

# Razorback Accounting News

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## A Note from our Department Chair

Welcome to the summer issue of *Razorback Accounting News*, published each year for students and employers to help launch the coming academic year. Within this issue, you'll find information about new technology initiatives, upcoming courses, employer recruiting on campus, and other things near and dear to you. You will find several things to put on your "to do" list when you read this issue--including checking out our new course pages on the Internet and marking your calendars for our All Accounting Students meeting. We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon!

*Karen Pincus*



## Technology News

The UA accounting curriculum helps prepare students to become accounting professionals in an Information Age. What's new this academic year on the technology front? There are two major developments since you were last on campus.

First, all undergraduate courses have gone electronic. There is a course homepage for every course where students can get a copy of the course syllabus, assignments schedule, various handouts, copies of notes or presentations, and exam information. Some of the course pages even include Powerpoint presentations that help you review reading materials. You can check out the course pages through the "[Courses](#)" link from the Department's main homepage.

Either from home this summer, or from a computer lab when you return to campus, all accounting students should check the course pages for their classes and read the syllabus for each course *before* coming to class on the first day. Students taking 4000-level courses ( [Product, Project and Service Costing](#); [GAAP](#); or [Operational Auditing](#)) will find they also have assignments that are **DUE** on the first day of class.

Second, new materials have been added to the Accounting Electronic Library. Last year, we launched the library with a complete series of tax research materials. This year, a complete series of financial accounting and auditing research materials have been added. This means you will now be able to use the electronic library to research accounting and auditing standards, as well as tax issues. Access to the electronic library will be authorized for all juniors, seniors, and MAcc students registered in related classes.



## Meet the Macc Class of 1999

The [University of Arkansas Master of Accountancy \(MAcc\)](#)

program underwent a significant revision in conjunction with the 1998 change in the requirements to sit for the CPA exam in the state of Arkansas. A MAcc degree meets the new educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam, an essential if you plan a career in public accounting, and an asset for many jobs in industry and government. MAcc courses help students extend and integrate their accounting and business knowledge by building on the broad knowledge received in undergraduate programs.

Students are admitted to the MAcc program based on their performance at the undergraduate level, scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), letters of reference, and--for international students--TOEFL scores. Undergraduate students interested in applying to the MAcc program should contact Dr. Keith Sellers in BADM 223 for information. You may apply as early as the end of your junior year.

Fourteen students will begin the MAcc program in August. The Department welcomes:

**Elizabeth Chapman** of West Fork, AR ANTH/BA, California State University at Fullerton

**David Elizandro** of Cookeville, TN ACCT/BS, Tennessee Tech University

**Angela Harris** of Batesville, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Holly Hixson** of Paris, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Casey Koenigseder** of Bentonville, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Denise Koerdt** of Farmington, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Shannon Maher** of Fort Worth, TX ACCT/BBA, Texas Christian University

**Emily Metrailler** of Little Rock, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Amy Rose Rossi** of Little Rock, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Gaungping Shi** of Chengdu Sichua, China, ENGR/BS, University of Electronic Science & Technology of China

**Timothy Vogt** of Fayetteville, AR BADM/BA, Tabor College

**Jimmie Walker** of Fayetteville, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Tracie Whitlock** of Fayetteville, AR ACCT/BSBA, University of Arkansas

**Ying Zhang** of Beijing, China ACCT/BS , Tsinghua University



## **Fall 1998 Recruiting Schedule**

If you are in the MAcc class of 1999 or a BSBA graduating senior (in December, May or August) who is not planning to enter the MAcc program, your search for employment will begin shortly after classes start. Here's the schedule to date of on-campus interviews for accounting majors:

**September 24 & 25** - [Arthur Andersen, LLP](#)

**September 30 & October 1** - [Deloitte & Touche, LLP](#)

**October 5 & 6** - [Baird Kurtz & Dobson](#)

**October 6** - [International Paper](#)

**October 6** - [Phillips Petroleum](#)

**October 8** - [Ernst & Young, LLP](#)

**October 12 & 13** - [PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP](#)

**October 20** - [KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP](#)

**November 11 & 12** - [Alltel Corp.](#)

**November 12** - [Williams Energy](#)

**Date will be announced** - [Profit Recovery Group](#)

The Department's home page has a section with links to these and other employers of accounting students. You'll also find some advice on interviewing for jobs in the "[Full-Time Job Opportunities for Graduating Students](#)" section of the home page. In addition, there will be a session on interviewing strategies at the annual All Accounting Students meeting in early September.

For students who aren't graduating this year, there are many internship and co-op opportunities to gain

practical work experience...and some pay. For more information, visit the Department home page section on "[Internships and Part Time Job Opportunities for Students](#)." Also check the job placement bulletin board near the faculty mailboxes regularly when you are on campus.



