Sand Hill Road Construction

The first major activity in the Sand Hill Road project will be the construction of a new parking structure at the Shopping Center, adjacent to Quarry Road, for the next three months. There may be some short delays on Sand Hill Road, but they are expected to be minimal during this phase. Construction updates are posted at http://www.stanford.edu/dept/SMC or you can phone Project Infoline at 926-0240.

Part One Done

Last week David Coward heaved a half-inch thick report, complete with many tables of building evaluations and cost estimates upstairs to the third floor of the Central Lab. With a sigh of relief, he delivered the results of a two-year study by the Seismic Evaluation Committee to Director Burton Richter. Part Two of the process is the appointment of an implementation group to set priorities for repairs based on programmatic needs. The group will aim for an early June deadline to be ready for SLAC's next on-site Institutional Review by the DOE.

Here's Another Tidbit from Jurassic Park Author

Last week's QN made mention of a presentation at AAAS from doctor turned scriptwriter Michael Crichton. Another interesting factoid was his assessment that "mass media is not mass." He based that statement on statistics showing that the New York Times reaches only four-tenths percent of the US population; and that a movie like Jurassic Park at most reached about 15%. What we see is targeted or fragmented media. So for scientists to get their message across, it is necessary to find the target audience.

Kitty Litter Factoid

Our investigative reporter has found another use for kitty litter. SLAC security members keep 20-pound bags in their patrol cars in case they encounter any spills or leaks. One quick-witted fellow prevented an electrical short by stopping a leak with his emergency stash. Since we pride ourselves on "lessons learned" here at SLAC, perhaps in addition to the emergency earthquake food and clothing in your car, we should add kitty litter.

DOE Lessons Learned Web Site

The new site has: Links to Lessons Learned guidance documents; a new database of almost 400 lessons learned; information about automatic delivery of lessons via e-mail; and links to other sources. You can search the database for lessons applicable to your process, hazard, or system, or browse all the lessons at http://tis.eh.doe.gov/ll

Budget News
"High Energy Physics would receive $697.1 million, up 0.8 percent- less than inflation - over FY 1999 funding. The request for Nuclear Physics is $342.9 million, up 1.3 percent, also less than inflation. Fusion Energy Sciences funding would stay flat at the FY 1999 appropriations level of $222.6 million. Also within the Office of Science, the Biological and Environmental Research account would get $411.2 million, down 5.8 percent. Computational and Technology Research would go up 26.3 percent to $198.9 million, as a result of the Information Technology initiative." (AIP Newsletter #14 - Feb 3.)

The public version of the budget home page can be accessed at:
http://www.em.doe.gov/stake/budget

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