

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

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My tour as a SPE Distinguished Speaker continues. This month I visited California - Long Beach and San Ramon. In Long Beach, I met with Sam Sarem (BS '54; MS '56) and Kate Anderson (BS '03). Sam is retired and is doing consulting work. He still keeps in touch with what is going on at TU and we greatly appreciate his endowed scholarship. Kate, who was the SPE student chapter president, promised me that she is going to help our student chapter. I also had an opportunity to visit Anchorage, Alaska. The weather in Alaska was surprisingly sunny and pleasant, and I had a lot of time on my hands. Mary Endacott (former Vance - BS '89) was nice enough to drive me around and showed me the beautiful snow covered mountains and Cook Inlet nearby. She is quite a nature buff; unfortunately, much of the information she told me about the fish, mountains and the weather patterns was lost during my travels. That evening I had a dinner with four TU alumni: Mary, John Whitney (BS '70), Jack Walker (BS '74) and Randy Roadifer (PhD '95). We had a wonderful meal and a great time. I will conclude my tour next month with a trip to Europe. I hope to meet some more folks from TU as I visit the Netherlands, Romania, and Poland.

At the end of this month, we will have our career fair for the spring semester. I will let you know how it went. However, the initial response from the companies and the students looks promising.

I need to make a special mention of a new endowed scholarship initiated by Charles Mountford (BS '72, MS '74). The Charles and Carol Mountford Endowed Scholarship for Petroleum Engineering scholarship is in the amount of \$25,000. We appreciate their generosity. I know, for certain, that with increased enrollment, this scholarship will be very beneficial.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, we would not mind advertising to our students and alumni any job openings you or your company may be interested in posting. For example, I just received an inquiry from Constellation Energy for an experienced production engineer in the Tulsa area. If you are interested, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/employment_opportunities.stm

Now to our alumni news...

Alumnus of the Month

This month's alumnus is Steve Cummings. After graduating from TU in 1984 with a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering, Steve began his career with Amoco Production Company as a drilling and production engineer in the company's Rocky Mountain Division. While at Amoco, Steve focused primarily on drilling operations in New Mexico, Nevada, California, Oregon, and Washington.

With the downturn of the oil and gas industry in 1986, Steve returned to his hometown of St. Louis and worked in the corporate engineering group for the Ralston Purina Company

in the areas of engineering and operations management within several divisions of the company. After receiving his MBA degree in 1992, he joined the management consulting practice of Ernst & Young in Columbus, Ohio as a senior consultant focusing on operations and financial management. In 1997, he joined Andersen Worldwide as a senior consulting manager focusing on organizational performance management and acquisition integration including the implementation of global equity and share plans for several multi-national companies.

In 2000, Steve joined the National City Corporation as a Senior Vice President and has held several positions in the areas of finance and operations. Additionally, Steve serves as an adjunct professor of business at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. Steve, his wife Sue, and children, Alexandra, Matt, and Tommy (and golden retriever, Cleo) currently reside in Macedonia, Ohio.

For more on Steve, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/alumni/monthly_alumni/alumnus_200803.stm

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