

### **Graduating Seniors in Petroleum Engineering:**

This morning I talked with a recent UW alum (BS: PE, Dec 2016 - Austin Clift) who relocated to Midland, TX in January to work for Encana. He strongly encourages any recent/upcoming graduates with a BS in PE who is unemployed, to really consider being adventuresome and relocate to Midland, TX for job searching. He said that although here in WY we hear lack-luster information about the oil/gas industry, not a day goes by in Midland that he doesn't hear of a company holding a job fair and needing employees. He said there are over 150 drilling companies in the Permian Basin-area close to where is he located. He also advises job seekers to consider looking at **Lease Operator** positions because, although the position doesn't require a BS in PE, the pay is roughly \$60,000 - \$65,000 and, doing this type of work is an excellent way to gaining experience and get a foot-in-the-door with companies. Encana currently has a **Lease Operator** position advertised on it's website, for Midland, TX: <https://www.encana.com/careers/> Although Austin works for Encana, he said there are so many companies in that area that are hiring, don't limit job searching to just one company.

If interested in communicating with Austin, send him an email at [austin.clift@encana.com](mailto:austin.clift@encana.com). He is more than happy to communicate with anybody willing to seek more information about what he is seeing take place in the oil fields in the Midland, TX area.