

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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Fall semester is in full swing. Based on the number of companies coming on campus, it is true that we can probably have more students in our program than we currently have. The companies, which have never stepped on campus before, are coming on campus to recruit the students for summer internships and full time jobs. Examples of these companies are XTO Energy, Encana, Devon and Merritt Energy. There may be others which I have not mentioned. The salaries for internships and full time employments are hard to believe. I wonder if the students in the program appreciate and understand how lucky they are. Although most of our sophomores, juniors and seniors will end up with a summer or permanent jobs, most of our freshmen students will still be without jobs. At the end of this semester, I would have a better idea as to how many students are still without jobs. I intend to collect resumes from all these students and have them available. Hopefully, some of you may be interested in hiring these students for summer. As the end of semester approaches, I will have more information on this subject.

As usual, we had an alumni function in Dallas, TX on October 11th of this month. This annual event is held in conjunction with the annual SPE Meeting. About 110 people attended the event. It seems that the attendance was lower at the meeting than expected. This may due to people in the industry being busy and are unable to find to time to attend such meeting. As usual, we had a lot of fun. If you are interested in checking out the pictures of the event, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news/images_spe_2005/index.html

Alumnus News: We are sad to report the passing of Robert (Bob) Carlile on October 18th in Tulsa. Bob received his BS and MS in Petroleum Engineering from TU. He received his PhD from Texas A & M University. After his graduation, he taught at both University of Missouri at Rolla and at Texas Tech as a Chairman of the program. Bob had been an ardent supporter of TU. He volunteered his services to recruit new students in the program, and also provided scholarship money to our undergraduate students. His role in ABET was also critical. We will miss his counsel in the future. Our sympathies are with his family. For additional information, please check:

<http://legacy.com/TulsaWorld/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=15441681>

Now to the alumnus of the month

Alumnus of the Month

This month's alumnus is Dr. Curtis Bennett. Curtis has been a very active member of our Industrial Advisory Board and recently served as a Chairman of the Board. He just finished his two years on the board this month. Curtis graduated in 1982 from TU with a PhD in Petroleum Engineering. He also received Bachelor and Masters Degrees from the University of Tulsa in Applied Mathematics. He joined Amoco Production Company and worked at their Tulsa Research Center until 1997 when he moved to Amoco's office in Houston. He focused on the development of gas reservoir engineering and pressure transient analysis technologies. Prior to the merger with BP, Curtis was the Technology

Director for Reservoir & Production Applications. With BP, he continued his career in the technology organization as Base Management Excellence Team Leader. In January of 2005, Curtis transferred to Jakarta where he is the Senior Petroleum Engineer on the Tangguh LNG Project. He has participated in SPE as technical reviewer, technical editor of JPT, and on a number of SPE committees.

Curtis is married to Kelly since 1992 and they have two children, Max and Alexis. Alexis is a recent graduate of the TU. For more information on Curtis, please check:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_oct_05.html

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