

IEEM Alumni Newsletter, Edition 2, August 2004

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the IEEM Alumni newsletter for 2004.

As for most of us these days, the year seems to fly past at a very rapid rate. Our 1st function of the year, the 20th Anniversary dinner for the 1984 graduates, held back in May was reasonably successful with 42 alumni members, past and present faculty staff, students and partners attending. A good time was had by all who attended, especially the 1984 graduates who were the guests of honor, with a number of them not having seen each other since their graduation.

Planning for our second function of the year is well underway. The 2nd function scheduled for Wednesday 15th September will feature a couple of successful alumni members talking about their careers, and how they have progressed to what they are doing today. In conjunction with these presentations, the night will also serve as the IEEM student awards night, where a number of awards including the Alumni Leadership Award will be presented to the winning students. Finger food and drinks will be served on the night, and thanks to sponsorship of the event by Holden, small entry charges of \$10 for alumni members and guests, and \$5 for students will apply.

Recently I have had a number of conversations with Derek Andrews, the President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers regarding their dwindling membership and the potential for support from the alumni. Derek is looking for new blood not only to become members, but to be the future leaders of the IIE. Further information regarding the IIE including membership information is available on the IIE

website; www.iie.com.au To assist in focusing it's future activities we have separately sent each alumni member a short survey to find out more information regarding the roles our alumni members currently hold, and the industries in which they work. It would be appreciated if you could email survey responses to anna.maltezos@eng.monash.edu.au

The Alumni Council is also currently looking for a new member as Jana Krizova has recently relocated to Europe. Jana was a keen contributor to the Alumni Council and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contributions and wish her well for the future. Any alumni member interested in taking Jana's position on the council can do so by registering their interest with me on aemerson@tontinefibres.com.au

Alan Emerson

BEVIS BARNARD OBITUARY



Written by Don Sheridan.

I have known Bevis as a friend and colleague for about 25 years. Over this time we both worked at the PMG and Monash University for different periods of time.

I first became aware of Bevis not long after I joined the PMG. At that time he worked with the equipment division –

Mail Handling, as a Material Handling Design Engineer.

This early work with mail handling equipment was a great advantage to him in his lecturing and tutorial work at Monash. His students report that he used many illustrations from this time to make clear many design fundamentals. They also appreciated his sense of humour with some of his power point illustrations.

For the last 35 years Bevis has worked at Monash and its forerunner Chisholm Institute. During this time Bevis has lectured to 500 plus Industrial Engineering Graduates and thousands of mechanical engineers. They no doubt have had their lives changed by Bevis's knowledge, skill, generosity and patience. Over the years Bevis lectured in all years of both the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Degree. He was one of the first to assist with the establishment of the Industrial Engineering Degree. He also had some responsibility for developing new subjects for the Industrial Engineering degree.

The following is a summary of comments from staff and students including professors, senior lecturers, tutors, technical staff, library and admin staff and students:

Bevis was one of the most approachable and generous of teachers I have ever known. Not ever did I see Bevis refuse to help a student, often staying very late to help struggling students. (this type of comment came from many sources)

Bevis continued to develop his subject knowledge throughout his time at Monash.

I personally appreciate his help and advice (from many sources).

Coming from industry, I would not have survived the transition to academia but for Bevis. (from a number of sources)

Competent engineer who struck a balance between academia and practical engineering.

If you asked Bevis a question, you asked for it!! It was really something to be helped by Bevis. Bevis put in more work than anybody could reasonably expect.

Comments from Professor John Price who has been the head of Division since 1992. John says Bevis was one of the great features of working at Monash. He was a kind and generous lecturer and a friend to staff and students alike, and always a pleasure to deal with. We loved working with him and having him as part of the team.

In conclusion, it was obvious to all who worked with Bevis that he loved his God, his family and his work. On behalf of all his past and current colleagues at Monash, we express our sincere sympathy to Cath, Ann, Jacqui, Myra and Elena and their respective families. We will always be grateful for the work Bevis has done on our behalf and the resulting benefit to the human community via his students throughout the world.

Further Comments – Paul Wellington

For over 30 years, Bevis has been a friend, mentor and enthusiastic and tireless supporter of many of the projects which were run in Mechanical Engineering during the 80s and 90s. Without the input Bevis made to the subject of Design and the Mileage Marathon and World Solar Challenge projects which were highlights in the courses for hundreds of students, none

of those vehicles would probably have been built. His inexhaustible patience and desire to help students through their problems provided great inspiration for both the students and his fellow staff.

When the decision was made to introduce an Industrial Engineering course at the start of the 80s, Bevis was the one member of the then Mechanical Engineering Department who was prepared to take on the extra load and responsibility to develop new Industrial Engineering subjects and make IE the success that it has subsequently become. He will be greatly missed by all who worked with or who were taught by him.

FIRST FUNCTION 2004

Our first function for 2004 was a success. It was great to see so many different faces.



SECOND FUNCTION 2004 **- THE SECRET OF MY** **SUCCESS**

**PLEASE JOIN US AND YOUR
FELLOW ALUMNI**

WED SEPT 15th, 2004
6:30pm for a 7.00pm
start, Clayfield Room,
Caulfield Campus
Cost: \$10 which includes
finger foods and drinks

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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By 3rd September 2004

A BRIEF CHAT WITH..... **GRANT MITCHELL**

In each edition of the IEEM Newsletter, we will feature a member of the Alumni. The questions are:

What year did you graduate?
1995

What was your first job?

I worked as a Co-op student at Holden's Engine Company over 1993 and returned there as a graduate inside a week after my last exam in November 1994 along with a good friend and fellow IE – Rod Sultana. We worked in the Industrial Engineering Department which gave us both good exposure to a number of different areas and people in the company.

Where did that lead?

That eventually led me into a production supervisory role. I was responsible for the Conrod, Waterpump and SOHC Camshaft machining lines which were run by about 35 operators. I worked as a supervisor for about 9 months on both day and afternoon shifts before changing positions again and moving into a role supporting the Fabrication and Assembly Production Manager following Peter Muller's (1994 IE) move to Bosch. I've changed roles a few times since then – in and out of production again, QA and currently I am working as Manufacturing Engineering Supervisor in the HEO Foundry.

Why do you think IE is a great career choice?

It opens a lot of doors. You can work in so many different companies and so many different roles. You can see that just by going to one of the IEEM functions. I chose to get into manufacturing and having an IE background has helped by giving me a

grounding in the principles which are constantly being reinforced at work as part of the Holden Production System (now GM – Global Manufacturing System) eg. pull systems, 5s etc...

Do you keep in touch with your fellow Alumni?

I try to but it can be a bit difficult at times. A few of us get together for a BBQ or golf sometimes but I think we'd all like to do it more often than we actually do. We're all so busy these days and kids are starting to appear which can make it a little harder for some of us. There are a number of IE graduates at work that I see regularly which is good.