



## June 2004

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### Editorial

#### *Do not miss...*

... Our next **Happy Hour Grandes Ecoles** on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Flute Midtown from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

We are happy to invite the Alumni Clubs of the "**New York Business Schools Club**" (NYSBC), bringing together alumni from the Elite MBA schools including Anderson-UCLA; Columbia Business School Alumni Club NY; Cornell – Johnson Graduate School of Management; Duke – Fuqua School of Business; Georgetown; London Business School Club of NY; Wharton Club of NY; Yale Alumni Club of NY and many more....). An opportunity to "cross network" with prestigious American Alumni Clubs!

... **USA Eagles vs. France:** Eagles take on the reigning European Champion – French National Rugby Team – at the new University of Connecticut stadium in an exciting Rugby World Cup rematch on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

Information, [www.usarugby.org](http://www.usarugby.org) or [www.rentschlerfield.com](http://www.rentschlerfield.com)

Tickets: 860-525-4500 or 203-624-0033 or 413-7332500 (groups)

### ESSEC USA Community

#### *It happened last month...*

##### **...2004 Newsmakers' Event:**

##### ***Hospitality Business: How did the survivors survive?***

Our third ESSEC USA Newsmakers' Panel held at the Four Seasons Hotel on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 has been a real success. We want to thank those who came and hope that they enjoyed the panel as much as we did. Making new connection and meeting old friends during the cocktail was a pleasure. For those who missed it, we regret their presence and wish to see them at our next event. For the press release, please visit: [click here](#)

#### **Alumni forum**

##### **Position available for a new Boston Chapter Leader**

Our Boston Chapter Leader is leaving Boston in June. If you are an ESSEC alumni fellow living in the Boston area and are willing to contribute to the development of our school in the US please contact [Claire Stokes](#).

**Parisian flat for rent July and August:** 3 bedrooms, 1 large bathroom, dine-in kitchen, reception room, den, 1,000sf, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Located by a garden and a courtyard with a beautiful view, in a quiet area near Montmartre, the Opera and "*les grands magasins*", close to 4 subways. 500 Euros/week. Photos: [click here](#) / Please: Jérôme Kohler / Email: [jeromekohler@aol.com](mailto:jeromekohler@aol.com)

**Looking for a place to stay:** student from ESSEC who will be doing an internship in NY this summer (July-September). Contact: Claire Berard Cell: +33-6-17-62-84-19 / Email: [claire.berard@famous.fr](mailto:claire.berard@famous.fr)

### Law Column

By [Coudert Brothers](#)

\*How to Handle Delays in Receipt of Social Security Numbers ("SSN") for New Employees with Proper Visa Status

\*USCIS Filing Fee Increases as of April 30, 2004

\*U.S. Department of State Visa Office to cease revalidations of E, H and L nonimmigrant visas at the end of 2004

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### ESSEC USA Upcoming Events

#### **New York Chapter**

**Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

#### **Happy Hour Grandes Ecoles**

Special guests: Alumni Clubs of NYBSC

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Flute Midtown

205 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street

New York

Cash Bar

### Other Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

#### **Haas Alumni Network – New York Chapter**

*An evening with David Aaker:*

*What's next in the evolution of branding?*

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The Midtown Executive Club

40 W. 45th Street, New York

To register: [click here](#)

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

#### **The Michigan Business School Alumni Club of NY and the University of Michigan Entertainment Coalition**

*The Business of Independent Film*

NYU at 721 Broadway, Theatre 006 -lower level

To register: [click here](#)

**Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004**

#### **USA Eagles vs. France**

Eagles take on the "XV de France" at the

Rentschlerfield, CT stadium in an exciting

Rugby World Cup rematch!!!

For match information, [www.usarugby.org](http://www.usarugby.org)

For information on Rentschler Field, including

tickets and seating: [www.rentschlerfield.com](http://www.rentschlerfield.com)

Tickets: (860) 525- 4500, (203) 624-0033 or

(413) 733-2500 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)



**Interview of the Month: Cyril Rabeisen (ESSEC 01)**

**Q: What is your background?**

I am 27 years old and grew up in the Paris region. I studied at ESSEC from 1997 to 2001. During the "Apprenticeship" program I worked as a business analyst for a financial holding company listed at the Paris stock exchange. After graduation I joined the financial direction of Total, the French oil producer and distributor, right after the merger with Fina and Elf. I first was involved in a significant updating project of the holding's ERP (based on the SAP technology) for a year and a half. Then I led the implementation of a financial data warehouse and of an automatic payment system based on IBAN banking references.

**Q: Why did you decide to come and stay here?**

At the end of that mission with Total, I decided to fulfill an old dream of mine: to give one year of my life to the poor and to the children. I knew that I just had to do it or forget about it. My employer kindly helped me realize this project granting me a year off. So I committed myself to a French Catholic organization that sends young people to the most deprived areas of the world: Heart's Home (Points-Coeur). In 20 different countries of all the continents, the volunteers aim at spending time with the children that have nothing but the street to play in. The latest foundation was 6 months ago, in the Bronx, NY. That is where I was sent and that is why I now live in the United States.

**Q: What advice would you give to ESSEC graduates who would like to come to work here?**

Of course my work here is not representative of the jobs ESSEC graduates are looking for. Nevertheless, as far as NYC is concerned, I would say that it is important to forget all the European prejudice about the American people. You will meet people from all around the world, which creates a very special atmosphere, slightly different from what one would expect. Additionally, one had better be a strong-tempered hard worker to succeed in the US!

**Q: How do you think your ESSEC background helped you to be where you are?**

My ESSEC background certainly helped me for my first years in the professional world. I have been working in the financial and information systems industries, which requires good theoretical skills as well as a strong adaptability. The level of education provided by ESSEC helped me a lot to fulfill these requirements. In New York, the international environment I currently live in reminds me of some classes I had at ESSEC with students from all over the world. Moreover, Hearts Home USA recently organized a fundraiser for the benefit of a project for poor people in India. The international experience, the ability to work in English as well as a solid knowledge of the American culture were for me key assets in the organization of the event.

**Q: What do you consider as your role in the ESSEC family?**

I am always interested in learning about the events of my school, I am a member of the ESSEC Alumni Association and I am happy to try and help young graduates looking for a job or an internship. But so far my contribution has not gone much further, so I consider my role in this family as rather modest.

**Thank you Cyril... For more information on [Heart's Home](#)**

**Wednesday July 14th, 2004**

**INSEAD**

*La Nuit Parisienne: Bastille Day 2004*  
SAVE THE DATE...and start looking for something French to wear!  
7:30 - 11 PM  
Harbou Lights restaurant  
89 South St, Pier 17  
More details to follow...

**Amis des Grandes Ecoles:**

**Volunteers we need your help!!!**

\***Webmaster**: you will update the website regularly according to the club's activity. In the long run you will be in charge of the English version as well as creating a forum for discussions and ads focused on job search and other tips related to working in the U.S.

\***Newsletter Editor**: you will edit the monthly newsletters, collecting information relevant of interest to the members, enlarging the network's activity in the U.S. (for example with head hunters, immigration attorneys, etc.) and coordinating with the webmaster.

***These positions require no more than one hour of work/week and will allow you to network with the most prestigious business environments.***

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**Thank You**

Please feel free to send us your questions, comments or suggestions.

We hope you enjoyed reading this Newsletter and we look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

Kind regards,

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