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Due to inclement weather and scheduling conflicts, the January 2000 meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 1st.

*Upcoming Meeting of the AIChE National Capital
Section*

“The Future of Chemical Engineering at the University of Maryland”

Dr. Timothy A. Barbari, University of Maryland

Date and time: Wednesday, March 1st, 6 PM

Location: Far East Restaurant, Rockville, MD (see map on page 3 of this newsletter).

Reservations: Call Victoria Guvanassen at 703/736-4544

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vmg@hgl.com) before noon, Friday, February 25th (or sooner, if possible) for reservations.

MARCH 2000 NCS MEETING

The National Capital Section of the AIChE has scheduled an evening meeting for Wednesday, March 1, 2000. The invited speaker is Dr. Timothy A. Barbari of the University of Maryland.

Abstract: The University of Maryland is in the process of launching new initiatives, with support from the State, which are faculty-derived and designed to place the University among the top research institutions in the United States. Faculty members in the Department of Chemical Engineering are involved in a number of these efforts and the future direction of the Department will be strongly influenced by those that get approved. This presentation will review the various initiatives that have been funded and those that are currently under consideration.

About the Speaker: Dr. Timothy A. Barbari is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Maryland at College Park. Prior to assuming this position last August, he was a faculty member at Johns Hopkins University for 12 years and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Hopkins for 2 years. Dr. Barbari has been very active in the AIChE, serving as a student chapter advisor, session chair, local section (Maryland) chair, program chair for Area 8A (Polymers), and liaison to the ACS Polymer Chemistry Division. He is currently serving on the NCS Executive Committee handling academic relations. Dr. Barbari's research interests are in membrane separations, diffusion in polymers, and membrane biomaterials.

Meeting Time/Location: This dinner meeting will be held on March 1st at the Far East Restaurant in Rockville, MD (see map on following page). The restaurant is located at 5055 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD, about 4 blocks off the Rockville Pike, and just north of White Flint Plaza. The meeting begins at 6 PM with a cash bar followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. The speaker's presentation will commence at 7:15 PM.

Menu/Reservations: The menu will be family style and will cost \$20 per person. We have a private room located upstairs from the restaurant. Please call NCS Treasurer Victoria Givanasen (ph: 703/736-4544; fax: 703/471-4180; e-mail:

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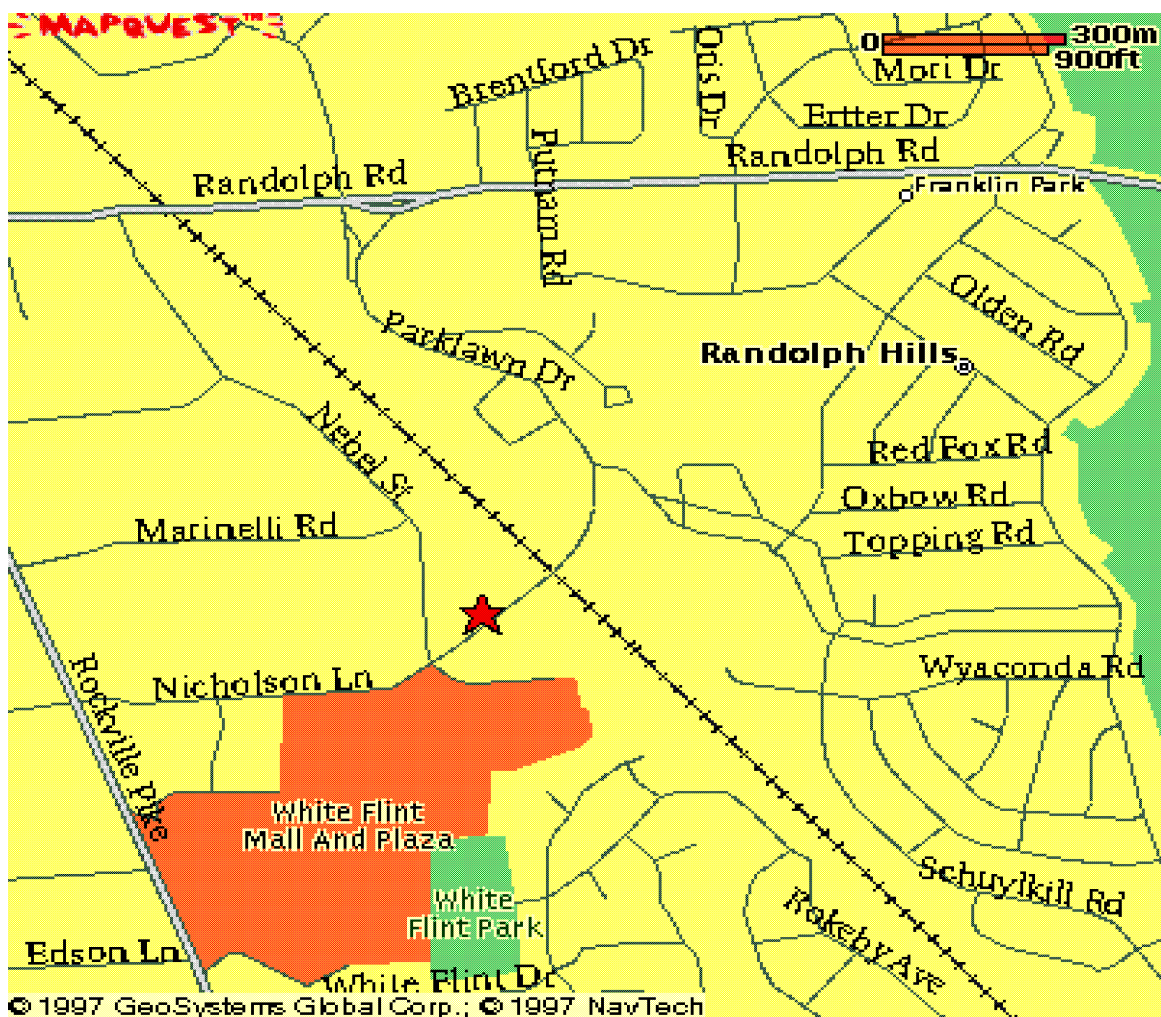
Call for Nominees: The NCS is soliciting nominees for four officers to serve in the executive committee next year. The officers are vice-chair (to assume the position of chair in 2001), secretary, treasurer, and three-year director. Please forward your nominations to Dr. Maria K. Burka at mburka@nsf.gov.

