MINING ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Syd S. Peng has been appointed by the West Virginia Legislature to the Council to Research Surface Mining Operations, which was created pursuant to Senate Bill 681. The Council will study mountaintop mining and valley fills and report its findings back to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. The Council will also work with the federal agencies currently conducting an environmental impact study of these issues in accordance with the procedures of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is anticipated that this joint endeavor will result in an empirical study of the socio-economic, environmental and other impacts of mountaintop mining.

PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Mining Engineering

Yoichiro Sakuma (BSEM 1982) was recently in Morgantown visiting. Yoichiro works as a management consultant for Sakuma Consulting Office in Tokyo, Japan.

Kenton B. Goh (BSEM 1983) received a MD degree from the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. He works as a Emergency Physician at the Wellmont Holston Valley Emergency Department and also is the owner of Gohfish Company.

Barry Dangerfield (BSEM 1971; MSEM 1981) oldest daughter, Whitney, graduated in May 1999 from the University of Virginia in International Affairs and Government. Barry works as vice president-Virginia operations for Consol Energy.

Tim Coleman (BSEM 1979) was as a technical service engineer for US Steel Mining Company.

Kevin L. Martin (BSEM 1980) is vice president of Pobres, Inc. in Kamay, Texas.

Dan DeBolt (BSEM 1977) is chief financial office of Weight Watchers International. He is currently involved in the possible sale of Weight Watchers to third parties which would mean a return to Heinz in Pittsburgh for Dan and his family. Dean has two children Julian, 6 and Alex 4.

Joshua S. Rockwell (BSEM 1999) is assistant to operations manager of Maple Creek Mining, Inc. in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania.

G. T. Lineberry (Ph.D. 1982) was recently promoted to professor of mining engineering at the University
of Kentucky. He also serves as associate dean for Extended Campus Programs in the University of Kentucky’s College of Engineering, which includes directorship of the Office for Informational Services and Technical Liaison (OISTL), oversight over foreign exchanges and an international twinning program in Malaysia, and involvement in the establishment of two new University of Kentucky engineering programs in Paducah, Kentucky.

Richard Lewis (BSEM 1981) graduated from Harvard Law School in 1990. He was elected partner at Steptoe & Johnson (Charleston, West Virginia) in 1999.

Joseph V. Tassone (BSEM 1951) is self employed as a legal consultant on intellectual property matters for Mark IV Industries, Inc. Also serves as assistant secretary-intellectual property for several Mark IV subsidiaries.

The following alumni have been elected to serve on the West Virginia Coal Association’s Executive Committee for 1999-2000: James Bunn (BSEM 1975), Eagle Hawk Carbon; James Campbell (BSEM 1978), AEI Holding; and Randy McMillion (BSEM 1979), Pittston Coal.

John L. Schroder, Jr. (BSEM 1940; MSEM 1941) was induced into the WV Coal Hall of Fame on May 17, 1999.

Dan Ashcraft (BSEM 1951), a former US Steel official, is president of Dunkard Creek Ventures.

Sid Young (BSEM 1975), a veteran contract operator, is president of Bobtown Coal LLC.

Frank R. Kirby (BSEM 1978) has joined Skelly and Loy Inc. as a mining engineer. As Senior Mining Engineer, Kirby is responsible for property evaluations, feasibility studies, detailed mine audits, fatal flaw analysis, cost review analysis and computerized mine planning services for surface and underground mines and electric utilities throughout the United States and overseas. His career began in 1978 and includes positions of Manager of Engineering for Mettiki Coal Corp., Mine Superintendent and Senior Mining Engineer for Anker Energy Corp. and Manager of Engineering for Westmoreland Coal Company. This prodigious industry experience allows Kirby to plan, analyze and manage mining projects from conception to full production to final reclamation.

Dean Davidson (BSEM 1984) is the vice president of operations for Alfmeier Corporation which is an international manufacturer of automotive fuel system components to Daimler Chrysler, BMW, Ford, and GM.

Larry R. Mayton (BSEM 1974) is superintendent - coke ovens at Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Burns Harbor Division. He is married to Gail and they have a son (Gregory) and a daughter (Shannon).

Charles W. McGlothlin, Jr. (BSEM 1968) has spent the last 6 years teaching occupational safety and health at Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colorado. Before that he spend 28 years in the coal mine operations and safety management with Bethlehem Mines in Pennsylvania, ARCO Coal in Utah, and KNENERGY in Colorado. He has developed and offered AAS in OSH via internet/distance learning at TSTC. He is currently working on a Ph.D. from Colorado State University.


Randy D. Hansford (BSEM 1978) is now the executive vice president of Riverton Coal Production. Randy was the president of Kingston Resources, a Riverton unit.

Gary L. Dunmeyer (BSEM 1979) is employed by Stockhausen Mining Chemicals as a Technical Sales Engineer. He sells speciality chemicals to coal preparation plant facilities and also sand and gravel facilities. He also provides the customers with technical support on all the chemical application areas. He is married to Cindy and they have two sons, Gary Jr. and Michael.

James Campbell (BSEM 1978) was named senior vice president of sales and marketing for the Peabody Group.

Marmon Group has announced that National Mine Service and Morgantown Machine and Hydraulics will be combined into one operating unit. Rod Jarrett (BSEM 1973) has been named president of
the new company, and the staff of both companies will report to him.

