To: Mike Mlynek, Student Affairs Coordinator

From: Cameron Campbell, President, & Rob Mellors, Faculty Sponsor, San Diego State University AAPG Student Chapter

Re: AAPG Student Chapter at SDSU 2007 End of the year report

Website: http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~aapg

2006-2007: Awards and recognition:

2007 AAPG Outstanding Student Chapter, Honorable Mention
C. Martinez, L. Austin Undergraduate Grant
C. Martinez and C. Campbell, Pacific Section AAPG/SEPM 2007 Martin Van Couvering Award

Events

Fall 2006
Tour of THUMS oil field, Long Beach, Los Angeles

Spring 2007
AAPG President talk, pizza party, and dinner.
AAPG convention
Elk Hills tour
Spring barbecue

Summary

The SDSU AAPG student chapter has been active in the past year under the guidance of outgoing president Matt Stillings and the other officers. The first major activity of the year was a morning tour of the THUMS urban oil facilities in Long Beach and Signal Hill, led by SDSU Alumnus John Jepson of the City of Long Beach Gas and Oil Department. The tour ended with lunch at the monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Basin Geological Society (LABGS) (who kindly sponsored lunch for all students).

Earlier this semester, we were honored to have the 2006-2007 AAPG President, Dr. Lee T. Billingsley, come to SDSU and give a talk about “Exploiting the Devonian Reservoir in Oates SW Area, Western Delaware Basin, Texas”. After the talk, several student members went to dinner with Dr. Billingsley, which allowed a close discussion about a range of topics varying from AAPG to the geology of West Texas. As many of the students had little knowledge of the petroleum industry, this talk and discussion was
exceptionally valuable.

In April, a group of twelve members attended the 2007 AAPG convention in Long Beach. As most of the members had never attended the national AAPG convention, it was an eye-opening experience. Students found it useful to talk with SDSU alumni as well as other professionals in the petroleum industry and to see the wide range of talks. Several members took advantage of the AAPG/SEPM short courses and field trips. The SDSU Student Chapter was pleased to achieve Honorable Mention status for the Outstanding Student Chapter Award. SDSU Chapter members (Chris Martinez and Cameron Campbell) also won the Pacific Section AAPG/SEPM 2007 Martin Van Couvering Award.

Many of the SDSU AAPG club members were in the Spring 2007 Petroleum Geology class which was taught by SDSU alum Eugene “Kip” Hering, who, after an adventurous career around the globe working with Occidental Petroleum, decided to return to SDSU. The class included a trip to Bakersfield and tours of the Elk Hills Petroleum Reserve, Aera Energy, Core Labs, and the CA Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR). Kip's thirty years experience in petroleum production and exploration provided valuable insight to the student members who will be interns this summer with Chevron and ExxonMobil.

As a final wrap-up, the SDSU AAPG chapter decided to have an end of the year BBQ at Kip Hering's horse ranch. Elections for the upcoming year were also held. The event also served as a chance to say goodbye to members leaving SDSU in order to try their luck working in the oil patch!

Plans for the next year include a field trip to San Clemente State Park to look at the architecture and lithofacies of the Capistrano Fm (Miocene-Pliocene). We would also like to participate in the Imperial Barrel competition.

We would like to thank: Dr. Lee T. Billingsley, John Jepson, Eugene “Kip” Hering, Occidental Petroleum Aera Energy, Core Labs, and the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) Bakersfield office. Lastly we would like to give a special thanks to Jon Kuespert and Dr. Rob Mellors.

Sincerely,

Cameron Campbell
President, SDSU AAPG Student Chapter
(Top Left) Members of the SDSU AAPG Student Chapter braving the rain to get a better look at one of the drilling rigs within Elk Hills Petroleum Reserve. (Top Right) Student members walking up to the rig in order to get a better view. (Bottom) Group photo of the SDSU AAPG Student Chapter taken at the BBQ held at Eugene “Kip” Herings ranch after a wonderful lunch (and polo match).
2007 SDSU AAPG

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