ASEE OFFERS CONDOLENCES
ASEE offers sincere condolences to all who have suffered the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. The effects and ravages of this natural disaster have appalled the nation, and the media coverage has been wrenching. We join everyone who has extended heartfelt sympathy to the many victims who have lost so much.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION
ASEE has worked to put students, faculty, and administrators from the affected schools in touch with each other and with other institutions by developing a clearinghouse of information. For ongoing updates and information, please view http://www.asee.org/katrina.

UPDATE FROM UNIVERSITIES IN NEW ORLEANS
Tulane University and Loyola University New Orleans have announced that they will not reopen for classes until the spring 2006 semester. The University of New Orleans remains closed but hopes to begin online classes next month. Nine of the leading higher education associations, which represent hundreds of colleges and universities around the country, have developed a plan to accept Tulane students, as well as those from other institutions adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina, for the fall semester only. This coalition has set forth guidelines for temporary enrollment for the fall semester. Guidelines include admitting students on a visiting or provisional basis, and not charging tuition if the student has already paid tuition to the home institution. To view the coalition's statement, visit: http://ww.aau.edu/education/Statement_by_Higher_Education_Leaders_on_Response_to_Hurricane_Katrina.pdf.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE
October 5th is the deadline date to submit abstracts for papers for the 2006 Annual Conference. Abstracts may be submitted to the 2006 Annual Conference & Exposition through http://www.asee.org/SmoothPaper, the new paper management system, until 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, October 5, 2005. Go to: http://www.asee.org/about/events/conferences/annual/2006/Calls-for-Papers.cfm to view the list of Calls for Papers. Please note all important deadlines to ensure that your submission is included.

MEAL COSTS HIGHER IN CHICAGO
ASEE has announced price changes that will be in effect at the 2006 Annual Conference in Chicago. In the past, ticket prices for breakfasts were $15; lunches $25, dinners $45. For a number of years, prices remained consistent despite actual costs depending on conference location. However, for the 2006 meeting, ASEE’s costs for meals will be substantially higher - breakfasts would be $25; lunches $45; dinners $75. We agree, that's high. Therefore, believing it unreasonable to ask attendees to pay these high breakfast and lunch prices, ASEE has decided to ask attendees to buy and bring their own food to breakfast and luncheon meetings, or luncheon meetings could be scheduled off-site. Attendees can buy meals from the Hyatt Hotel restaurant and the numerous food vendors available at the conference. ASEE does not plan to ticket breakfasts or lunches. The ticket prices for dinners will be ASEE’s cost of $75. For those divisions who choose to hold their luncheon or dinner meetings/events off-site, the 2005 policies and procedures for ticket sales will apply. ASEE will make the ticket purchase available on the online registration system, but ASEE does not coordinate nor subsidize these off-site dinners. The Annual Banquet will be a special case. ASEE's actual cost for the Annual Awards Banquet will be $85 per person, but the ticket price will remain at $65 per person. ASEE hopes this ASEE subsidy of $20 per person will encourage attendees to attend the important Wednesday night Awards Dinner. ASEE will also subsidize the Meet the Board Breakfast by keeping the ticket price at $15 per person. Please contact Jennifer Atkinson, program coordinator, at j.atkinson@asee.org if you have further questions.

ASEE DATA IN WSJ
ASEE data was noted in the August 26th edition of the Wall Street Journal. WSJ also included a link to ASEE’s overview statistics.

OLSEN IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NSF
Kathie L. Olsen is the new deputy director of the National Science Foundation. Olsen briefed ASEE’s Engineering Deans Council at EDC Colloquiums while in her previous position as associate director and deputy director for science at the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Olsen will lead the updating of NSF’s strategic plan as required every three years by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
ASEE administers a number of federal programs that offer fellowship opportunities, including the following:

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). For U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens at or near the beginning of their graduate studies, this program offers a stipend of $30,000 a year for three years and a $10,500 cost of education allowance. For application and deadline information, go to: http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov. For additional program information, go to: http://www.nsf.gov/grfp.

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG). The fellowship program is sponsored by the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program. This program is intended for U.S. citizens at or near the beginning of their graduate studies in science and/or engineering programs. The fellowships are for three year tenures. The stipends begin at $30,500 for first-year fellows, $31,000 for second-year fellows, and $31,500 for third-year fellows. Full tuition and fees and a health insurance allowance are included as part of the program. The application deadline is January 6, 2006. Go to: http://www.asee.org/ndseg for applications and detailed program information.

The Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP). This program is intended for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have an earned doctorate in science or engineering and who hold full-time science or engineering faculty positions at U.S. colleges, community colleges and universities. The
The duration of this summer fellowship is from 8 to 12 continuous weeks and research is performed on-site. There is a competitive weekly stipend and relocation and daily expense allowances are available. The application is open now and the application deadline is November 1, 2005. Go to: http://www.asee.org/sffp or email: sffp@asee.org.

**Office of Naval Research (ONR) Summer Faculty Research and Sabbatical Leave Program.** This program is intended for U.S. citizens who hold teaching or research appointments relating to science and/or engineering at U.S. academic institutions. A competitive stipend, relocation and travel allowances, and a pre-program site visit are offered. Application deadline is December 1, 2005. Go to: http://www.asee.org/summer.

---

**NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNAL WANTS MANUSCRIPTS**

The International Journal for Service Learning in Engineering (IJSEL) is a new faculty-reviewed electronic journal that is offered free, semi-annually, over the web. The journal welcomes manuscripts based on original work of students and researchers with a specific focus or implication for service learning in engineering, engineering entrepreneurship in service, or related service learning pedagogy. Deadline for submission of articles for the inaugural issue is December 30, 2005. For information about submission of articles or for serving as a reviewer, go to: http://www.engr.psu.edu/IJSLE.

**FUTUREBOUND PROGRAM**

The Futurebound Program at the University of Arizona is an NSF-funded program for women undergraduates focusing on women of color in the science, technology, math, and engineering fields, who transfer to the university from community colleges. The program offers mentoring, career workshops, and a stipend. Futurebound invites other universities and community colleges to partner and attend the “Shared Journeys” conference, October 27-28, 2005, in Tucson, AZ. For more information, see: http://web.arizona.edu/~wiseresr/futurebound/.

Marian Tatu, editor
m.tatu@asee.org