Update on Paths in the Main Quad

"The more we dig, the deeper we get." (Was that Aristotle or Yogi Berra who said that?) Excavators are finding soggy soil at 7 feet in many places. To compound the problem, as the subgrades are opened, water oozes into the holes from the surrounding areas. September 21 is still the target completion day but there is now a back up plan, which is to fill all the pathways with fresh base rock, then level and compact the paths for foot traffic. The asphalt finish would be completed after SLAC Family Day on September 23.

Colloquia Resume

A sure sign of the end of summer is the resumption of the Monday Colloquia, starting September 18, at 4:15 pm in the Panofsky Auditorium. Prof. Chilingaryan, head of the Cosmic Ray Division in Armenia, will describe the investigation of galactic and solar cosmic rays at high altitude stations (10,000 ft and 6,000 ft) on Mt. Aragats. These stations are part of the worldwide network of cosmic ray stations that investigate the Extensive Air Shower (EAS) spectrum.

Stanford West Housing

A reminder to SLAC staff and users: housing for Stanford West is handled through Stanford, not the SLAC Housing Office. There has been a lot of interest in the below market rentals, but applicants must go through the University. All the details can be found online.

Musical Directors for DOE

Hermann Grunder, director of DOE’s Jefferson Lab for the past 15 years, will become director at Argonne as of November 1. The selection of Grunder, 69, ends a two-year search. ANL is one of DOE’s multiprogram labs, while Thomas Jefferson is a single-purpose lab. ANL has 4,200 employees and a $465-million budget. Before heading to Thomas Jefferson, Grunder was deputy director for general sciences at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from 1983 to 1985. (Now, who wants a lab director job in beautiful downtown Newport News?)
http://www.anl.gov/OPA/ucrelease.htm

Tech Jobs Go Begging

A DOE press release says that "one out of two new tech jobs goes unfilled in the US." DOE held a roundtable discussion this week with seven women scientists to address the lack of diversity in the science labor market. Specific measures were outlined including aggressive outreach and recruiting, formal training for scientists and managers to serve as volunteer mentors and creating a "report card" for lab directors, contractors and managers to monitor progress in equal opportunity across all DOE facilities.

Trapping Single Atoms for a Better View
A whole new technology awaits exploration with the discovery of a technique for trapping single atoms. Researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Nanocrystals Technology in Briarcliff, N.Y., have collaborated to cage single europium atoms in nanocrystals not much larger than the atoms themselves. The process enables them to study the properties of a single atom at room temperature using conventional microscopy techniques. This is far more practical than methods that require cooling the atoms to cryogenic temperatures or trapping atoms in the gas phase using ion trap mass spectrometers. Potential applications lie in computing, optical sensing and display systems.

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