RAG American Coal, which recently completed its acquisition of Cyprus Amax Coal Company, has announced its executive line-up for the new combined company. Michael Peelish (BSEM 1983) will be their Vice-President, Human Resources effective June 30, 1999.

Michael Miano (BSEM 1970), director of the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, has stepped down. He is now employed in the Division of Highways as a 160-day temporary employee, and is taking a course in environmental regulations at Marshall University’s graduate school as his first step toward earning a master’s in environmental engineering.

James A. Simpson (BSEM 1981) is general manager for Steyer Fuel Inc. He has been married to Debbie for 27 years. They have three children: Brian a 1998 WVU BSME graduate; Bethanie who will graduate from WVU in dental hygiene in 2000; and Brandon who is a freshman at VU in general studies.

Jeff Wilson (BSEM 1981) has been named vice president of administration for James River Coal. Wilson formerly served as vice president of sales and marketing for A.T. Massey Coal before resigning in August as part of a reorganization of that company’s sales staff. Wilson will develop programs for hiring, training and compensating employees and will focus on the coordination and enhancement of all programs related to mining operations and practices.

David C. Chirdon (BSEM 1981) recently was reassigned as the chief of the electrical safety division for MSHA’s Approval and Certification Center.

John A. Goroncy (BSEM 1975) is now president and general manager of Canterbury Coal and PennAmerican Coal.

Keystone Mining Services, a new company affiliate of Jennmar Corp., has named Dr. John C. Stankus (Ph.D. EM 1996) as president and Dr. Yajie Wang (Ph.D. EM 1997) was named vice president of engineering.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering

John H. Hibbs (BSEM 1959, petroleum engineering option) is president/owner of Hibbs and Associates, Inc. providing natural gas consulting services.

Chuck Herron (BSEM 1979; BSPNGE 1985) works as the northern/southern regional sales manager for Century Lubricants Company in Waynesburg, PA.

George J. Koperna, Jr. (BS PNGE 1992; MS PNGE 1994) was promoted to senior associate with Advanced Resources International, Inc.

Jeff Miller (MSPNGE 1986) is project engineer for August Mack Environmental, Inc. in Delaware, Ohio.

Anthony L. Eden (BSPNGE 1981) has been residing with his wife and two children in Qatar since later 1994. Currently he is held of production engineering with Occidental Petroleum of Qatar. OPQL operates the IDD El Shargi North Dome and South Domefields.

Carlton D. Weaver (BSPNGE 1948) recently underwent carotid artery surgery and has entered Roper Hospital in Charlotte, South Carolina for open heart surgery. “Buck” says that otherwise he is still alive and kicking. We hope his surgery went well for him.

Stephanie Reed (Roy) (BSPNGE 1997) works for Chevron USA in Lafayette, LA. With her job at Chevron, she is able to return to campus each fall to recruit summer interns and regular hires from the PNGE department. In addition to working full time, she is also a cheerleader for the New Orleans Saints football team.

John B. Lawman, Jr. (BSPNGE 1980) recently relocated to Pittsburgh, PA upon being elected vice president and regional manager for Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation’s Appalachian Region. John and his wife, Sharon, have two boys: Brandy 4 and Shawn 20 months.

CNG Transmission Corp. has promoted E. Kevin Stiles (BS PNGE 1984) to special projects engineer in the gas storage section at company headquarters in Clarksburg.
**Mineral Processing Engineering**

*John Spencer* (BSMPE 1978; MSMPE 1979), who recently left a sales and business development post at Quintain Resources, has joined Aquila Risk Management to manage the Aquila Dock (formerly Big Sandy Terminal) on the Big Sandy River. Spencer has been involved in coal sales, marketing and procurement in the river market for several years.

*Dale Linaweaver* (BSMPE 1979) vice president Eastern operations for Constellation Operating Services, Inc. (COSI) is married to Kathy and they have a son Brandon (6 years old). Dale moved to the Baltimore, MD area this summer. COSI is involved with independent power projects and coal processing plants throughout the US and South America.

*T. Anthony Toney* (BSMPE 1980; MSMPE 1988) is senior process engineer for Precision Testing. Tony is a professional engineer who has had papers published in Mining Engineering and Coal Age, papers presented at Coal Prep and SME in Orlando, Florida. He is married to Jackie and they have a daughter Brittany. They are expecting twins in September.


*Jason Lawrence* (BSMPE 1996) got married on 5/29/99 to Shannan Lewis (she has a master's in physical therapy from WVU). He now works as process engineer for the regional engineering office of Unimin Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*John L. Schroder, Jr.* (BSEM 1940; MSEM 1941) passed away on September 20, 1999.

*Louis C. Case, Jr.* (BSPNGE 1959) passed away on August 7, 1999

**MARRIAGES**

*Jason Lawrence* (BSMPE 1996) got married on 5/29/99 to Shannan Lewis (she has a master's in physical therapy from WVU).

**BIRTHS**

*Don Smith* (BSPNGE 1977) and his wife recently had a new son on February 23, 1999, Kai Yona Smith. Kai Yona Smith has a sister Bria Yona Smith.

Eric Anderson (BSEM 1996) and his wife, Tonya, are the proud parents of Mason Keith Anderson.

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