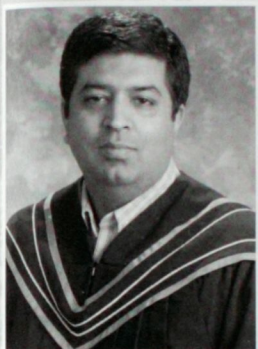
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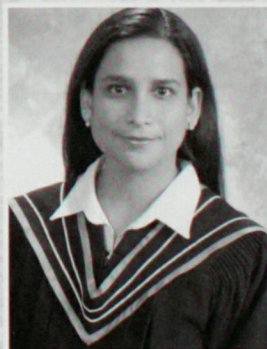
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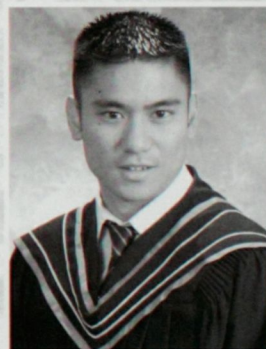
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Stephanie Lau



Gina Lavarello



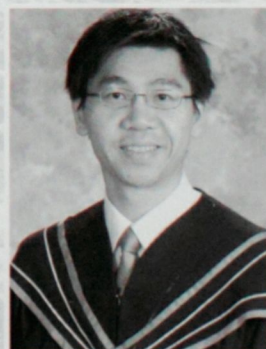
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Shelley Lee



Timothy Lee



Tai Hong Leung



Eric & Bogdan ... two incredible people!



Orrin & Amanda relax over drinks after class.



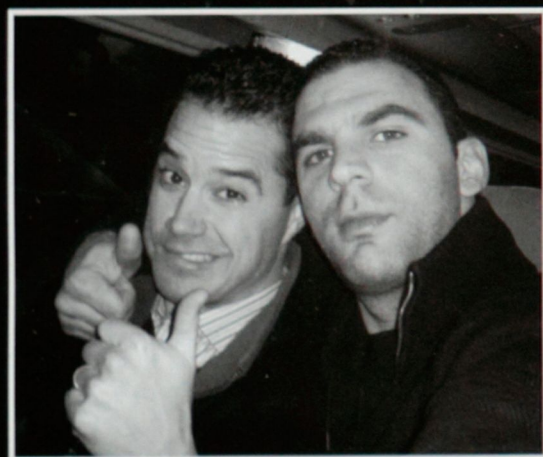
Dusan looks on in amazement as Kwong demonstrates his beer intake technique.



Jae Hoon & Adriane take a break from their studies to smile for the camera.

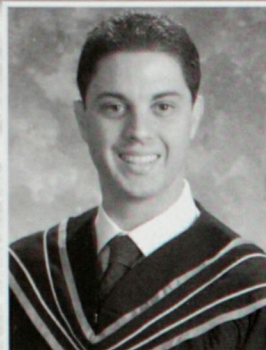


Diana, Martin, Avery, Leo & Dennis celebrate receiving their engineering Iron Rings.



Andrew & Hedi give a thumbs up for the superspeed Maglev Train in Shanghai.

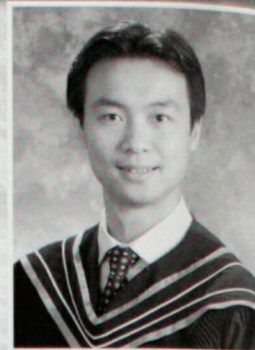
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Julio Levy



Jan Jianhui Li



Jianwei Li



Yong Li



Sophie Liang



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Sonya Lockyer



Dusan Lovren



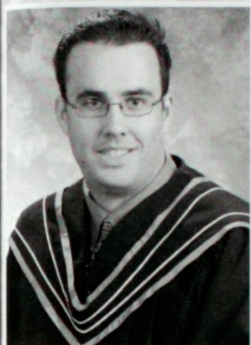
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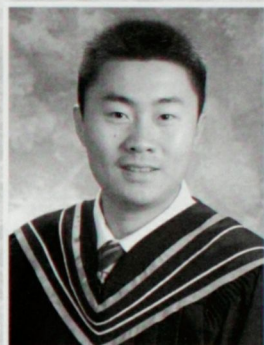
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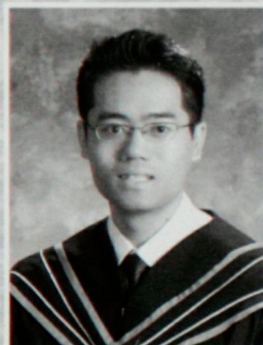
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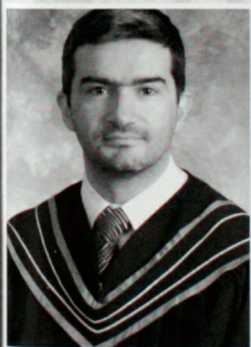
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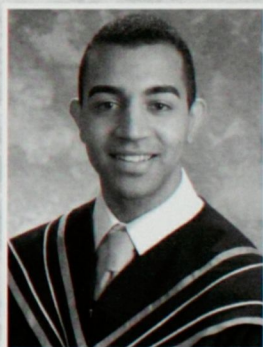
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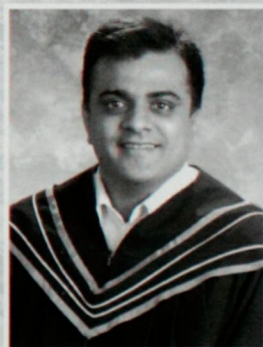
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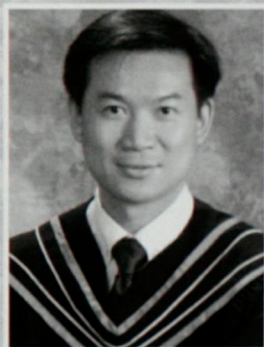
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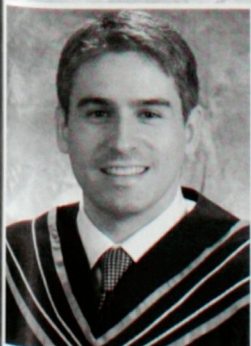
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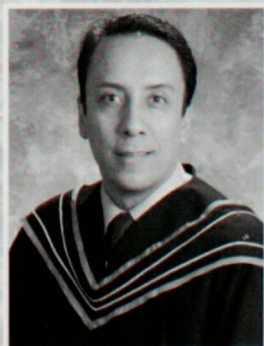
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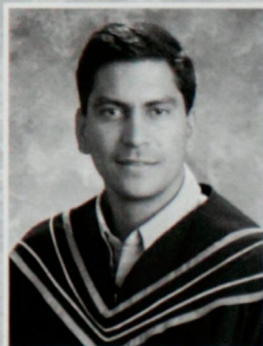
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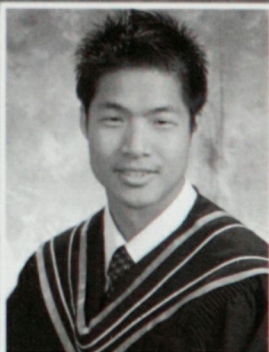


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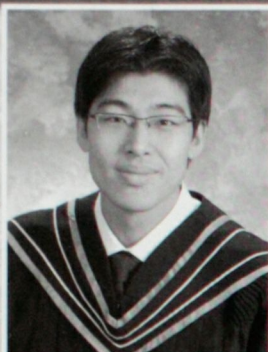
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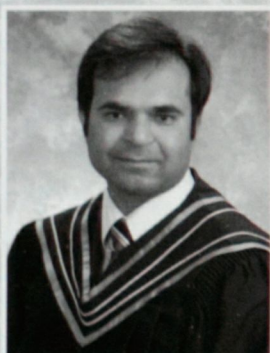
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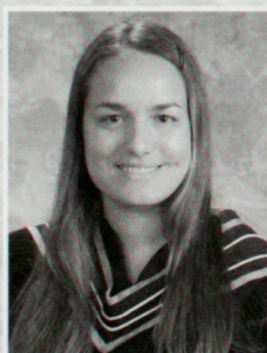
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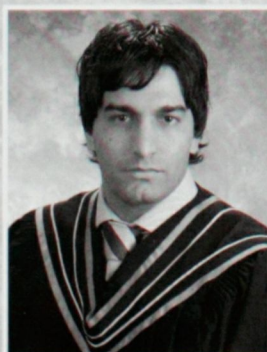
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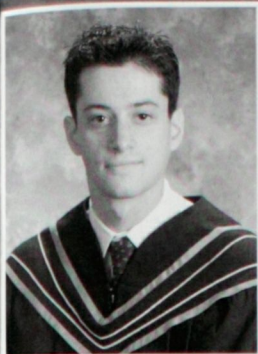


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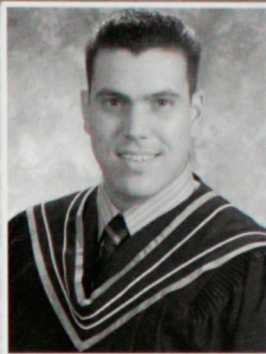


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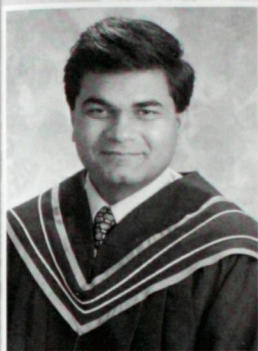
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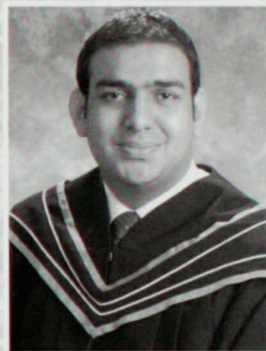
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Ron, Araba & Sophie visit the Ogilvy & Mather office to get a glimpse of customer insight in China.



AJ, Mike, Chris & David set sail to the Toronto Islands for the annual Dragon Boat Festival.



Sameer & Arturo enjoy a few drinks at the local watering hole.



Patrice & Saurabh pose for a hero shot at orientation camp.



The crew bids farewell to Tricia, Chris & Ip before they leave on exchange.



