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## CAPE Conference To Set Broad Focus

With education reform and improvement squarely on the national agenda and new Washington leadership preparing to act on it, CAPE is planning its third annual legislative conference for this Spring.

CAPE has set March 16 and 17 as the dates for the 1993 edition of its annual, broad-based meeting of private school leaders and educators. Letters inviting participation have already been mailed to past conferees in anticipation of the biggest and best session yet.

### New Congress, New White House

In a November 13 letter to hundreds of CAPE affiliated educators, Joyce G. McCray, CAPE executive director, wrote, "One major priority this year is to educate new members of Congress and remind returning Members about the contributions of private schools to American education."

The November elections will not only bring a new President to Washington, but also a record number of new Members of Congress. Not since the 1948 elections have so many first time House and Senate Members been elected, many on a platform of improvement to education.

The 121 newly elected Members have also been informed of the conference in a congratulatory letter from McCray. The December 3 letter introduces CAPE to the Member and their staff. With the

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The transition team to the incoming Clinton Administration has been contacted by CAPE to sponsor a White House briefing for conference participants. In years past, the Bush White House staff has coordinated a briefing in the Old Executive Office Building with executive branch officials giving comments and updates on issues of importance to private schools. The principal presenter for the March 1992 conference was U.S. Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander.

The structure of the two-day conference will be very similar to the last two versions. Opening with a luncheon at Noon March 16, participants will have an opportunity to hear from a Washington-insider on issues of interest. A briefing session will follow, with the prospective White House visit afterwards.

### First Annual CAPE Award

A new aspect of the legislative conference will be added this year with the first Annual CAPE Educational Leadership Award banquet on Tuesday evening, March 16. Approved by the CAPE board of directors in their fall meeting, the award has been established to honor "an individual or individuals whose national leadership in education has focused on the related needs and importance of children, parents and school communities in providing learning experiences." The board approved the concept and procedures for the awards presentation at the 1993 conference and will vote early next month on the recipient.

A banquet will be held that evening to present the recipient with the CAPE award. This event will involve the conference participants as well as other education leaders, government officials and Members of Congress.

This and other conference events will take place at the Embassy Row Hotel in northwest Washington, located near Dupont Circle along embassy-lined Massachusetts Avenue. A block of rooms at a special rate has been reserved for CAPE conferees.

### To the Hill

As in the past, participants will have the opportunity to visit with their Senators and Representa-



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tive after a quick breakfast briefing the morning of March 17. They will be asked to schedule appointments with Members of Congress and their staff to discuss the issues raised in briefings the day before.

Those who attend but are unable to schedule such meetings will be teamed with those who do. This will allow for "the rich diversity of private schools to be demonstrated for Congress," according to McCray.

After Hill meetings from roughly 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., conferees will re-assemble to provide feedback on their meetings and discuss new strategies for continuing the dialogue with lawmakers. The debriefing/luncheon will end at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Anyone associated with CAPE member schools and associations is invited to participate in the 1993 conference. For more information about the conference, please call the CAPE office at (202) 650-0016. (See registration form on page 3.)

## Asbestos Awards Available

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics recently announced the availability of funds for the 1993 award cycle as authorized under the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act (ASHAA) of 1990. The statute directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide funds to financially needy schools for the abatement of serious asbestos hazards.

Since 1985, the ASHAA program has offered schools approximately \$346 million in funding for nearly 3,000 school abatement projects. To apply for funding, a school district or private school must submit a 1993 ASHAA application according to EPA's schedule. Schools must submit applications to State Designees by **January 22, 1993**, after which the States will submit applications to the EPA on February 1. The EPA will announce its 1993 awards on April 30.

Congress has appropriated up to \$77 million for the 1993 program. While funding is awarded in the form of loans, grants or a combination of both, schools should be aware that approximately \$5 million will be awarded in grants to the most financially needy schools. The ASHAA statute mandates that grants may not exceed 50% of

total project costs. Up to \$72 million will be offered in the form of twenty-year, interest-free loans.

To obtain an ASHAA application, call the EPA's coordination center toll free at (800) 462-6706 or write: ASHAA Coordination Center; c/o ATLAS Federal Services, Inc.; 6011 Executive Blvd.; Rockville, MD 20852.

