Newsflash from BSc 97
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We would like to thank the following for their input. Their role was primarily to censor the initial impulses of insults that Shahzad and I kept ruining the update with. If it was not for them, our update would have been full of vulgarity and low-blows: Saadullah Bashir and most of all, Mosharraf Zaidi. Thank you for showing us the decent way, the higher road, and a more virtuous life guys!

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Abdul Rafay Khawaja
Surprisingly, is still working in Santa Clara, California despite many enticing offers from the companies in Silicon Valley. Salman Azhar knows how to keep his employees “happy”.

Abid Butt
Abid was married at the beginning of the 21st century in a colorful series of days in Karachi. He was posted to Singapore by his employer Maersk, the worldwide shipping giant, where he manages all South Asian markets.

Adil Qureshi
Adil worked for a while as a consultant for various government agencies in Islamabad and he is currently buttressing his qualifications with an MBA from LUMS.

Afia Nathaniel
The only true global jetsetter among computer scientist from the class of ’97. It is ironic that Afia’s work experience does not include any hint of computer science application. She is currently working with the U.N. in Geneva Switzerland.

Ahsan Khaliq
Like Abid, Ashan is doing very well for himself at Maersk currently posted in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in Vietnam. Unlike Abid he is happily unmarried but engaged to a lovely young lady in Karachi. This state of happiness promises to end early next year with his betrothal to the same lovely young lady.

Amna Hasan
Completed her MBA from IBA about the same time that most of us were still trying to figure out what to do. She followed up one heist with another snagging prime male specimen Tehmasip Khan of MBA ’97. We hear they were Down Under but who knows.

Arash Abbas Siddiqui
He was among 5 brilliant 97ers that ended up doing a not so brilliant MBA from LUMS immediately following their bachelors. Unmarried, unlikely to be soon, he is moving mountains at the investment-banking arm of Citibank Lahore.
Arafat Qayyum
Arafat tried to emulate some journalist classmates initially. Soon he found his true niche at ICI Pakistan. Not relying on too much of a good thing he has moved to London, Canada in pursuit of an MBA from among the top ranked business school in the world the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario.

Asad Faruqi
One of only three remaining Boyz, has spent the past three years growing taller and getting wiser. Armed with a Masters in Computer Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara, he is trailblazing a menacing career at Cisco Systems.

Ashar Aftab
Is actualizing the shades of brilliance so often noted in his caustic cynicism at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland completing his PhD in Environment Economics. Currently he is on pace to become the first PhD from this class. Congratulations Ashar, PhD or no PhD.

Asif Mujahid
Followed up his Senior Tour of LUMS with some child-abusive academic brilliance at the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi. But in a cruel yet celebratory fashion, he is back to doing what he loves the most; playing guitar and inhaling second hand cigarette smoke at Café Blue Karachi. This man flies in the face of corporate Pakistan having started and stopped working at ICI, Shell and is currently in servitude as the chota under our very own Madame, Uzma Irtiza at Taurus Securities.

Asif Shahid Khan
Asif may have been silent but far from inactive since graduation. Currently providing Morgan Stanley Dean Witter with his consulting expertise, Asif also managed to somehow convince Zainab Latif to marry him. They are currently commuting between New York and London.

Athar Sheikh
Athar’s itinerary has been as full after graduation as his gas tank at LUMS was empty. Athar managed to complete his masters as a Gator (University of Florida) in Information Technology. He also utilized high technology to have a successful eye surgery, which is helping him see and feel the benefits of being married. Unfortunately, him and his wife have been living apart. Word on the street however, is that the “rukhsati” is expected before the end of November. He was keeping himself busy in the meantime by burning the midnight oil and “Coming Together” at Nortel Networks in Texas. Congratulations on all counts Athar.

Atif Subhani
Atif has created an imposing reputation for himself as one of Pakistan’s brightest young financial analysts. He recently joined UBS/Global Securities as their Head of Research. To the chagrin of the ladies, he is also safely (?) engaged to Zehra Zaidi—no relation to the irrepressible Mr. Zaidi of B 97.
Fahd Osman
a.k.a the Fuzz is currently completing his Masters in Information System Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh by means of deception and death threats to oriental professors. The man has been juggling various entities with great success. Perhaps we will hear more from this silent but smooth operator in the months to come.

Faisal Jan Allahwala
Currently completing his masters at the Georgia State University in Atlanta. The sooner he completes the degree the better since he will then be joined in Holy Matrimony with his beautiful fiancée. So far he is on schedule for early next year.