Anurag & Mehrnaz hope to leave a lasting impression on Rotman.

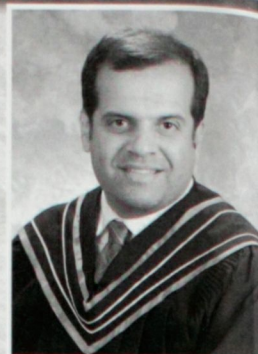
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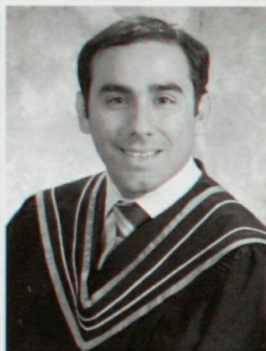
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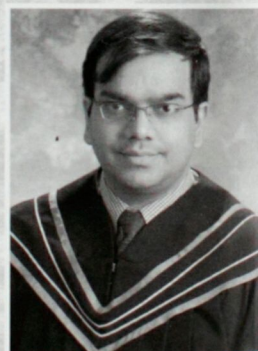
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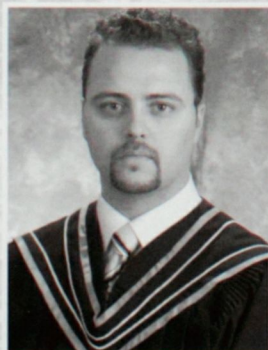
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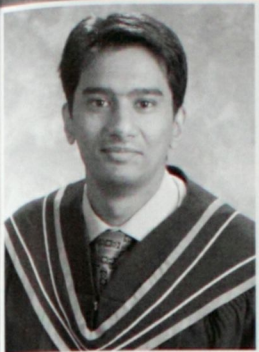


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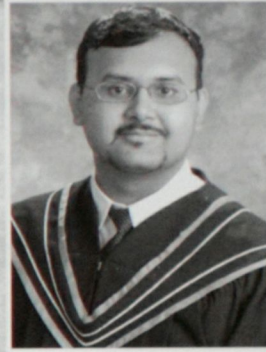
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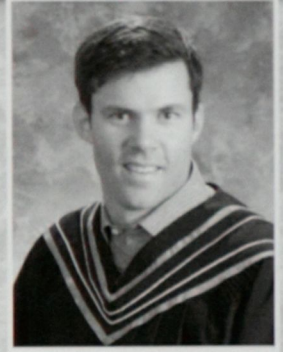
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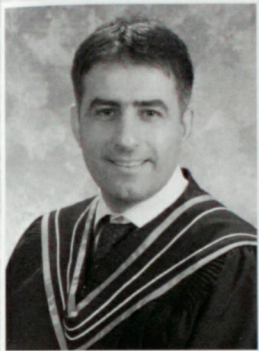
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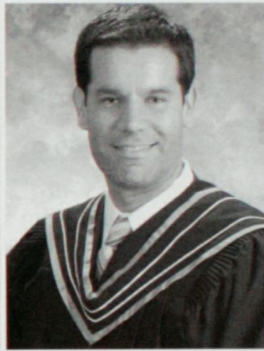
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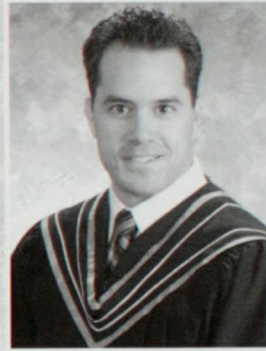
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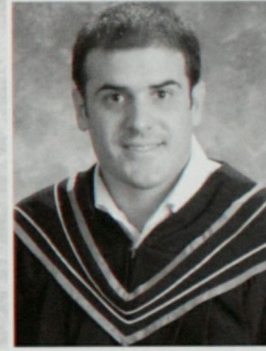
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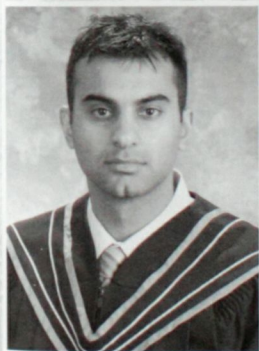
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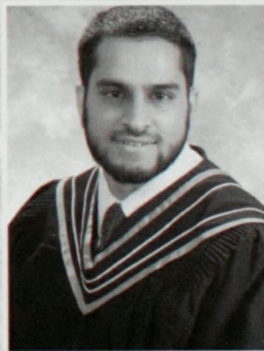
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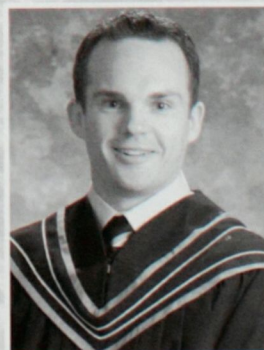
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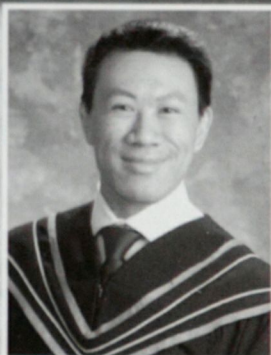


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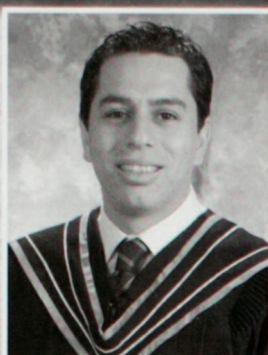
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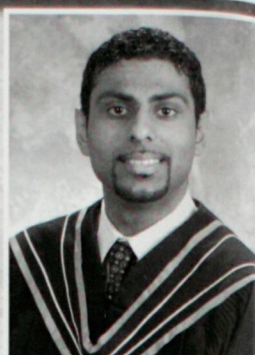
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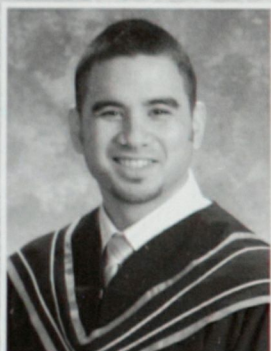
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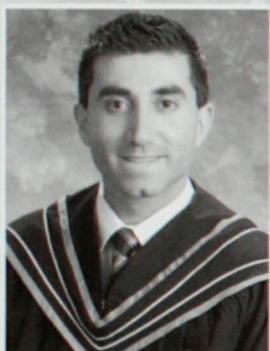
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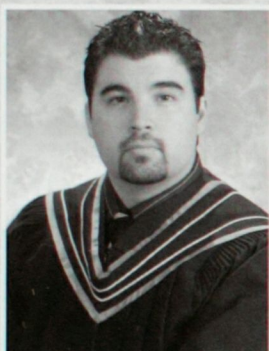
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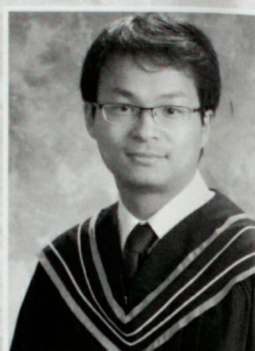
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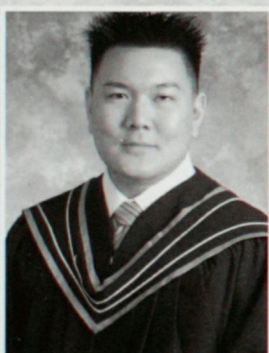
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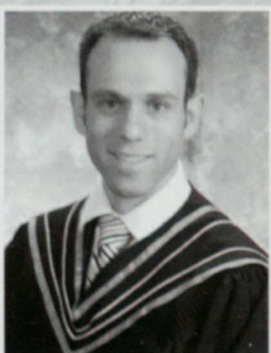
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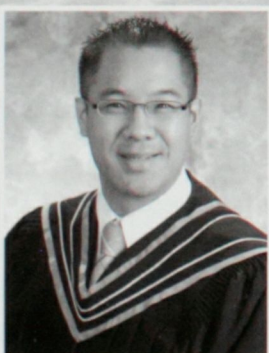
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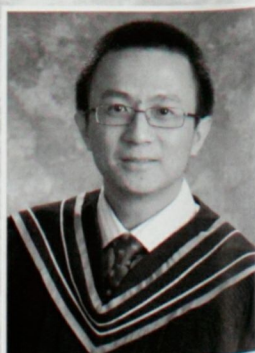
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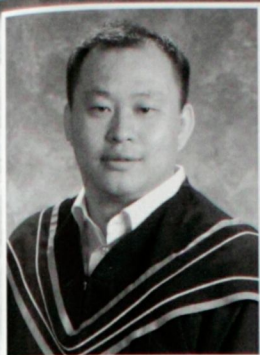


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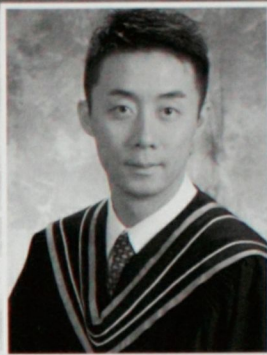
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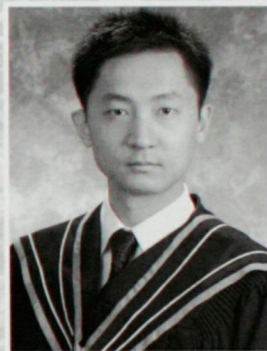
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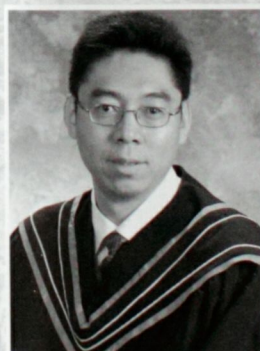
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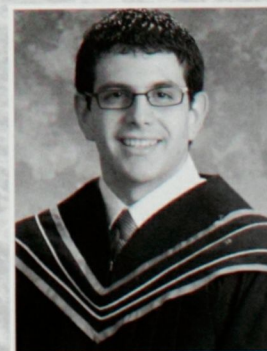
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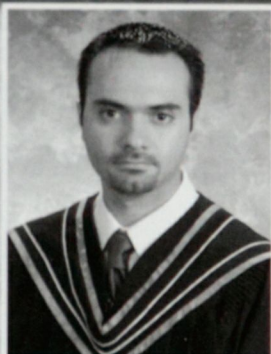
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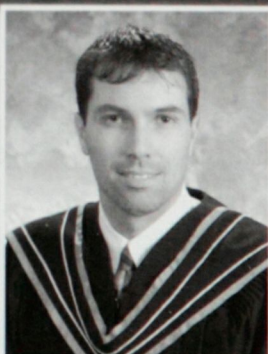


