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Hello, Friend:

I hope the holiday season finds you well. I am writing to let you know how the alumni-visits went and to wish you Happy Holidays! As you recall, I invited you to come to campus and talk to the current students. This past fall, Jill Bowden ('01) and Glenn Light ('72) came out to talk. They did a great job. Most of the students got useful information from each. Glenn had a power point presentation talking about how useful a physics background has been to him. Jill just sat down and discussed how the post-college, get-a-job process worked for her. Both fielded questions and had students come up after the presentation with a few more individual questions. It was clear that the students were curious about their future and it was nice to get information from a source who had been in their shoes. We also invited Ken Rainwater, a Water Resources Engineer from Texas Tech's graduate program in Civil Engineering to come down. We asked him to explain what it meant to be an engineer and what it took to get into a graduate program. He gave three versions of his talk at McMurry: One to the freshmen, one to the sophomores, and one to the juniors and seniors. We put a little different emphasis on each group and they all seemed to really benefit from the information. We are encouraged by the response.

For the future, Dr. David Hammond ('72) is scheduled for late February and both Charles Curb ('58) and Weldon Bailey ('01) are considering late spring. If possible, I would like to invite another engineer from a different engineering graduate department to come as well. We are asking people from Texas Tech primarily because they have offered to work with us to provide undergraduate engineering courses.

So that you know, I have been trying to keep up with the people who have been emailing since the summer. You might check the alumni webpage occasionally to see who else has checked in and sent us an update. As always, if you're in the area, even if you don't want to give a presentation, we'd love to visit if you can spare the time. I expect our students would also be grateful if you could forward information about internship possibilities.

Happy Holidays!

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