Can you remember when and why you decided to become a sedimentary geologist? Some people know what they want to do when they are 5 years old and work towards that goal. I wasn’t one of those people. After considering various career options in high school (auto mechanics, politics, bus driver, religious studies, etc.), I went to university because my parents made me do so (I can still hear them saying “Bruce, you’re smart. You don’t want to be an auto mechanic…”).

Other than playing water polo for the varsity and city teams, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do in my freshman or sophomore years. I stumbled into sedimentary geology because our water polo goalie was enrolled in the geology program and was getting multiple job offers every summer (he subsequently went on to become General Manager of a large Independent in Calgary). Switching majors added a couple of years onto my degree, but it ended up being a great decision.

Once enrolled in the geology program, I had the good fortune to learn sedimentary geology from some top-notch instructors (including Gerry Middleton and Roger Walker). Other profs taught me things that I don’t use much of nowadays (e.g., how to recognize spodumene in thin section) and other things that I use constantly (e.g., the importance of working hard). Most importantly, I was inspired by them to pursue geology (and sedimentary geology in particular) as a career. I’ve talked to many geologists who didn’t plan on being geologists, but were inspired to do so by one or more of their freshman professors.

I’ve spent most of my career at Universities, but didn’t originally plan on becoming an Academic. My scientific curiosity grew at the same time that job opportunities for sedimentary geologists were shrinking (remember the 80s?). That combination led me to pursue M.Sc. (Oceanography, with a sedimentology focus) and Ph.D. (Geology, with a stratigraphy/ sedimentology focus) degrees. After getting my doctorate, I worked for the Geological Survey of Canada, Penn State, New Mexico Tech, and McGill University. Two and a half years ago I left Academia to join the petroleum industry (Conoco-Phillips).

Along the way, I’ve had the pleasure of conducting various types of sed/strat field work in a variety of different locations. I’ve studied the submarine portions of modern deltas using large research vessels, taken helicopter flights into otherwise inaccessible outcrops and an offshore drilling platform, driven long distances down countless narrow, muddy roads to measure outcrops, used current meters and other methods to study coastal erosion and modern beach processes, and so on. There have been countless days when, from the vantage point of an outcrop overlooking some scenic vista on a beautiful sunny day, I have thought to myself “Wow, I’m getting paid to do this!” To be fair, there have also been times when the weather has been wet and freezing, the seas dangerously stormy, the food rotten, and/or the mosquitoes and black flies insufferable. But such is life…

Like most students, and perhaps most non-student geologists, my primary interest was working outdoors. I learned however, as undoubtedly most of us did, that not all stratigraphic work is conducted outdoors (most such work isn’t, especially in Industry). As such I learned how to use subsurface data (wireline logs, core) and geophysical data (seismic) to study stratigraphy. The view from a seat in front of a workstation isn’t quite as scenic as a mountainside outcrop, but the ability to visualize depositional systems in their entirety, in 3-D, and over large distances, has an appeal that I learned to appreciate and (eventually) love. I was told that “a bad day looking at core is better than a good day in the office, anytime”. That comment is probably true most of the time, but I’ve had a lot of fun correlating logs and picking wiggles, especially when the thrill of the hunt (getting there first, discovering things others had missed, etc.) was upon me and coworkers.

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Although the science has been (and continues to be) very rewarding, one of the greatest pleasures I have derived is from working with and/or otherwise interacting with the people I’ve met along the way. As a student, I looked up to and learned from my professors and fellow students. (Albeit some of the things I learned from my fellow students aren’t things I want my kids to know about.) As a professional geoscientist my colleagues and mentors continue to be a source of knowledge, inspiration and fun. I look forward to meeting with my friends, and making new friends, at conventions. The more I’ve moved, the more friends I’ve made along the way. As a professor I had the pleasure of teaching, and learning from undergraduate and graduate students. Most of my former graduate students are now employed in the petroleum industry, and meeting (either in person over a BEVER-age or “virtually” through e-mail or social networking sites) with them continues to be a pleasure.

As a short course instructor I’ve had well over 1000 participants take seismic interpretation courses with me through SEPM, AAPG, Nautilus, and other companies and organizations. Perhaps you were a participant in one of those courses. If so, you should know that I enjoyed every minute of the front of the room, not just because it allowed me to inflict bad jokes on a captive audience, but mostly because: a) I really enjoy sharing what I’ve learned with others, b) you, the participants, asked great questions and shared your experiences as geoscientists, and c) I get a lot of joy from helping others.