## Legislative Update:

### Transition Aide Restates Clinton Position

In a briefing session with members of Independent Sector, an aide to the Clinton/Gore Transition Team restated the President-Elect's support for the non-profit sector. John Kroger, an aide in the domestic policy office of the transition board, participated in a panel on the transition sponsored by Independent Sector. The November 16 session was attended by CAPE.

Kroger spoke to an audience of nearly 100 representatives of IS's non-profit coalition of charitable, educational and philanthropic organizations for nearly an hour. He reminded them of the statement put out by the Clinton/Gore campaign which stated

Governor Bill Clinton's view that "the non-profit sector is one of the primary determining factors in the health and vitality of America's communities ..."

The statement goes on to espouse that "in this era of constrained government resources facing up against increasingly complex social problems, greater collaboration, more effective government contracting, and a deeper understanding of the consequences of government's actions affecting the non-profit sector are required at all levels of government."

Kroger was unable to specifically address the legislative issues of interest to IS member including the 3% floor for taxpayers who itemize deductions and taxation of charitable gifts of appreciated property. However, he indicated a general openness of the incoming Administration to creating "further incentives for private investment for the public good", as declared in the campaign statement.

### The Last Bush Budget ...

While Washington prepares for new

White House leadership and a large influx of freshmen legislators, budget and organizational responsibilities are in high gear.

The law requires the President to submit his spending blueprint by February 1. The Bush Administration will submit a federal budget for fiscal year 1994 to Congress in early January. However, the Office of Management and Budget is preparing a modified, "current services" budget document, limited to just 100 pages.

After his inauguration on January 20, President Bill Clinton will begin work on his amendments to that budget document, although it is not known when that will be completed. In 1989, Bush was able to deliver his version of the budget to Congress by February 9.

### ... And Committee Assignments

The legislative branch is also busy with its early session responsibilities. The Senate completed leadership elections in mid-November, their respective steering committees will begin to make committee assignments soon.

The House is scheduled to have leadership elections and begin committee assignments in meetings from December 7-10. However, sub-committee assignments are not expected to be completed until January.

### Education Research Bill Ready

The Chairman of the House Select Education subcommittee said recently that he intends to push for early consideration of legislation to expand the Department of Education's research office, perhaps within the first 100 days of the new administration.

The panel, chaired by Representative Major Owens (D-New York), reported a bill to reauthorize the Office of Educational Research and Improvement earlier this year. That measure, **H.R. 4014**, was passed late in the legislative year by the House, but not enough time remained for Senate and conference committee action.

The bill that passed would have reorganized the office with the establishment of five research institutes. This cornerstone of the legislation



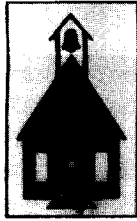
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would have primary focus on early childhood education, at-risk students, school governance, student achievement, and postsecondary education.

Speaking to an *Education Daily* reporter, Owens claimed "There's a tendency in Washington to trivialize educational research and development and not to place it on a par with other research efforts." Having weathered the debate in the previous Congress, Owens claimed "we're way ahead of the game" and ready to push the bill early in the new Congress.

## Capenotes:

► The Division of Fellowships and Seminars of the **National Endowment for the Humanities** is sponsoring 69 seminars on a variety of texts in the humanities for four, five, or six weeks during the summer of 1993. Each seminar will provide 15 teachers with the opportunity to work under the di-



rection of a distinguished teacher and active scholar in the field of the seminar.

Teachers selected to participate in the program will receive a stipend of \$2,450, \$2,825 or \$3,200, depending on the length of the seminar. The stipend is intended to cover travel costs to and from the seminar location, books, and other research expenses, and living expenses for the tenure of the seminar.

The seminars are primarily designed for full-time or regular part-time teachers at public, private or parochial schools grades 7 through 12. Applicants must write to the seminar directors for application instructions and forms and may only apply to one seminar. The completed application should be mailed directly to the seminar director and should be postmarked no later than March 1, 1993.

For more information and a listing of 1993 Seminars, write to: NEH Opportunities for School Teachers, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 406, Washington, D.C. 20506.