Faisal Sardar
The original Bad Boy of the CS group is working for Vroom in Denver Colorado. This following immense pangs of envy given that he felt he should have the title of international jetsetter with the Czech Republic, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, California, Colorado, New York and Canada under his belt...he still doesn’t match Afia’s innate Euro centricity. Its not what’s under your belt Faisal, it what’s under your belt!!

Women 1 Men 0

Fatima Navid
Fatima has been pulling off major coups. First she landed a major job as a teacher then she landed a Major as a husband and recently she landed a bundle of joy as a daughter—Khadija. Congratulations to Fatima on her Major (soon to be Colonel) success!

Hajira Kureshi
Though she got her bachelors and experiencing great success as an employee of Techologix, she has failed to pry her one great ambition from the sky. Perhaps she has been bogged down by the weight of her supervisors. Continued good luck to Hajira as she lights up people’s lives.

Hasan Amjad
Hasan has been NABbed by economic authority. Having been married to Sadia Sheikh (senior) in August, the couple in now in England pursuing PhD’s. Hasan’s is at Cambridge.

Imran Ahmed Khan
Contrary to popular belief, Imran has not been indulging in a rural habitat, though we can’t say about his rural habits. Instead, he has been goading professors at McGill University as he completed his MBA. Now safely in possession of the degree, Imran sightings has been reported at various high-profile events in Lahore.

Irfan Haqqi
In one of the feel-good stories of 97 alums, Irfan has risen from merely impressive LUMS graduate at IUCN Karachi to hard-hitting, hard-jumping, heavy-pumping Irfan at
Cisco Financial in California. Watch for Irfan to break into the Fortune 500 list in the near future.

Khurram Ali Illyas
The grand Chaudry maintains a humble yet masterful profile in Massachusetts as one of Techlogix’s principals. On January 7th 2001, Insha-Allah he can safely give up his health insurance policy. Starting on that day, we expect that his medically qualified wife will take extremely good care of him.

Lubna Beg
Having been one of the first 97er to tie to the knot, Lubna wasted no time in disassimilating from the masses. Last reports indicate that she is enjoying life as Dr. Imran Dar’s (MBA 95) better half in Dubai, UAE.

Maheen Beg
Good things come in small packages yet there is nothing small about the obscene amount of money that Maha is making as one of Shell Pakistan’s rising young stars. Her plans for both marriage and a graduate degree are on hold as of the writing of this newsflash.

Maheen Rahman
Having skillfully deflected intense pressure to change her last name, Maheen continues to silently blaze through life. After embarrassing her competition at IBA, she embarrassed her competition at Warwick University acquiring her masters in Finance. She currently basks in the security of married life with Abid (finally it is her that is embarrassed) and working life at Merrill Lynch.

Mahvish Gul-Aikal
At first we thought Mahvish would have completed her Masters and PhD fast enough for her to be back at LUMS teaching monetary economics to some of her slower class mates. Mahvish decided however to stop at a Master and teach many other things to only one of her class mates. She currently resides with Mohsin in Dubai. They’re married.

Maryam Anwer
Not one to make much noise when she was at LUMS, Maryam makes even less of it now that she is not. While, we are almost certain that she is married residing in Dubai (though not with Mohsin and Mahvish). We have mixed reports regarding her status as Mommy. Hopefully, she can clear the air.

Mohammed Abbas Raza
Among the breast body builders in the history of LUMS, Abbas now concentrates on building the breast portfolios for his clients at Habib Bank Limited, Sharjah. Her plans for a Masters have been suspended for one year by recurring demands from some of his higher profile clients. Abbas! Please don’t please so well.
Mohsin Aikal
In the safe shade of the oasis that is marriage, Mohsin slowly but steadily inches toward banking greatness at Mashreq Bank, Dubai. With his wife firmly in control, Mohsin the athlete has retired giving way to Mohsin the man.

Mosharraf Zaidi
After bouncing around incessantly between the metropolises of Pakistan, Mosharraf has now stopped bouncing. He is now spinning for a Democratic spin doctor, and putting the final touches on his MPA from CUNY in New York City. The miracle on 34th Street is alive and whooping.

Mohammed Hamid Mukhtar
This nice sweet all-Pakistani computer scientist surprised many with his Californic reinvention. Frequenting the open air gym and hottest beaches with alarming machismo, Hamid still managed to graduate with a Masters in Computer Science from UCSB. After making his millions in the consulting world, Hamid recently left KPMG(Chicago) for the greener and more invigorating pastures of dot com equity and California redux.