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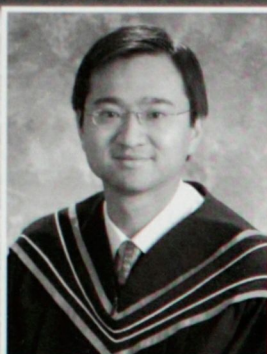
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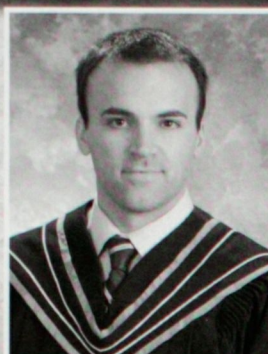
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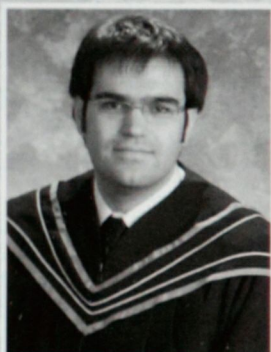
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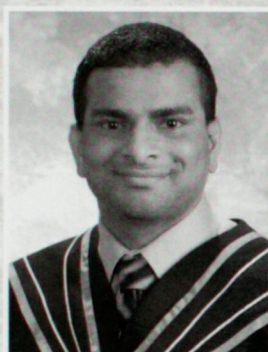
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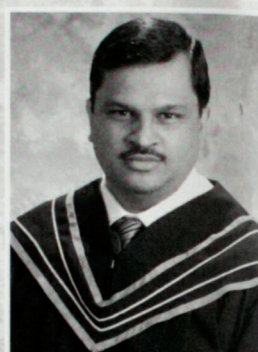
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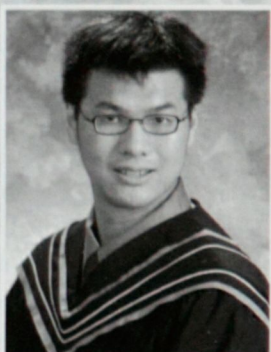
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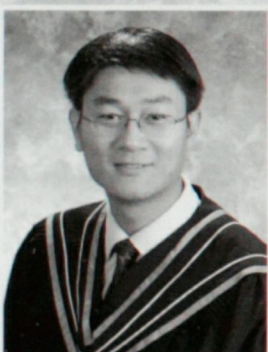
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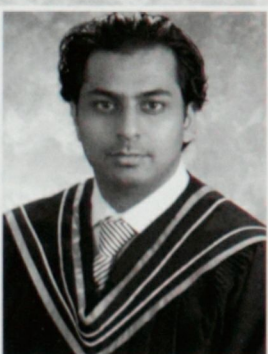
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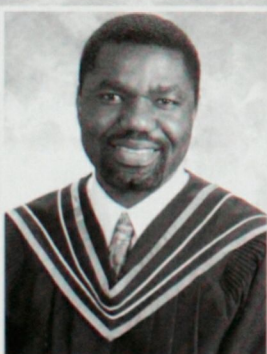
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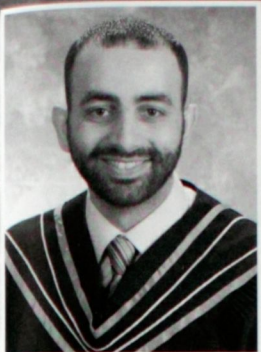


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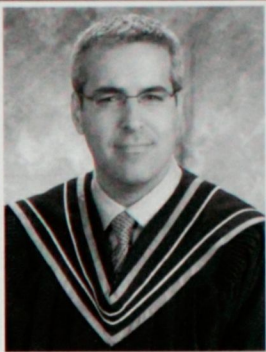
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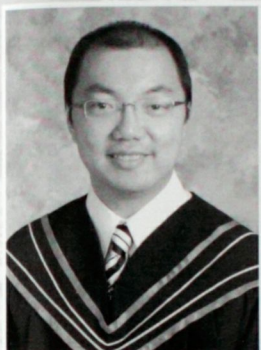
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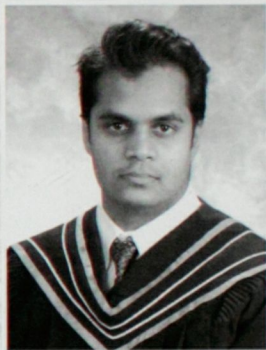
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David, Sandy & Zhen take a stroll through the Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai.

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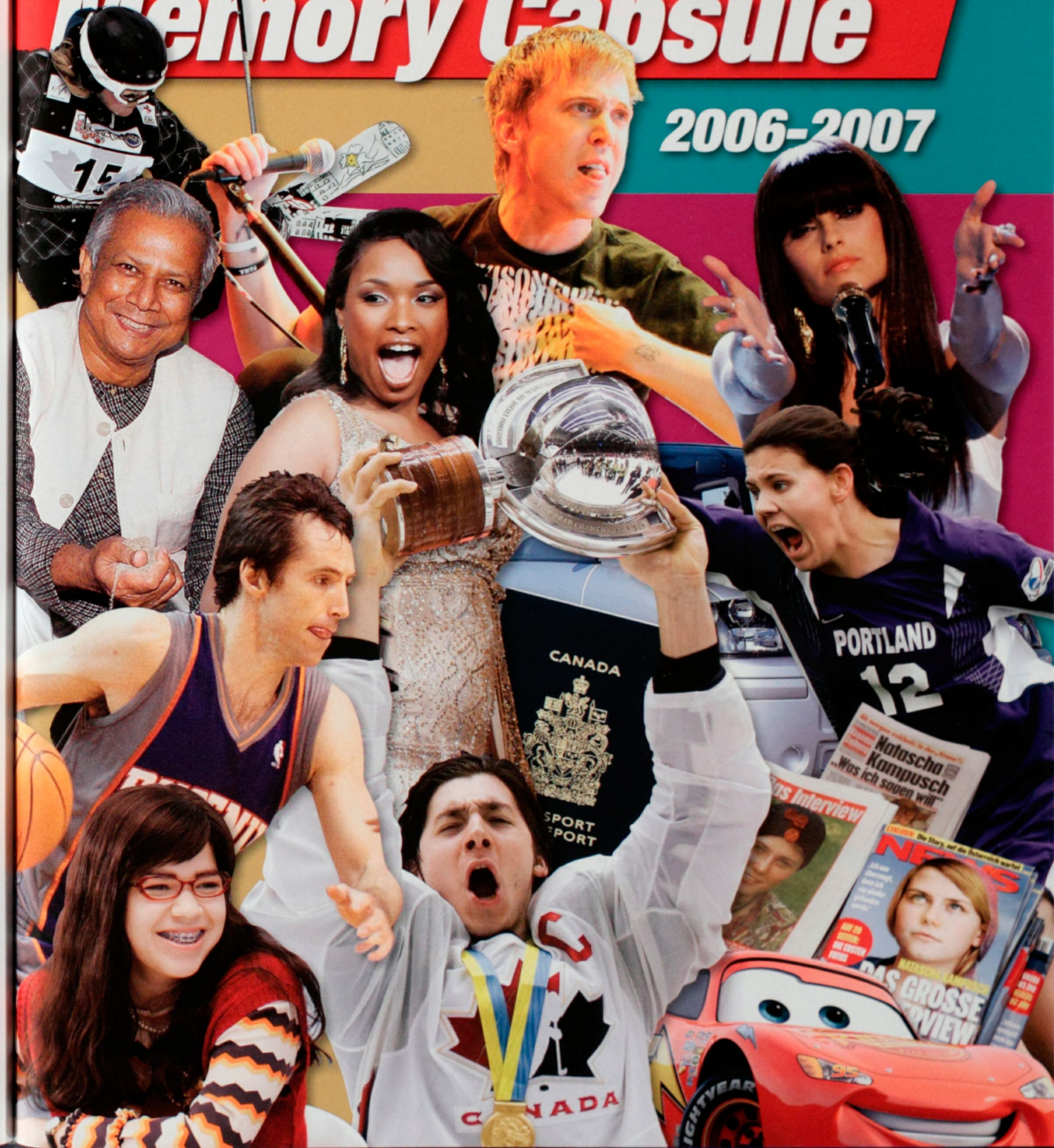
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▲ **SMALL BILLS PRODUCE BIG CHANGE.** Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his pioneering strategy of bankrolling poor people to enable them to start small businesses. Microcredit financing helps the poor to access loans without a down payment. The Grameen Bank was founded by Yunus in 1976 with \$27. It now boasts 6.6 million borrowers in 70,000 Bangladeshi villages. The average loan is \$227, and 97 per cent of the borrowers are women. (Karl Gilbert/AP)



▲ **IRAQ TEETERS.** While the trial and execution of former dictator Saddam Hussein should have been a sign of progress in Iraq, the steady flow of bad news continued. More than 60,000 Iraqi civilians are estimated to have died since the U.S. invaded in March 2003. And there was growing evidence that the country is spiraling into utter chaos, with car bombings, brutal death squads and mounting casualties a daily occurrence. The unrest has forced millions to flee their homes. The UN estimates there are 1.8 million internally displaced people and 2 million more who have left Iraq. Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has pledged to disband Shia and Sunni militias that have been fueling the violence and to restore basic government services. (Bruno Klein-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **SPOTLIGHT ON DARFUR.** The United Nations renewed efforts to revive the stalled peace process in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan. More than 200,000 people have been killed and at least two million others displaced since 2003 largely because of fighting between government forces, militias and rebel groups. Almost 4 million people are dependent on humanitarian aid, but unstable conditions have led to the withdrawal of many relief workers. Meanwhile actor George Clooney uses star power to keep the world's attention focused on the crisis. He has traveled to the war-ravaged region, where he describes the situation as "ethnic cleansing," and produced a documentary of the horrors he saw. He has also lobbied China, Egypt and the UN for action to halt the violence. (Timothy Smith-U.S. Navy/KRT)



