Resurgence of the Roundtable

Business advice abounds, but what’s it worth? Much more when it comes from experts and Chicago GSB.

Since they were launched in the early 1990s, GSB roundtables have offered alumni something distinctive: active discussion forums that focus tightly on specific professional interests. Over the past decade, participation has risen to record high levels, and today the groups are enjoying renewed vigor. A new E-Business Roundtable was launched in 2001, the same year the Finance Roundtable was revitalized. A separate roundtable was introduced in November following a book group format and focusing on such titles as In Search of Excellence (see page 43).

GSB roundtables typically meet monthly at Gleacher Center in downtown Chicago and often begin with a speaker’s presentation or panel discussion—not as a lecture, but as a way of stimulating discussion with the audience. “It goes far beyond Q and A sessions,” said Scott McGarvey, A.B. ’77, A.M. ’78, M.B.A. ’81, who heads the Marketing Roundtable. “Audience members are encouraged to share their own ideas on the topic and occasionally engage in some friendly debate.” Other groups involve discussion only among the members, who meet to bring each other up to date on industry breakthroughs and gain fresh perspectives on existing issues.

Participation in GSB roundtables has hit a recent high over the past year. The Finance Roundtable (above) has averaged more than 200 attendees at recent events.

“The roundtables have done a good job of focusing on their original mission,” McGarvey said. “They’re what professional associations ideally would be, except that some associations stray from their mission and become social clubs. And they’re much more focused than big national conventions that have a high-profile speaker, where there’s financial pressure to get a big turnout. The GSB’s roundtables are offered free of charge. It helps that Gleacher is made available, and that food is not the main point of the evening.”

The gatherings also offer time for alumni to connect, but the roundtables go far beyond networking. “Networking is not the primary objective,” McGarvey said. The groups respond to the challenges alumni face in today’s tight job market. The International and Marketing Roundtables, for example, encourage members who are making career transitions—or who have positions to fill—to arrive early for an informal exchange of resumes, business cards, and leads. Many of the roundtables begin their sessions with informal “icebreaker” exercises. The Finance and E-Business Roundtables have offered light refreshments and a cash bar at the end of the regular sessions to encourage participants to linger and talk, and other roundtables typically head to the Midway Club or a nearby restaurant, where participants can continue their discussions.

Giving Alumni What They Want

The roundtables were first initiated by the Chicago GSB Club and the career management office of the alumni office, but they quickly developed their own identities as alumni volunteered to coordinate them based on specific topics. The latest initiative is the Industry Immersion Panel Presentation Series, coordinated by Gloria Moses, associate director of corporate alliances. A joint effort of the roundtables and the Office to Advance Career and Corporate Alliances (OACCA), the panels feature alumni who have successfully entered a new field, opened a business, or changed careers, particularly during the early 1990s, a period when alumni faced a tight job market and business conditions similar to today’s. The first two focused on venture capital and marketing. Plans called for future panels to be held on a quarterly basis.

In 2002, each of the roundtables had an active year. Finance Roundtables have drawn an average crowd of more than 200 people—primarily seasoned executives with years of experience. “They’re a well-informed, serious audience that asks critical questions,” said Kathy Graham, ’00, who heads the Finance Roundtable.

The value of the roundtables is unmatched, said Caroline Kerr, ’81, who heads of alumni affairs and special events. “They stay on top of the issues as they arise in their industries, and they have the flexibility to respond quickly to changes in those environments,” she said.

CEO Roundtable

Membership requirements: Restricted to CEOs, presidents, owners, chief operating officers, and other senior executives with significant management responsibilities and challenges. Contact: Monthly at Gleacher Center. Contact: Alexander “Sandy” Weissent, ’76, at Sandy.Weissent@msn.com

Earlier this year, the roundtable heard from Willard Zangwill, professor of management science, who provided an executive-level overview of critical information technology and Internet management issues. Other recent speakers have included Edward A. Snyder, who outlined plans for the GSB; turn-around consultant Bill Brandt, who spoke on lessons he’s learned; professor emeritus Marvin Zeis, who presented “The Bush Doctrine/His World View”; Robert Pritzker, chairman of the Marmon Group, who presented “Lessons from 300 Acquisitions”; and organizational change expert Charles Bishop, who discussed effecting change in an organization; CEO Roundtable member Robert Taylor, ’90, chairman of Focal Communications, who presented “The Billion Dollar Ride from XP Classroom through IPO”; CEO Roundtable member Collin Anderson, ’96, former president of Digital Innovations, who discussed bringing a new product to market; David Rudis, executive vice president at LaSalle Bank, who described how to deal with Chicago banks; Jeff Comment, chairman and CEO of Helzberg Diamonds (Berkshire Hathaway), who told his acquisition story; Elaine Smith, FBI supervisory agent; Thomas Churchwell, managing director at ARCH Development Partners; Ellen Rubnick, ’73, clinical professor of entrepreneurship and executive director of the GSB’s entrepreneurship program; and professor Robert Adler, who presented his outlook for the U.S. economy.

