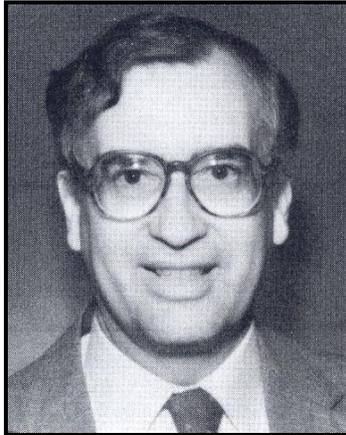


1991 Engineer of Distinction



Trueman D. Parish

B.S. Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan, 1962
M.S. Chemical Engineering, MIT, 1964
Ph.D. Engineering, Rice University, 1967

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Citation

Trueman D. Parish, a 1962 chemical engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, has always enjoyed a challenge. Upon graduation, he followed a challenge to that other Tech, MIT, where he earned a masters degree.

Mr. Parish began his industrial career at the Procter and Gamble Company working on an improved toothpaste formula. Procter and Gamble has always been recognized for excellent employee relations, but Mr. Parish enjoyed them more than most, for it was there he met and married the former Cynthia Rhymes, a technical librarian.

Seeing yet another professional challenge, Mr. Parish returned to school, this time Rice University where in 1967 he earned a doctorate with research on the mathematical analysis of mixing phenomena in chemical equipment.

Upon graduation from Rice, Mr. Parish returned to industry, this time joining the Engineering Division of the Eastman Chemical Company. There he participated in the introduction and implementation of computer aided design of chemical processes both in engineering and research. In the years following, he moved on to supervise the Advanced Process Technology Group in Engineering. Upon moving to the research laboratories he was appointed to supervise the Process Design and Economic Evaluation Laboratory and later the Advanced Process Technology Laboratory. In 1977, after an assignment in polymer manufacturing, he was named Director of the Engineering Research Division. This division has lead responsibility for converting the results of chemical research into practical processes, and though many processes were developed in that division over the last dozen years, the two he has the greatest pride in are the chemicals from coal process and the hydroquinone process. In the chemicals from coal process, the division was responsible for piloting the part of the process which converts the coal gasification products to the final product. In hydroquinone process, the division developed technology which eliminated large scale production of solid waste while greatly improving quality and reducing costs.

In 1990, Mr. Parish was named Director of the Administrative and Technical Services Division, responsible for the corporate libraries and technical information services, technical computing and research facilities. In this new assignment, he is facing the rapid developments in technical computing and information management.

Never quite able to escape academia, Mr. Parish has served as an adjunct professor of the University of Tennessee, teaching courses in numerical analysis and heat transfer as well as directing masters thesis projects. He currently serves on the Tennessee Tech Board of Engineering Advisors and the Advisory Board of the Chemical Engineering Department at Georgia Tech and was formerly a member of the Advisory Board of North Carolina A&T University.

Mr. Parish is a registered professional engineer and past director of the local TSPE chapter. In addition he has served on the vestry of his church where he was in charge of budgets and fund raising.



1991 Engineer of Distinction Trueman D. Parish (l) receives his citation from Dean George Swisher