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Some of you may have heard about the tragic death of ASEE Board Member, Isadore Davis. ASEE's Executive Director, Frank Huband, prepared the following to be included in his Prism Comments for December, but due to technical problems, it failed to appear. He has asked me to report it here:

"I was shocked and distressed to learn that ASEE's Vice President for Institutional Councils, and Chair, Corporate Member Council, Isadore T. Davis, suffered a severe stroke last month and that he succumbed three days later from complications of the stroke. It was especially shocking because Isadore had been at ASEE headquarters the day before his stroke for ASEE's executive committee meeting. I have received a number of messages from his friends and associates expressing much sadness that Isadore is suddenly gone from us. He was a good friend to engineering and an outspoken advocate of diversity. He will be greatly missed. We are gathering details of his distinguished career, and a full obituary will be carried in the January issue of Prism."

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ASEE AWARDS

ASEE is now accepting nominations for awards to be presented at the 2006 ASEE Awards Banquet, which will be held during the Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 18-21, 2006. Awards that are offered, nomination requirements, and online award nomination forms are available on the web at: http://www.asee.org/members/awards/index.cfm. Consider nominating one or more deserving colleagues for an award. The deadline for submitting award nominations is January 15, 2006. The deadline for submitting Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2006. For questions regarding awards, please contact: Awards & Administrative Services at (202) 331-3550 or email: s.wingatebey@asee.org.

IACEE WORLD CONFERENCE IN VIENNA

The International Association for Continuing Education (IACEE) is pleased to announce that the 10th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education will be held in Vienna, Austria, on April 19-21, 2006. The conference will take place at the Vienna University of Technology. The conference will focus on many aspects of continuing engineering education, including didactics, E-learning and mobile learning, total quality management and knowledge management. For more information, please visit the conference homepage at http://www.wccee2006.org. If you have any questions concerning the 10th WCCEE 2006, please contact: wccee@ai.tuwien.ac.at. ASEE serves as Secretariat for IACEE.

WSJ CITES ASEE DATA

ASEE's data on degree's awarded was recently published on page one in the Wall Street Journal. The November 16th article entitled "Behind 'Shortage' of Engineers: Employers Grow More Choosy" included a table of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees collected by ASEE from 1999-2004. ASEE was also cited in the text of the article. This is the second time that the Wall Street Journal has cited ASEE. On August 26th, The Numbers Guy, Carl Bialik wrote an article entitled "Outsourcing Fears Help Inflate Some Numbers" in which he quoted ASEE as a source. The online version included a link to the first 30 pages of ASEE's annual Profiles book. ASEE staff have noted an increase in inquiries regarding this national trend data, but the WSJ references are the most visible to date.

2006 CIEC SET FOR SAN ANTONIO

The 2006 Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) will be held January 24-26, 2006 in San Antonion, TX. For details, go to: http://www.asee.org/about/events/conferences/ciec/2006/.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASEE administers a number of education related programs for the federal government. See the following information:

The Naval Research Enterprise Intern Program (NREIP). The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is now administering NREIP, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). NREIP is a 10-week summer research opportunity for undergraduate juniors and seniors, and graduate students, under the guidance of a mentor, at a participating Navy Laboratory. The stipend amounts for the program are $5,500 for undergraduate students, and $6,500 for graduate students. U.S. citizenship required; Permanent residents accepted at certain labs. The application must be completed by February 17, 2006. Go to: http://www.asee.org/NREIP.

The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP). The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is now administering SEAP, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). SEAP is an eight week summer research opportunity at participating ONR laboratories for high school student who have completed at least grade 9, must be 16 years of age for most Laboratories, and a U.S. citizen. A graduating Senior is eligible to apply. The stipend for the summer program is $1,500 for new students; $1,550 for returning students. The application is currently open and must be completed by February 17, 2006. Go to: http://www.asee.org/SEAP.

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. This program is open to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents and offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. This program offers one to three year postdoctoral fellowships designed to increase the
involvement of scientists and engineers from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Navy. This program has a rolling admission. Go to: [http://www.asee.org/resources/nrl/](http://www.asee.org/resources/nrl/).

**Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship Program.** This scholarship program provides students with stipend allowance, full tuition, book allowance, room and board and other normal educational expenses. The purpose is to promote the education, recruitment and retention of undergraduate and graduate students in science, mathematics and engineering studies. The SMART Scholarship Program is open only to citizens of the United States, and students must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible. There is an employment obligation to DoD with this scholarship program. For more information and application deadlines, please visit our web site at: [http://www.asee.org/smart](http://www.asee.org/smart).

**INDIA SCORES AGAIN!**

During a week-long swing through Asia (India, China, Singapore, Sri Lanka) in early December, Intel Chairman Craig Barrett told reporters in New Delhi that Intel Corp will invest more than $1 billion in India. Intel's investment plans would indicate India's importance both as a source of revenue and engineering talent. About $800 million will be used to expand Intel's operations, including a research and development center in Bangalore. This news was followed on December 7 with a story on CNN titled “Microsoft joins rush to India.” A source close to the world's largest software maker told Reuters that Microsoft is also planning to invest more than $1 billion in India spread over several years.

Wishing ASEE members a **Happy New Year**.

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