Newest Roundtable Lets Alumni Talk about Business Bestsellers

Dana Samyn, ’92, remembers when GSB professors recommended books that would make great additional reading. “With the workload, I never had the light for them. But I kept a list,” she said. Over the summer, Samyn organized the Business Book Roundtable with Pamela Peterson, ’77 (CP-68). “It’s going to focus on the popular business press and on classic business publications related to current relevant topics,” she said. Potential titles include In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America’s Best-Run Companies and John Carver on Board Leadership. Among the ideas likely to come up when the group starts meeting in 2003 are business ethics, corporate board leadership, personal investing, and managing a business during a recession. Faculty members will be invited to moderate and may also talk about their own related research, she said. Book titles will be announced two to four months in advance through the monthly alumni affairs e-mail, as well as through other roundtables, Samyn said. Volunteers are welcome to join the steering committee. Anyone who wants more information on the Business Book Roundtable should contact Samyn at 312.226.9680 or dsamyn@alumni.uchicago.edu...
Consulting Roundtable
Meeting: The fourth Thursday of every month, except November, at Gleacher Center Contact: Dennis Aust, A.B. ‘79, M.B.A. ‘80, at dnaust@virtualstrategist.net
Not just for consultants, the group covers issues consultants face, from technology to high-level marketing. The format ranges from featured speakers and expert panels to small group discussions and workshops, always ending with time for socializing and networking. This roundtable sometimes hosts several meetings on related topics, such as community in the workplace and marketplace. “We try to be a resource for in-depth learning beyond what you can get in a one-hour presentation,” Aust said.

Presentations earlier this year featured PricewaterhouseCoopers’ William Eichhorn, a strategy partner with the firm, who offered a perspective on “Design of Companies and Markets for the Internet and Globalization”; Larry Kealey, president of Doblin, an innovation strategy firm, who discussed sustaining innovations and disruptive innovations; and Keith Kramer, a professor at the College of DuPage and a prominent lecturer on ethics, who guided a group discussion covering the tests for ethical behavior and suggestions on how to create a corporate culture that prevents unethical behavior.

Autumn sessions focused on community in the workplace, with Frank Braje and Christina Cuasaman, partners of the Relational Group; and management strategy for leaders, featuring change management expert Frank A. Adams, CEO of Dynamic Management Solutions.

E-Business Roundtable
Meeting: The first Thursday of every other month at Gleacher Center Steering committee: Peg Conway, ‘88; Smit Bajaj, ‘90; Lise Gorzinski, ‘90; executive program student David (Joe) A.B. ‘97; Senior Modalonjar, ‘91 (XP-70); Jerome McQuade, ‘93; Steve Nowak, ‘92; Dick Strojanc, ‘87 (XP-56); and former faculty member John Watts Contact: Lise Gorzinski at lise.keyser.gorzinski_800@gsb.uchicago.edu
A spring panel discussion entitled “Return-on-Investment with Customer Relationship Management (CRM)” addressed the reasons that many CRM installations have failed to meet their objectives and have fallen short of expectations. Panelists Steve Ramsey, ‘89 (Accenture); Stan Martin (Adroit Consulting); John Reale (USG Corporation); and Paul Marushka, ‘93 (Eloyalty), cited several success factors that are essential to achieving and measuring business results from CRM.

A fall panel on e-business and supply chain management described how both have impelled businesses to higher levels of performance and featured renowned expert and author Chuck Poier from CSC’s consulting practice. Jason Busch, senior manager of analyst relations and strategic marketing for FreeMarkets, discussed why e-sourcing should be a top priority for executives. The moderator was Dick Strojanc, who leads the automotive practice at Chicago Consulting Group, which delivers a broad range of services to midmarket firms, with expertise in the manufacturing and distribution sectors.

Entrepreneurial Roundtable
Meeting: The third Monday of each month at Illinois Institute of Technology’s Wheaton campus Contact: Bill Wetz, ‘88 (XP-57), at marybrown@businesslegalexperts.com
Earlier this year, the roundtable instructed participants on how to use its newly launched electronic community for demonstrating unique capabilities and expertise, locating business or employment opportunities, finding resources to assist in their businesses, and networking more effectively.