NCS to Host 2000 Officer's Conference: The Officers' Conference of the AIChE will be held on June 2-5, 2000, in Washington, DC. This meeting of the leadership of the local sections, committees and divisions of the Institute serves as a training ground for the continuing and future leadership of AIChE. Attendees at this conference return to their jobs with enhanced inter-personal skills that add to their effectiveness in carrying out the duties of their jobs, as well as their duties as AIChE leaders.

This will be the first Officers' Conference to be hosted by the National Capital Local Section AIChE. In addition to it being an honor to be so chosen, a large amount of volunteer time is needed to staff various duties during the conference. Members interested in helping during the conference are requested to contact Bill Doumas at 540/372-7084 or BillDoumas@1BigRed.com.

This year the conference will include workshops on strategic planning, media relations, advocacy, combating chemophobia, working with student chemical engineers, and membership recruitment. A fund-raising campaign has been launched to raise money to defray some of the expenses associated with the conference. Again, contact Bill Doumas if your firm would like to participate in the campaign.

Washington offers unique opportunities for sightseeing and other activities. We hope that attendees to the conference will make this a "family vacation" and take advantage of the cultural opportunities that abound in the Washington Area.



A map indicating the location (denoted by the star in the approximate center of the map) of the Far East Restaurant on 5055 Nicholson Lane in Rockville, MD.

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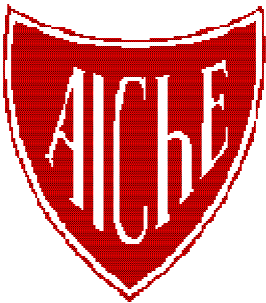
Future Meetings:

April: *Student Night at Howard University.* Howard University and the University of Maryland student chapters of the AIChE will be hosting an annual student night. This evening provides an opportunity for NCS members to interact with students and share with them important career advice, such as selecting between graduate school or taking a job.

Thursday, May 18th: *Embassy Tour.* The annual embassy meeting will be held at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC. **Please mark your**

calendar for this event. We need at least 50 members, spouses, and friends to attend to make it a worthwhile event for the Embassy.

Request from Membership Chair: In an effort to reduce the cost of postage for mailing the NCS newsletter, the membership chair and the newsletter editor request the permission of members to transmit newsletter updates via e-mail. For those members that prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, please reply via e-mail to Kristie Evans at mkfkme@erols.com with an appropriate response. As usual, the latest newsletter, as well as an archive of previous newsletters, can be found on the internet at www.ench.umd.edu/NatCapAIChE.



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