Letters to the Editor

Co-op works
I just received the October 1998 issue of Student IE magazine, and I am absolutely thrilled with it. I thought it was very well laid out and contained a lot of information that was of great interest to me.

In response to your article on co-op programs ("A Co-operative Education"), I couldn't agree more. The experience I have gained during my co-op work terms has been invaluable. I am currently on my fourth co-op work term (the last three have been for Ford Motor Co.). All four terms have been in the IE field, and in each case I have come away learning something that I could not have learned in the classroom.

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We were pleased to see Kathryn Woestendieck's article, "A Co-operative Education," in the October 1998 issue of Student IE discussing the mutual benefits of cooperative education.

As one of the oldest and largest co-op-based universities, Northeastern University students consistently report that they relate their coursework to real-world applications better than non-co-op students, earn higher average grades, and receive permanent job offers from former co-op employers. The majority of the more than 800 employers that participate in the program feel that co-op students are better prepared than non-co-op students and are low-risk hires. Recent efforts to integrate co-op experiences into classroom curricula are well received and leading to close partnering with local industry.

Based on more than 90 years of Northeastern's positive experience, we strongly encourage any company or student to consider benefiting from participation in similar programs.

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To read "A Co-operative Education" and other articles from past issues of Student IE, visit http://solutions.iienet.org/menu16.htm online.

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