◀ **THE SUMMER WAR.** On July 12 the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah kidnapped two Israeli soldiers. Israel responded with a military assault to defeat the Shia organization. While Hezbollah launched hundreds of deadly missiles into Israel, that country flattened swathes of southern Lebanon and Beirut. Trapped international civilians, including 15,000 Canadians, fled Lebanon by ship. After 34 days, a shaky ceasefire was imposed but more than 1,000 civilians were dead, Hezbollah had survived and the two Israeli soldiers were still missing. (Paul Anacker/MCT)



▲ **PANDA PERFECTION.** Eighteen panda cubs left their mothers and moved into a kindergarten at China's Wolong Nature Reserve in February. Aged between five and seven months, the endangered animals will be raised together until their first birthday when some could leave their outdoor school to join the estimated 1,600 pandas still found in the wild. (AP)



▲ **YOUNG, ROYAL AND HUNKY.** With a murmured "I love the uniform... it's so sexy," Kate Middleton admired boyfriend Prince William as he graduated from Britain's Sandhurst military academy in December. The future king of England will spend time in all three services before starting royal duties. However, younger brother Prince Harry (right, with William and father Prince Charles) is making the army his career, with Iraq his first foreign tour. (NPA Photo-Express Syndication/KRT)

▲ **SEE-THROUGH LUGGAGE.** After the British government announced last August they'd foiled a plot to use liquid explosives to bomb a transatlantic flight, passengers around the world learned to cram "anything liquid or cream" into transparent ziplock bags. Immediately after the warning, authorities wouldn't even permit paper and pencils in airplane cabins, though they did make one exception—J.K. Rowling was allowed onboard clutching her unfinished manuscript for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

(Jonathan Buckmaster-Express Syndication/MCT)



▲ **KING OF CROCS.** The khaki-clad Crocodile Hunter from Down Under had a life-long love affair with animals and the natural world. And his enthusiasm was contagious. Fans of Steve Irwin's TV shows never tired of his buzzword "Crikey!" or his tendency to ham it up for the camera. Irwin, 44 and the father of two, was killed when a stingray's barb pierced his heart while he was filming off Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

(Bob Pepping)

▼ **FREE AT LAST.** During the eight years of her confinement, largely in a windowless room under a house in Strasshof, Austria, Natascha Kampusch waited for an opportunity to run. On Aug. 23 the moment arrived when kidnapper Wolfgang Priklopil left her alone to get the phone. After reuniting with her joyful family, relatives and Austria that "they don't have to worry about where I am anymore." (Ronald Zah/AP)





◀ **STANDING IN LINE.** Passport applications skyrocketed after the U.S. started demanding the documents from everyone flying into their country. Delays of up to five weeks were reported for the blue document. One unexpected consequence was that thousands of residents discovered that they weren't Canadian citizens due to technicalities in old citizenship laws, thus creating yet another passport problem for Ottawa. (Tom Ransom/CP)



▲ **A CHILDREN'S CHAMPION.** For his decade-long fight to free children from poverty and forced labour, Craig Kielburger was awarded the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child by Queen Silvia of Sweden in 2006. Back in 1995, Kielburger, then 12, founded Free the Children with a group of classmates. Since then the organization has built more than 450 schools in 21 countries as well as giving farm animals and sewing machines to 20,000 mothers, allowing their kids to be educated rather than being forced to work. (Gary Mylender-Kelowna Courier/CP)

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◀ ▲ THE BIGGEST BATTLES SINCE THE KOREA WAR.

When more than 2,000 Canadian troops poured into the Afghan province of Kandahar, a hotbed of terrorist activity, generals warned the public to prepare for both war and casualties. The soldiers fought ferocious battles with the Taliban while also building schools and clinics. By the end of 2006, 44 Canadian troops had died. Still soldiers' morale remained high, supplemented, no doubt, by the opening of a Tim Hortons on base. (Photo left: Capt Dave Muralt) (Photo above: Sgt Dennis Scornik-Dutch Army)

► **TERROR COMES TO CANADA.** The charges last summer against 18 Canadians, all Muslim, are chilling. Police believe the Toronto-area men, including five teens, planned to behead the prime minister and attack Parliament. Their alleged goal was to get Canadian troops out of Afghanistan. Their arrests were triggered after the accused accepted delivery of a fertilizer, which can be used to make a bomb. Police reportedly learned of the plot in its early stages and had two informants telling of the group's every move. Family and friends stood by the accused, professing their innocence. (Frank Gunn/CP)





◀ **THE POWER OF GREEN.** No one can accuse Elizabeth May of being a late convert to the environmental cause. For 17 years she was executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada and helped create a grassroots network devoted to protecting the Earth's ecosystems. Last August she was overwhelmingly elected leader of the Green Party of Canada and set about capitalizing on the electorate's new-found environmental zeal. By the spring, the Greens were within striking distance of the New Democratic Party in opinion polls—which is impressive considering the party doesn't have an MP in Parliament.

(Dave Chidley/CP)



▲ **WHAT IF HE'D STARTED WITH A COFFEE MUG?** Back in 2005, Kyle MacDonald of Belcarra, B.C., looked at a red paperclip and wondered if he could trade it for a house. He offered to exchange it online and within two days was the owner of a fish-shaped pen. More barter followed—including a generator and even a film role—until he got a two-storey house in Kipling, Sask., on July 12, 2006.

(Troy Preece/CP)



▲ **RIISING TO THE TOP.** Former environment and intergovernmental affairs minister Stéphane Dion is the new leader of the federal Liberal party, defeating frontrunner Michael Ignatieff in December. The geeky 51-year-old's quiet determination impressed party members at the Montreal convention and turned what looked like an Ignatieff coronation into a cliff-hanger. To heal party divides, Dion quickly appointed his defeated opponent as deputy Liberal leader and focused his, and the party's, attention on winning the next federal election.

(Dimitri Papadopoulos/CP)

▼ **WHEN "SORRY" WASN'T ENOUGH.** A federal inquiry determined that, partially because of faulty information given by the RCMP linking Maher Arar to al-Qaeda, the Americans sent the dual-Syrian-Canadian citizen to Syria in 2002. He was imprisoned and tortured for 10 months before being released. RCMP commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli resigned over the scandal. Then, in January, Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized on behalf of the government and gave Arar more than \$10.5 million. Even so, Arar lamented, "I wish there was a way I could buy my life back."

(Tom Homan/CP)



▲ **STOP IT!** A climatologist described the winter storms that slammed into British Columbia's Lower Mainland as "jumbo jets on the airport tarmac. You had one coming in right after another." In November, a huge wind-and-rain storm left more than 200,000 houses without power and around two million Vancouver-area residents under a "boil water" advisory. A month later, a mammoth windstorm uprooted at least 3,000 trees in Vancouver's historic Stanley Park, clear cutting swathes of the urban forest. The only upside to the storms: a great ski season in B.C.'s interior.

(Ryan Remisz/CP)

▼ **BIG STAGE FOR BIG TALENT.** Since releasing its 2003 self-titled album, Billy Talent's popularity has skyrocketed worldwide. The Mississauga, Ont. band's follow-up, 2006's *Billy Talent II*, earned five Juno nominations and spawned several hit singles including *Devil in a Midnight Mass*, *Red Flag* and *Fallen Leaves*. Although BT still enjoys playing smaller venues, like its longtime favourite the Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto, singer Ben Kowalewicz concedes that playing sold-out shows at the Air Canada Centre, home of the Toronto Maple Leafs, also feels pretty amazing. (Craig Robertson-Toronto Sun/CP)



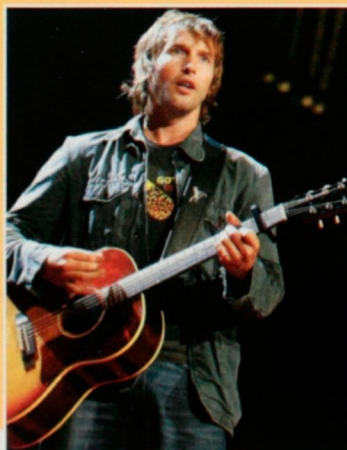
▲ **ROCK ON, ROSSI.** Toronto singer Lukas Rossi (right) beat long odds last fall to win the CBS TV show contest *Rock Star: Supernova*. Having missed the auditions in his hometown, the spiky-haired rocker borrowed money for a plane ticket to the Vancouver call, and continued on to beat out contestants from Iceland, Australia and Texas in the final round. (Richard Lam/CP)

Music

▼ **TOUGH TEXAS TRIO.** Back in March 2003, Natalie Maines (centre) told a British audience her band was "ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas." The backlash from U.S. country music fans was fierce, and the Dixie Chicks' career went flat. But their 2006 CD *Taking the Long Way* struck a chord with more than just country fans, and earned them five Grammy awards including album and song of the year. Contrary to the title of their hit single, seems they just might be ready to make nice. (Amanda M. Parks-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **RED HOT ROCK.** Within days of winning four Grammys for *Stadium Arcadium*, their first album to debut at No. 1, the Red Hot Chili Peppers announced they will take part in the July 7 Live Earth concerts that will include shows in China, South Africa, Australia, Britain, Japan, Brazil and the U.S. Event organizers hope to reach a two-billion-strong audience to address the global climate crisis. The Peppers, including singer Anthony Kiedis (above), have perfected a super-charged rock sound and crazed performing style that's guaranteed to wow the crowd at any venue. (Fabian Bimmer/AP)



◀ **BLUNT INSTRUMENT.** His intimate, confessional single *You're Beautiful*, which features a sweet, sparse falsetto, was inescapable listening on pop radio stations nationwide, riding the Billboard Hot 100 for 38 weeks. The track eclipsed the other nine songs on James Blunt's debut album *Back to Bedlam* and portrayed a vulnerable side that is at odds with the macho image of this former British army officer who served in Kosovo in the late 1990s. But a music career was always Blunt's goal, and he has happily swapped guns for guitars. (Jason DeCrow/AP)