Another panel, “Buying a Business: The ABCs and XYZs,” featured business brokers, accountants, attorneys, and bankers from Midwest Business Brokers & Intermediaries. At a later spring panel, Dennis Keller, ‘88, chairman and CEO of DeVry, described his view of education and how DeVry grew to offer courses at 24 sites. A fall panel, “Self-Marketing—Become a Seller in a Buyer’s Market,” featured Rob Engelmann, president of Engelmann Management Group, who discussed his transition from Fortune 100 executive to entrepreneur.

Finance Roundtable
Meeting: The second Wednesday of the month at Gleacher Center Contact: Kathy Graham, ‘80, at graham@hqsearch.com
Several topics were debated this year before record crowds. The turnaround management session included panelists Mark Berkoff, J.D. ‘86, partner and co-chair at Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe’s bankruptcy practice group, and Douglas Werking, ‘86, principal at Jay Allen & Associates. Another speaker was Gary Kochman, M.B.A. ‘80, J.D. ‘80, co-head of mergers and acquisitions at Credit Suisse First Boston. Both events attracted more than 285 attendees.

A series on private equity/venture capital featuring Scott Meadow, clinical professor of entrepreneurship, and Kenneth Hart, a speaker at University of Chicago Law School, addressed the tests for ethical behavior and suggestions on how to create a corporate culture that prevents unethical behavior.

A fall panel, “Self-Marketing—A New View of Marketing,” featured change management expert Marvin Zonis, professor of entrepreneurship, and Kenneth Hart, who pointed out that the current wave of globalization involves developing countries entering manufacturing industries, whereas earlier waves of globalization involved developed countries trading with each other. Well-intentioned international agreements designed to promote globalization have become distorted and have lost some of their effect, he said.

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To all GSB alums: Thank you for the warm welcome!

Before I even started my new position, I received welcome letters and e-mails from alumni and staff around the world. I heard from classmates and from many of you whom I do not even know yet. Then, on my first day, I was overwhelmed by the greeting from my staff, who had filled my office with flowers, cards, and GSB goodies. If that weren’t enough, I was offered quality time with my two predecessors. They were genuinely helpful and I hope to build long-lasting relationships with them. It was the kind of welcome a family gives you, which should not have surprised me. After all, I’m part of the GSB family and that relationship never changes. I was home again.

I graduated from the GSB in 1988. It was a time much like today, when market conditions were difficult at best and finding a job was a challenge. I can identify with our students who find themselves in a difficult world, and I was happy to see that the GSB had started a program, the Student-Alumni Growth Experience (SAGE), that pairs up alums from my era with students going through the same experience today.

My days at the GSB were challenging beyond belief, not to mention humbling. But they also energized the spirit because I was doing something important that would affect the rest of my life. I have never felt so proud as when [former university president] Hanna Gray handed me my diploma. I had met the challenge and I was ready for whatever came next.

Once I began my corporate career, I was busy with my own life. I was a semi-involved alumna who took advantage of services and programs that were beneficial to me. As more time has passed, I have realized the great impact my GSB degree has had on my career; without it, I would not have had the same experiences and opportunities. It isn’t only the classes or the degree; it is the distinguished playing field we are elevated to when we become alums that allows us to achieve higher levels of success in whatever we do. It is the GSB’s reputation and the alumni network itself that allow us to be in a special class. We all must help preserve our special status.

As my career progressed, the GSB provided me with significant assistance. Gleacher Center in downtown Chicago has a wonderful library offering all the necessary business resources. E-mail 4 Life allowed me to access the GSB Web site for alumni contact information and events. Bob Wilcox and Anita Brick, A.B. ’77, M.B.A. ’81, at OACCA were available to offer career counseling and advice. The events were stimulating and provided a way to meet other alums.

I have spent most of my career in financial services marketing and I have loved every minute of it. However, when I saw the description for this job, it instantly felt right for me. I felt I could add value and use my skills and experience to give back to the place that had helped shape the incredible experiences I have had over the last 14 years. I’m excited to build on the significant advances made by [former associate dean] Danielle Palmer, ’92. I want all alums to feel good about the GSB and the support it provides us. At the same time, I want the GSB to feel that it can count on us. My mission is to foster this two-way relationship, which is the only recipe for continued success. I want to draw on all the untapped potential that exists within GSB graduates to make the alumni a world-class group.

I am honored to represent GSB alumni here at the University of Chicago. I would love to hear from you, so please contact me—my door is always open.

