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## **FAVORITE STANFORD MEMORIES**

Sunday brunches in Castaño 317 (1999):

>> Made lifelong friendships

Hofstadter's AI symposium (2000):

>> Met my heroes

4th of July at Casa Whitham (2002):

>> Met my wife

# MAJOR

Symbolic Systems: Artificial Intelligence



#### **RESIDENCES**

FR: Serra

so: Castaño

Jr. Castaño

sr: Potter

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Stanford Student Enterprises, Squash Club, What Matters to me and Why, Rollerblading

## LIFE SINCE STANFORD

School I completed a co-terminal Masters degree in Symbolic Systems in June 2003. My research was on Natural Language Processing with Prof. Chris Manning. I published three papers and presented at CoNLL 2003.

Work I joined the startup Plaxo (founded by Stanford alums) as their first engineer. I'm now their Web Architect, and Plaxo has over 15 million users and 50 employees. I love working with startups, and I plan to continue being a tech entrepreneur in Silicon Valley for the foreseeable future. Get your own "smart address book" at plaxo.com.

Life In June 2005, I married fellow Stanfordite Michelle Goebharter. We met because my sophomore roommate was dating Michelle's sorority sister, who happened to live across the hall. So I owe my happiness in part to the friends I made and in part to the Stanford Housing Draw! :-) Our wedding was in Sonoma, we honeymooned in Costa Rica, and then we had a second wedding reception in Austria for Michelle's extended family. We're living