Top 10 Albums • 06

1.	SOUNDTRACK	HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
2.	ME AND MY GANG	RASCAL FLATTS
3.	SOME HEARTS	CARRIE UNDERWOOD
4.	ALL THE RIGHT REASONS	NICKELBACK
5.	BACK TO BEDLAM	JAMES BLUNT
6.	FUTURE SEX/LOVE SOUNDS	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
7.	TAKING THE LONG WAY	DIXIE CHICKS
8.	BREAKTHROUGH	MARY J. BLIGE
9.	NOW 21	VARIOUS ARTISTS
10.	B'DAY	BEYONCÉ



▲ **A DREAM DUET.** Imagine performing live, on stage with Justin Timberlake. That dream became a reality for Robyn Troup, 19, of Houston, Tex. After she won the "My Grammy Moment" contest, Troup sang Timberlake's recent No. 1 hit *My Love* with the man himself at the February awards show. Timberlake, meanwhile, took home two Grammy awards to add to his collection. (Mark J. Terrill/AP)

► **MOM'S THE WORD.** As the mother of two pre-schoolers, Winnipeg-born Chantal Kreviazuk realizes that at some point, her kids are going to have a good, hard listen to her music. So these days, she sees her songs as her gift to them. For instance her single *All I Can Do* (sample line: "All I can do is love you to pieces") is really about her children. Who knew? (Nathan Denette/CP)



▲ **MARY J. BLIGE.** *Be Without You*, the lead-off track from the R&B diva's seventh album, entitled *The Breakthrough*, topped the R&B singles chart for a record-setting 15 consecutive weeks. CD sales were brisk, making *Breakthrough* one of the top five selling albums of 2006. With all that momentum, it was no surprise when Blige carried off three Grammy awards. (Amanda M. Parks-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **INSANE SUCCESS.** Their run-away hit single *Crazy* was arguably the most adventurous, irresistible song of 2006, blending soul and rock in a tune that appealed to just about everyone. Gnarls Barkley, the quirky duo that is DJ/producer Danger Mouse (Brian Burton) and rapper/singer Cee-Lo Green (Thomas Callaway), love to dress up in an ever-rotating roster of costumes — everything from airline flight crew uniforms to *Star Wars* characters. Nominated for four Grammys, the pair's *St. Elsewhere* won for best alternative album, and their wild antics earned the best urban/alternative performance Grammy for *Crazy*. (Jeff Christensen/AP)

◀ **VEGAS VIBES.** Like their hometown city of Las Vegas, where everything is about excess and flash, the Killers want to be noticed. The foursome's second album, *Sam's Town*, and its hard-rocking hit *When You Were Young* won raves in Britain and in *Rolling Stone* magazine. While their first CD had a strong British pop feel, this time out lead singer Brandon Flowers added a touch of Bruce Springsteen for a more all-American sound. (Michael Ansell/ABC/Everett Collection)



◀ **NELLY GETS LOOSE.** With help from hip-hop super producer Timbaland, the little girl from Victoria, B.C. created a slick, R&B-hip hop sound. Nelly Furtado's third album, *Loose*, with hit singles *Promiscuous*, *Maneater*, *Say It Right* and *All Good Things (Come to an End)*, reached No. 1 in North America. In April, the singer took time out from her five-continent world tour to host the Juno Awards in Saskatoon. (Keweenaw Organization/AP)

Lifestyle



◀ **BIG IS BEAUTIFUL.** First it was oversized sunglasses. Now the fashion industry has super-sized women's handbags. No more demure evening clutches. Today's stylemakers lug purses that resemble midsize duffel bags. At first glance it seems like a match made in heaven: fashion AND function in one accessory. The upside: these bags hold everything but the kitchen sink. The downside: they're causing a sharp increase in reported neck, shoulder and back problems. (Patrick Rideaux)



► **FLASHDANCE REDUX.** Hey, we liked the 1983 movie too, but not enough to parade in public wearing spandex leggings and baggy pullovers. Yet many continue to mine the '80s for these fashion faux pas. Skinny jeans and wide belts also fly off the racks. What's next? Shoulder pads? (Fernando Salazar-Wichita Eagle/WCT)

▲ **WALKING SKELETONS AREN'T ROLE MODELS.** Wanting to project an image of beauty and health, organizers at top international fashion shows barred super skinny models from the runway. The Madrid show hired medics to check the catwalk queens, and those with a body mass index below 18 were turned away. BMI is a height-to-weight ratio. The normal range is between 18.5 and 25. Many designers insist on size 0 models, who typically have a BMI of 16 and often look gaunt, frail and sickly. But the World Health Organization says such a figure borders on starvation. Tah-tah to the toothpick trend.

(Steve Wood-Express Syndication/M)

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▲ **MADE YOU LOOK.** YouTube, the site that allows everyday folks to post video clips to the Internet, which the rest of us can't stop watching, was sold to Google for US\$1.65 billion. With 72 million visitors each month, YouTube's success shows how the Internet continues to evolve, as more and more people go online not just to work, but to amuse themselves. Google hopes this huge Web audience will attract new advertisers. Stay tuned for innovative ads and video clips.



▲ **BATTLE OF THE BULGE.** Fried food, sugary sweets and salty treats may soon be on the endangered species list. Across North America, local governments are banning unhealthy foods. New Brunswick banned junk food from elementary school cafeterias and is phasing it out of high schools, while Winnipeg is attempting to meet Manitoba's guidelines for school food that call for severe restrictions on the sale of fries and pizza pops, and the outright banning of chocolate bars and soda pop. Vending machines are also experiencing an extreme makeover, with the candy and chips giving way to trail mix and yogurt drinks. While young people pack on the pounds and obesity rates soar, city councils, school boards and legislatures opt for lean and green. Say goodbye to that side of fries and hello to a fruit cup.

(San Jose Mercury News)



▲ ITUNES: TWO BILLION SERVED. Music lovers in 22 countries around the globe have purchased more than 2 billion songs from the iTunes Music Store. Launched in April 2003, iTunes sold its first million tracks in just five days and since then it hasn't looked back. iTunes accounts for more than 80 per cent of legal music downloads in the United States. While digital music sales account for only 10 per cent of overall music sales, they total almost US\$2 Billion a year. And that's music to Apple CEO Steve Jobs's ears. (Romain Blanquet-Detroit Free Press/KRT)

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1. BEBO
2. MYSPACE
3. WORLD CUP
4. METACAFE
5. RADIOBLOG
6. WIKIPEDIA
7. VIDEO
8. REBELDE
9. MININOVA
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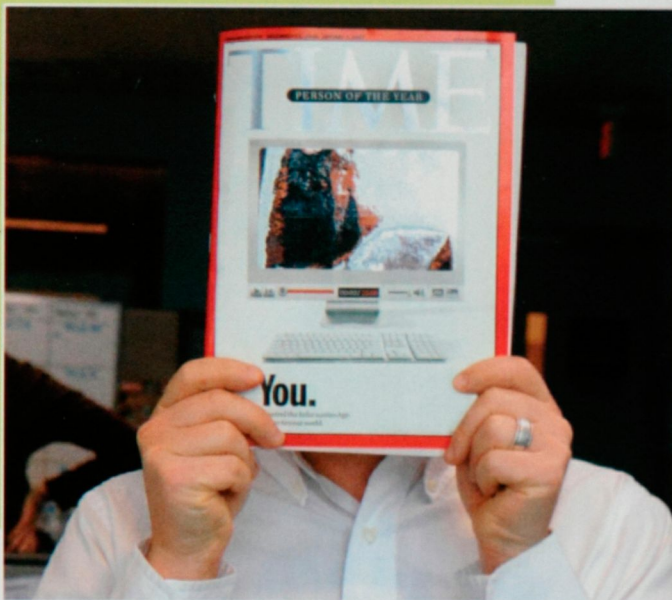
▼ TOO HOT TO HANDLE. In the largest safety recall in the history of the consumer electronics industry, Dell Inc. agreed to replace 4.2 million notebook computer batteries made by Sony Corp. because they can burst into flames. After a number of laptops overheated and caught fire, other companies joined in with recalls of their own, swelling the number of batteries to be replaced to 9.6 million worldwide. Sony is feeling the heat. The burning issue now is whether the Japanese giant can recoup its reputation. (Matt Slocum/AP)

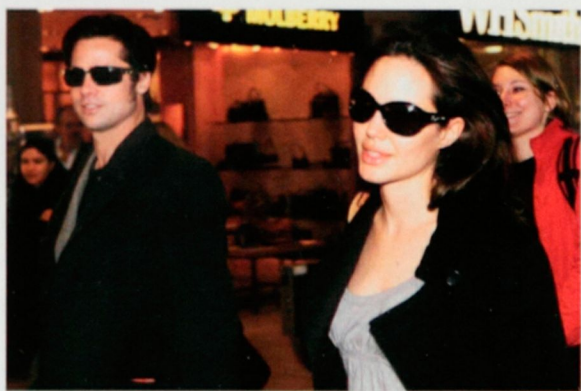


▼ GAMING: THE NEXT GENERATION. The much-anticipated launch of Sony's PlayStation 3 saw eager gamers jostling for the few consoles that were initially available. PS3 features awesome, high-rez graphics: a treat for all video fans. Meanwhile, Nintendo's Wii lures players off the couch with its motion-sensitive control panel. Some gamers got so caught up in the action that they lost their grip on the wands and sent them crashing into TVs or other players. Ouch! (PRNewsFoto/Nintendo)



▲ ▼ IT'S ALL ABOUT US. Web traffic statistics show social network site MySpace is wildly popular in North America, and Facebook is a hit particularly with 17- to 25-year-olds. While studying might slide, we all work hard at other forms of homework: upgrading our profiles, surveying news feeds from friends, and tagging our photos. Chances are that one or the other site is your first visit of the day and your last visit before bed. The trend toward user-generated content caught the eye of Time magazine editors who name "You" their Person of the Year. (Peter Breggi)





