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Letter from the President

Fellow OII alumni,
It is an honor to be serving as president of the Executive MBA Association. Our board is comprised of very talented and dedicated alumni. Our primary goals are to enhance our degree value, strengthen our networking and continue our education. Also this year we strive to work with Dean Gau, his staff and the Option II staff to make the transition following Dr. Huber's retirement as smooth as possible.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, you should have received email communications from the board with information regarding the leadership transition. A brief summary of where we are today follows:

Some members of the Executive MBA Association Board have met with

George Gau – Dean, McCombs School of Business, Larry Abeln – Associate Dean of Executive Education and Alison Davis-Blake – Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs.

The tenor of the meeting was very positive. Dean Gau stated his commitment to enhancing the value of an Executive MBA from the McCombs School of Business. In addition to sharing alumni concerns with Dean Gau, Dean Abeln and Dean Davis-Blake, the Executive MBA Association Board will have a representative on the search committee for a new Program Director.

There has been some confusion regarding the definition of a Professional MBA versus an Executive MBA. The entry requirements for the Executive MBA include

more work experience (a minimum of 7 years working to an average of 10 years) and hence greater value in terms of class contributions. The Austin weekend program (OII) will continue to be the only Executive MBA program with the Houston, Dallas and TEMBA being marketed as Professional MBAs.

While we are in transition, the Executive MBA Association will continue to push forward on our goals for this year. The local representatives will be scheduling events for networking as well as for continuing education. We will be revisiting our CEADD initiatives to push forward on those goals and, our annual business seminar is beginning to take shape. Please mark your calendars for Friday September 23rd, 2005.

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Court Huber Retires in August

Court Huber announced his retirement as Director of the Option II MBA Program effective August 31, 2005.

As a teaching professor at The University of Texas at Austin since 1978, Dr. Huber's top pri-

ority has always been the development and success of his students. In 1991, he transitioned from his position as a Senior Lecturer in the Accounting Department to the role of Director of the Option II MBA Program, where he has worked tirelessly to

ensure that Option II delivers the highest caliber education and experience to its students. The result has been a program that is nationally recognized for the quality of its content and structure.

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Class of 2003 Updates

On the Move: Cindy Miller joined Chevron Oronite's Global Services team. She relocated to Concord, CA (close to both San Francisco and Napa Valley) about 7 months ago. Edwin Garcia left NSHMBBA this January to join Kimberly-Clark Corp. as VP of Corporate Diversity & Inclusion. Edwin, Jeannette and the family will be relocating to the Atlanta area this spring. Kristin Stewart left Shell last September to join Lil' Drug Store Consumer Products as the Director of Marketing for all its consumer products, and said

she is having the time of her life. Marketing focused at women and families will be a big change from marketing motor oil... She & Jim are just finishing their move to Cedar Rapids, IA, and are very happy to be back in the Midwest.

Over the past year, Mike Wyszowski, Mike Gainer and Andrea Scott have all joined Dell: Wysz is a Sr. Manager in the Corporate Business Group; Mike Gainer is a Pricing Senior Consultant in the Americas Enterprise COC; and Andrea is a Project Manager in Global Data IT.

Life Events: Carlos & Karina Simon and Arun Narayanan & Anu Pansare became new parents last year. Carlos & Karina's child was born in April



(they now live in Buffalo), and daughter Anjali was born to Arun & Anu last

November. Leslie & Jim Armentrout are expecting their first child this coming August; they already have "pictures" (sonograms) to share. Rumor has it that Toby & Megan Zyroll are expecting their third, and Matt & Christine Ulery are expecting their second. Tonja Miller is now Tonja Miller-O'Neill; she and Jim were married last March, and bought a house in Austin. Her company SovereX is doing very well; check out her website at www.soverex.com.

By Andrea Scott

Letter from the President

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The board very much welcomes your input and your help. Please feel free to contact any of us for information or to volunteer to help. There is no requirement that you take an official board position. You are welcome to join as a class representative or as a member at large. The more help we have, the more we will be able to achieve.

Thank you in advance for helping us to make 2005 a very successful year for your alumni association.

Kathy Crosby
President, U.T. Executive
MBA Association
Class of 2001
president@optionii.com



Class of 1985 and 1995 Reunions

By Tiana Scruggs

Notice to the class of 1985 and 1995 — We are looking for you!

