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Get to Know Your Network: Vegas Style Accountants

DU graduates Mike Bergin (77), Greg Brice (76), Gary Farmar (75), Charles Lilley (76), Jay Reano (76) (all accounting majors), Les Kohn (75), Bill Telesco (75), Wayne Williamson (75), (other business majors) and ISU graduate Steve Loob (82) are members of the “Poker Group”. All the DU grads were members of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity except Jay, who was a ZBT and met the others through Charles whom he had known in high school. Unfortunately, one of the original members is no longer with them. Debra (Schleim) Cameron (76) passed away in 1996. The last game played of every get together is played in her honor.



The beginning of the Poker Group was a reunion in Denver during the summer of 1989, prompted by three members of the group having recently relocated to the area. Someone suggested playing poker and a tradition was begun. Normally on the first Friday of each month for nearly 24 years, the Poker Group has been rotating between residences to have dinner and play poker. Rumor has it the food has grown better while the stakes have remained the same. It has become a great way to stay in touch over the years.

Mike is the owner and president of Down Under Saddle Supply, Inc., Greg is a principal of Brice +

Associates CPA, PC, Gary is a lecturer at the DU Reiman School of Finance, Charles is an attorney and principal at Charles Lilley & Associates P.C., Jay is the principal at HPI Services, Inc., Les is Area President at Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., Bill is a Sales Consultant at Greeley Tent & Awning Co., and Wayne is the founder and managing partner at Plexus Capital, LLC.

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Recent Happenings in the School of Accountancy

Margot Gilbert Frank to Receive the Evans Award

Margot Gilbert Frank, 1971 DU Alumnus, current DU Trustee member and School of Accountancy Advisory Board Member, will be awarded with the Evans Award at the 2013 DU Founders Day Gala on Thursday, March 7th. The Evans award is presented annually to a distinguished alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated achievement in his or her profession, offered humanitarian service to the community and demonstrated continuing interest in the University. This award is the highest honor that the Alumni Association bestows. The Evans award, named for principal founder of the University, John Evans, was first awarded in 1951. What an exciting time for Margot and her husband Allan.

Publications, Presentations and Conference Travels

Tracy Xu, Hugh Grove, and Philipp Schaberl have published their paper titled “Corporate Governance: A Risk Management Approach” in Corporate Ownership and Control. In their paper, the authors analyze one approach to risk management for public companies and their Boards of Directors.

Philipp Schaberl will present his paper “Beyond Accounting and Back: An Empirical Examination of the Value-Relevance of Accounting Fundamentals and ‘Other’ Information” at the annual meeting of the European Accounting Association in Paris, France. This paper examines when and under what circumstances stock markets rely more heavily on information presented in financial statements relative to forward-looking information incorporated in earnings forecasts by financial analysts. This paper has received the best doctoral student manuscript award from the American Accounting Association (Ohio Region) in 2012.

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Student Corner



Meet our Newest SoA Teaching Assistant - Christie Koets

Christie is new to the University of Denver, working on her masters in Accounting. She is from Denver originally, but completed her undergraduate degree in Accounting at Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, MO. She is very excited to be back in Denver and is planning to graduate in June. She loves the outdoors and is glad to have the mountains in her back yard again. This quarter she is a teaching assistant for Financial Accounting for MBAs and Survey of Accounting. She enjoys working with students and helping them with the wonders of accounting. After graduation, Christie will be starting full time in the PwC office in Denver working in Audit.

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Upcoming SoA, Daniels and DU Events

Voices of Experience

Lee McIntire, Chairman and CEO of CH2M Hill
Newman Center for the Performing Arts
Monday, March 11

[Register Here](#)

Daniels Connects Denver: Alumni Networking Night at Lucky Strike Lanes

Thursday, March 14
Round 1 Bowling 5:45 - 8:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

SoA Student Awards and Banquet

Friday, May 17
Wellshire Events Center

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Alumni and Friend News

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On the Lighter Side: Joke of the Month

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO.

The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week. Why?"

The CEO said, "Wait right here."

He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "He's the Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

Submit a joke or humorous article to share

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Contact Information Request

The School of Accountancy is always updating alumni contact information so we can stay in touch. If you know of other alumni who are not currently getting the School of Accountancy Newsletter, please invite them to send in their email address so we can stay connected. Please send any updated address, work or email information to Jill Whelan at jwhelan@du.edu. Also, if you have any news that would be of interest to your classmates, please let us know!

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