▲ **TAKING JET-SETTING TO A NEW LEVEL.** Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have been racking up frequent-flier points. After a stint in Paris, they decamped to Namibia for the May birth of Shiloh. They'd barely returned to Los Angeles when the household hit the road again, this time to India to shoot *A Mighty Heart*. By January they'd moved into a New Orleans mansion, no doubt with movers on standby. (Tim Ockendon)



◀ **REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO PINOCCHIO!** After the pop singer's nose changed shape, Ashlee Simpson, 22, wouldn't confirm speculation she'd had a nose job, telling *People* magazine, "everybody's already saying it, so I just don't talk about it. I'm like, okay, whatever. It doesn't bother me." Better publicity came months later, ironically, when she played publicity-mad Roxie Hart in the musical *Chicago*. (Al Diaz-Miami Herald/MCT)



◀ **BFF.** Paris Hilton's debut album failed but the party life of America's favourite heiress/celebrity continued unabated. In August, Las Vegas's mayor declared a Paris Hilton Day and two months later she ended her feud with *Simple Life* co-star Nicole Ritchie by being seen with the alarmingly thin author/celebrity. The show's fifth season will have the pair playing Malibu, Calif., camp counsellors. (Chris Carlson/AP)

Entertainment



◀ **MISSION: POSSIBLE.** Everyone wrote off Tom Cruise when his lucrative producer's contract was cancelled after his couch-jumping antics. But Cruise pulled his career out of the fire by signing a deal to resurrect the historic United Artists. Then in *Vanity Fair*, he and fiancé Katie Holmes introduced their baby daughter Suri to the world. "TomKat" finally tied the knot in a romantic Italian castle filled, naturally, with A-list celebrities. (Gregorio Borgia/AP)

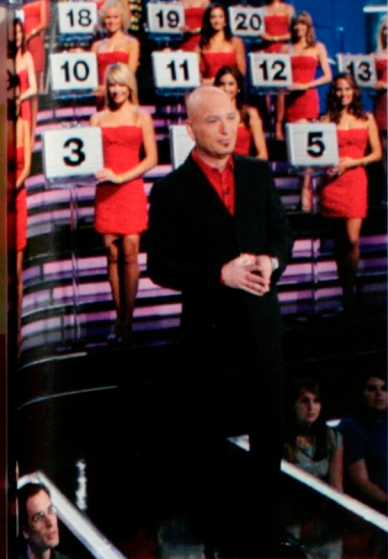
▼ **BACK ON THE SINGLES SCENE.** Another victim of the Best Actress curse (six in the past 10 years have left their significant others after embracing Oscar), Reese Witherspoon ended her marriage to Ryan Phillippe after, or so gossips say, discovering his infidelity. At the Oscars the actress wore a sculpted purple dress that screamed "I'm sooo over that *Flags of our Fathers* guy." (Michael Goulding-Orange County Register/KRT)



▲ **WHAT WAS THAT LINE AGAIN?** After her divorce from Nick Lachey (above) was finalized last year, Jessica Simpson was rarely out of the headlines. In August, her appropriately titled album, *A Public Affair*, was released and then, years after Rosie O'Donnell inspired her by prophesizing "you're gonna be a star," she was O'Donnell's debut guest on *The View*. Her botched lyrics to Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" in a tribute to the singer are forgotten now that she's starring in a movie with Luke Wilson. The title says it all—*Blonde Ambition*. (Lionel Huhn/Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **"SHAVED THAT MAN RIGHT OUT OF MY HAIR."** In November, after giving birth to second son Jaden, Britney Spears filed for divorce from dancer-turned-wannabe rapper Kevin Federline. The pop princess celebrated her decision with months of all-night partying. Her increasingly bizarre public appearances culminated with an impromptu hair shaving in February. Days later, a bald Britney entered rehab. (Danny Malachuk/AP)



◀ **DEAL...OR NO DEAL?** With no mentally challenging history questions, *Deal or No Deal* is the anti-*Jeopardy!*. Contestants open cash-stuffed briefcases while gambling that they can "beat the bank" by cashing out just before opening one case too many. The show's immediate popularity was due not only to the game's simplicity but also Canadian-born host Howie Mandel, a game show master of suspense and drama. (Tracey Poffner/NBC)



▲ **DRAWING THE LINE TO SUCCESS.** Fox's *American Idol* might get all the attention but the network's domination of the TV animation schedule is equally impressive. *Family Guy* achieved the rare status of being brought back to life after cancellation by the strength of its fan base. Then there's *American Dad!*, the twisted tale of a CIA agent coping with his troubled home life and a German-speaking goldfish. But, duh!, nothing can match the subversive wit of *The Simpsons*, now closing in on two decades on air. (FOX)

▼ **GOING GREY.** The Fray was just another band when *Grey's Anatomy* adopted their melancholy song, *How to Save a Life*. Downloads by the show's devoted fans catapulted the tune into the seventh most popular digital song of the year. Meanwhile, sites like *SeenOn.com* were overwhelmed as people purchased fashions seen draped over the show's actors. (Rob D'Amico/ABC)



Television



◀ **THE LITTLE SHOW THAT COULD.** *Heroes*' quirky premise of ordinary people with extraordinary skills worried NBC execs. But fans were instantly drawn to characters including a geeky Japanese office worker who can stop time and an un-killable cheerleader with the creepy "Horned-Rim Guy" as her father. When its slogan "Save the cheerleader, save the world" was uttered, *Heroes* rescued NBC's Monday ratings. (Chris Haston/NBC)



◀ **THE BACKGROUND WAS WHITE, OF COURSE.** Capitalizing on Apple's coolness quotient, its Spartan Mac commercials simply featured two men personifying computers. The dry wit of John Hodgman (PC guy) played off the hip Justin Long (Mac guy) and viewers' sympathy towards the geeky PC guy, desperately trying to finesse his product's finicky reputation, added to the ads' success—Apple was crowned "Marketer of the Year" and Mac sales shot through the roof.



▲ **WALTZING HIS WAY TO THE TOP.** Emmitt Smith led the NFL in career rushing yards, rushing touchdowns and rushing attempts. The retired athlete can add another honour to the list—*Dancing with the Stars* champion. With bespangled shoes carefully coordinated to his outfit, über-popular Smith won by getting the fan vote. (ABC/ADAM LARKEY)



▲ **FRIDAY NIGHT TOUCHDOWN.** The pressure on Roman gladiators couldn't have been as intense as that on high school athletes in football-obsessed Texas. *Friday Night Lights* graphically combined the triumphs and tragedies of players, including quarterback Jason Street (Scott Porter, centre), with the soap opera that is high school. Recognizing its cult status, NBC threw the show a Hail Mary and picked it up for the season. (Paul Drinkwater/NBC)

► **HOLA, BETTY!** The season's hottest comedy, *Ugly Betty*, is about how a sweet Latina girl—and her signature braces, thick eyebrows and ghastly clothes—conquers the snake pit of a fashion magazine with intelligence and bravado. This family-friendly show proved that good writing and acting can lure viewers away from reality TV. (ABC/CRAIG SJODIN)





◀ **DIVA-LICIOUS.** Shrugging off her *American Idol* rejection, Jennifer Hudson displayed her impressive pipes as well as her acting skills in *Dreamgirls* by playing Effie, the Dreamettes' lead singer who is dumped so svelte Deanna (Beyoncé Knowles) can break the group into superstardom. Hudson's heartbreaking rendition of *And I Am Telling You (I'm Not Going)* was so powerful that one preview audience gave it a standing ovation.

At the Academy Awards, *The Departed* picked up the Best Picture prize, but the night belonged to Hudson as she walked off with the Best Supporting Actress honour.

(Daniel A. Anderson-Orange County Register/IMCT)



▲ **ROMEO AND JULIET, GREASE, FOOTLOOSE and now...** Disney's *High School Musical* was about a jock (Zac Efron) and an academic (Vanessa Hudgen) who, drawn together by their love of singing, try out for the school musical. An instant hit, the made-for-TV movie spawned the year's No. 1 CD, a bestselling DVD and a blockbuster concert tour by the movie's stars. More than 2,000 amateur groups will stage their own versions of the show this year and a sequel will be out in the summer. It's truly the *Grease* of the iPod generation.

(Disney Channel / Everett Collection)

Movies



▲ **COMEBACK OF THE CAPED CRUSADER.** A lot can change in five years. When Superman (Brandon Routh) returned to Earth after searching for the destroyed Krypton, he discovered Lois Lane not only had a boyfriend but also a son. Oh, and Lex Luthor was cooking up another diabolical plot. *Superman Returns* returned to its comic book origins and rebuilt the legend, one magnificent rescue at a time. (© 2006 Warner Bros. Pictures)



▲ **"I'M JUST A BIG HAIRY AMERICAN WINNING MACHINE, YOU KNOW?"** Will Ferrell's sports satire, *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, was the comedic hit of the summer. His good-natured ode to the power of car racing included every cliché about the South, NASCAR and America; it also hit every funny bone in the theatre. (Sony Pictures/Everett Collection)



▲ **THE JOKE'S ON US.** Kazakhstan's government spent millions trying to pitch their central Asian country as a tourist destination, but no marketing campaign could change the fact that their most famous citizen is the fictional Borat Sagdiyev. British comic Sacha Baron Cohen's explicit, demented comedy, *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*, was packed with ethnic, religious and sexual stereotypes as it showed off unscripted encounters between Borat and unsuspecting Americans. Talk of a sequel started the minute after it killed the competition at the box office. (Paul Drinkwater/NBC/Everett Collection)



▲ **FASHION WORLD FOLLIES.** In *The Devil Wears Prada*, Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) was an average young woman wearing chain store clothes. Yet Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), the superciliously arrogant editor of "Runway" hired her as a new assistant, loading her down with impossible tasks such as getting the unpublished Harry Potter book. Along the way Sachs got a killer wardrobe and realized what she wants out of life while viewers got a hilarious look inside the fashion world, set to a great soundtrack.

