President's Message

Paul Guertin '59

I am honored to serve as President of the Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization for 1994-95. The opportunity to give back just a little for all that I have received is a pleasure that I relish.

Many to you, like myself, have probably not had the opportunity to return to the campus for a number of years. When I did return recently, the change in physical facilities was overwhelming. For those of you who have not been back to the campus for at least ten years, I urge you to do so. It was an enlightening experience.

For many of us, the opportunity to attend Northeastern was the sole opportunity we had to obtain a college education. Most of us commuted to school, and therefore did not experience the advantages and camaraderie of living on campus. Our education, however, proved to be second to none. Because the majority of us commuted to school, we did not develop the close personal ties with our classmates and school that is characteristic of campus schools. At one area school, where all undergraduates are required to belong to an on-campus fraternity-like house, we were called "brown-baggers" (i.e. lunch-carrying commuters). As a result, most of us headed out into the world alone; and if you are like me, have not really spent a lot of time looking back.

I would, therefore, like to initiate steps to encourage our alumni to support not only their alma mater, but also to be kind and considerate to one another as much as our competitive environment allows us to be. I have observed the loyalty and support of other school's alumni for one another, and I would encourage us to also be supportive of one another whenever possible. By helping one another, we help the institution that played such a major role in formulating and preparing us for our careers.

If you meet another alumnus, I would encourage you to seek them out, support them if possible, and encourage them to support other alumni, so that Northeastern University graduates, as a block, become more of a force in the world marketplace.

In summary, please remember it was Northeastern that enabled us to have a professional career, and I encourage all of you to attend our alumni gatherings in 1995. The first one, a luncheon meeting at the Henderson House in Weston, is scheduled for January 25, 1995. (See back page for details). I look forward to seeing all of you and wish you a most happy and pleasant holiday season.

New Civil Engineering Faculty

Assistant Professor Francis A. Oluokun - Dr. Oluokun comes to Northeastern after serving as a research fellow at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. In addition he taught classes in advanced indeterminate structural analysis, analysis and design of prestressed concrete structures, and computer programming.

Assistant Professor Sara Wadia-Fascetti - Dr. Wadia-Fascetti served as a teaching assistant and laboratory coordinator at Stanford University before coming to Northeastern. In addition she has industrial experience as a manufacturing engineer at Lockheed Corporation. Her most recent publication, "Quantification of Ground Motion Uncertainties Based on Fuzzy Set Mathematics" [with Smith, H. A. and Kiremidjian, A. S.] was accepted for presentation at the National Conference on Earthquake Engineering.
NUCEAO will hold its winter luncheon at the Henderson House on Wednesday, January 25, 1995. The luncheon will start with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be a stuffed chicken buffet with soup, salad, vegetables, and dessert. The cost is $15.00 per person and reservations are needed by January 20, 1995.

The speaker for the luncheon is Mr. John J. Kennedy, P.E. '72. John is the Director of Advanced Traffic Management Systems for Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. located in Watertown, Massachusetts. The topic of the talk will be "Intelligent Transportation Systems - Metropolitan Boston deployment Study." John is past Section President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, a member of the International Municipal Signal Association, and the American Consulting Engineers Council.

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