GIBBONS, EHLERS TO ADDRESS EDC COLLOQUIUM. John Gibbons, Science Adviser to President Clinton, and Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), Vice Chair of the House Science Committee, are among the confirmed speakers who will address participants at the Engineering Deans Council Public Policy Colloquium. The Colloquium is held in Washington, D.C., and dates are February 10-11, 1998. Last year, the Colloquium program included visits by delegations of deans to Capitol Hill. This new Capitol Hill component was successful and will be repeated. Deans will organize into state delegations to visit their Representatives and Senators to discuss, among other topics, the importance of university research.

ASEE/NSF VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM MATCHES SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARS. ASEE, with a grant from NSF, has launched a program to send outstanding scholars to selected engineering colleges to conduct pairs of two-day workshops. Designed to enhance the quality of engineering teaching, the one-year exploratory program enables scholars to offer workshops on topics ranging from cooperative learning to assessment outcomes and new curriculum development. In February and March, the scholars will conduct workshops, meet with faculty, and leave "homework" assignments based on the principles presented in the workshops. The assignments are designed to encourage faculty members to apply new and innovative teaching techniques in the classroom during the current semester. During the return visits in April and May, the scholars and faculty will continue their discussions and evaluate the success of the homework assignments.

WHICH SCHOLARS, WHICH SCHOOLS? After a thorough shakedown of outstanding scholars, willing schools and a matchup of available schedules, scholars and schools are as follows: Gloria Rogers is Vice President for Institutional Resources and Assessment at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; she will visit Loyola Marymount University-Los Angeles and San Jose State University. Karl Smith is Associate Professor in the Mineral Resources Research Center of the Department of Civil and Mineral Engineering at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology; he will visit University of Illinois and Ohio State University. A team of scholars from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will visit University of Virginia and University of Buffalo. The Team is composed of Katherine Sanders, who is Associate Scientist of the Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, and Program Director of Creating a Collaborative Learning Environment; Patrick Farrell, Professor of Mechanical Engineering; and John W. Mitchell, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Solar Energy Laboratory, all from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Susan Ambrose is Professor of History and Director of the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence, Carnegie Mellon University. She will visit Rice University and University of Washington. Raymond Landis, Dean of Engineering and Technology at California State University, will visit Drexel University. Elizabeth Eschenbach, Assistant Professor in Environmental Resources Engineering at Humboldt State University, will visit the University of Pittsburgh. Visiting scholars and faculty members will be asked to respond to a questionnaire rating the value of the program.

ASEE PRESIDENT-ELECT ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT AT NSF. Ernest Smerdon, ASEE's President-Elect, has accepted an appointment as Senior Education Associate in the Engineering Education and Centers Division of the Engineering Directorate at the National Science Foundation. Smerdon, formerly Dean of Engineering at the
University of Arizona, began his duties at NSF at the beginning of the year. At Arizona, Dr. Thomas Peterson, Chair of the Chemical Engineering Department, has been named Interim Dean.

**ASEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET FEBRUARY 1.** The next Board of Directors meeting will be in Savannah, GA, prior to ASEE's Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC). CIEC meets February 2-6, 1998, with "Collaborating for Excellence" as its theme.

**BOEING DIRECTOR ACCEPTS ASEE CMC CHAIR.** Betty White, Director, Engineering Technology, The Boeing Company, has agreed to serve as the Chair of ASEE's Corporate Member Council. The ASEE Board of Directors approved Ms. White's appointment, and as CMC Chair, she will serve on the ASEE Board of Directors. Lyle Feisel welcomed Ms. White to the Board noting that she and Boeing have long been active with the engineering community. Boeing sponsors the Industry-University-Government Partnership for Engineering Education, and Boeing CEO Phil Condit will be a plenary speaker at ASEE's Annual Conference in Seattle.

**ERM SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR APPRENTICE FACULTY GRANTS.** ASEE's Educational Research and Methods Division will award up to four grants to attend the 1998 ASEE Annual Conference, in Seattle, WA, on June 27-July 1. Each grant consists of (1) full registration fee (including conference proceedings and all ERM ticketed events); and (2) reimbursement of receipted travel and accommodation expenses for a maximum of $500. If you know of a non-tenure track instructor or graduate student who deserves recognition for teaching activities, consider nominating that person for an ERM grant. Nominations must be received by March 9, 1998. Click on http://www.humboldt.edu/~eae1/erm/afg.html for more information, or contact Elizabeth Eschenbach at Tel: 707-826-4348, Email: eae1@axe.humboldt.edu.

**ANNUAL CAPITOL HILL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION EXHIBIT.** If you have a research project supported by NSF that would lend itself to an interesting display, we’d like to hear from you. ASEE participates in the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) exhibition, which focuses on NSF-supported activities. The exhibition usually consists of 50 or so exhibits set up so Members of Congress and their staff can drop by and see for themselves the breadth of NSF-supported activities. We’re looking for interactive displays that combine both research and education. For example, University of Maryland students have demonstrated a robot they developed, and Virginia Tech has demonstrated its interactive curriculum program and showed a video of a student vehicle competition. This year’s exhibition will take place on May 20, in the Rayburn House Office Building. Contact is Don Davis at ASEE, Public Affairs at Tel: 202-331-3537, Email: d.davis@asee.org.

**FUTURE CAR CHALLENGE UPDATE FOR ’98.** The Future Car Program got $850,000 from Congress for FY ’98 and a portion of the funds are to go to a new ethanol vehicle program. The ethanol program will be similar to the Future Car program with student design and competition the central focus. The highlight of last year's Future Car Challenge was a two-day road test between Detroit and Washington, D.C. The winning school in overall competition was the University of California at Davis. Industry support for Future Car continues with Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, and ASEE administers the funds for the competition through an agreement with DOE.
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