

## TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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The new Fall Semester started on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am teaching the Introduction to Petroleum Engineering class, which is normally taken by freshmen. As of today, I have 43 students in that class. The mix includes 28 domestic students and 15 international students. A total of nine countries are represented in this class. Other than U.S., these countries include Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Mexico, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Venezuela, Angola and Nigeria. This is a good mix and we would like to continue the same trend. Ideally, we would like to have about 40 to 50 people graduating each year from Petroleum Engineering class. That means, we need to start with at least 50 students in our freshmen class. We are working hard to make sure that word about the demand for petroleum engineers gets spread out so that we can recruit even better quality freshmen students in the next year's class.

Last year's freshmen have returned to the school. Based on my conversations with them, majority of them had a great experience in the summer, and they learned a great deal during their summer job. I think that it is imperative that this year's freshmen class get a similar experience. I am encouraging them to submit their resumes to the companies as well as to me so that together, we can make sure that they get a great summer experience. The earlier indications are very positive. Many oil companies are coming to the campus to recruit. We had a career fair last week and I counted at least 11 oil companies in that fair, with some new faces. I assume that we will have close to 20 companies visiting this fall trying to hire Petroleum Engineering students. Many seniors are already reporting that they are getting offers based on their summer jobs. That is indeed good news.

In general, many of our students do well in school, maintain good grades, work part time jobs, and are involved in other activities. Some of them even play sports for TU. One of such students is Jamie German. Jamie, who is a senior, has maintained a 3.26 grade point average in petroleum engineering. Jamie is a starting forward on women's soccer team. She was the athlete of the week at TU in September because she scored one goal and had an assist in the same game against University of Arkansas. Congratulations Jamie for setting a good example of student athlete!

This month we could not include our regular feature – alumnus of the month. We will bring it back next month.

Keep sending me your comments, suggestions and criticisms. - Mohan