CLINTON NAMES BORDOGNA NSF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

President Clinton has announced his intention to nominate Joseph Bordogna as Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation. Bordogna has served as Acting Deputy Director of NSF since 1996, and for the four years prior to this service, he was the Assistant Director for Engineering. From 1964 to 1991, Bordogna served at the University of Pennsylvania in a variety of teaching and research positions and as a professor and Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science. He received the B.S.E.E. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and the S.M. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

REP. EHLERS ADDRESSES DEANS AT COLLOQUIUM

Representative Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) gave the keynote address at the recent Engineering Deans Council Public Policy Colloquium in Washington, D.C. Ehlers is the principal author of the 1998 House of Representatives study, "Unlocking Our Future: Toward a New National Science Policy," and he has been appointed to the House Education and Workforce Committee, which will be considering the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act during this Congress. At the February Colloquium, approximately 100 deans from 41 states came together with key government policymakers to discuss education and research issues and to hear a substantial lineup of speakers that included Rita Colwell, Director of NSF; Spence (Sam) Armstrong, NASA Associate Administrator for AeroSpace and Technology; and Duncan Moore, Associate Director of the President's Office of Science and Technology.

MARCH PRISM A MAJOR ISSUE

The Internet is changing the way engineers work, and the March PRISM takes a look at this trend. "A Web of Connections" shows how engineering firms use the Web to bring projects together when people work apart. "Around the World in 24 Hours" examines what students have to learn to cope in the new round-the-clock workplace. March also brings the second installment of PRISM’s Pro/Con section, where George Campbell and Roger Clegg square off in a thought provoking debate on affirmative action. Campbell is President and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, and Clegg is Vice President and General Counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity. "A Yankee Engineer in Queen Elizabeth’s Court” looks at the challenges and rewards of teaching in Great Britain; and a "Symphony of Success" is a profile of William Brody, Johns Hopkins University President, engineer, doctor, and entrepreneur. PRISM Online will be available March 1.

BALLOT MAILED WITH MARCH PRISM

The Ballot for the 1999 election of ASEE National Officers was mailed with the March issue of ASEE PRISM in mid February. Two reminders: you must return your ballot to ASEE headquarters postmarked no later than March 31, 1999 to have your vote counted; and you must sign the ballot envelope. There is also a space for your Membership...
AUDITORS DETERMINE ASEE FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

The ASEE Finance Committee met in Palm Springs at the ASEE Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) meeting in January. The Finance Committee reviewed the Audited Financial Statements, and confirmed that ASEE's finances are in good order. Larry Hare, ASEE Vice President for Finance, has provided a letter attesting to ASEE's satisfactory finances for the 1998 - 1999 ASEE Annual Report. This Annual Report will be mailed to members with the April issue of ASEE PRISM.

SALMON RETIRES

William Salmon retired as Executive Officer of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) on January 15th. As Executive Officer Emeritus and Advisor to the President, Salmon will continue parttime for NAE where he will work on relations with professional engineering societies and select continuing committees.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING GRANT AVAILABLE

If you are thinking about writing a textbook on biomedical engineering, you may be interested in the funding available from The Whitaker Foundation. Go to http://www.whitaker.org/grants/biome.html for the Foundation's guidelines, application, and other details. The Whitaker Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to improving human health through support of biomedical engineering. The Foundation's biomedical engineering research programs have awarded nearly $320 million to colleges and universities for faculty research, graduate fellowships and program development since 1975.

ENGINEERING EXHIBIT TO TOUR EIGHT STATES

"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," the exhibition that opened at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., last year, is taking the marvels of modern engineering to nine cities in eight states over the next three years. Breaking Through focuses on the creativity in engineering and examines the challenge and design in the span of things from roller coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct to Voyager 2's maneuvers from earth. The exhibit is currently showing at the Detroit Science Center, but will continue on to IL, FL, OK, TX, NY, NM, OH. For where and when the exhibit may be near you, call: (202) 783-7200 or email questions to: exhibits@aste.org.

STUDY SHOWS BUSINESS/ACADEMIC LEADERS DISAGREE ABOUT EDUCATION
In a study conducted by Public Agenda for the National Center, it appears that while everyone agrees that higher education is important to the wellbeing of American society, there are strong differences of opinion on how well colleges operate and what students need to be taught. Professors and administrators say colleges are teaching students what they need to know, whereas business executives want professors to teach more, rely more on technology and focus more on research relevant to society. See http://www.highereducation.org/news/fs_news11999.html for the full report.

GREAT MOONBUGGY RACE

Did I say Fifth Moonbuggy Race last month? I should have said SIXTH Moonbuggy Race. This is the cool competition being sponsored by the NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center on April 17, 1999 where students design a vehicle that addresses some of the same engineering problems (or near enough) to those faced by the original Moonbuggy team. Go to http://www1.msfc.nasa.gov/education/moonbuggy and read all about it.

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