► CAPE has joined the **CONNECT** computer network including electronic mail communications. The service, facilitated for CAPE by Apple Computer, Inc. and their private school representative, Dr. Martha Rolley, helps CAPE interact with other private school organizations.

To access CAPE, simply address your messages to "CAPE". Should you have any questions about the service, please call on Sue Cambria at CAPE, (202) 659-0016.

► The **Council for Religion in Independent Schools (CRIS)** recently announced the formation of the CRIS National Community Service Network and the appointment of its first coordinator, Linda Anderson of the Potomac School in McLean, Virginia.

The new venture is to provide a nationwide network and support group for school people engaged in community service work with students in grades K through 12. Its aim is to further the cause of community service programs by providing links between directors around the country, a forum for sharing

### cape Legislative Conference 1993 Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Required for White House security (bring photo ID to conference)

Affiliation School: \_\_\_\_\_

CAPE Member Organization (e.g. NCEA, NAIS): \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Member of Congress?: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a personal contact with any of your Congressional delegation?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend the CAPE 3rd Annual Legislative Conference March 16-17, 1993

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not require accommodations during my stay.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed my registration fee of \$140.

For more information on the Conference, please call the CAPE office at (202) 659-0016 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For accommodations, contact the Embassy Row Hotel toll-free at (800) 424-2400, \$115 per night, single/double occupancy. Identify "CAPE" for group rate no later than February 15, 1993.

**Please return this form to CAPE as soon as possible but NO LATER than February 1, 1993**

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ideas and news, and an accessible pool of knowledge and talent from the wealth of experience in the school world.

Membership is open to interested individuals from independent schools and other private schools, as well as those from public schools and associations working in the field of community service. The Network is a membership organization of individuals. Dues for individuals from schools not affiliated with CRIS are \$25 per year and \$15 per year for individuals from full-member schools (\$20 for individuals from associate member schools.)

CRIS also has available its newest edition of *Award-Winning Community Service Programs in Independent Schools*, which describes 62 superior community service programs that have won awards from CRIS over the last five years. The books cost is \$14.85 for CRIS members and \$19.25 for non-members.

For more information on the Network, the book or the annual CRIS Community Service Awards program, contact Michael J. Gorman, Ph.D. Assistant Director, CRIS, P. O. Box 40613, Washington, DC 20016.

► The publication "**Educational Programs That Work**" contains abstracts of all the nationally validated programs offered

through the National Diffusion Network (NDN). The Network is a body of over 440 educational programs scrutinized by the U.S. Department of Education and teaching specialists. Utilized in thousands of classrooms across the country, these programs are proven as effective, cost-efficient and replicable.

The 1992 edition of the publication is available for purchase for \$11.95 plus \$3.00 shipping from Sopris West Incorporated, 1140 Boston Avenue, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

For more information on the NDN, contact Dr. Charles Nunley at CAPE-NDN, 1726 "M" Street, NW, Suite 1102, Washington, D.C. 20036 or telephone (202) 659-0177.

► The U.S. Department of Education has just published a helpful guide entitled, *Preparing Your Child for College: A Resource Book for Parents*. The book provides information for parents and their children about the academic and financial preparation necessary for college.

The book attempts to alter the perception that college is only for the very rich by pointing out the costs of attending different kinds of colleges, stressing the importance of starting to save money early, and examining various sources of financial aid. It also discusses the academic preparation and entrance exams recommended for college as

well as several interactive exercises and lists of additional information about the college preparation process.

Free copies of the book are available from the Consumer Information Center. You may obtain a copy by writing: Consumer Information Center, Department 653Y, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

► The **Golden Rule Insurance Co.** of Indianapolis, Indiana has entered its second year of providing scholarships to children of middle- and low-income families to attend to private school of their choice. The program was started by company president J. Patrick Rooney with the establishment of the Golden Rule Education Choice Charitable Trust. The business executive started the program out of concern at the "low quality of job applicants that we got ..." and his desire to see low-income families have more educational choices.

Trust executive director Tim Ehtagott told a reporter recently that the program "appeals to a lot of people because it's action, it's not a study, not theoretical; it's real-live people participating; it's families being helped; it's schools that are involved."

Rooney was honored recently by the National Catholic Educational Association with its annual Seton Award.

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