Letter from Outgoing President Frank Davis

Dear Northeastern Civil Engineering graduates,

Just three short years ago, your alumni organization was formed. Today it is strong, vibrant and actively involved in civil engineering activities at Northeastern in general and in helping the student chapter in particular. The following are some of the many accomplishments we can all be proud of:

* our membership now totals in excess of 400 graduates

* we now have an ongoing employment placement/referral program in conjunction with Northeastern's alumni placement office

* our luncheon meetings are among the best attended of any Northeastern alumni organization

I certainly hope that you'll be joining us for our cocktail reception on April 29th, at Henderson House in Weston. There you will have an opportunity to meet with civil engineering faculty, the senior class of civil engineers, and withNUCEAO members (and their spouses and friends). The evening is a fine occasion to enjoy the company of your colleagues in a congenial setting and is always well attended. I encourage you to be with us. Bringing Northeastern civil engineers together like this enables us to communicate with each other on a regular basis and to improve the ties that already exist between us.

At our annual dinner meeting, held on March 27 at the Eli Center, we again honored an outstanding alumnus from our ranks. This year's recipient was James DeSerio, '35, and you will be able to read more about him inside. We are certainly proud of Jim, and of the other civil engineers that we have so honored in the past.

As our new officers take over for next year, they will be looking for new ideas and new ways to improve our programming. Your input in this regard is strongly encouraged.

As the outgoing president, I thank all of those who have assisted me this past year and look forward to the continuing growth and success of NUCEAO as it continues on its forward march into the future.

Best Wishes,

Franklin B. Davis
NUCEAO Membership Update

NUCEAO has grown to a present membership in excess of 450 graduates. Those classes best represented include:

Class of 1972 - 21 members
Class of 1957 - 20 members
Class of 1958 - 14 members
Class of 1960 - 14 members
Class of 1962 - 14 members
Class of 1970 - 14 members

All interested members or other civil engineering alumni who are interested in assisting in a membership drive for their respective classes, please contact Ed Comeau at work (1-617-326-4030) or at home (1-617-899-0540) to obtain a membership drive kit and further information.

BOB BARTON '57 (left) and DAVE O'NEILL '50 (right) worked hard on behalf of NUCEAO at last year's civil engineering telethon held in Churchill Hall on October 5, 1983. Over 100 alumni were contacted that evening.

Bob was heard to remark that he had finally found his "calling."

Emile Troup '62, was not there but he did "phone home!!"

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NUCEAO MEMBERSHIP FORM
(all NU Civil Engineers are eligible)

Name: ___________________________________________________________ Title: __________________________

Business address: ________________________________________________ Telephone: __________________

Home address: ___________________________________________________ Telephone: __________________

Date of graduation: _____ Degree(s): _____ Membership/Registrations: ______________________

____ I would be interested in serving as a class representative.

Please send your dues ($10/yr), made payable to NUCEAO: NUCEAO, c/o Office of Alumni Relations, 125 Richards Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.
NUCEAO is pleased to announce the recent selection of Carol J. Lemb '84, as the recipient of its Senior Achievement Award. The award was presented at NUCEAO's annual dinner on March 27.

Miss Lemb, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has had an active and well-rounded academic career at Northeastern and is to be commended for the achievements that have earned her this recognition. She has been active in the student chapter of the ASCE throughout her undergraduate career, serving variously as treasurer, vice president and president. In 1981, she was co-editor of the ASCE annual report.

In 1982, Carol was a student representative to the ASCE national convention in New Orleans. Earlier that same year, she was awarded the Desmond Fitzgerald Award by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers. This award recognized "character, scholarship and service to the ASCE chapter."

Carol gained practical experience through her involvement with two of the student chapter's community service projects. In 1980-81, she served on the construction crew for the Boston Children's Service Association and in 1981-82 she did likewise for the Language and Cognitive Development Center. Her co-op employment was served with three Boston firms, Cygna Energy Services, Ganteaume McMullen, and Edwards and Kelsey.

In addition to her civil engineering interests, Miss Lemb is active in Army ROTC, under whose scholarship assistance she has attended Northeastern. Currently she serves as company commander in the cadet battalion; upon graduation she will be commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army Corps of Engineers. Eventually, Carol hopes to pursue a graduate degree.
James N. DeSerio, '35, has been selected as this year's recipient of NUCAO's Outstanding Civil Engineer Award, earning him the title of distinguished alumnus. DeSerio's service to both his profession and to his alma mater were influential in his selection.