As of this writing (early January) I have just finished teaching a free 2-day course on 3-D seismic interpretation to 33 graduate students from the east Gulf states (Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi). I taught them about various topics in seismic interpretation but, perhaps more importantly, I tried to let them know what an interesting, fun and rewarding career may lay ahead of them if they choose to enter the petroleum industry. The questions they asked me about seismic methods and the petroleum industry, and the looks on their faces, tell me that many of those young people have talent and enthusiasm.

Which brings me to one of my favorite topics: giving back to the geoscience community that pays our bills and (hopefully!) brings us satisfaction and joy. In the way. As I start my first year as President, the Executive Council bids adieu to John Wagner (outgoing Past President) and Johanna Moutoux (outgoing treasurer). Many thanks to John and Johanna for their efforts! As 2011 President, I am joined by John Holbrook (Past President), Ursula Hammes (President-Elect), Don Van Nieuwenhuize (Vice President), Charlotte Jolley (Secretary) and Brandi Sellepack (Treasurer). I doubt any of the current or past council members has had time to become involved. We’ve had to make the time, and will continue to do so. I look forward to working with them, to building on the efforts of past council members, to helping to maintain the health of this section and, perhaps, to help it grow. Most importantly though I am joined by you, the members of this Section. Get involved. Make a donation. Help out. It feels good.

Bruce S. Hart
President
Another conference is over and it is time for me to start worrying about the next one. Lesli Wood and Toni Simo provided us with some really good papers in 2010 and I am pleased to note that Kurt Marfurt, Denglieng Gao and their crew have already lined up a full slate of papers for 2011. Anyone prospecting or trying to sell a prospect either on their own or to upper level management knows how important attribute analysis is in the presentation. This year’s conference will discuss how attribute analysis can be used in exploration and production. We hope the papers presented will be of value to everyone, no matter the size of the company. Again, start checking in a couple of months on our web site for registration information.

After many years of service, Paul Weimer has “retired” from the GCSSEPM (so he thinks) to take on the far easier task of AAPG presidency. I thank him for being a shoulder on which to complain and for his many helpful suggestions. The trustees, Section officers, and I welcome Jory Pacht as his replacement. Jory has also seen service in the Section and his interest in our success and activities is welcomed.

One new wrinkle for 2011: Bruce Hart taught a Seismic Interpretation short course for 37 students and faculty at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette (hope I have the name right), January 6th and 7th of this year. Expenses were picked up by the Foundation. This is part of our goal of increasing education and knowledge to students of methods of value in oil and gas exploration. We can do this thanks to the strong support of our corporate and membership donors.

2010 was certainly an interesting time for those of us in the oil and gas industry. Prices seem to have stabilized and there are predictions of better times, as Far Eastern demand should certainly increase. Can we hope for quiet, stable times? In the meantime, am I mistaken or have the Louisiana swamps survived? I must keep such evil thoughts out of my head. Finally, a moment of silence for the 100 watt incandescent light bulb; may they rest in peace in landfills across the United States.

Stay thirsty, my friends...

Dr. Norman C. Rosen, Executive Director GCSSEPM Foundation

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Announcing…

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FIRST PLACE TIE – Andrea D. Cicero, Ingo Steinhoff, Tony McClain, Kimberly A. Koepke, and Jim D. Dezelle. Sequence stratigraphy of the Upper Jurassic mixed carbonate/siliciclastic Haynesville and Bossier Shale depositional systems in East Texas and Northern Louisiana.

FIRST PLACE TIE – David R. Spain and Glen A. Anderson. Controls on Reservoir Quality and Productivity in the Haynesville Shale, Northwestern Gulf of Mexico Basin.


NOTE: The above awards were chosen from all full technical papers in the 2010 GCAGS/GCSSEPM Transactions.

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The 30th Annual Bob F. Perkins GCSSEPM Research Conference was held over December 5-8th in west Houston and again presented an international slate of talks, posters, and data visualization displays to accompany what is a compilation volume of published papers. Ninety-seven people attended the three day conference, 34 papers were presented, and 24 were published as complete papers in the 2010 volume. The presentations around the topic of “Seismic Imaging of Depositional and Geomorphic Systems” illustrated the advances that geoscientists have made in moving from showing pretty pictures to actually quantifying the morphometrics of these preserved geometries. These data, as well as understanding of conditions of deposition (slope, shelf topography, etc.) allow scientists to begin reaching toward the morphometry of preserved geometries. These data, as well as an understanding of conditions of deposition allow scientists to reach toward predictive process models conditioned using these data. Two insightful geophysical talks were presented by our invited speakers, Dr. Kurt Marfurt (University of Oklahoma) and Dr. Sergey Fomel (University of Texas at Austin). They utilized their strong focus in geophysics to illustrate for the audience new approaches to imaging “patterns” in seismic data. In addition to such things as curvature and frequency, Dr. Fomel discussed the possible use of defraction imaging to great affect in defining geomorphic bodies. Dr. Tao Sun (ExxonMobil) and Dr. Kyle Straub (Tulane) gave invited talks that illustrated the usefulness of physical models of deep-water processes for interpreting subsurface systems and unraveling the often confusing preservation of deposits and original depositional conditions that characterized many ancient subsurface settings.