Nausheen Zaffar
After an arduous undergrad experience at LUMS, Nausheen successfully took revenge with the software industry by joining the aptly self-righteous, virtuous Truesoft Inc. To add to her arsenal she joined LUMS again and successfully became the first MS graduate in CS of LUMS, but her progress was halted with her marriage to a doctor in Dublin, Ireland. Now she is mother of Samar. Look for the child to be at the battle lines very soon.

Naveen Qayyum Khan
Betraying her obvious talent for terrorism and modeling, Naveen has instead opted for the sedate life of a financial analyst at Nestle Pakistan. With an MBA from LUMS to go along with her bachelors, we commend her good sense in opting for free coffee as a complement to the five-year itch.

Noman Noor
The young but wise Noman Noor may have come of age as a man. Oh no! He is still barely legal to drive. But it must, nevertheless, feel good to be among Silicon Valley’s older and wiser group of dot comers. Noman got his Masters from UCSD and word on the market is that he is having too much fun to consider marriage.

Omer Chugtai
Upon marriage to Rahila, we all knew that OC the boy would cease to be. But while we were still celebrating graduation (both as man and as a Masters in Computer Science from LUMS), we heard news of the retrieval of OC’s real birth certificate. It has been discovered that OC is in fact, Omer Chugtai, and an sick, sick, old, old man.
Rahila Sabri
While in the throes of marital bliss, Rahila discovered in one short breath that she was being relocated to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and becoming mother to the real young OC (Arsalan). Now Rahila sits frequently in her rocking chair knitting sweaters and waiting for OC to come home. Young Arsalan manages to take good care of himself and his mommy in the Chughtai Family tradition.

Rishad Patel
Hello everybody, its Mr. Patel. The man with so many things to sell. BSc LUMS, MBA Rice, Churriyan, prickly pickle. I am backed by popular demand, you see. Its really not that easy to get rid of me. Houston Texas wich rakhaiyay, teray kul chakhhiyay. Everybody is sick of my Patel Rap and a few of my class mates thought it was crap. Phut Phut Phut Phut Patel.

Saadullah Bashir
Saadullah was recently spotted reaching for his wallet and pulling out some money. It was later confirmed that he is now a rent-paying member of the human species. Also confirmed, Saad completed his MBA, watched the dismemberment of Artal Pakistan despite his most valiant efforts, and is playing a similarly constructive role at Sysnet, Pakistan in Karachi. May Allah shower his mercy upon him.

Sabir Sheikh
The Saber Toothed Tiger, always glorious in his silence, has joined an underground rock band in Lahore, has grown long hair and become a vegetarian. He was last seen denying all this, in a quiet, gentle manner, accompanied by his wife, in Lahore, as he explained that he was working for his father.

Sadia Sheikh
After finally giving in to Hasan's tireless propositioning, Sadia decided to open her heart to him, and allow him to take her with him to England. She will be pursuing her PhD at Cambridge, alongside Hasan. No word yet, on whether she has worked out her temper problems, and her vicious social behavior.

Salahuddin Khawaja
Salahuddin is currently cursing his luck, and licking his wounds in New York City. As roommate of the irrepressible Mr. Zaidi (38 calibre), Salah is frequently seen wearing earmuffs and singing songs of faith and devotion. In his spare time, Salah works for Deloitte Touche as Consultant. His last real days of happiness were in Syracuse, NY, from where he got his Masters in Telecom and Technology.

Salman Hameed
Salman Hameed, after breaking hearts and weighing scales in good old Lahore, went to Santa Barbara for a Masters. Little did we know that he would actually become a Master. Master of Seduction, Intrigue and California-Style Livin La Vida Loca. Poised for marriage next year to an innocent young girl from Lahore, Sally is trying to fix his life up
now, gaining back the 200 lbs he lost during his Masters, losing the hair that he had glued back on, and getting back in touch with his roots...his “friends” from LUMS and Techlogix Inc. He pays the bills through a blackmailing arrangement with Cisco Systems, whom he told he had completed his Masters from UCSB in CS.

Salman Qureshi
Salman Qureshi, last spotted at the Sephora outlet (the French perfumery) in Boston. Apparently, the little bundle he made at GTE was put to good use on that shopping spree. He is now working for McFayden, an IT consulting firm. It seems the Muwaish has made good use of his Masters degree from Cornell University.

