Department of Mining Engineering

Announcements

- SME Convention
  February 21-24

- Don’t forget! You only have until March 24th to turn in your SME reimbursements

- Be sure to let Pam or Sam know about any job or internship offers you may receive

The squeaky wheel gets the grease, a saying I’m sure we’ve all heard over the years. I recently attended an EPA public hearing regarding the air pollution generated by Hunter and Huntington power plants. Hearings such as these are a good way for the general public to express opinions and beliefs about ideas to implement new laws that will affect their society. Anyone willing was allowed an opportunity to speak. Each person who signed up to speak was given three minutes to express their opinion or share facts as they saw fit. There were many willing to get up and state the impending destruction and economic decline of Utah’s national parks as a direct result of air pollution from the power plants. Many of these opinions and so called facts seemed ill informed, incoherent, scientifically unsupported and spontaneously made up. It seemed as though many of the speakers had never seen these power plants or even stepped foot in the area, but they were adamant that the plants would ruin the earth if more laws were not implemented to control the power plants emissions. If these were the only voices the EPA heard they may have easily concluded that forcing the power plants to implement 600 million dollars in new emission controls was the general consensus. In that regard the squeaky wheel would have got the grease. So many extremists and overly enthusiastic environmentalists are too often the only ones sharing their opinions on matters such as mining, and emission controls. We all have a voice, and an opinion so let it be heard! If we don’t there just might come a time that some of you mining engineers may be looking for employment elsewhere.

Thanks,
Jordon Grange
SAC Rep.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Hi! I’m Leigh Seeley and I’m a sophomore in the mining engineering program. I’ve lived in Salt Lake City my entire life and am ready to explore outside the state. I started out wanting to be an environmental engineer, but Dr. Nelson convinced me that becoming a mining engineer would be a whole lot more fun and I’d get paid better too :) Some other hobbies include running and biking with my two dogs, reading and being goofy with my friends and family. A few interesting things about me are that I like to clean my room around 12-1 am, I am the second oldest of seven kids and my favorite treat is ice cream!

My name is Dallan Coons and I’m from West Bountiful, Utah. This is my second semester in the mining program at the University of Utah. In the last six or so years I’ve served an LDS mission in Anaheim California, received my associates degree from LDS Business College and attended Salt Lake Community College before transferring here to the U. I am really excited to be in the mining program. My favorite subjects have been math and geology. I’ve always wanted a career with engineering, but nothing sounded quite right. I didn’t know anything about mining engineering until I talked to Jon Heiner who completed the U’s mining program. What Jon told me got me really excited about mining engineering. I’m excited to see where a degree in mining engineering will take me. Outside of school I love to hunt, backpack in the Uintas, fish, spend time with my family and build rustic furniture.

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