(Barry Wetcher/Fox)



▲ **JACK IS BACK.** The second *Pirates of the Caribbean* film, *Dead Man's Chest* saved the summer movie season when fans plunked down more than US\$400 million to see the swashbuckling adventures of glam-rock Capt. Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp, centre), and ever-separated sweethearts Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley). Whether the cute couple will ever get hitched will be revealed in the series' final installment, due this summer. Just in time to rescue another summer movie season.

(Walt Disney/Event Collection)



▲ **VROOMING UP THE BOX OFFICE LIST.** Pixar has made hits such as *Toy Story*, *Monsters, Inc.*, *The Incredibles* and *Finding Nemo*, but an animated film about cars that have eyes made from windshields? In *Cars*, Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) detoured off the highway, parked in Radiator Springs and learned that his "I don't need help from no one" attitude needed a tune-up. The movie motored into last year's No. 2 spot, with a US\$244 million box office. (©Walt Disney/Event Collection)

▼ **THE MUTANTS TAKE SIDES.** If you had to choose whether to turn off alienating superpowers, such as Rogue's inability to touch anyone without hurting them, would you? That decision split the mutant community apart in *X-Men: The Last Stand* and lead to a spectacular showdown in San Francisco. But the film wasn't the end of the franchise, Hugh Jackman will reprise his role for next year's *Wolverine*.

(Kerry Hayes/© Twentieth Century Fox)



◀ **A BUFF BOND.** Daniel Craig claimed the James Bond character as his own in the opening of *Casino Royale* when he made his first kill by bashing a man into a bloody pulp. Displaying an impressively-muscled body, the British actor turned the suave tuxedoed super-spy into a chillingly brutal assassin who, thank heavens, works for the good guys.

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▲ **MISSION: SAVE TOM'S CAREER.**

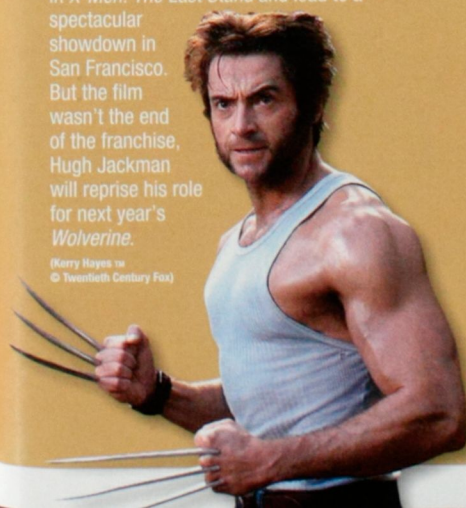
After the disappointing box office of *War of the Worlds*, Tom Cruise needed *Mission: Impossible III* to be a hit, a huge hit. This time the action-laden plot revolves around secret agent Ethan Hunt defeating a maniacal billionaire (Philip Seymour Hoffman) who wants to destroy the world with something called "rabbit's foot." Cruise swings, literally, around Shanghai's skyscrapers to save the day and his career. (© 2006 Paramount Pictures)



▲ **LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER.** As Dupree in *You, Me and Dupree*, Owen Wilson perfected his slacker/Valley-boy act. Why newlyweds Carl (Matt Dillon, left) and Molly (Kate Hudson) allowed Dupree to crash at their house when he lost his job and apartment is the question that echoes through this comedy. They had to know trouble was moving in when Dupree brought not only a ukulele but also a moose head. (Universal/Event Collection)

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1.	PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST	\$423 MILLION
2.	CARS	\$244 MILLION
3.	X-MEN: THE LAST STAND	\$234 MILLION
4.	THE DA VINCI CODE	\$218 MILLION
5.	SUPERMAN RETURNS	\$200 MILLION
6.	ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN	\$195 MILLION
7.	OVER THE HEDGE	\$155 MILLION
8.	HAPPY FEET	\$149 MILLION
9.	TALLADEGA NIGHTS	\$148 MILLION
10.	CASINO ROYALE	\$138 MILLION



Sports



◀ A DIZZYING DISPLAY OF TALENT.

In practice for the skiing superpipe women's competition at the 2007 Winter X Games, Sarah Burke, 24, of Midland, Ont. (here at an earlier event in Penticton), crashed into the ice while attempting a "900"—rotating in the air two-and-a-half times. Undeterred by a broken nose and two black eyes, Burke unleashed a silky smooth 900 in the finals to beat Grete Eliassen for the gold. The victory is especially sweet for Burke, since she'd had to settle for silver in the past two games, behind her Norwegian rival. (Jacquie Bellemare/CP)



▲ **SPEEDING HER WAY TO THE TOP.** Cindy Klassen beat out Steve Nash and Justin Morneau to win the 2006 Lou Marsh Award for Canada's top athlete. On top of winning five Olympic medals at the Turin Winter Games, the speed skater also set nine world records, won 11 world cup medals and earned the year's world all-round championship title. With her eye firmly on Vancouver's 2010 Games, the Winnipeg native trains at Calgary's Olympic Oval, home to the fastest ice in the world. (Larry MacDougall/CP)

► **FULFILLING THE PROMISE.** Living up to his pressure-filled moniker of "the next Wayne Gretzky," Sidney Crosby (left) became the youngest player in NHL history to record 100 points in a season and the first this year to reach 100 points. Together with fiery Russian Evgeni Malkin, the Nova Scotian has set the Pittsburgh Penguins on fire and filled arenas to capacity. (Steve J. Puskas/AP)

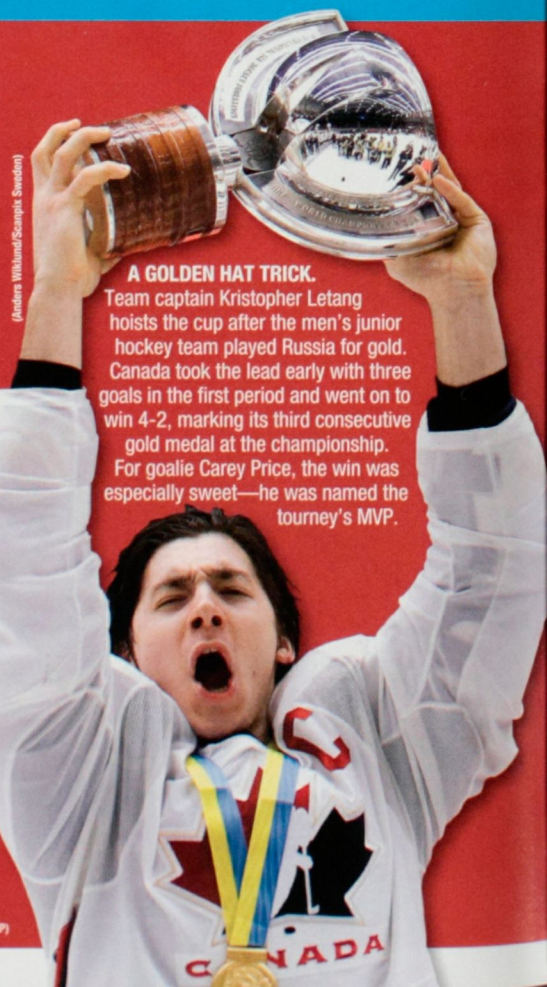


▲ **SWINGING STAR.** Justin Morneau was batting just .236 when his manager benched him. "It woke me up," recalled the Minnesota Twins' first baseman. "He lit a fire under me." After that, the New Westminster, B.C., native batted .362 with 23 homers and 92 RBIs. Not only did he become the first Canadian to be the American League's MVP but Morneau upped his salary as well—in February he inked a one-year deal worth US\$4.5 million. (John Shearer-Kansas City Star/MCT)



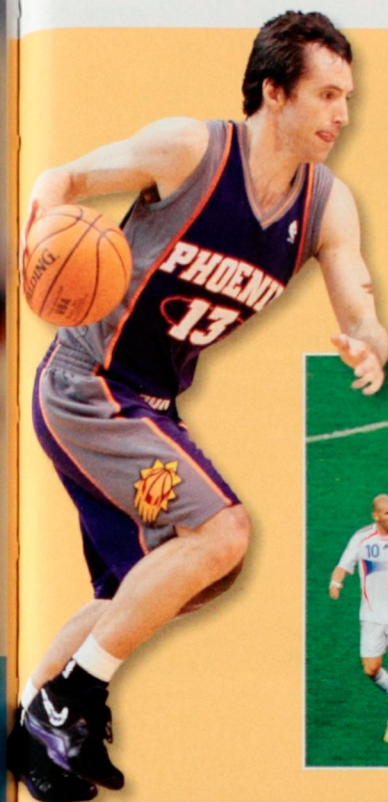
▲ **TOO HOT SCOTT.** Going into the finals with a 10-1 round-robin record, Kelly Scott's Team Canada rink walloped Saskatchewan to capture their second consecutive Scotties Tournament of Hearts curling championship. Eligible for \$144,000 in Sport Canada funding over the next two years, the B.C. team's ambition of winning gold at Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics just got a whole lot easier. (Andrew Vaughan/CP)

Anders Wiklund/Scania Sweden



▲ A GOLDEN HAT TRICK.

Team captain Kristopher Letang hoists the cup after the men's junior hockey team played Russia for gold. Canada took the lead early with three goals in the first period and went on to win 4-2, marking its third consecutive gold medal at the championship. For goalie Carey Price, the win was especially sweet—he was named the tourney's MVP.



