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Change in Alumni Dinner Date

The date for the spring alumni dinner and business meeting has been changed from Tuesday March 26 to Thursday March 28, 1991. As announced in the fall newsletter, the dinner will be held as usual in the Northeastern University Ballroom located in the Ell Center, from 6:00 - 10:30 pm. A separate announcement and reservation form will be sent to all civil engineering alumni in February.

The Engineering Center

The Engineering Center Education Trust has received pledges totalling about 70% of its initial fund raising goal of $1.65 million, according to Emile Troup '62, a Director of the Engineering Center and President-Elect, BSCE/ASCE. The able staff at the Center is now settled in and efficiently performing its mission of serving the needs of the members of the three major professional societies as well as other groups.

But the countdown is on. By early April, the Trust must receive cash gifts of about $500,000 in order to meet commitments of a short-term "bridge" loan it acquired last June that allowed the Trust to purchase the One Walnut Street property, the new home of The Engineering Center.

One demonstration of the importance of an identity for The Engineering Center and professional engineering was the recent effort concerning ballot Question 2 in Massachusetts. It is believed that The Engineering Center and its staff played a key role in that effort. With such an example, the significance of your support of this fund raising drive should be obvious.

We really need your help in meeting our April obligation! If you have not done so, please make your pledge using the enclosed Pledge Card, and return it to The Engineering Center. Enclose a check for as much of the pledge as you can at this time. If you have already pledged, thank you, and consider advancing the Trust as much of your pledge as you can. And REMEMBER, your contribution is fully tax-deductible!!

If you can, deliver your pledge/check in person and meet the staff. You will be impressed and proud of the facility and people that represent your profession.

Emile Troup makes the following offer. For the largest cash gift (new pledge) received by March 1, 1991 by The Engineering Center, from those of you who receive this newsletter, the donor and his or her guest will be Emile's guest for dinner at the NUCEAO Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 28, 1991. One stipulation: the minimum cash gift to qualify for this "prize" is $250.
Civil Engineering Alumni News

R. Tillman

Michael Bohn, '83, works for Gilbane Building Company of Providence and is project manager on the Providence Public School renovation project.

Brian Donovan, '89, recently moved and is currently working for Greenhome and O'Mara in Greenbelt, Maryland where he is assigned to the Earth Sciences Department.

Michael Douyard, '90, is working for a small consulting firm in Clifton Park, New York as a resident engineer for the reconstruction of two bridges in Essex County.

Steven Kononchik, '78, has been appointed senior project manager for Gilbane Building Company's New England regional office.

Michael Kupferman, '68, has been appointed head of the Civil Engineering and Surveying Department at Wentworth Institute of Technology's College of Engineering and Technology.

Paul Murphy, '87, graduated from Cornell University with a master's degree in engineering last May. He works for Goldberg, Zonio, and Associates in Newton, Massachusetts.

Priscilla (Moody) Neale, '67, is currently an Associate Editor for the Journal of Management in Engineering published by the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as an Associate Engineer with the Department of Public Works for the City of Indianapolis.

Robert Tillman, '72, attended the 1990 American Society of Civil Engineers Convention in San Francisco and was a panelist for the Daniel W. Mead Session: Is the ASCE Code of Ethics Obsolete? Other alumni attending the convention included Charles Parthum, '51, Emile Troup, '62, and Mal Bricks, '68.

Rick Wade, '80 and Maria Faria, '80, are living in Beaumaris, Australia, where Rick accepted a three year assignment with Exxon Oil.

Seeking News About Alumni Members

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Membership Update

R. Tillman

As of January, there were 147 paid members of the Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization. Contributions received included: $1,640 for dues, $1,055 for the Student Chapter Assistance Fund, and $1,095 for the Awards Fund, for a total of $3790. A 6 month financial report is also included in this newsletter.

It is expected that another 150 members will pay their membership dues by the end of the year, June 30, 1991.

50th Anniversary of Student Chapter

The Northeastern University Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the spring. The Department of Civil Engineering is busy planning activities for both alumni and students. Information will be sent to alumni as soon as more details become available.
Period: July 1, 1990 to January 1, 1991

Treasurer's Report
R. Tillman

Balance on Hand July 1, 1990 $ 23,441.19

- General Account 18,299.88
- Awards Account 5,141.31

Receipts
- Dues, Student Chapter Fund, and Award Fund 1,786.00
- Luncheons 384.00
- Interest 761.78

Expenses
- The Engineering Center 1,000.00
- Postage 107.00
- Fall Newsletter 193.64
- Luncheons (Deposits) 500.00

Balance on Hand January 1, 1991 $ 24,572.33

- General Account 16,909.88
- Awards Account 7,662.45

Robert R. Tillman
Treasurer, NUCEAO

With your Fall Newsletter you received a dues notice for the current calendar year. To the many of you that already paid your dues for this year we say thank you. To the rest of you we ask you to send in your dues as soon as you can.

As you probably noticed the annual dues for membership in NUCEAO increased from $10 to $15 per year. This is the first increase in dues since NUCEAO was founded in 1980. The Executive Committee voted this increase to help fund activities that you as members have indicated you wish to see continued or expanded. For example, the newsletter is currently published three times per year on a regular schedule rather than twice per year as was done in the past. Presently the newsletter and other notices are mailed to over 400 active members. There are plans to increase this number to 600 by increasing our membership and by sending the newsletter to the current juniors and seniors in the civil engineering classes.

A second important goal that we have set is to establish more scholarship awards to be given out to deserving students on an annual basis. Our eventual goal is to establish a permanent, self-sustaining awards fund. Currently we award two $1,000 scholarships, but we would like to increase this number.