Papers presented in the Carbonate Systems session illustrated to great affect the value of measuring the size, shape, and distribution of depositional and diageneric carbonate bodies imaged in seismic and in the modern to understand physical, chemical, and biologic controls (Posamentier et al., Bachtel et al., Hunt et al., Colpaer et al., Janson et al., Zeng et al., and Fullmer et al.). These authors presented carbonate buildup examples from the Late Paleozoic, Cenozoic, and Modern that had complex geometries and growth styles. The presentations range from work flows to better imaged carbonates (Leppard et al.), to variability in carbonate landscapes due to inherited topography (Posamentier et al.), underlying structural controls (Hunt et al.) and their predictive quantitative relationships (Fullmer et al.), to reconstructing 3D geocellular models and synthetic seismic volumes based on 2D outcrops (Janson et al.), to karst landscapes and underlying controls in the Ordovician (Zeng et al.) and Late Paleozoic (Hunt et al.). The quality of the presentations was very high and the authors emphasized the cause-effect of their observations.

Papers presented on Clastic Systems spanned fluvial to deltaic to shelf to slope to deep marine settings and ranged geographically from China to Israel. Asian rift basin systems were discussed (Zeng et al., Dong et al., and Burton et al.) as well as the larger New Zealand northwest shelf and deep water (Baur et al.). Quantitative seismic fluvial geomorphology was very well displayed by work on the Cretaceous-age McMurray Formation (Labourdette), in the Pennsylvanian Atoka Formation of the Texas Fort Worth basin, Miocene deposits of the Cambay rift in India (Wood et al.) and on Modern systems of the Malay Basin (Howard et al.) and the Sunda Shelf (Kiel) of Indonesia. Advancing the use of such approaches to influence development decisions (Labourdette, Wood et al., Davila et al.) was a subject in many talks and discussion around many poster presentations at the meeting. Shallow water deposits in South America that were topics of talks included discussion of dramatically imaged beach ridge to shelf to slope systems in offshore Brazil (Jacobsen and Groth), as well as shelf deltas in northern offshore Trinidad (Punnette et al.). Deep-water systems also received much attention. Topics included differences in channel levee versus slope valley systems in Indonesia (Saller et al.), influence of structure on architecture of deep water systems in Niger offshore (Gawthrop et al.), offshore Morocco (Maharaj et al. and Dunlap et al.), and offshore Gulf of Mexico (Cepeda et al.; Jie et al.; Morgan and Wood). Finally, topics of shallow hazards in deep water (Vardy et al.) and some extremely unusual mass transport deposits in offshore Israel (Fuhrman et al.) were the topic of attendee discussions.

The breadth of topics and settings at the 2010 Meeting made for an interesting and productive three-day conference that allowed ample time for discussion, as well as providing a wide range of examples in methodology and analogs for attendees to take home with them. The 2011 Meeting, currently in the works, will follow up on this year’s topic with a more in-depth examination of the manner in which we use seismic to explore and exploit our basins.

The organizers of the 2010 meeting would like to profusely thank the companies who provided financial support to the conference enabling the financial cost to be reduced for attendees: Hess Corporation, Statoil, BHP Billiton, Nexen Petroleum, and ConocoPhillips. In addition, the Bureau of Economic Geology State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery research program provided computing hardware to enable presentation of visualization displays to attendees. Landmark Graphics Corporation and Austin GeoModeling, Inc granted the use of software with display technology on loan from Barco, Inc. Also, we thank all those who prepared presentations for our conference, especially those who came in at the (literally) last minute. Finally, we thank all those attendees who did not present papers but came because they thought the conference would be worthwhile; without your support this conference would not have been possible.

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BATON ROUGE AREA NEWS
We thank Chacko John for his contributions as Area Representative for Baton Rouge. Please contact Don Van Nieuwenhuise if you’d like to kindly volunteer for this vacant position (donvann@uh.edu).

ALABAMA AREA NEWS
Dr. David T. King Jr., Auburn University

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
The Geological Sciences department is seeking candidates for three faculty positions and have research opportunities for many new graduate students (see details at http://www.as.ua.edu/geo/job-openings/).

