

## **TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter**

### **September 2003**

It is time for our next installment of our electronic newsletter. Before I provide you with information related to current topics, I would like to acknowledge Prof E.T. Guerrero. Many of you who have graduated before 1990 had the pleasure of taking courses with him. This month Prof Guerrero was honored by Texas A & M University by inducting him as one of the Distinguished Graduates in the Petroleum Engineering Department. As I researched his bio little more, I realized that he was the first Ph.D. in Petroleum Engineering from the Texas A & M University. He was also the first Ph.D. hired at the University of Tulsa in the Department of Petroleum Engineering. Other than publishing several practical papers in reservoir engineering, one of his biggest contributions to the Petroleum Industry was the founding of Petroleum Abstracts. Petroleum Abstracts allowed professionals to search for many important topics in very efficient way. Even today, most of the major oil companies and independent operators are members of Petroleum Abstracts. Dr. Guerrero joined the University of Tulsa in 1956, and retired from TU in 1990 after serving the University with great distinction. Even after retirement, he continues to participate in many events sponsored by the Department, and has the same passion and love for the Department as he had when he worked for TU. We want to congratulate Prof Guerrero for this great honor.

Now to the current topics. First, I will like to inform you about the alumni function which will be held in conjunction with the SPE Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Denver. For those of you who will be attending the meeting, and those of you who live in Denver, this is a great opportunity to visit the faculty and other alumni and revive the old times! I would like to extend the invitation to all of you who will be in Denver during that week. For your information, this year's alumni function will be held in at the Marriott City Center, Colorado Ballroom, Salons C&D. We will begin @ 6:00 p.m. and stay until 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the Denver alumni function, we also are planning to have another alumni function for alumni who live in Tulsa, Oklahoma City or towns that are within driving distance from Tulsa. This alumni function will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> on North Campus of the University of Tulsa. The function will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will have a tour of North Campus research facilities followed by informal barbecue supper. If you are interested in attending the function, please RSVP to [http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/test/tulsa\\_alumni.htm](http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/test/tulsa_alumni.htm). If you need directions to North Campus, please contact Reta Watkins at [loreta-watkins@utulsa.edu](mailto:loreta-watkins@utulsa.edu) or at (918) 631-2533. We will also try to make follow up phone calls to make sure that everyone is informed about this function. We intend to have similar alumni functions in other places as well. We hope to announce the time and venue of these functions in the upcoming newsletters.

In this newsletter, I would also like to introduce to you our SPE Student Chapter. I am sure that many of you participated in the Student Chapter activities when you were a student. It is one of the most important ways of getting connected to your fellow

Petroleum Engineers. This year's group of officers is planning many ambitious activities for the upcoming year. The officers include: Staci Morgan ([staci-morgan@utulsa.edu](mailto:staci-morgan@utulsa.edu)), President, Lance Sullins ([lance-sullins@utulsa.edu](mailto:lance-sullins@utulsa.edu)), Vice President, Rashid Haddak ([Rashid-haddak@utulsa.edu](mailto:Rashid-haddak@utulsa.edu)), Treasurer, Angelina Coletta ([Angelina-coletta@utulsa.edu](mailto:Angelina-coletta@utulsa.edu)), Secretary, and Matt Jones ([matthew-jones@utulsa.edu](mailto:matthew-jones@utulsa.edu)) Fund Raising Coordinator. As I have mentioned in the first newsletter, if you are interested in sponsoring an event or a function or helping the student chapter in any way, please contact any of the officers, and they will be happy to provide you with additional information about the activities.

Now on to the alumni of the month...

### **Alumni of the Month**

This month's alumni of the month is Dr. Mohammed Bin Hamad Bin Saif Al Rumhy. Since December 1997, Dr. Rumhy has been serving as Minister of Oil and Gas in Sultanate of Oman. Prior to serving as a Minister, he was a faculty member at the Sultan Qaboos University in Muskat, Oman during 1986 through 1997. Dr. Rumhy received his BS from Imperial College in London, his MS at the University of Tulsa and his Ph.D. from Imperial College, all in Petroleum Engineering.

Although Dr. Rumhy spent very short time at the University of Tulsa, he has lot of fond memories of Tulsa. Specifically, he still remembers that all the faculty and especially non-academic staff at the University were great, friendly and helpful. He also remembers the diverse student body at TU, and the friendships he made with the students from Venezuela and Norway among many other countries. He firmly believes that by having the student body from all around the world, he was able to learn and understand various cultures and various perspectives. For more on Dr. Rumhy and his brief interview, please click [http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum\\_mon\\_sept\\_03.html](http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_sept_03.html).

Thanks for taking time to read this. I hope to see and visit with many of you in Denver. Write us anytime you have a suggestion or comment on the newsletters.

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