

## **TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter**

### **January 2008**

Let me start the newsletter by wishing you a very happy new year. I hope that the new year brings you happiness and prosperity. Our Spring semester started about two weeks ago. Most of our classes are bursting at seams with the number of students enrolled. Starting next Fall, we probably need to think seriously about offering many courses twice a year, and also offering more than one section of some courses so that we can maintain smaller class sizes. This will probably require more faculty in the program, and/or hiring of adjunct faculty.

Speaking of faculty, we are in the process of hiring two new faculty members. We are currently interviewing candidates and, hopefully, we will be able to make a decision about the new faculty in the very near future. I also want to take this opportunity to thank some of the adjunct faculty teaching this semester. Ron Hinn of Oxy is commuting from Houston to teach our Introduction to Petroleum Engineering class. His class has 36 students; some from PE and some from our new Energy Management program. Brian Keefer of Marjo Operating Company is teaching Reservoir Engineering I, and Phil Schenewerk of Apache Corporation is teaching Formation Evaluation. Knowing how much we pay to the adjunct faculty, I can assure you that all these people are doing this teaching for the love of teaching! Considering how busy the industry is these days, we greatly appreciate their sacrifice in teaching these classes. The students also benefit greatly by learning from people with industrial experience.

I need to mention our graduation dinner which was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the Allen Chapman Activity Center. Approximately 50 people attended the dinner with the chief guest, Ken Ogelsby. Ken gave a nice presentation to the graduating students, reminding them of the industry's cyclical nature and emphasizing the importance of keeping up with the technology and innovation. Everyone had a wonderful time. For pictures of the evening, please visit:

[http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news\\_events/grad\\_dinner\\_dec2007/grad\\_dinner\\_dec2007.stm](http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news_events/grad_dinner_dec2007/grad_dinner_dec2007.stm)

We plan to host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Job Fair for Petroleum Engineering students in the Spring semester. Last year's fair was a great success and several companies ended up hiring the students for both summer and permanent jobs. We would like to build on that success. We have tentatively scheduled the fair on the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup>. As the date nears, we will provide more details. If your company is interested in participating, please let me or Reta Watkins know so that we can forward you the appropriate information.

On another note, let me congratulate Dr. Stefan Miska for being recognized by the President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski. Dr. Miska was awarded Professor of Technical Science in Poland. This is an exceptional award and is given to very few people who excel in conducting creative research. Congratulations Dr. Miska!

Now to the alumnus of the month...

## Alumnus of the Month

This month's alumnus is Joe Magoto, a native Tulsan, who graduated from TU in 1973 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He has spent his life working in the Petroleum Industry. Joe Magoto began his career as a reservoir engineer with Exxon USA and was promoted to a training school coordinator as well as a supervising reservoir engineer. In that leadership role he supervised the initiation of a program achieving a record level of workovers, oil production and profitability for his district within Exxon. After his tenure with Exxon, Joe joined Ryder Scott Company in 1978. During his career at Ryder Scott, he performed reservoir and economic evaluation studies for oil and gas property appraisals, analyses of waterflood and pressure maintenance operations, property acquisitions, field optimizations and evaluations of development potential. As an engineer and a senior manager he led the Ryder Scott acquisition/divestiture teams in evaluating the reserves in more than 46 transactions, several of which were in the multibillion-dollar range. Joe also initiated Ryder Scott involvement in the design of a totally integrated reserve management system for numerous oil companies, both U.S. and international, with emphasis on regulatory compliance, and has been working in the energy business for over 30 years. Clients include U.S. and international E&P companies of all sizes, financial institutions, and government agencies. Mr. Magoto advanced through seven positions at Ryder Scott to become a Managing Senior Vice President and Board Director. In 2007, he joined Parkman Whaling, an investment firm, as a Vice President. For more on Joe, please go to:

[http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/alumni/monthly\\_alumni/alumnus\\_200801.stm](http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/alumni/monthly_alumni/alumnus_200801.stm)

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