ASEE PRISM HAS NEW EDITOR. Bob Black is the new editor of ASEE Prism Magazine and manager of ASEE publications. He replaces Mary Dalheim who has joined the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education as their director of publications. Black was formerly editor-in-chief of Sports Sense, The Journal of Sports Business, a magazine that he developed and launched with publisher E.J. Krause. Before that, he spent 14 years at U.S. News and World Report, where as deputy business editor for Business and Technology, he edited all business and economics coverage. Earlier in his career, Black served as an economist in the Congressional Budget Office and at The Urban Institute. He has an MA in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley and a BA in history from the University of Wisconsin. While committing to maintaining the award-winning quality of PRISM, Black is interested in developing other products for ASEE's membership. He plans to expand ASEE's online presence and make more materials available electronically. You can send him a message at b.black@asee.org.

SCIENCE POLICY STUDY RELEASED. At a press conference on Thursday, September 24, House Science Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner hosted the release of the Science Policy Study, Unlocking Our Future: Toward a New National Science Policy Study. Sensenbrenner was joined by Speaker Gingrich, Ranking Committee Member George Brown, and chairman of the policy study, Rep. Vern Ehlers. Other notables there included: Chuck Vest, MIT President, former Secretary of Energy, Admiral James Watkins, and Homer Neal, Interim President Emeritus and Professor of Physics, University of Michigan. View the full report on the web at: http://www.house.gov/science/science_policy_study.htm.

HARRIS POLL FINDS ENGINEERING STILL UNKNOWN PROFESSION. The Harris Poll survey of “American Perspectives on Engineers and Engineering” was released last month at the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and it showed that 45% of Americans feel uninformed about engineering and engineers. The survey determined that, on the prestige scale, scientists fared much better than engineers. Engineers enjoy only “mediocre” prestige, ranking well below doctors and teachers, as well as below scientists. “The results from this poll help to underscore the critical need for the general public to better understand technology and how it is created - that is, engineering,” said NAE President William A. Wulf.

SUPPORT FOR DOUBLING RESEARCH FUNDS. Senator Bill Frist is actively seeking cosponsors to S. 2217, the bill that would double the federal non-defense budget over the next 12 years. To date 30 Senators have signed on as cosponsors to the Frist-Rockefeller bill. Additional Senators are expected to sign, which would increase Frist's chances of taking the bill to the Senate floor before adjournment.

VETOED TAX BILL INCLUDED SECTION 127. During the summer, President Clinton vetoed a tax bill that contained an extension of Section 127, which would have reinstated the graduate program. It is unlikely the year-end tax bill will include provisions dealing with the undergraduate or graduate provisions of Section 127.

EDC PLANS TO VISIT NEW DOE SECRETARY. The Engineering Deans Council plans to pay a call on Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson to discuss DOE engineering research and education programs. Richardson has pledged to elevate Energy to top-drawer status and has committed to improving diversity at the agency. Richardson is the Administration's highest-ranking Hispanic.

STRONG INTEREST IN PHD STUDY. ASEE undertook a landmark survey of employment experiences of recent doctoral graduates in engineering, and two separate reports are now available. Supplies are limited, a number of advance orders have already been received, and shipping starts October 12th. It turns out there is considerable interest in learning where recent PhD grads have gotten jobs and what salaries they are making. If interested, we recommend you
reserve your copy by calling ASEE Publication Sales at 202-331-3500. Prices are as follows: “Employment and Salaries of Recent Doctoral Graduates in Engineering: Broad Overview” - $29.95 for members, $49.95 for non-members; “Employment and Salaries of Recent Doctoral Graduates in Engineering: Comprehensive Findings” - $99.95 for members, $149.95 for non-members.

PURDUE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING PROGRAM HONORED. This year, the second annual Women in Science Award will be presented to the Women in Engineering Program at Purdue University. The Maria Mitchell Women in Science Award recognizes an individual, program or organization that encourages advancement of girls and women in science and technology. Congratulations again go to Emily M. Wadsworth, Assistant Director of the Women in Engineering Programs at Purdue. Wadsworth was presented the 1998 ASEE Minorities in Engineering Award at ASEE’s Annual Conference this past June.

FOR CALENDARS AND PLANNING PURPOSES:

ASEE STAFF RETREAT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 29. Next Tuesday, the ASEE office will be closed. The headquarters staff will be at an annual all-staff retreat to discuss ASEE goals and objectives, team productivity, and improved communication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN DC. The ASEE Executive Committee will meet on October 17, 1998 at ASEE headquarters.

ABET ANNUAL MEETING IN SEATTLE OCTOBER 28-30, 1998. The theme for the ABET Annual Meeting is “Creating Our Future.” Challenges before ABET and the engineering community will be a focus. There will be a session entitled Preparing for an EC 2000 Visit, which will highlight the new accreditation process.

ETLITO MEET IN ST. LOUIS. The St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley will host ASEE’s 24th Annual Engineering Technology Leadership Institute, November 1-3, 1998. For more information click on http://www.purdue.anderson.edu/etd .


‘99 COLLOQUIUM. The EDC Public Policy Colloquium will be held February 9-10, 1999 in Washington, D.C. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel.

ERC WORKSHOP AND FORUM. The Engineering Research Council Workshop and Forum is set for February 21-23, 1999 at the Arlington (Ballston) Hilton. For information, contact Angela Caraway, ASEE headquarters, at 202-331-3553 or a.caraway@asee.org.

ASEE SECTION MEETINGS. There are two Section Meetings this fall: The North Midwest Section Meeting in Winona, MN, and the Middle Atlantic Section Meeting in Washington, DC.

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