DeSerio, an honor graduate in civil engineering from Northeastern, has been a practicing consulting engineer in Buffalo, NY since 1944. He is presently president of DeSerio Engineers, P.C., with offices in Buffalo and Rochester.

Throughout a lifetime of accomplishments, DeSerio has worn many hats: as an author, an engineer, a businessman, and a lecturer. The author of three books on structural planning and design, he has also written and published 15 papers on various engineering topics. He continues to serve as the only active original member of an advisory committee on civil and construction technology for Erie Community College; an advisory committee that was originally formed in 1947.

In 1947, DeSerio was appointed by the city of Buffalo to the newly formed committee of engineers and architects to assist in rewriting and modernizing the city's building codes; an appointment he still holds. In 1967, Governor Nelson Rockefeller appointed him to the New York State Building Code Council, charged with writing and administering that state's building codes.

Among numerous awards and honors, DeSerio has received Northeastern's citation for "professional achievement" in 1960, the "Award of Achievement" from the Technical Societies Council of Western New York in 1968, the "Dean's Award for Engineering Achievements" from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1981, and the New York State "Engineer of the Year" award in 1982.

A Director of Northeastern's National Council for over 15 years, DeSerio has also been a member of the University's "500" Club since its inception. As a committed Northeastern volunteer, Jim DeSerio was instrumental in the founding, in 1946, of the Northeastern University Alumni Club of Western New York. He was active in its operation until 1976 when his health required that he slow down. At various times, he has represented Northeastern at College Nights in his area, explaining the Co-op program to interested high school students. Whenever possible, he has employed Northeastern Co-op students with his firm during their semesters away from campus.

NUCAO's awards committee is proud to honor James N. DeSerio, '35, as its Distinguished Alumnus of 1984.

Alumni Bits

Raymond C. Hollis, CE '58 and president of White Oak Construction Corporation in Framingham, MA, reports that son Steve, the first offspring born to a member of the class of '58, will graduate in May from George Washington University Medical School. Following graduation, he will be associated with the orthopedic residency program at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Congratulations are certainly in order!!

Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Gioioso, '69, welcomed their second daughter, Gianna Gioioso, on August 4, 1983. Again, congratulations!!
Seventh Annual Alumni Dinner

On Tuesday evening, March 27th, NUCEAO held its fourth annual meeting and alumni dinner in the Carl S. Eli Center on the Boston campus. Over 185 alumni, faculty and students assembled at 5:30 p.m. for the social hour that preceded the 7:00 p.m. dinner in the Ballroom. On hand were civs from the classes of 1925 - 1984, a healthy span of nearly 60 years!!

Following a welcome and invocation by outgoing president Franklin B. Davis, '60, officers for 1984-85 were elected (see below). Richard Scranton, associate professor in Northeastern's department of civil engineering, brought greetings from the department and Northeastern president Kenneth G. Ryder welcomed the group on behalf of the University.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of two very special awards. Ms. Carol J. Lemb, '84, was on hand to receive the Student Achievement Award, presented annually to a deserving civil engineering senior. James N. DeSerio, '35, was also present to receive his award as NUCEAO's outstanding civil engineer of 1984. Outgoing president Franklin Davis was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service to the organization this past year. This year's awards were presented by Stanley Shuman, '48, chairman of the honors committee, and Edward Comeau, '58. Continuing a tradition begun in 1982, a complimentary bar was offered after 9:00 p.m. to encourage "alumni relations" and conviviality.

NUCEAO Officers for 1984-85

President: Edward Comeau, '58
Vice President: Stanley Shuman, '48
Vice President: Daniel Fritzschle, '70
Secretary: Heather Mackey Ford, '79
Treasurer: Emile Troup, '62

Henry to be Chi Epsilon Inductee

On April 28, Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor society, will induct Joseph Henry '52 as an honorary chapter member. Henry currently serves as president and chairman of the board of Camp Dresser & McKee (Boston).

Don't Forget: Upcoming NUCEAO Luncheon

May 16 is the date and Polcari's Restaurant will be the setting for NUCEAO's next luncheon, when Robert Kachinsky E '63, '75, of Camp Dresser & McKee will discuss the "Expansion and Renovation of the Cairo Sewer System." Please make plans to join us.