### **Freshman and Sophomores:**

*Aim High!* Shoot for Beta Alpha Psi, the National Accounting Honorary. Learn details at the All Accounting Students meeting, September 1.



## **Need Answers?**

## **Head for the All Accounting Students Meeting!**

There will be an "All Accounting Students" meeting on **Tuesday, September 1** at **5:30 p.m.** in **BADM 202**. This is for pre-majors (freshmen & sophomores) as well as majors and even graduating seniors and MAcc students. There will be information and handouts concerning curriculum, student organizations, internships, job interviews, and the MAcc program. Bring your questions and we'll look for you there!!



## **NOW is the Time to Write Your Resume!**

If you are graduating in December 1998, May 1999 or August 1999, job interviews will begin in mid-September. Bound resume books-- including *your* resume if you submit one--will be distributed to all employers in early September. The resume book is an important information source for employers, which means being in the book helps you get a job. Our Beta Alpha Psi chapter helps puts the book together, which is a great service to the Department, but remember that the book is for *all* 1998-1999 accounting graduates.

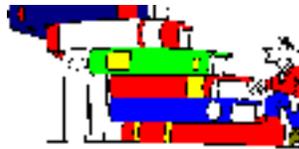
How do you prepare a resume for the book? You must use the resume book's standard form that makes it easier for employers to find information. You can download a copy of the form from the "[Putting](#)

[Together Your Resume](#)" section of the Department's home page. If you don't have Internet access this summer, you may still begin preparing your resume now, using the miniature printed copy of the form on the right.

After you create an electronic copy of your resume form, print a high quality copy (the resume book uses photocopies of submitted resumes so print quality matters). Sign the form and turn it in to the College's Placement Office in room BA 343, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The latest day to turn in your form is **Tuesday September 8** (the day after Labor Day) at NOON (note: this is a hard deadline as the book will go to the printer on September 9).

There is a **fee of \$10** (payable when you turn in the form) to help cover printing and mailing costs. If you turn in the form by the day of our All Accounting Students meeting (**Tuesday September 1**), we'll waive the fee and you'll get all this great publicity for free!

Since the resume book uses a standard form, you will probably also want to create a personal resume. Check the Department's home page for advice on preparing your resume...and get started early!



## Spring 1999 Course Offerings

Do you like to plan ahead? Here's a preview of the courses/times planned (some change is still possible) to be offered through the Accounting Department next Spring.

### **Sophomore-level courses:**

[ACCT 2013](#) - *Introduction to Accounting Information I*: 9 sections will be offered at various times each day -- 5 sections on MWF and 4 on TTh.

[ACCT 2023](#) - *Introduction to Accounting Information II*: 12 sections will be offered at various times each day--5 sections on MWF, 5 on TTh, 1 on MW afternoon and a MW night class.

[BLAW 2013](#) - *Legal Environment of Business*: 7 sections will be offered at various times each day -- 3 sections on MWF, 3 on TTh and 1 MW afternoon.

### **Junior-level courses:**

[ACCT 3533](#) - *Accounting Technology* at 9:30 a.m. on TTh.

[ACCT 3613](#) - *Managerial Uses of Accounting Information* at 2:00 p.m. on TTh and a night class on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:50 p.m.

[ACCT 3721](#) - *Financial Accounting Computer Lab* at 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays and 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

[ACCT 3723](#) - *Financial Reporting & Analysis* will have two sections both meeting at 1:30 p.m. on MWF; Section 1 will be for non-accounting majors only, Section 2 will be for accounting majors.

[ACCT 3843](#) - *Fundamentals of Taxation* at 2:30-3:50 p.m. on MW.

BLAW 3033 - *Commercial Law* at 12:30 p.m. on MWF.

**Senior-level courses:**

[ACCT 4673](#) - *Product, Project & Service Costing* at 8:00 a.m. on TTh.

[ACCT 4753](#) - *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* at 11:00 a.m. on TTh.

[ACCT 4963](#) - *Operational Auditing* at 10:30 a.m. on MWF. Please note that all junior level (3xxx) business core courses and all junior level (3xxx) accounting courses are prerequisites for *Operational Auditing*. Be sure to complete these prerequisites.

**Master's-level courses:**

ACCT 5443 - *Asset Management* at 11:00 a.m. on TTh.

ACCT 5463 - *Contemporary Accounting Issues* at 12:00-1:20 p.m. on MW.

ACCT 5883 - *Individual Tax Planning* at 10:30-11:50 a.m. on MW.



## Things To Do Before Classes Start . . .

- Check out course pages and read syllabus for each Fall class. Students taking 4000-level courses should also complete assignments DUE on first day. See [Technology story](#).
- Mark your calendar for the All Accounting Students Meeting on Tuesday September 1. See [Meeting story](#).
- Graduating students: Prepare resume form. Due by September 8 with \$10 fee; fee is waived if turned in by September 1. See [Resume story](#).