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NEAL LANE HEADS OSTP. At the beginning of August, Dr. Neal Lane formally took over the reins at the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the White House. Lane is now the Science Advisor to the President. He also co-chairs the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology and is a member of the National Science and Technology Council. In July, Earl Dowell, Chair of the Engineering Deans Council, and ASEE Executive Director, Frank L. Huband, joined 31 other engineering and scientific leaders and signed a letter to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) urging that he schedule a full Senate vote on Lane's nomination as soon as possible. The confirmation vote occurred just before the Senate began its recess. Lane was recently Director of NSF and previously Provost at Rice University.

COLWELL HEADS NSF. On August 13, 1998, Rita Colwell was officially sworn in as the new Director of the National Science Foundation. The swearing in ceremony took place at a meeting of the National Science Board in Washington, D.C. Colwell, who is the first woman to head NSF, has agreed to an interview for ASEE PRISM Magazine.

OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH SEEKS WOMEN POSTDOCS. ONR is supporting a new initiative to increase the number of women participants in the ONR Postdoctoral Fellowship program. Open to recent PhD recipients, the ONR program offers the opportunity to work with senior scientists and engineers at Navy labs. Now ONR is offering additional funding for women postdocs in the hope of increasing the percentage of women hired in laboratories. Awards are for one year and are renewable. Stipend range is $36,000 to $52,000. Application deadlines for the program are quarterly, and the next deadline date is October 1. For more information, contact the Projects Department at 202-331-3525 or projects@asee.org.

TAU ALPHA PI. Earlier this year, ASEE was pleased to become the administrator for the Tau Alpha Pi National honor society for engineering technology. ASEE is currently in the process of identifying all chapters of the society and developing a database to better serve the Tau Alpha Pi community. To date, ASEE has identified more than 70 chapters across the nation. We believe, however, that there may be chapters we haven't identified, and thus, we ask for your help. If you have a chapter at your school, ask if they have been in contact with ASEE headquarters. If not, please ask that they contact Jeff Jarosz at 202-331-3516, fax 202-265-8504, or email j.jarosz@asee.org.

YOU TELL US. ASEE Executive Director Frank Huband has a special editorial in the October 1998 issue of PRISM Magazine. Please read it and send in your response. Basically we are trying to find out why you joined ASEE. We have about 11,000 members, but that's only one-third of all U.S. engineering educators. We're hoping if we learn why you joined ASEE, we can capitalize on that knowledge and use it to help us recruit new members. We also ask that you talk to associates who are not members of ASEE and find out what we could do to capture their interest.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A PHD? ASEE undertook a landmark survey of employment experiences of recent doctoral graduates in engineering, and the results are fascinating. We are compiling the findings and will have two separate reports available this fall. We anticipate high demand for these reports and suggest placing advance orders. Prices are as follows: "Employment and Salaries of Recent Doctoral Graduates in Engineering: Broad Overview" - $29.95 for members, $49.95 for nonmembers; "Employment and Salaries of Recent Doctoral Graduates in Engineering: Comprehensive Findings" - $99.95 for members, $149.95 for nonmembers. Reports will be available for shipping after October 9, and supplies will be limited. To order, call ASEE Publication Sales at 202-331-3556.
ORDER NEW ASSESSMENT BROCHURE. You can now order the new ASEE publication, "How Do You Measure Success," which previewed at the ASEE Annual Conference in Seattle. This publication is a compilation of articles on assessment that have been published in ASEE PRISM Magazine. Click on http://www.asee.org/publications/success/ to see the table of contents and to bring up an order blank. Copies are only $4.95 if you order five or more copies.

NSF/ERM NEW FACULTY FELLOWS GRANT PROGRAM. The 1998 Frontiers in Education Conference (FIE'98) will provide grants of $1,000 each for up to 10 "FIE'98 New Faculty Fellows" to attend FIE'98. These new engineering educators should have a strong interest in engineering education, including computer science/computer engineering education. FIE'98 will be held November 4-7, 1998 in Tempe, Arizona. For more information regarding eligibility and requirements, see http://www.eas.asu.edu/~asufc/fie98. Applications must be received by September 14, 1998.

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