VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM UPDATE. ASEE has been working with NSF to identify educators to participate in the ASEE-NSF Visiting Scholars Program. The selection process has come up with the following fine scholars: Susan Ambrose, Carnegie Mellon; Daniel Budney, Purdue; David Johnson, Univ. Minnesota; Roger Johnson, Univ. of Minnesota; Edythe Holubec, Cooperative Learning Center; Karl Smith, Univ. of Minnesota Institute of Technology; Katherine Sanders, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research; Patrick Farrell and John Mitchell, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison; Elizabeth Eschenbach, Humboldt State Univ.; Richard Felder, NC State Univ.; Ray Landis, Cal State Univ.; Gloria Rogers, Rose-Hulman; Richard Seagrave, Iowa State Univ.; Jim Stice, Univ.of Texas; Kenneth Williamson, Oregon State Univ. The next step is to select up to 10 host institutions for the program. We’ve sent the list of scholars plus brief bios to the engineering deans and asked that they let us know if their schools would be interested in participating. For more information, contact Don Davis at d.davis@asee.org.

NEW NSF PROGRAM ACTION AGENDA. The Action Agenda for Systemic Engineering Education Reform is a new NSF program looking for innovative approaches to break through implementation barriers to new engineering education concepts. This outcomes-based program seeks proposals for effective actions to achieve specified Action Agenda Goals in ways that will affect significant numbers of engineering students. Engineering educators interested in submitting proposals should obtain the complete proposal announcement at http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf9827. The deadline for proposals is March 31, 1998.

EAGLE PROGRAM. If you have students who might be interested, let them know that the EAGLE-Japan program has openings for five students to attend an intensive six-week Japanese language and culture course designed for undergraduate engineering and science students at the Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Kanazawa, Japan. They should act immediately since selection will take place in January 1998. THE PROGRAM: Begins June 2, 1998. Includes the equivalent of one-year language credits, Japanese society and culture course credits, design projects on a team with Japanese engineering students, visits to industry, and opportunities to interact with Japanese students. REQUIREMENTS: One year of Japanese language study or its equivalent prior to the beginning of the program and a major in engineering or science. COST: $3,000, which includes tuition, travel and lodging. A scholarship will be provided by EAGLE-Japan of $1500 to each of the five students selected. Additional costs to be born by the student include food, books and incidentals. DEADLINE: Applications should be submitted immediately so selections can be made by January 20, 1998. Interested students can contact: Scott Clark, Director, EAGLE-Japan, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 5500 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47803. Tel: 812-877-8377; FAX: 812-877-3198; email: scott.clark@rose-hulman.edu.

WHEN DO I GET MY BALLOT? The official ASEE 1998 election ballot will be mailed along with the March issue of ASEE PRISM magazine. The deadline for receipt of all ballots at ASEE headquarters is March 31, 1998. Please remember to sign the outside of the envelope on the signature line provided. Ballots submitted without a signature are automatically disqualified.


INFORMATION ON THE WEB. In addition to election information, other pertinent information has recently been added. The ASEE Constitution and Bylaws is now up under About ASEE, and it’s been indexed for easy location.

ASEE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ON THE WEB. Want to send a colleague a Christmas card? Check an email address? As an ASEE member, you have up-to-the-minute membership
information at your fingertips. The ASEE membership electronic directory on ASEE's Web site at http://www.asee.org/membership/ provides you with extensive search capabilities. Available exclusively to ASEE members, the directory can only be accessed after you provide your membership number. (You can find your membership number on your membership card, ASEE PRISM label, or renewal bill.) If you have questions, call the Membership Department at 202-331-3520 or send an email to membership@asee.org.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM. ASEE's Membership Department has launched a new program to get more members for ASEE. The 1997-98 Corporate Advisory Program offers prospects two years of free membership in ASEE. Here's how it works. Under this new program, deans will pay for the first year of dues for members of their industrial advisory boards, and ASEE waives the second year dues. Why would deans agree to this largess? Because the program will help educate their corporate advisory board members on issues that affect engineering education. ASEE President Lyle Feisel was among the first to enroll his advisory committee and he has received only good comments.

ACSA DESIGN & ENGINEERING COMPETITION. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) is holding a design and engineering competition open to full time students enrolled in architecture, engineering or design curricula. Cash awards in two categories (Excellence and Merit) will total $15,750. Entries may focus on issues within the three broad design categories of: building or partial building; street furniture or industrial item; and other objects or structure. This competition, sponsored by the Steel Tube Institute, is somewhat different in that it doesn't require entrants to design a solution for a specific program. It's hoped that this approach will facilitate participation of multi-disciplinary teams. For further information, contact Beth Young, Project Manager, ACSA/Steel Tube Institute Design & Engineering Challenge, at 202-785-2324, FAX: 202-628-0448, email: young@acsa-arch.org.

ASEE BOARD MEMBER RODGER PAYNE DIES. We at ASEE headquarters were very sad to learn of the death of Board member Rodger Payne, Chair of the Corporate Member Council. Payne who was also Vice President, Institutional Councils, had served on the Board since 1996. He was the Manager of Strategic Marketing, Education Department, at Autodesk, Inc. Active and supportive of ASEE, Payne took his role of Chair of the relatively new Corporate Member Council seriously and worked energetically to the benefit of the Society. He sought interaction with other industry members, and he brought a valued industry perspective to the Board. In this month's PRISM magazine, in the Last Word section, there is an article written by Rodger Payne, entitled "Common Goals." The article strikes a hopeful and cooperative note and observes that industry and academe share the same goals - better curricula, better graduates, and better future employees. Rodger Payne will be missed by his many friends and associates. Board members and ASEE staff have sent expressions of condolence to his mother at: Marjorie Payne, 708 Delaware, Detroit, MI 48202.

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