Other efforts undertaken by the organization that require our increased financial support have included the recent contribution to The Engineering Center. This most worthwhile effort has resulted in a permanent home for three key organizations that represent many of our members.

As you can see NUCEAO is an organization that is alive and well thanks to the generous contributions of our members. It was our feeling, as the Executive Committee, that the modest increase in dues voted to help fund these activities reflected our desire and yours to see NUCEAO continue as an active alumni organization. If you have suggestions for other activities that you think should be undertaken please contact an officer of the alumni association with your ideas.

Dues Increase
L. Welford
The fall luncheon meeting of the Civil Engineering Alumni Organization was held on October 16, 1990, at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn located in Natick. Approximately 25 alumni and faculty attended the luncheon. Ms. Dorri Rapoza from The Engineering Center gave a construction update and announced tentative plans for moving into the Center.

Mr. William Rizzo of Rizzo Associates, representing the American Consulting Engineers Council/New England, provided an update on the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists (MOSES) referendum question on the November ballot. Bill answered questions and urged the members present to become involved in this issue.

The principal speaker Ms. Elaine K. Hoiska, CPA, of the State and Local Tax Institute addressed the group on "State Taxation of Engineering Services." Elaine provided a comprehensive overview of this tax enactment and detailed specifically how this tax would affect engineering and construction services.

The Civil Engineering Alumni Organization held its quarterly winter luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 1991, at the Natick Hilton. The guest speaker was Ms. Rose DiMarco of Northeastern University. As an outplacement consultant, Ms. DiMarco has assisted executives, middle managers and hourly workers through the job search process as well as advising on teambuilding, communication styles and stress management.

Ms. DiMarco provided an introduction to the differences in communication styles using the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), a model that describes individual differences in modes of information-seeking and decision-making. Rose further shared several practical techniques to improve relationships with business associates and clients.

It is that time of year when we call upon our membership to single out a member of the organization for recognition as an outstanding example of what being a Northeastern Alumni is all about. To nominate an alumnus for consideration for this award simply send the following information to the NUCEAO Executive Committee:

Name of Nominee: ____________________________

Business Title or Position: ______________________

Name of Company: ____________________________

Nomination submitted by: ________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Provide a one page write up on why you feel this person is deserving of this award. Please be specific as possible about the nominees professional career, accomplishments, community service activities, or involvement in the University. This is an opportunity to give recognition to someone that you know who might otherwise go unnoticed. Please send us your nomination before March 1, 1991. As always, the selected recipient will be honored at the NUCEAO Annual Dinner in March.

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Dennis Bernal travelled to Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic to teach a short course on Seismic Design, and then on to Mexico City to attend a conference held on the fifth anniversary of the 1985 Mexico City Earthquake. At the conference he moderated a seminar on Seismic Risk.

Robert Meserve attended the 109th Anniversary Conference of the New England Water Works Association at Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and chaired the Publications Award Committee. Highlight of the conference for Professor Meserve: renewing acquaintance with 21 of his former students dating back to the early 1960's.

Rick Scranton attended the ASCE National Convention in San Francisco and gave a talk at the Education Breakfast on the results from the National Forum on Education. ASCE recently awarded Rick a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Chairperson of the Steering Committee for the Education Forum.

Albert Yeung presented a seminar on Electro-kinetic barrier to contaminant transport through compacted clay at the Department of Civil Environmental Engineering, Clarkson University.

Mishac Yegian gave a lecture on earthquake engineering to the American Institute of Chemical Engineering Boston Section.

At the end of the summer, Mishac Yegian, accompanied by Vahé Ghahraman, travelled to Iran to evaluate the geotechnical damages resulting from the July 21 Manjil, Iran earthquake. They visited Iran at the invitation of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

At a recent celebration, the Snell Library unveiled its new quilt listing the names of donors who contributed $500 or more to the Library fundraising campaign. Members, and former members, of the Department who were acknowledged were Peter Furth, Peter Hadley, Mike Kupferman, Ken Leet, Bob Meserve, John Schoon, Rick Scranton, Rod Sommers, Bob Tillman, Chia-Ming Uang, and Mishac Yegian. The quilt is displayed on the second floor of the new library.

Exxon USA donated $2,000 to the Department in October. The money will be used for faculty development. Vic Kazaka, '54, and John Del'Oro, '88 presented the check.

The students of the ASCE Student Chapter suffered an embarrassing defeat in the recent faculty/student volleball (which is some recent aberration of the well known game of volleyball and which is played inside a racquetball court) losing 6 games to 1 in the best of 11 games. Faculty who gave it their all delivering the crushing blow to the hapless upstarts were: Peter Furth, Peter Hadley, John Schoon, Rich Fox, Mark Evans, and Walid Najar. Although unable to play due to a knee injury, Rick Scranton was there cheering his compatriots on.

On November 29th, Neil Fitzimmons, Vice President of ASCE Zone I, presented the 1989 Vice Presidents Award to the Student Chapter.

In the fall, the Student Chapter surveyed and mapped the Early Learning Center of Hennigan School in Jamaica Plain.

During the fall quarter, Rich Fox and four students visited the Fletcher Granite Quarry in Westford, Massachusetts as part of a BSCES Younger Members Committee field trip and Exxon hosted a visit to a gas station reconstruction project in South Boston.
Alumni Calendar

February 12, 1991  Planning Breakfast, Henderson House

March 28, 1991  Annual Alumni Dinner  Ell Student Center Ballroom
                 6:00 - 10:30 pm  Northeastern University

Spring Quarter  50th Anniversary of Student Chapter

June 18, 1991  Luncheon Series  tba

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