

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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As the academic year comes to an end, it is time to salute some of our graduates who will be joining the workforce soon. This year has been great for the students for permanent jobs as well as summer internships. By the last count, I do not know of any student who is either looking for a permanent or summer job and does not have one. This is the testimony to the industry's needs, and hopefully, to our students' reputation.

On April 22nd, The College of Engineering and Natural Sciences held its annual awards ceremony to recognize the outstanding seniors. Many of the Petroleum Engineering students received the honor. The students who received the honor also reflect the diversity of the students we graduate.

Bader Al-Dhafeeri, Zeid Al-Ghareeb and Haidar Abdulal are all from Saudi Arabia. They are sponsored by Saudi Aramco and intend to work for Saudi Aramco after graduation. At least two of them intend to come back to TU to get their graduate degree.

Abdulla Al-Hammadi and Thani Zeyoudi are from United Arab Emirates. They are sponsored by ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company) and intend to work for ADNOC after graduation.

Ali Shafqat is from Pakistan. After completing one year in Dubai he joined TU. He intends to complete his MS at TU after graduation.

Dan Melcher and Mary Oxley are from Oklahoma. Both will graduate in December of 2004. Dan will be working for BP this summer, but has not decided who he is going to work for after graduation. Mary intends to get her MBA after graduation.

Congratulations to all of them for outstanding performance!

On April 23rd, University of Oklahoma held the Regional Student Paper Contest. TU participated by sending five students total in all the three divisions. Out of the five, Dan Melcher won the second prize in the Undergraduate Division and Lei Zhou got third place in the PhD Division. We are proud of all the participants, and want to congratulate both Dan and Lei for job well done!

Last month, we had two ceremonies in the college; The Hall of Fame Awards ceremony and Honors and Awards ceremony. If you would like to see the pictures on those two occasions, please click on:

<http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news/AwardCeremony/index.html>

Now on to this month's Alumni of the Month:

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This month's alumni of the month are Ron and Jean Hinn. Jean graduated from TU in 1976 and Ron graduated from TU in 1977. After graduating in 1976, Jean joined Amoco, and eventually became Vice President at Altura Energy. In 2000, she left Altura to raise their two young children (and future petroleum engineers!) Kristan and Kyle. Ron started his career at Mobil. He then joined Amoco and Altura, and is currently at Oxy. He serves as Knowledge Management Lead in Oxy's worldwide engineering and technical services organization.

In addition to being successful professionals, both Ron and Jean have participated in many outside service activities. Ron has been very active in SPE and also serves on the Department Advisory Board. Each of them has endowed a presidential scholarship for Petroleum Engineering Students. For more on Ron and Jean, please visit: http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_may_04.html

Keep sending me your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

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