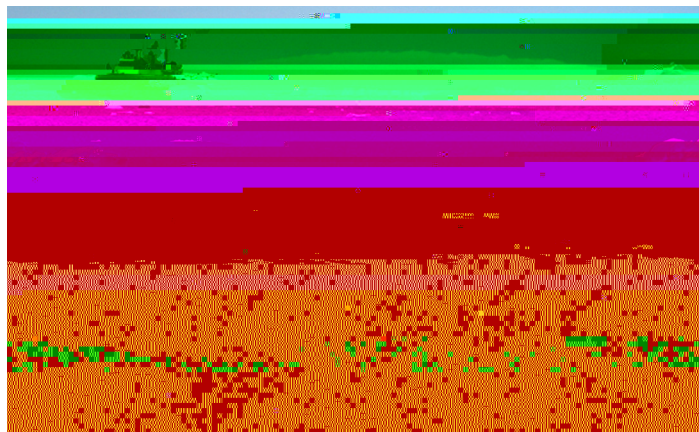


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Over the past two years, ISEM has supported students in the laboratory, with equipment grants, in coursework, in national meetings, in fieldwork, and in short, in allowing them to achieve what they can conceive. The traditional areas of focus for ISEM are in Earth Sciences and Archaeology, in facilitating interdisciplinary studies in energy and the environment. The strengths of these departments lie in field and laboratory analyses of geochemistry and geophysics as they apply to the Earth and people. Studies address past environment and the utilization of resources by ancient peoples. All of these studies train our students to be leaders in their field, competitive with graduates from other top universities. ISEM held its first Marlan and Marea Downey Graduate Research Day on February 19, 2008, which allowed our students to showcase their talents.

Besides here in Texas and the lower forty-eight, ISEM has provided assistance to SMU students working on projects in Alaska, Angola, Antarctica, Belgium, China, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Mongolia, Peru, and Portugal. Undergraduate Presidential Scholar Karen Gutierrez participated in a study of clay minerals and stable isotopes in two long cores from the Congo Basin. Upon graduation Karen received a Sandia National Laboratory Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship and is now pursuing a masters in geochemistry at the University of Michigan. Mary Milleson did her undergraduate thesis on climate change inferred from the clay minerals in the older portions of those same cores. She is continuing on for a graduate degree here at SMU under the mentorship of Neil Tabor in the Hufington Department of Earth Sciences. In Antarctica, two graduate students, Chris Strganac and Yosuke Nishida, joined a crew of seven on Livingston Island. Three of the crew were from SMU (Chris, Yosuke, and yours truly), the project leader, Ross Macphee, and Claire Fleming were from the American Museum of Natural History, Jerry Hooker was from the Natural History Museum in London, and the final

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and quantitatively, to have the intellectual skills to follow their chosen paths, and to contribute positively to society throughout their careers. The place of the ISEM is to help them in reaching these goals. As changes occur in the world and at SMU, ISEM must continually evaluate its effectiveness and adjust accordingly. I greatly appreciate your confidence and your support in pursuing our mission.

Louis L. Jacobs, President

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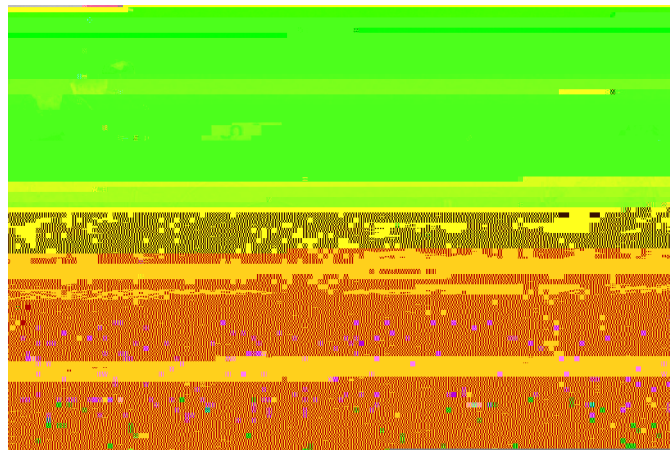
In Memoriam: Roy M. Huffington (1918-2008)

SMU Geology Alumnus Roy M. Huffington died in July 2008 at the age of 90. After completing the PhD in geology at Harvard in 1943, Roy served with distinction on the staff of Admiral Spruance where he saw action during the war in the Pacific. He joined the exploration staff of the Humble company after being mustered out of the Navy. Even though he was assured that he had a bright future with the Humble he left the company and became an independent explorationist. His gas discoveries in Indonesia are legendary as are his development of the Liquefied Natural Gas market in Japan and elsewhere. For these accomplishments Roy received widespread recognition from most of the major energy organization in the United States and beyond.

