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**All Hands Video**

If you missed the All Hands presentations in the Panofsky Auditorium this week, check out the video from the SLAC library. The talk consisted of a science overview of major experiments (about 50 minutes), information about changes in Human Resources (formerly known as Personnel), a word or two about ES&H, and finally, mixed news about the budget.

**Calling Lost Pagers**

Lost pagers are expensive for the laboratory. We are charged $50 to $150 by the vendor for each one. Multiply that fee by the 61 pagers which are assigned to people who are no longer at the lab and you have part of a person’s salary. As we heard in the All Hands talk this week, we are in a budget crunch, so cost saving measures like finding lost pagers add up. Please look around desk drawers, talk to colleagues who have left the lab, and help find lost pagers. For more information, contact the SCS Help Desk x4357.

**Travel Update**

In order to keep up with the workload (read: getting your reimbursement check), the SLAC Travel Reimbursement Office is requesting our support in observing reduced hours when the office is open to drop-in traffic. They would appreciate our cooperation by scheduling our business visit or call only between 8:30-10:30 AM and 1:30-3:30 PM. On another note, Associated Travel Navigant International (known as Associated) will become Stanford University and SLAC’s new travel agent as of December 13, 1999. The travel card will remain with American Express.

**Weird Stuff Possible**

It’s never too late to enjoy adolescence*, so some folks will be dressing (up or down) for Halloween. Don’t be alarmed if some staff members look even more unusual than usual. This holiday coincides with the end of Daylight Savings Time, so change your clocks on Sunday morning and “fall behind” an hour. (*words of wisdom from Lowell Klaisner, who drives that cute little convertible)

**Trivial Pursuit Question**

Which sci-fi movie lists SLAC in the credits? According to recent retiree Dave Coward, who presumably has time to watch movies now, the movie is “E.T.” Says Coward, “I am motion-picture impaired. I haven't seen "2001 - A Space Odyssey" either.” Who out there knows what SLAC provided to the movie? Email Coward at dhc@slac.

**Paper-less Office? Not!**
According to a group called Paper Com, predictions that the Internet would lead to a paperless-society are not exactly coming true. In the U.S., morning newspaper sales, the use of paper checks, and postal volume have all increased. Paper Com cites a Newspaper Association of America study showing that morning newspaper circulation went from 40.4 million copies in 1997 to 45.4 million in 1998. Paper Com also points to statistics from the American Forest and Paper Association, which says annual paper consumption rose from 86.8 million to 99 million tons from 1990 to 1998. Meanwhile, the US Postal Service says mail volume rose from 166.4 billion pieces in 1992 to 199.9 billion last year. People still have the need to feel, mark-up, and store a physical document. Changing behavior is difficult, so perhaps one small step is to avoid printing hard copies of email.

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