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Finance Roundtable

The GSB Finance Roundtable has held many events since the last Chicago GSB magazine was published. More than 240 alumni gathered at Gleacher Center on June 12 to hear Sam Guren and Scott Meadow present “The State of Private Equity/Undertaking Capital.” Guren is a private financing investor with more than 25 years of experience and Meadow is a venture capitalist with 20 years of experience who also serves as clinical professor of entrepreneurship. Roundtable coordinator Kathy Graham, ’00, writes: “Hearing two industry experts explain their field from the perspectives of the private equity/venture capitalist was highly illuminating.” On July 10, more than 240 alumni came together to hear Stefania Aulicino, ’79, president of Capital Link, and Ed Paisely, managing editor for The Daily Deal, a publication that chronicles private equity deals worldwide. Graham explains: “Their premise was that with more than $106 billion of private capital money currently available, and Illinois ranking as the third-best place for securing private equity investors, the time was right for private firms in growth modes to become private equity-financed.”

The third event was on August 14, when the topic was trends in corporate mergers and acquisitions and the speaker was Cary Kochman, M.B.A. ’90, J.D. ’90, managing director and co-head of mergers and acquisitions at Credit Suisse First Boston. More than 300 alumni attended to hear his explanation for the current inflection point in global M&A, his review of the 2001–02 M&A markets, and his forecast for that field’s future. (To read more about the Finance Roundtable, see “Resurgence of the Roundtable,” page 42.)

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reception for dean Edward A. Snyder, and an informal pub outing with some sec-
two-year interns. “The dean’s recep-
tion was fantastic,” Healy writes.
More than 40 alumni showed up to meet the dean and give him our support over cocktails and canapes. The pub outing had such a great response that there was an underground move-
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Professor of Finance, spoke to the Bombay chapter on June 7. More than 30 individuals attended, including GSB graduates, their spouses, class of 2004 new admits, and members of the Young Entrepreneurs’ Organization.

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Harold E. Brooks, Ph.B. ’27, of Hinsdale, Illinois, died May 17. Brooks worked at Armour & Company for 38 years, retiring in 1970 as vice president for personnel, labor relations, and advertising. After retiring from Armour, he was a labor relations consultant for Frank Castle & Associates. Brooks was active in the leadership of the Boy Scouts of America, and he received the Double Seal from the U.S. Treasury for creating payroll deductions during World War II to sell war bonds. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Virginia; two children; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1930

Chicago GSB has learned of the death of Chicagoan Irwin E. Klass, Ph.B. ’30, M.A. ’36.

1933

The GSB has learned of the death of Winston G. Slater, Ph.B. ’33, of Park Forest, Illinois.

1936

H. Alan Schlesinger, A.B. ’36, died May 19 at his home in Edina, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and is survived by his companion, Lois Martin; three children; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter, born the day her great-grandfather died.

1946

Chicago GSB has learned of the death of Erwin Kaufman of Indian Wells, California. He was general manager of California Ranch Wear for 50 years. Kaufman was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian, and is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1948

The GSB has learned of the death of James G. Costakis of Lake Forest, Illinois, on April 12. The retired chairman and president of NBD Illinois is survived by his wife, Elaine; three children; and three grandchildren.

1949

Charlotte Henkle of Sun City West, Arizona, died February 22 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. After receiving her M.B.A., she went on to earn her J.D. while working full time at International Harvester (now Navistar). Survivors include her husband, Albert Henkle, ’52, and a sister.

1950

Philip E. Newman of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, died on February 26, Chicago GSB has learned.

1957

The GSB has recently learned of the death of Edward J. Zahumensky, of Montevallo, Alabama, on May 27, 2000.
Correction: Lawrence P. Benson, ’72

In the Spring 2002 issue, the In Memoriam listing for Lawrence P. Benson contained several errors. To set the record straight, we are printing a corrected obituary. Chicago GSB regrets the errors.

Lawrence P. Benson, ’72, of Toledo, Ohio, died in his home on September 19, 2001. He was 59. Benson loved the navy, and his career began with active navy service on an Atlantic antisubmarine and missile destroyers. He served as combat captain of a “SWIFT” boat in Vietnam and as director of the navy’s engineering and leadership schools. Leaving active duty for the active reserve, he was staff engineer for the “Cornbelt Fleet” in the Great Lakes, chief staff officer for a group of Norwegian Nasty-class PT boats, and a special consultant to the surgeon general for 16 years. In November 1988, Benson retired at the Pentagon after 28 total years of service with several combat and service awards and commendations.

