

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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In July of 2006, SPE announced their yearly awards. Congratulations are in order for Ron Hinn for Distinguished Service Award. Ron has been active in the SPE since his days as student at TU. Ron's involvement has continued as SPE Gulf Coast Member, including Gulf Coast Section Chair. Ron also served on SPE Board of Directors. Ron has taken special interest in petroleum education. In addition to being actively involved in ABET, he also takes a great interest in Industrial Advisory Board at TU. Starting this year, he will be serving as a Chair of the Industrial Advisory Board. As a department, we very much appreciate Ron's commitment to our program as well as SPE at large. Congratulations Ron for a well deserved honor! In addition to Ron, three of TU's alumni became distinguished members. One of them – Ali Hasan – is featured as alumnus of the month this time. The other two are: Stuart Scott who is a faculty member at Texas A& M and Lloyd Heinze who is Chairman of the Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech. Congratulations to all for this well deserved honor.

As I have mentioned in some of the previous newsletters, with increased enrollment in our program, we will need additional scholarship money to support the incoming students as well as the students currently in the program. We are in the process of preparing for scholarship campaign very shortly. Hopefully, in the next newsletter, we can provide additional details regarding the campaign and how you can help. We are counting on your help to make it successful. In effect, we are looking for oil and gas companies as well as service companies to sponsor students.

This month's alumnus of the month is Ali Al Hassan. Ali graduated from TU Petroleum Engineering in 1989. He joined Saudi Aramco after graduation and continues to work with them today. Starting with a job of gas production engineer, Ali slowly migrated into reservoir engineering. Currently, Ali works in reservoir simulation group which is responsible for management of many oil and gas reservoirs in Saudi Aramco. In addition to his professional job, Ali is actively involved in SPE activities. Currently he is serving as Director for SPE Middle East Region. He is concurrently also serving as Chairman of SPE Middle East Regional Council. In addition, he has served on numerous SPE Committees, taking on increasing responsibilities. He also serves on our Industrial Advisory Board. His son just started as a freshman in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Tulsa. For more on Ali, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_aug_06.html

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

Nurse Funny Bone writes: Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked the Petroleum Engineer fresh out of Tulsa University "And what starting salary were you looking for?" The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$175,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, a company matching retirement fund for 50% of your salary, and a company car leased every 2 years -- say, a red Shelby?" The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" And the interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."