



Commerce Chapter Newsletter

Alumni Association of the University of Adelaide

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A Message from the Chairperson

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Commerce Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Adelaide. Formed in 2002, the chapter provides a forum to maintain and further develop the relationships and networks you developed during your time at the School of Commerce. This newsletter will serve as the regular communications channel for chapter activities and events, and will be distributed both physically via post, or if you prefer, via email.

The chapter was successfully launched at a well-attended launch event in October 2002. Those present enjoyed the speeches delivered by the Vice Chancellor, Professor James McWha, Professor Scott Henderson, and representing the chapter's major sponsor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's Managing Partner, Rob DiMonte. A mention must also go to the generous support of BRL Hardy who made sure that no-one went thirsty on the night!

The Chapter's Foundation and Major Sponsor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu have supported our vision, goals and operations from our inception. Their generous support has also facilitated the development and ongoing support of the key information portal for Chapter members, the Chapter website:

www.commerce.adelaide.edu.au/alumni

If you have not registered as a member of the chapter yet, it is as simple as visiting the website and inputting your details. You will need to have your student number on hand to validate your application. Registration allows you to search for other registered members in a number of ways such as those working in your industry, geographic location, or perhaps for an employer of interest. You are then able to send them a 'blind' email (you won't be provided with their email address) that they can reply to if they choose. Members are encouraged to keep their details relevant to make the most of the alumni search engine.

2003 promises to be an exciting year for the Chapter, with a diverse range of activities planned. In April we will hold the School's Ten-Year Anniversary dinner with a more casual social event planned for the second half of the year. We are working on the formation of a series of professional development seminars relating to the professions represented by the School. And together with the support of the School and third parties yet to be announced, we are developing undergraduate and postgraduate awards for the School of Commerce.

Membership of the Chapter is a great way to stay in touch with other alumni both socially and professionally, and opens up a range of opportunities that may ultimately enhance your career. As we move toward greater collaborative commerce between public and private sectors, now is the time to get involved. See you at the dinner!

Luc Bondar, Chairperson, Working Party

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Professional Development Seminars

The Commerce Chapter is running a few Tuesday evening seminars in 2003, to help our graduates and to promote networking. The seminars are 90 minutes (presentations and networking combined) and cost only \$5. Please RSVP by the preceding Friday.

First Topic: *The ATOs New Audit Program*, presented by a director of PricewaterhouseCoopers
Time: April 15th 6pm, Ground Floor, Security House, 233 North Terrace
RSVP: toni.kennedy@Adelaide.edu.au Subject line: Chapter Seminar One

Second Topic: *Changes to International Accounting Standards for 2004*, presented by a manager or director of PricewaterhouseCoopers
Time: April 29th 6pm, Ground Floor, Security House, 233 North Terrace
RSVP: toni.kennedy@Adelaide.edu.au Subject line: Chapter Seminar Two

To be alerted to further seminars, please email Toni Kennedy with the Subject Line: Seminar Alert

Celebratory Alumni Dinner

It is ten years since the first large cohort of graduates completed the Bachelor of Commerce, so we are celebrating. On the evening of the 12th April 2003 a formal dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency on North Terrace, Adelaide. A special part of the night will be the launch of a new scholarship to be sponsored by the Commerce Alumni.

We have arranged a great night, with plenty of fun. Apart from catching up with other graduates and lecturers, you can listen to Barry Burgan and his group of Jazz players. There will also be plenty of memorabilia and Barry is preparing a powerpoint presentation (if you have any photos please scan and send to Barry with some details: barry.burgan@adelaide.edu.au).

The night is being strongly supported by Deloitte Touche Tomhatsu and the professional bodies. In addition, a range of firms will be approached, so if you know of a potential sponsor, please contact Chris Medlin (see below).

We are looking for people to organise whole tables (there is a good discount), by either work place or by year of graduation. If you would like to do this, and need help contacting people, please email Graeme Gould (graeme.gould@adelaide.edu.au).

Already Registered on the Alumni Web Database

Those of you already registered should check your details regularly and as your situation changes.

Coming soon: We are working out how to arrange an email address for alumni. It will look like this: **your.name@alumni.adelaide.edu.au**

We know this is technically feasible and we are looking into all the ramifications. If you think this is a good idea, send your reason to Chris Medlin (chris.medlin@adelaide.edu.au).

