



CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DIVISION ACTIVITIES

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The Chemical Engineering Division of ASEE serves the interests of chemical engineering faculty and others concerned with the education of chemical engineers. In this period of intense re-examination of GOALS and goals, the Division serves as a liaison with other engineering fields within ASEE. In all of its activities, the Division tries to coordinate its efforts with the education committees of AIChE.

After a stimulating and well-attended Summer School for Chemical Engineering Teachers held in June at Michigan State, the Division has begun planning for the next Summer School to be held about five years from now. Suggestions on topics, format, and location are welcome.

The Division sponsors a full program on chemical engineering education at each annual meeting of ASEE. Next June in Los Angeles, there will be sessions on "Frontiers in Chemical Engineering" and "New Approaches to Teaching Chemical Engineering." In addition, there will be the annual Distinguished Lecture, a department chairmen's meeting, a luncheon, and a banquet.

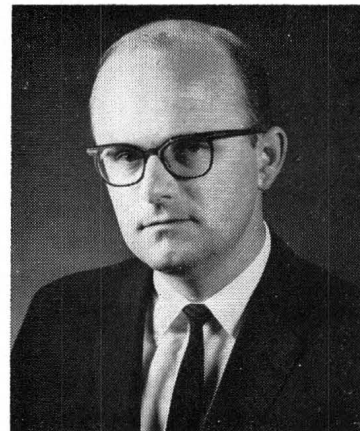
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proud of the 75 chemical engineering professors his department has produced.

What makes Koffolt angry? "These damn fool sign carriers with the big beards," he exclaims, adding "also professors, who are supposed to be professional people, who won't cross a protest line. This makes me mad." Of war he observes that, "We'll never do away with greed. There is free will. There will always be jackasses."

Koffolt is candid, though optimistic, about the future of chemical engineering. "We don't know what's going to happen. Materials are selling now that were unknown a decade ago. We haven't discovered everything yet," he smiles. The future looks bright, he thinks, "but not smooth."

Petrochemicals, the computer, and synthetics are "exciting" things in chemical engineering for Koffolt. Petrochemicals are important because, he predicts, "This is the way we're going to lick the food problem." Koffolt, criticizing chemical engineering somewhat, notes sadly that "It is still about half art, half science." He would prefer



In order to serve a broader segment of chemical engineering faculty, the Division has begun sponsoring sessions at AIChE annual meetings. A symposium on Case Problems was presented at the New York meeting, and another session is planned for the Washington meeting in 1969.

Potentially one of the most important functions of the Division is its sponsoring the journal, *Chemical Engineering Education*. After several years of considerable effort by many people, the journal is now established on a sound financial and editorial basis. It should serve as an effective means of communication among chemical engineering faculty.

that science outweigh art.

"Quite often we don't know what's happening," he admits. "Thirty years ago no one thought of using rayon in tires. And the first pair of rayon panties—when they were washed and hung out to dry, they stretched out to about two feet."

Asked for a funny story, for which he is noted, Koffolt bowed out gracefully, quipping "My stories come like a Quaker talk—when the spirit moves me."

Why do chemical engineering alumni offer such strong support to the department, Ohio State, and Koffolt? Perhaps it is because, as one jewel wrote in a letter to Koffolt, "if it hadn't been for you and the department, I would probably have been a pants-presser like my father all my life." To this, Koffolt adds "I think they appreciate the interest we take in them."

How do Koffolt's jewels view him? "As Joe."

How does he view his alumni? "Like second sons."