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Letter from the Editor

I would like to welcome students, faculty and alumni to the second edition of The Park Place Economist. Although most of you are already familiar with the journal, let me briefly explain what we have tried to accomplish this year. The organization of the journal staff was improved by increasing the number of students involved. It was wonderful how closely this group worked to produce the journal in a timely way.

We have made several important changes this year. First, we extended our alumni network by sending surveys to a large number of alumni for whom we have addresses. They range from last year's graduates to those who graduated as early as the 1940s. There is a section which reports the results of this survey. Second, the article highlighting the graduating class in economics is new to this issue. Although many students submitted their academic papers, not all could be selected by our staff to be included in the feature articles section. Each paper was carefully reviewed for content, diversity of ideas and appeal to the general audience. The result...you'll see. All views and opinions expressed are those of the authors.

I would like to thank all those who made this publication possible. First and foremost, thanks to all those who were on the Editorial and Advisory Boards. We made it! The generous assistance of Bob Aaron, Director of Public Relations, was valuable. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to Ossi Saarinen. He has worked very hard, without recognition, for two years as our Technical Editor. Finally, I wish the best of luck to David Rudd who was recently chosen to be the Editor-in-Chief for next year.

Lisa Kumazawa, Editor-in-Chief

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