SLAC is hosting the annual users' meeting on July 7. The program will be held in the Panofsky Auditorium from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. SLAC Director Dorfan will speak at 10:55 AM and FNAL Director Mike Witherell at 12:05 PM on their respective views of the future of HEP. Other speakers will deal with physics projects and politics.

SLACer for President?

"I received a call from the LA Times last week asking for info on John Hagelin, who said he worked at SLAC in the early 80s. He is apparently running for president under the Natural Law Party," said Lesley Wolf in the Public Affairs Office. Our records guru, Claudia Ransom, confirmed that he was a Post Doc here with the Theory Group and left in 1984. The fact that he was a theorist should be worth a couple of votes.

SLACSpeak Updated

If you're feeling linguistically challenged by Lab acronyms, help is at hand. SLACSpeak is an online database dictionary of terms and acronyms used in all areas of work at SLAC. This database, maintained by the SLAC Archives and History Office, attempts to comprehensively cover all areas of SLAC work which generate their own terms and acronyms. Suggested additions are always welcome, and can be sent to Jean Deken at jmdeken@slac.stanford.edu.

B Factory Data Makes it to DC

Thanks to B factory's efficient Webmasters for posting up-to-date PEP-II/BaBar results. Tim Toohig at DOE was able to add BaBar's impressive luminosity performance chart to the DOE Office of Science's "What's New" Web page.

Book Club Notes

Friday July 28 is the date, and get out your sweaters and mukluks. The group is reading Endurance: An Epic of Polar Adventure, written in 1999 by F.A. Worsley, 310 pages. This is a truly compelling story of an ill-fated adventure to the South Pole with a happy ending. SLAC Theorist BJ Bjorken was so enthralled by the story he made the journey to South Georgia Island to see it for himself. The meeting is in the Computer Building Conference Room A on the 3rd floor from noon to 1:00 PM. Contact Susan Walz at ext. 2557.

Task Force Update

The Communications Task Force wishes to thank all of you who submitted ideas and concerns through the suggestion boxes. The boxes have now been removed, however, if you still wish to
make suggestions, you can do so to a task force member directly. The report is in the process of being written and will be completed by the end of July. If you are interested in looking at the suggestions that have been submitted, please see "Suggestions and Responses" on the Communication Committee Web page.

Whendunit or Whodunit?

Knowing when a crime victim died can help convict the killer, and researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory are developing a system that could help justice prevail. Working with the University of Tennessee's Anthropological Research Facility, they are examining time-dependent chemical and biological markers in hopes of gaining a better understanding of the cadaver decay process. Analyses of decay rates of different organ tissues would be applied toward computational models. The goal is to develop an instrument that could be waved over a body to determine the time since death.

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