Benson also was nationally recognized in health care as an executive, educator, and consultant. His 29 years in health care management were preceded by earning a B.S. in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, an M.B.A. from Chicago GSB, and a master’s in health care administration from Duke University. He served on the graduate faculties of Duke, University of North Carolina, University of Minnesota, Medical College of Ohio, and the Naval School of Healthcare Administration. He was a professional engineer and fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association. Benson participated in more than 300 projects for hospitals and health care firms, private industry, professional associations, and all levels of government. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Meadowcroft; mother, Marjorie (Ken) Jensen; children, Melissa (Ron) Watson, Ann (Mike) Cormier, Eric (Francesca) Benson, Rachelle Meo, and Sara Benson; grandchildren, Maxwell Cormier, Madeline Cormier, and Isabel Benson; sister, Louise (Douglas) Leatherdale; and sisters-in-law, Diane Twaddell and Phyllis Isaacs. Benson’s father, L. Stewart Benson, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 River Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551. —M.M.B.

Joseph S. Wright, Member of the GSB Council

Joseph S. Wright of Winnetka, Illinois, retired chairman and director of Zenith Electronics Corporation, died March 11. Wright was a life trustee of the University of Chicago and a life member of the Council on the Graduate School of Business. Before beginning his 41-year career at Zenith, he served as attorney, assistant general counsel, and chief of compliance for the Federal Trade Commission. He is survived by his wife, Jane; a son; and three grandchildren, including Elisabeth Wright Williams, ’96. —M.M.B.

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1968

Chicago GSB has recently learned of the death of Robert J. Dolan on March 20, 1999, after an 11-month battle with leukemia. Survivors include his wife, Jean, and three daughters, Mary Jean Dolan Hyman, Carolyn Dolan ‘Brien, and Nancy Dolan Levine.

Thomas Jacobsen of Clayton, Missouri, and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died July 20 of leukemia. Chairman emeritus of U.S. Bancorp, Jacobsen had been president of the Federal Reserve Advisory Council and director of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He was an active volunteer with many organizations, chairing record-setting campaigns at the United Way of St. Louis and the Salvation Army. He also was a trustee of Washington University; a life trustee and former chairman of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; and a regional and national leader of the Boy Scouts of America. Survivors include his wife, Diane, and a brother, Robert.

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Rudiger Dornbusch, a renowned international economist who had many ties to the University of Chicago, died of cancer at his home in Washington, D.C., July 25.

Rudi, as he was known to his friends, received his master’s degree in economics in 1966 and his Ph.D. in economics in 1971 from the university and was a member of the GSB faculty during the 1974–75 academic year. While he was teaching at Chicago, Dornbusch began work on his famous paper, “Expectations and Exchange Rate Dynamics,” which dealt with the adjustment of exchange rates to economic developments. Given that the world had just shifted from the gold standard to floating exchange rates two years earlier, the topic was of considerable interest both to policymakers and academicians. Dornbusch analyzed exchange rates as asset prices that had to obey all the usual arbitrage rules of finance. He then showed that shocks to a country’s monetary policy could lead to larger exchange rate movements in the short run than in the longer run. In calculating the amount by which short run exchange rate movements would overshoot the long run adjustment, Dornbusch developed a solution method for dynamic models that has found wide application in many economic contexts. In noting his passing, the Economist wrote, “It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that Mr. Dornbusch reinvented international macroeconomics.”

After leaving the GSB faculty, Dornbusch moved to MIT, where he spent the remainder of his professional career. He was named Ford Professor of International Economics in 1984 and held joint appointments in the economics department and the Sloan School of Management. He was a prolific writer who authored 23 books as well as scores of scientific articles. Dornbusch also was active in many public debates, writing a regular column for BusinessWeek and advising governments around the world. A well-respected teacher, he had an indirect influence on students around the world through his bestselling textbook, Macroeconomics, written with MIT colleague Stanley Fischer. But he also served as a mentor to hundreds of MIT graduate students, acting as dissertation adviser to more than 125 doctoral candidates. Current GSB faculty members who studied under Dornbusch include Mark Aguiar, assistant professor of economics; John Huizinga, deputy dean for the faculty and Walter David “Bud” Fackler Professor of Economics; Anil Kashyap, professor of economics; Owen Lamont, associate professor of finance; and John Romalis, assistant professor of economics.

“He is a major reason we have so many MIT economics and finance professors at the GSB today,” said Huizinga.

Dornbusch’s style of economics was decidedly Chicago. In the preface to his last book, he wrote that his underlying ideology was “unabashedly Chicago; that is, the University of Chicago belief that markets solve problems best and that bureaucrats on balance, even when well intentioned, are distracted by politics or excessive zeal for perfect solutions. The Chicago view is that complex problems have simple answers.”

Dornbusch is survived by his wife, Sandra Masur, of Boston and Washington, and a brother, Paul Josef Dornbusch, of Krefeld, Germany.