

Northwestern University Chapter Plans Activities

The Northwestern University Chapter of the Materials Research Society, chartered in April 1989, held its first "tech-wide" organizational meeting in May and received a supportive turnout from several different departments. Besides involving faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates in all its activities, the Northwestern Chapter hopes to involve all the engineering departments, including materials science, chemical, mechanical, civil, biomedical, electrical, and possibly industrial engineering as well as chemistry and physics.

The chapter plans to have monthly speakers, including industrial and academic speakers as well as graduate students. At the chapter's first meeting on July 13, 1989, Steven Grubb from Amoco Technologies discussed "Fiber Optic Lasers." Other planned activities include paper contests and trips to several local industries. In addition, several students submitted abstracts for the upcoming MRS Fall Meeting in Boston.

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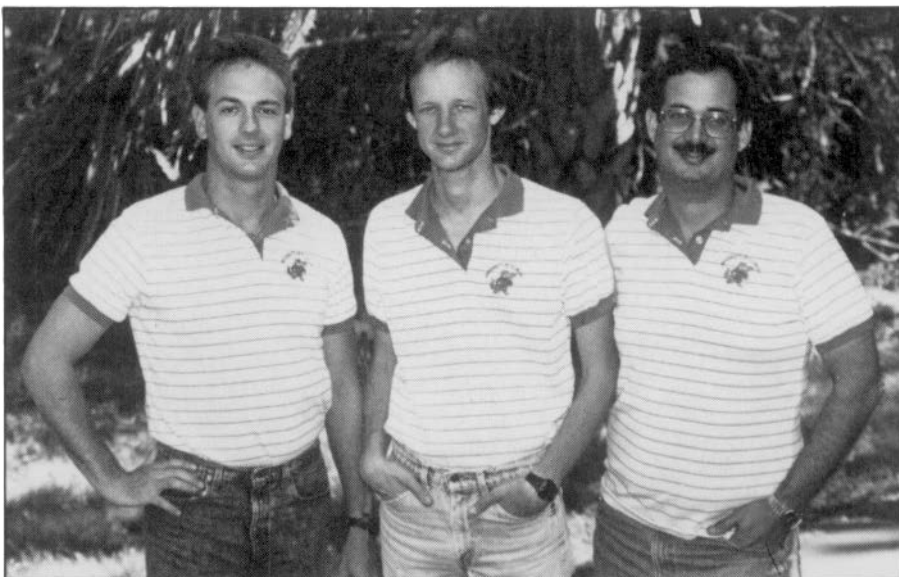
Members of Florida University Chapter Reap Awards

In 1988, five undergraduate student members (and many other graduate students) of the MRS Florida University Chapter attended the MRS meetings in Reno and Boston. At the 1988 MRS Spring Meeting in Reno, Bruce Zoitos received an MRS Graduate Student Award for his presentation, "The Role of Surface Layers in the Leaching Behavior of Glass." This year another MRS University Chapter member, Maggie Puga, captured first prize in a student paper contest sponsored by the American Vacuum Society (Southeast Region) for her paper on "The Effect of Heavy Metal Contaminants on the Physical and Electrical Characteristics of SIMOX Structures."

Chartered in December 1987, the Florida University Chapter was organized to foster interaction among students pursuing the electronic materials option in materials science, and recent chapter activities included a field trip to Harris Semiconductor in Melbourne, Florida. Laboratory visits were also coordinated for the 26th Annual Florida Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium, and during this year's advising colloquium for pre-engineering students the chapter spon-



Attending the Northwestern University Chapter's organizational meeting are (left to right): Bob Chang, MRS president and faculty adviser; Lou Rector, secretary/treasurer; Hilary Hampsch, president; Don Davis, vice president; and Mark Ratner, faculty adviser.



Officers of the Florida University Chapter (left to right): Steve Hartle, president; Frank Prevatt, vice president; and Joe DiPietro, secretary/treasurer.

sored an MRS information table with a video presentation. The chapter also sponsored invited seminars by distinguished faculty and assisted Florida University's graduate student seminar series by providing audio-visual equipment and refreshments.

The chapter plans to sponsor members

who wish to attend the 1989 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston.

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Alabama A&M Chapter Participates in Huntsville Symposium

On May 16 and 17 the MRS University Chapter at Alabama A&M University participated in the Technical and Business Exhibition/Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama, sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Symposiums (HATS). The AAMU Chapter, an associate member of HATS, displayed information about the Materials Research Society in a booth

shared with HATS. This was a highly successful venture, with many people visiting the booth to hear about MRS and the activities of the AAMU Chapter. Chapter representatives encouraged qualified people to join MRS and expressed the chapter's interest in establishing relationships with local industries. The main exhibitors included NASA, McDonnell Douglas, Martin Marietta, Boeing, and Redstone Arsenal, all part of the high-tech community in Huntsville. There were also participants

from other parts of the United States and Canada.

The AAMU Chapter is currently organizing the student session and poster sessions of the Alabama Materials Research Conference being held in Huntsville, September 19 and 20, 1989.

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