Huffington's work in international energy development and his ability to move effectively in international diplomatic and commercial circles led to his appointment by President George H. W. Bush as U. S. Ambassador to Austria. This was at a time when eastern Europe was just beginning to open up as the Soviet Union began its final changes. Roy's diplomatic work extended well beyond Austria and was instrumental in establishing U. S. relations with the countries east of the Iron Curtain. For this work a number of foreign governments recognized Huffington's contributions.

Roy was generous to many organizations but especially to SMU alma mater both for him and for his wife, Phyllis. Roy's final gift endowed the Department of Geological Sciences as the **Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences**. Roy was very interested in and supportive of the **Institute for the Study of Earth and Man**. His last participation with the Institute included participation on the ISEM trip to Iceland in 2006.

Roy was active to the very end of his life and was a stimulating companion whether visiting over a business lunch, sitting on the deck of a fishing boat in Alaska, or standing atop the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Iceland. His legacy will always be appreciated and the shared moments with Roy will always be cherished.



RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF ROY M. HUFFINGTON

The Board of Trustees of the ISEM notes with profound sadness the death of Roy M. Huffington on July 11, 2008. The Board acknowledges with deep appreciation Roy's friendship, his participation in many ISEM activities and his significant contributions to numerous programs and activities of importance to the Institute.

“In my opinion, the most creative research at a university is done by the most energetic investigators, by which I mean graduate students. Those are who we can support best.” Dr. Louis L. Jacobs, President

What some of our students say...

I would like to thank ISEM for its support of my PhD research at the site of Santa Rita B in the Chao Valley on the north coast of Peru. The Incas employed a variety of strategies to manage the

ISEM EXCURSIONS

The Institute organized summer field excursions in 2007 and 2008 for the interest and benefit of Trustees and friends of the ISEM. The trip in 2007 concentrated on the regional geology and geothermal resources in northwestern Wyoming. The trip began at Jackson, Wyoming, and reviewed the regional geologic setting of

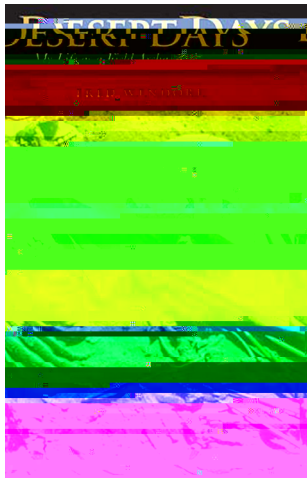
In addition to the geology and glacial geomorphology of the Beartooth Mountains, participants visited fossil sites on the Hoodoo Ranch where SMU's Shuler Museum were conducting research. Additional highlights of the trip included an extended visit to Cody's world class museum and a barbecue dinner at the home of the foreman of the Hoodoo Ranch arranged by ISEM Trustee **Tom Meurer**.

The Annual Trip in 2008 took the group to southwestern North Dakota, northwestern South Dakota and southeastern Montana -- to The Big Sky and Badlands country. Late Cretaceous strata of the Hell Creek Formation are rich in vertebrate fossils and include the Cretaceous-Tertiary asteroid impact. Hosting the trip at this locality was Tyler Lyson, currently finishing his PhD in Vertebrate Paleontology at Yale. The group also visited Custer Battlefield at a

The trip continued at the

Martin provided an inside tour of the Paleontology Museum and a visit to the Big Badlands, east of Rapid City. The trip concluded with a trip to the Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore.

Documentaries of these two trips, and the preceding one to Iceland in 2006, were produced by Shade Tree Studios, through the courtesy of ISEM Trustee



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his autobiography, ***Desert Days: My Life as a Field Archaeologist***. Fred is an Institute Fellow and Henderson-Morrison Professor of Prehistory Emeritus. In 1987 he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

