

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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As a follow up to our last newsletter, the career fair which we organized last month, has been bearing fruit. By my count, out of the ten companies who visited the campus as well as some companies to whom we sent resumes, Cimarex Energy, Helmerich & Payne, Mid-Con Energy Corporation, Marathon Oil Corporation, Nadel & Gussman, Oxy Energy and Newfield Exploration Company are either in the process of hiring some of our students or have already made offers to many of our students. I want to thank all these companies for taking personal interest in our job fair and hiring our students. The data clearly indicates that the retention of freshmen students is much better if they get a summer job. We still have about six or seven students needing internships. If you have an opening, please contact us and we will be happy to coordinate interviews with the students.

On April 12th and 13th, Devon hosted our SPE student chapter for a field trip. About 25 students, along with three faculty members, went to Decatur, Texas to visit the Barnett Shale field. Devon is the largest operator in the field and their personnel are extremely busy. It was really nice of them to spare time for us and show us around. Friday the 13th looked ominous in the morning with thunderstorms and tornados predicted for the entire day. Fortunately, we did not encounter any significant rain while we were in the field. After a brief morning presentation about the Barnett Shale operations, we got to visit the gas processing plant, a drilling rig drilling a horizontal well, a frac job in a multi-stage fracturing of a horizontal well, a coil tubing unit which was drilling out the plugs in a horizontal well, and a compressor facility. Because of proximity of the locations, we were able to see a lot in one day. The students were really impressed and hopefully gained some knowledge about production from oil shale. Special thanks are extended to two TU alumni – Todd Moehlenbrock and Chuck Horsman. Another alumnus, Kim Biggs, could not join us on the trip but also was instrumental in organizing the trip. To see pictures taken during the field trip, please visit http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news_events.stm.

Now to our alumni news-

Alumnus of the Month

This month's alumnus is Tulsa native Brian Weatherl. After earning a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering from The University of Tulsa in 1984, he spent several years in Texas and Louisiana working as an Engineer for Welex and Core Laboratories. In 1989, he began working for Chevron in New Orleans, LA. From 1989 until 1997 he held various positions as a drilling representative, workover/completions engineer, and Petroleum Engineer for the Bay Marchand and South Timbalier 21/27 Field Management Teams. He mostly specialized in horizontal drilling and completion technology during this time. In 1997, he accepted a petroleum engineering job with Vintage Petroleum in Tulsa, OK and, subsequently, in 2000 a Senior Acquisition Engineer position with the Williams Company. During his time at Williams he was on the team that was responsible for closing the 2.5 billion dollar Barrett Petroleum deal. In 2002, he left Williams to found Source Rock Energy Partners in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Source Rock drills, completes, and produces natural gas, primarily in southeastern Oklahoma. Source Rock owns interest in 70 producing wells and owns leasehold in over 50 sections in the Arkoma Basin. For more on Brian, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/alumni/monthly_alumni/alumnus_200704.stm.