ASEE/NSF VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM. ASEE, with an NSF grant, is beginning a one-year exploratory project intended to enhance the quality of engineering teaching. Under this program, highly respected educators will conduct pairs of workshops at selected engineering schools. The scholars will visit the selected schools in January or February 1998, give a public presentation, followed by small-group meetings with faculty over a period of two days. The visiting scholar will suggest "homework" for faculty members to apply in their courses, and the success of these efforts will be evaluated at a follow-up visit in May. We are currently in the process of working with NSF to identify the scholars and will then select up to 10 host institutions to participate in the program. The scholars will prepare summary reports for inclusion in the final project report to NSF. The program will be assessed for its effectiveness in improving teaching performance and may be repeated in future years. If you think your school should be considered for selection as one of the host institutions, have your dean contact Don Davis (Public Affairs) at d.davis@asee.org.

JOIN THE NAVY. Tim Turner, Manager of the ASEE Projects Department, reminds us that the U.S. Navy-ASEE Summer Faculty Research Program provides science and engineering faculty members the opportunity to participate in research at Navy labs for a 10-week period during the summer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and hold teaching or research positions at U.S. colleges or universities. Stipends are $1,250 to $1,750 per week depending on the level of appointment. Additionally, those selected will be reimbursed for travel for pre-program visits to research sites. Application deadline is January 15, 1998. For further details, check out the program, as well as other research opportunities, at http://www.asee.org/fellowship. Application forms can be printed from the Web, or by emailing a request to projects@asee.org or calling 202-331-3525.

AWARD FOR BEST PAPER AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE. The ASEE Annual Conference Program Planning Committee has established a new program to encourage and reward high-quality papers given at the Annual Conference. There will be five cash awards of $1,000 each for the best paper from PIC I, II, III and IV, and from PIC V combined with the Institutional Councils. There will be a top award of $3,000 for the Best Conference Paper. Nominations will be made by the Divisions and only reviewed papers will be eligible. Division-nominated papers will be noted as such in the Annual Conference Program. Winners will be highlighted in ASEE Prism Magazine and recognized at the Awards Banquet at next year’s Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC. Details are still being finalized, but questions can be emailed to Dyanne Hughes at d.hughes@asee.org.

FELLOW NOMINATIONS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1ST. Full guidelines and forms for Fellow nominations can now be found on the ASEE Web site at http://www.asee.org/awards. The Grade of Fellow is one of unusual professional distinction and is conferred by the Board of Directors upon an ASEE member with outstanding qualifications who has made important and appropriate contributions within the fields of engineering or engineering technology education or allied fields. Completed forms and at least five letters of reference must be sent to ASEE Headquarters by February 1, 1998. If you have questions, contact Mary Cecile Neville in the Membership Department at email: mc.neville@asee.org or tel: 202-331-3518.

ENGINEERS FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FIRST NEWSLETTER. The joint ASEE/AAES "Engineers Forum on Sustainable Development" issued its first newsletter at the end of October. Working to promote the principles and practice of sustainable development in the engineering community, representatives of engineering and non-engineering organizations involved in various aspects of sustainable development meet to discuss and exchange information. The next Forum meeting is scheduled for December 10 at the National Academy of Engineering. The quarterly newsletter summarizes the information provided at the Forum meetings, including names and numbers for follow-up contacts, and it will be posted to ASEE’s Web site in the near future. For further information about the Forum, contact Albert Grant (ASEE
NSEP SCHOLARSHIPS OFFER ENGINEERING STUDENTS STUDYABROAD. Bill Donovan, Program Coordinator for the National Security Education Program (NSEP), says this program is accepting applications for scholarships for study abroad by undergraduate students. NSEP scholarships support study in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and South America -- countries currently underrepresented in study abroad programs. NSEP also gives preference to applicants from certain fields of study, and engineering is one such field. The application deadline is February 9, 1998, for study abroad during the summer 1998, and the fall and/or spring semesters of the 1998-99 school year. For applications for your students, email a request to nsep@iie.org or call 1-800-618-6737. Helpful information can be found on NSEP's excellent Web site at http://www.iie.org/nsep/.

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