Security Stand Down Successful

The national security stand down held this week went well, with a full auditorium and spillover into the Lobby. Over 1,000 staff members signed in for the 5 sessions. After an introduction by Director Burton Richter, staff members got an overview of security issues from Associate Director for Business Services Jerry Jobe. Rachel Claus, legal counsel, spoke about export control issues. Bob Cowles from SCS finished up last with major issues in computer security. The quote of the day: "If you think your machine has been hacked, don’t use email to get help. Use the phone."

Make Up Sessions for Stand Down

Since the security stand down is mandatory, plans are being made for make up sessions for staff unable to attend the original presentations. We don’t have final details yet, but when we do, there will be an announcement on the SLAC Home Page.

Phone Numbers: Think Different

You may be old enough to remember when phone numbers were 3 or 4 digits. Well, fuggedaboudit. (Quick! Name that movie!) While you are at it, forget about 7-digit telephone numbers, too. For us folks in the 650 area code, as well as many other people around the country, phone numbers are now 1 plus 10 digits. The California Public Utilities Commission has approved an "overlay" area code for this area. An overlay means that more than 1 area code will be issued in the same geographic region. Two telephones in the same house might even have 2 different area codes! Voluntary dialing of the new one plus 10 (1+area code+number) will start in September. Mandatory dialing will take place in June of next year. Watch your favorite news source for more information on this subject as the PUC starts its publicity roll out.

It’s Almost September

So it means that there are might be some things in the SLAC Warehouse that your child’s school could use. Remember that education donations must go to public schools or non-profit agencies. Take a stroll through the Warehouse and see what we have, then call your school and find out what they can use. Paperwork to get approval for donations can be found at www.slac.stanford.edu/gen/edu/education.html.

Changing of the Guard

There’s an inaugural for incoming Director Jonathan Dorfan scheduled for Wednesday, September 1 at 10:30 am outside on The Green in front of the cafeteria. There are also several events being planned to honor outgoing Director Burton Richter. As soon as more details are available for these festivities, QuickNews will be the first to let you know.

Virtual Visitor Center Recognized
SLAC's Virtual Visitor Center (www2.slac.stanford.edu/vvc/) was chosen as a selection for August 18, 1999 Scout Report for Science & Engineering (scout.cs.wisc.edu/report/sci-eng/current/). This report is a biweekly summary of 25 useful Internet sites for researchers, educators, and students in the life sciences, physical sciences, and engineering. Their target audience is science and engineering academics: faculty, students, staff, and librarians. Care is taken in the selection of resources included in the Scout Report. Basic criteria includes quality and depth of content, author credibility, information maintenance, and presentation. The content of each resource is briefly described in each report.

More Office Changes

P.A. Moore has moved from the third floor of the Central Lab to the first floor, in preparation for her new duties as assistant to the new director. Phone and email remain the same, but room number is R102.

The Spencer Chase

It’s the fourth solar eclipse for Cherrill Spencer. This time she was able to combine her astronomical interests with a family visit, since the first landfall of the eclipse was England. Cherrill and her family were at Helston, Cornwall on August 11. “It was very cloudy, which we knew it would be, but we still got a few minutes of viewing.”

FleaMarket

You can post your classified ad using the SLAC FleaMarket Submission form. You can get to the current ads from the Announcements section on the SLAC Home Page. These pages can be viewed from computers within the SLAC domain.

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