As reported in our previous newsletter, the University of Alabama presented Dr. Ernest Mancini, distinguished research professor of petroleum geology and stratigraphy, with the Burnum award in March 2010. To see the full story visit http://uanews.ua.edu/2010/03/geoscientist-named-ua-burnum-winner/.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Charles (Chuck) Savrda was recently appointed Interim Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics. Dr. Mark Steltenpohl was appointed Interim Chair of Geology and Geography when Chuck moved from Chair to Dean. A search is underway for a permanent Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics following the sudden and untimely death of our Dean, the late Marie Wooten.

Teams from both the University of Alabama Geological Sciences department and Auburn University geology program will compete this year in the AAPG’s Imperial Barrel Award program.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON NEWS
Adrian Gittens, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

For 2010 the following graduate students completed their Masters and Ph.D. degrees on topics relevant to petroleum geology, sedimentology, stratigraphy and the Gulf Coast at the University of Houston.

Advised by Janok Bhattacharya
Olavaseyi Fatoke, Ph.D. Geology, 2010. Sequence stratigraphy of the Pliocene-Pleistocene strata and shelf-margin deltas of the eastern Niger Delta, Nigeria.

Yijie Zhu, Ph.D. Geology, 2010. Sequence stratigraphy and facies architecture of the Cretaceous Ferron Noto Delta Complex, South-Central Utah, USA.

Ryan Krueger, MS Geology, 2010. Strike variability within a wave-influenced delta, the Gallup Sandstone, Shiprock, New Mexico.

Daniel Grarz, MS Geology, 2010. 3-D facies architecture and mouth bar development of a flood-storm dominated delta: Cretaceous Ferron Sandstone, Utah.


Milly Wright, MS Geology, 2010. Facies differentiation in fine-grained sediments using inorganic whole-rock elemental data with the Ferron Sandstone Member, Notom delta complex, south-central Florida.


Advised by Hank Chafetz

Advised by Don Van Nieuwenhuis


Jeff Jankoski, MS Petroleum Geology, 2010. Investigating the efficiency of a test computer program on a known hypothetical reservoir.

Randy Daniels, MS Petroleum Geology, 2010. Evaluation of the unconventional resource potential of the Upper Bossier Shale and the effects of the Sabine Island on the depositional history of the Upper Jurassic.

Nick Fitzgerald, MS Petroleum Geology, 2010. New oil traps in the Tom O’Conner Field, Refugio County, TX.

Advised by Adry Bissada
Jessica Lamarro, MS Petroleum Geology, 2010. Integration of head space and mud gas geochemistry into formation evaluation of the Marcellus Shale.


Advised by Jolante Van Wijk

ALSO…
Don Van Nieuwenhuis, Director of the University of Houston Petroleum Geosciences Program and GCSEPM Vice President, was one of the go-to experts over a six month period in 2010 reporting on the BP blowout and oil spill with over 120 television interviews including multiple shows on BBC, CTV (Canada), ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, the Weather Channel, CNBC, Bloomberg, and Houston’s local stations KUHT, KHOU, KRTK, KRIV, and KIAH. He was also featured on numerous radio stations including NPR and quoted in over a hundred news print articles world-wide.

Editor’s Note: As a continuing feature we will include news highlights kindly provided by our business and student representatives from each district and various corporate representatives.
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New Understanding of the Petroleum Systems of Continental Margins of the World

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Emerging deep-water basins of the world: east Africa (Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia), additional West Africa basins, Arctic basins (east- and west-Greenland, North Siberian Shelf, Beaufort Sea), southern Gulf of Mexico, north Africa (Algeria, Libya), eastern Canada (Scotian, Jeanne D’Arc), northern south America (Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname), Caribbean (Trinidad/Tobago), additional Brazilian basins, Argentina, Western India, Black Sea, New Zealand basins.

Authors interested in presenting a paper at the conference should submit by e-mail a preliminary title and 250-word abstract to Norman C. Rosen or one of the technical co-conveners.

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The Call for Papers has been answered with over thirty significant papers from industry and academia that will address these questions. A current listing of papers is available on our web site. All papers will be presented orally as well as poster format available for browsing throughout the meeting. All authors will be writing complete articles or expanded abstracts, which will be published in CD or DVD format in the same successful manner as the GCSSEPM has done since 1999. This means full color illustrations, longer articles, and, perhaps, some oversized illustrations.

The most current information and registration forms for the conference are always available on our web site at www.gcssepm.org. We will try and maintain an accurate listing of papers and authors. As we did last year, the final program will be on-line and available for downloading before the conference starts. In addition, we will have on-line registration available!
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