1998 NATIONAL ASEE BALLOT.

There's still time to vote and return your ballot to ASEE headquarters. Ballots will be counted if postmarked March 31, 1998 or before. Be sure to sign the envelope after you vote; if you fail to sign as requested, your vote will not be counted.

EDC CALLS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT/UNIVERSITY COMPACT. The Engineering Deans Council sent a statement to Vernon Ehlers, Vice Chair of the House Science Committee, in support of the National Science Policy Study. EDC pointed out that robust university research and educational programs are necessary to prepare engineering graduates to work in such diverse areas as health care, information services, energy, environmental protection, and national defense.

ASEE IN REVIEW. ASEE’s annual report, ASEE In Review 1997-1998 will be enclosed with your April issue of PRISM. Look for this report for a quick, clear overview of society finances and activities. There is a current message from ASEE President Lyle Feisel, in which he reviews the major society achievements for the past year and identifies goals for ASEE’s second century.

CAPITOL HILL DOD EXHIBIT SET FOR APRIL 29. This is the annual exhibit designed to show Members of Congress the kinds of academic research being performed with DOD funding. If you have a research project supported by DOD that would lend itself to an interesting display, please contact Don Davis at ASEE Public Affairs (tel - 202-331-3537, email - d.davis@asee.org). At last year’s exhibit, for example, Ohio University's Avionics Engineering Center had a display that demonstrated how the Global Positioning System is used to enable aircraft to land automatically, with precision, regardless of visibility conditions. Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), Chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Bob Livingston (R-LA), Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, were among last year's interested visitors.

REGISTER NOW FOR SEATTLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SAVE. This year’s annual conference is set for June 28-July 1 in the upscale city of Seattle, Washington. Seattle is a strong engineering education mecca but also a sensational destination that offers great sights, bright lights and plenty of family entertainment. Click on http://asee.org/conferences/ to get the latest lowdown on this year’s annual conference. A sharp site - the conferences page tells you everything you’ve ever wanted to know about the Seattle meeting - how to register, where to stay, who’s speaking, and what to see and tour. HOT TIP: If you register and pay now (before April 15), registration for members is only $270. If you procrastinate and wait till after June 15 to register, we still want to see you, but registration will then cost $100 more. So register now and save!

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING PROFESSOR WINS COVETED DRAPER PRIZE. Vladimir Haensel is the winner of the Charles Stark Draper Prize, which includes a $450,000 tax-free honorarium and is considered by many to be the engineering profession's highest honor. Haensel was recognized for inventing the chemical engineering process needed to produce clean transportation fuel. Haensel received his chemical engineering degree at MIT. He is 83 years old and still teaches at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETS AT NAE. The Engineers Forum for Sustainable Development, a joint effort of ASEE and the American Association of Engineering Societies, met on March 11th at the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D.C. The
topic of discussion was the forthcoming meeting of the U.N. Commission on sustainable Development in April 1998 and the engineer's role in addressing the fresh water issue on the Commission's agenda. Information about the Forum, including the first Forum newsletter, can be found at ASEE's Web Site at: www.asee.org/neic/efsd/.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING. A new National Academy of Engineering project, supported by an AT&T Foundation grant, is intended to raise the visibility of outstanding women engineers and promote the study of engineering by women. "Celebration of Women in Engineering" will seek to create interest in the engineering fields in which women work, and plans are being developed for a '99 spring conference.

SURVEY SAYS SALARIES UP FOR RECENT GRADS. The 1998 salary survey of the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows that starting salaries for recent engineering graduates are up. Companies are paying recent grads average starting salaries of $40,000 - an increase of 4.8%.

SEFI GUIDE PUBLISHED. SEFI, the European organization that seeks to develop and improve engineering education, has produced the 4th edition of its Guide on Engineering Education in Europe. This Guide is a comprehensive source book that offers up-to-date information on 1500 engineering education systems and institutions in 37 European countries. For details and information on how to order, visit the SEFI Web Site at http://www.ntb.ch/sefi/.

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