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Division of Public Affairs and Resource Development

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Mr. Saul Smit  
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Dear Mr. Smit,

It is my pleasure in being able to report to you on the 2002/03 recipient of the **SAUL AND ANNEKE SMIT SCHOLARSHIP**. Yigael Oscar is a 1<sup>st</sup> year Civil and Environmental Engineering student.

The assistance that we receive from our friends makes it possible for us to go far beyond the strained security and economical conditions under which we live in Israel. It enables us to keep at the leading edge of scientific and technological knowledge and help the young students of the Technion, Israel's future engineers and scientists, to take advantage of the best the Technion has to offer. For this, we thank you.

Enclosed please find a letter of thanks from the student.

Sincerely yours,

*Irit Chiel*

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Coordinator of Scholarship Donor Recognition Unit

Dear Mr. Smit,

My name is Yigael Oscar, I want to thank you for the **Saul and Anneke Smit Scholarship** that I was given thanks to your generous donation to the Technion.

My family and I came to Israel in 1979, from India, where we were all born. After several weeks at our uncle's house we moved to our home at Rehovot. My father is working as a programmer. I have two brothers. My big brother is one year older than me and my younger brother is six years younger. We all finished school at Kazir high-school in Rehovot. Me and my older brother graduated majoring in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics and my little brother did Physics, Biology, and Mathematics. When I was still at school my big brother was injured by a suicide bomber at the Ashkelon junction so now he is handicapped. He finished all his 3 years of army service and then worked for some 2 years as a programmer and now he is studying Physics at Ben- Gurion University of the Negev. My young brother is now joining the IDF and he is now a part of the Engineering Corps unit which means that he is going to build bombs or defuse bombs probably a little bit of both.

As for me, I joined the IDF in 1996 and did my military service as an infantry soldier. My job was to command a small unit and to catch any invaders or smugglers from the Jordanian border from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. When I finished my service I passed the tests to get a fighter's to study programming at SELA institute at B'nay- Brak, when I finished I was searching for a job and then I went to Jerusalem to join the border police "MAGAV". In 3 short months we caught 3 suicide bombers, one just 100 meters from his intended target. After all that I am now student at the Technion. Now I study Civil Engineering in my 1st year of studies. And I enjoy my studies very much.

Yigael Oscar