◀ **STANDING GUARD.** Though short by NBA standards at six foot three, Victoria's Steve Nash makes up for it by being, arguably, the best point guard in the league. The Phoenix Sun set up play after play on his way to posting career highs in points and rebounds last season. No wonder Nash was named league MVP for the second year in a row. His on-court hustle is matched only by his volunteer work in promoting health for children. What can he teach kids? Former rebounding star Charles Barkley nailed it: "It pays to be selfless." (Harry E. Walker/MCT)



◀ **THE INSULT SEEN AROUND THE WORLD.** Italy should have dominated the headlines after defeating France to win the 2006 World Cup in a dramatic penalty-kick finale, but, instead, all the talk was about French captain Zinedine Zidane's head-butt of Italian defender Marco Materazzi. After the great French player (in the No. 10 jersey) was expelled by the ref, his team's chances drained away. Zidane, named the tournament's best player, later apologized for his action, saying that Materazzi had insulted his sister. (Gauthier-Hahn-Orban-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **SO THERE!** Peyton Manning had a reputation as a choker—his impressive field performances always buckled under the pressure of fans' expectations. But the Indianapolis Colts quarterback consigned all choke talk to history when his team defeated the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl. Manning, who passed for 247 yards and a touchdown, fittingly added the game's MVP award to his collection. (Al Diaz-Miami Herald/MCT)



▲ **WHO'S GOT CRAZY GLUE?** The B.C. Lions were the best team in the CFL last season, so it was only fitting that they'd dominate the Grey Cup with a decisive 25-14 win over the Montreal Alouettes. What no one expected was that they'd break the trophy. "It just snapped in half," explained embarrassed 293-pound offensive lineman Kelly Bates. "What can you do?" (Ryan Remiorz/CP)



◀ **A COMMANDING PRESENCE.** When Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer decimated Andy Roddick at the Australian Open, the American player said the match "sucked. It was terrible. Besides that, it was fine." That's the attitude opponents need as they meet and usually lose to 25-year-old Federer. In 2006, his record was 92-5, he's already passed Jimmy Connors' record for consecutive weeks at No. 1 and, with 10 grand slam wins, should pass that record of 14 by early 2008. No wonder tennis greats say he could be the best player that tennis has ever produced. (Corinne Dubreuil-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **KING OF THE LINKS.** After Tiger Woods won July's British Open—his first victory following the death of his beloved father, Earl—he sobbed uncontrollably on the shoulder of caddie Steve Williams. That win, his 11th major, set off an unbelievable string of wins, including his 50th PGA win in August, which he celebrated by sneaking a taste of his victory cake. His impressive streak of seven consecutive PGA tour wins ended at February's Accenture match play tourney. (Julian H. Gonzalez-Detroit Free Press/MCT)

► **SOCCER STAR COMES HOME.**

Burnaby, B.C.-native Christine Sinclair was named the 2006 U.S. collegiate woman athlete of the year. The first Canadian to win the trophy, Sinclair finished her college career at the University of Portland with 252 points, the fourth highest in NCAA history. As well as being a member of Canada's national team, the soccer phenom is a forward on the Vancouver Whitecaps. In August they won the W-League championship with Sinclair, naturally, being named MVP. (David J. Phillip/CP)



2006 Champions

GREY CUP	B.C. LIONS OVER MONTREAL ALOUETTES	25-14
SUPER BOWL XLI	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS OVER CHICAGO BEARS	29-17
PGA	TIGER WOODS	US\$9.9 MILLION
LPGA	LORENA OCHOA	US\$2.6 MILLION
NBA	MIAMI HEAT OVER DALLAS MAVERICKS	4-2 SERIES
WORLD SERIES	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS OVER DETROIT TIGERS	4-1 SERIES
WOMEN'S CURLING	KELLY SCOTT, B.C. OVER JAN BETKER, SASK.	8-5
MEN'S CURLING	GLENN HOWARD, ONT. OVER BRAD GUSHUE, NFLD.	10-6
STANLEY CUP	CAROLINA HURRICANES OVER EDMONTON OILERS	4-3 SERIES

Science



▲ **BLAME IT ON EL NIÑO.** According to officials at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, last year was the warmest in the U.S. since record keeping began 112 years ago, due in large part to an unusually warm December. While the eastern half of North America basked in record-breaking warm temperatures well into January, leaving the ski industry there struggling, Denver dug out from multiple blizzards that dumped dozens of feet of snow. Meanwhile California's citrus crop was flash-frozen on the tree when the thermometer plummeted, and the Pacific coast suffered through wind storms, heavy snowfalls and torrential rain. The major cause of the wacky weather? El Niño, a condition that involves a periodic warming of Pacific Ocean waters near the equator. (Tom Fox-Dallas Morning News/MCT)

► **A CANCER VACCINE IS BORN.** Gardasil, a new vaccine from drug manufacturer Merck, prevents four of the most common strains of human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes most cases of cervical cancer. The vaccine is approved for females aged 9 to 26, and is given in three injections over six months. Cervical cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer in women, therefore the arrival of this vaccine is a major medical breakthrough. (Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT)



▲ **THE HOTTEST STORY.** From wildfires across the U.S. Southwest, to floods in India, to melting ice caps in Greenland and Antarctica, to drought in Africa, to Cyclone Larry, a category 5 storm that hammered Australia, the global warming crisis is upon us. Our CO₂ emissions, mostly from burning fuel — gasoline for cars and coal for electricity — trap heat from the sun and raise global temperatures. These greenhouse gases were the focus of former U.S. presidential candidate Al Gore's Oscar-winning movie *An Inconvenient Truth*. The film demonstrated that when temperatures rise, climatic disasters strike hard and will keep coming as planet Earth attempts to fight the fever. (Steve Ringman-Seattle Times/KRT)



◀ **AND THEN THERE WERE EIGHT.** When the world's professional stargazers, the International Astronomical Union, met to consider the fate of wannabe planet Xena, they hammered out a new definition of what constitutes a planet, and poor little Pluto didn't make the cut. The judging panel voted

to downgrade the tiny sphere to "dwarf planet" status, which for many earthlings, was the biggest news from space since the cow jumped over the moon. As for Xena, although her discovery in 2005 turned heads, she was tagged as a dwarf too, and her name was changed to Eris.

(Nick UAP)



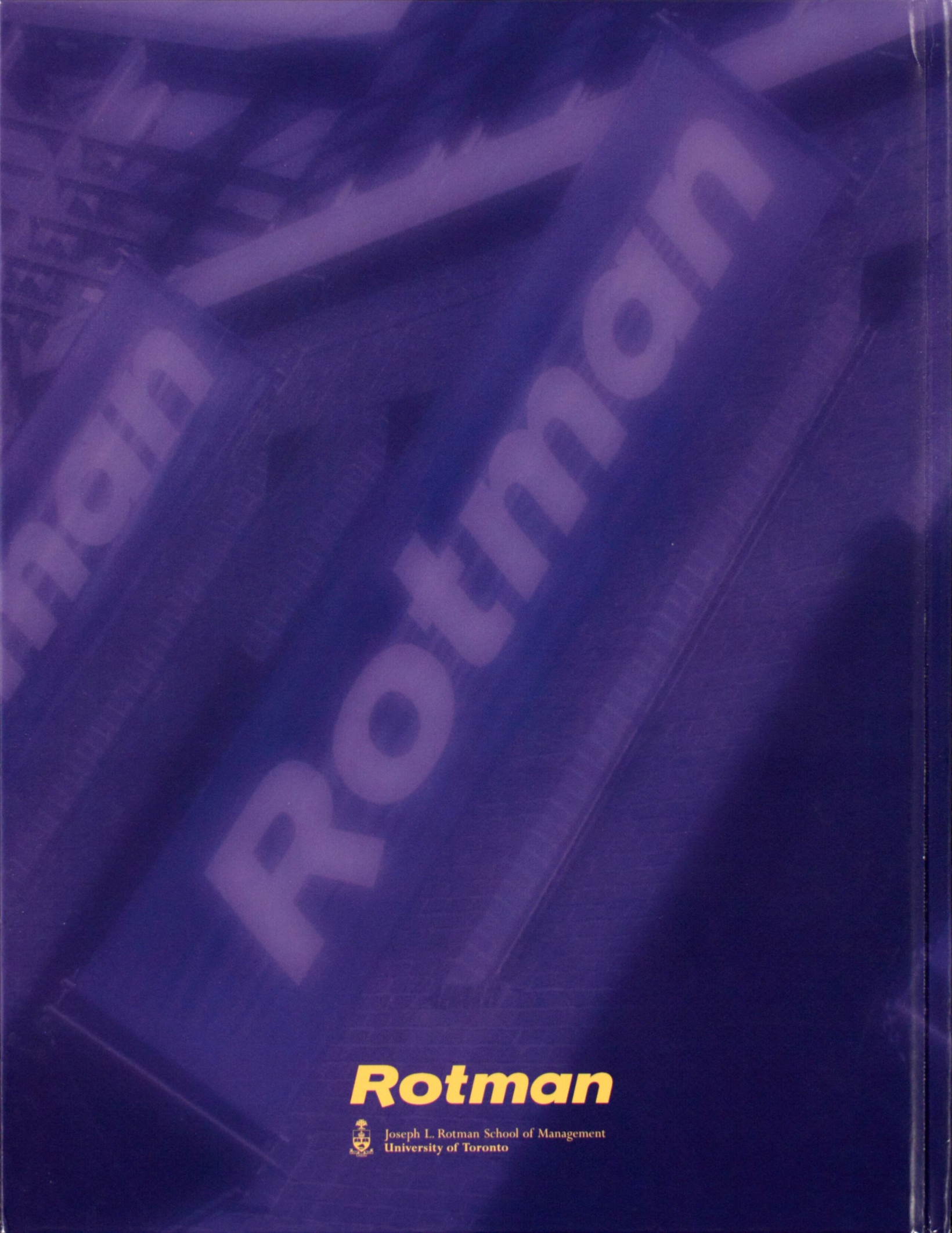
◀ **WALL-TO-WALL TV.** When it comes to flat-screen televisions, size matters. Sharp Electronics has produced a gargantuan, 108-inch liquid-crystal display (LCD) that probably won't even fit through the front door of most homes. That's nine feet, measured

diagonally corner to corner. With the introduction of high-definition digital broadcasting, sales of flat-screen TVs are booming, and three-quarters of those sales are LCD units. The rest are plasma. Monster screens come with monster price tags: Sharp's model isn't available yet, but Panasonic's 103-inch plasma TV retails for US\$70,000. (Jae C. Hong/AP)

◀ **URBAN WHEELS.** As gasoline prices soared to new highs at the pumps, Toronto-based Feel Good Cars rolled out the ZENN (Zero Emissions No Noise). The two-seater electric runabout is designed for short trips on city streets. It's designated as a low-speed vehicle (LSV) and has a top-rated speed of about 25 mph (40 km/h), perfect for congested downtown routes, quiet suburban communities or sprawling university campuses.



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