Congressional Update on the Budget

"It is less than three weeks to the start of FY 1999, and not one of the thirteen appropriations bills funding the operations of the federal government has been sent to the President," says AIP's September 4th newsletter. Gee, there must be other things on the minds of our elected representatives than running the government, like maybe running for office. It's unlikely, though, that the government will face a shutdown like it did a couple of years ago. If bills aren't settled in time for the start of the fiscal year, we might see what's called a continuing resolution to keep the government running until the bills are passed. "CRs" allow spending to continue at the current level.

PeopleSoft Impact on YOUR Budget

According to Marty Sorenson, about 50 people had problems with their banks when SLAC's paychecks were misdated. The good news is that it was NOT a PeopleSoft problem, but human error. The program asked if the payday was the 7th and we said yes, without taking into account the holiday. If you suffered financial difficulties due to SLAC's mistake, take your documentation to Marty Sorenson and he will try to make things right.

Aussies at SSRL

Do you know that there are about 45 synchrotron light sources around the world? Much of that burgeoning scientific venture is due to the tireless efforts of advocates at SSRL. Recently Herman Winick and others hosted a delegation from Australia to discuss the possibility of building a light source in that country.

Step Right Up, Folks

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's sale of t-shirts, hats, mugs, and sweat shirts. Work involves preparing individual orders and helping distribute merchandise for a couple hours in November. Call P.A. Moore at x2605.

Turnover Rates

How fast do employees enter and exit the job? A lot faster nowadays and a booming economy is the reason. Over the past five years, general workplace statistics show turnover rates for new hires within the first year have increased from 5.8% to 11.6%. Those who stay with the job for five years show a small increase from 20.3% to 21.7% turnover. SLAC's overall turnover rate has traditionally been less than 10 percent.

Milestones
There will be a tree dedication in remembrance of Jim Weaver on Monday, Sept. 14 at 3 PM in the SSRL parking lot. Contact Lisa Dunn x2057. Lucy Janasik will be retiring and a party to wish her well is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17 at 3 PM. Contact Karen Kruger x2211. A retirement barbecue will be held to say farewell to Steve St. Lorant and David Fryberger on Thursday Sept. 24. Contact Wanda Elliott x2723.

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