Plans are in progress for the 10-Year and 20-Year Reunions for the Option II Classes of 1985 and 1995. We have some information about you and your classmates, but not all. The reunion committees will be contacting you in the near future to bring you news of the upcoming events in September.

The reunion parties coincide with the Alumni Fall Business Seminar weekend. This year the seminar is scheduled for Friday, September 23. Please contact the Option II Office with any new home or business information including changes in

email addresses, so that we can find you. If you wish, you can email the Reunion Committee members directly.

Those members for the Class of 1985 are:

Jack Cartwright
jack.cartwright@iapshop.com,

Kakky Dyer
kakky@austin.rr.com and

Randy Beck
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Committee members for the Class of 1995 are:

Michael Thorne

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Grimes

pckk@austin.rr.com, Ray Adams
adamsrj@bv.com,

David Eaton

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m, and Ted Brown

ted.brown@bea.com.

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any questions: (H) 512-288-4558, (C) 512-751-0924, or

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Mark your calendars!

Fall 2005

Alumni Business

Seminar

Friday

September 23, 2005

Court Retires

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Dr. Huber's "financial accounting" class is often referred to as "An MBA in One Class" by his students. While the underlying concepts remained the same from semester to semester, Dr. Huber constantly updated the course materials to ensure that the content was current and topical. He openly admitted that he was not simply looking to transfer his knowledge to his students, but he was hoping to grow and learn as well. He welcomed and encouraged students to challenge him (in the right way of course -- how many of us have caught ourselves at work, post-Option II, using "A claim could be made..." instead of "I think..."), which made for a dynamic and engaging classroom environment.

His interest in his students and passion for the material garnered him recognition by Option II students as the first "Outstanding Professor of the Year" in 1992 and seven subsequent Outstanding Professor of the Year awards.

Court leaves Option II having profoundly influenced the thought processes of his students. His legacy is the continued success of the Option II program and Option II alumni.

The UT Executive MBA Association 2005 Board

POSITION	NAME	CLASS
President	Kathy Crosby	2001
Secretary	Andrea Scott	2003
Treasurer	Jerri Saunders	2001
Class Rep.	Wade Allen	1990
Class Rep.	Robert Floyd	1993
Class Rep.	Debbie Day	1994
Class Rep. Chairperson	John Fanning	2000
Class Rep.	Azucena Overman	2001
Class Rep.	Tom Heyer	2002
Class Rep.	Andrea Scott	2003
Class Rep.	Heather Ball	2004
Class Rep.	Carolyn Graves	2005
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Exec. Steering Committee	Court Huber	
Honorary Board Member	Tiana Scruggs	
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Liaison to TEMBA	Melissa Simpler	1999
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Membership Director	Mike ThomasClarke	2000
Newsletter Editor	Lynn Wright	2002
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Regional Rep., Dallas/Ft. Worth	Christopher Plummer	2001
Regional Rep., Houston	David Taylor	1999
Regional Rep., San Antonio	Stephanie Andrews	2003
Seminar Director	Melissa Simpler	1999
Special Projects Director	Jesse Markowitz	2004
Technology Director	Arun Narayanan	2003

Regional Activities

Austin Area

Contact Burton Anderson ('00) at burton@texas.net for information.

San Antonio Area

Contact Stephanie Andrews ('03) at jandrews@swbell.net for information.

Houston Area

We are planning a final Courtside Option II Tuesday farewell visit with Court...date is still TBD. Contact David Taylor ('99) david.r.taylor@hp.com for information.

Dallas Area

Contact Christopher Plummer ('01) christopherp@prodigy.net for information.

Alumni/Student News

Please send any updates you would like to appear in the newsletter to us at:

editor@optionii.com.

Next Board Meeting is May 11,

2005 at Barton Creek

7-10 pm

The Inaugural Halfway 5K



At Barton Creek
Tuesday, May 10th
Starts at 12:06 pm
(Awards Ceremony, 8:30 pm
Jim Bob's Lounge)

Sponsored by the Class of 2006 in celebration of their MBA degrees being halfway complete. Open to all Option II students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the program. Any questions please contact:

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