Shafaq Jameel
Having started her career under our very own ZIQ, Shafaq left to take over Faisal Jan’s position as head TA at LUMS. After serving in that capacity for a few months, she recently relocated to Karachi and joined Maheen Baig in drawing a criminally high salary at Shell.

Shahab Yar Khan
Shahab decided that no one graduate program abroad would be enough to give him the level of education he needed. Thus after starting his Masters in Finance at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Shahab is currently working to learn the ins and outs of Java for his Masters in Information Sciences at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Shahzad Ali
Started his Ph.D. @ Delaware. Stopped his Ph.D., starting working @ Torrent Networks. Stopped working. Started his Ph.D. @ CMU. Stopped his Ph.D., started working @ Turrin Networks. Having amassed considerable wealth, he is keeping everybody guessing as to when he will stop working and start his Ph.D. again, if at all. Currently based in San Francisco, the town known best for the George-Michael-in-a-bathroom-incident incident. Now that Cheekoo is there. Look for many further arrests due to a mystery fat man providing forbidden pleasures in your cubicle.

Sidrah Javaid
Sidrah, long the secret ally of the non-Lahori trouble makers in B97 has, with the onslaught of the military government, gotten a taste of her own medicine. She was recently arrested by the NAB for molesting Lahori shikras, and beating up on elderly ladies. In her spare time she managed to get her MBA from LUMS and now works at Union Bank.

Syed Ali Ikram
The original Lahori Bad-Boy is still cruising around, only these days he does it in a Tomato-Red Civic. Having climbed the heights at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and become Head of Market Research, he has also become somewhat of jet-setter only not in the same class as Faisal or Afia. Word has it that he is, believe it or not, headed for ROME for a rendezvous with David who has been waiting patiently for him, naked, for all these years.
Syed Umiar Ahmed Shah
Ever since joining the CMU CS PhD program in Pittsburgh, Shah jee has been patiently pursuing his goals of corrupting the youth of America. Needless to say he is developing alternate skills (cooking, photography and hair-cutting to name a few), in case he does not find a place in the software industry of Pakistan because of his limited intellect. Hence, he has also been seen teaching at LUMS, however the true intentions behind this are not so clear!

Usman Masrur
Upon realizing that he had no place in the high-tech capitalist world, Monty decided to pursue his MBA in the Amish countryside of Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA. It is still unclear how the simple minded Amish community is bearing with him. Maybe his presence in US can force these last remaining non-techies to surrender their lifestyles.

Uzma Irtiza
Having completed her Masters from the UK, the Madame has returned her native land. After a stint at a consultancy, she has proceeded to fill the position left vacant at Taurus Securities when Atif Subhani flew to greener pastures. Starting off as the de-facto Head of Research at Taurus, she has proven herself more than capable of shouldering the responsibilities and also took pity on Asif Mujahid and hired him as her chota. She spends her spare time terrorizing and starving Asif for her amusement.

Yasser Bashir
After realizing that his CS skills were fundamentally lacking and that his soft skills were truly soft, Yasser gave up on the idea of making millions or doing a PhD or really doing anything at all. He spends his days in relative anonymity now at Align International, where he signed a bond, promising the company lifelong fidelity. Yasser, being married to success for so long, is now a very lonely man. Girls?

Zahra Leghari
After completing her bachelors with honors, Zahra was among the first of the Class of 97 to get hitched, marrying a lucky gentleman from the Leghari clan. She also became to the first to join the Hallowed Order of Motherhood and is the proud mum of a 2 year old bouncing boy named Abdur Rahman. He is reported to have his mother’s charm and impeccable manners.

Zainab Latif
Being the “sweet” person that she is, Zainab started her professional life by joining the development sector and traipsed all over the country in pursuit of bettering the lot of the poor. Having done her bit for mankind, she flew off to England to start her Masters and by and by, also got married to Asif Shahid, of the SuperAss and Monica fame. Was last spotted rushing through the terminals at Heathrow on her way to NYC.

Zainab Talat
Zainab Talat, like the other Zainab, also spends a lot of time commuting but between Hasanabdhal and Lahore. Since graduation, barring a few months at LUMS, she has been
the chief designer and implementer of modernization strategy at KSB Pumps. Also holds the distinction of being the first to nab a rich, successful husband.

Zuba Memon
Zuba Memon was last seen in 1994, during the summer orientation session, where she befriended Maha. Is it a surprise then that she has disappeared? Word from the experts in minding other people's business is that she's close to completing her Masters from England. Before leaving for the UK she was working at LEAD-Pakistan