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Fred E. Buchanan

Class of 1948



Fred Buchanan joined Sun Oil Company as a roustabout and rotary helper at Seabreeze, Texas, and earned promotions to become president of Sun Trading and Marine Transport, Inc., in 1975.

Following his initial assignment, he was a petroleum engineer then administrative assistant to Gulf Coast Division management. He became division manager in 1966 and in 1970 he was named regional manager of the Key Areas Region, Dallas. In 1971 he became manager of exploration at Calgary, Alta., Canada. Buchanan returned to Philadelphia in 1974 to become vice president of exploration and production for Sun Oil International. He held that job until being appointed president of the new company. There, he managed existing subsidiaries and affiliates engaged in petroleum marketing and manufacturing outside of North America and was involved in trading and marine operations. The new company, wholly owned by Sun Oil Company, managed

Sun Oil Trading Company and its foreign trading and transportation subsidiaries; Sun Transport, Inc. and its related marine transportation companies; Sun's petroleum marketing subsidiaries in western Europe and Japan; and a refining company in Liberia, West Africa.

Because of his employment, he traveled extensively to Africa, Asia, Europe, Central and South America. Buchanan co-authored an article published in the *Journal of Petroleum Technology* and was a member of the American Petroleum Institute, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

He passed away June 1, 1977.

Additional study: Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Nice (France)