Faculty Senate Meeting at SLAC Gets Good Press

Stanford Report gave front-page coverage to the meeting of the Faculty Senate that was held at SLAC last week. In his remarks before the tour, SLAC Director Jonathan Dorfan condensed 20 years of research into 20 minutes to allow plenty of time for the tour. Senators were taken to BaBar, SSRL and the Klystron Gallery.

GLAST Update

Our partnership with astrophysics is moving along. This week scientists from the Naval Research Lab (Goddard Space Flight Center) are at SLAC to assemble the calorimeter that will be used in a balloon flight test. The machine is located in Building 33 and is currently taking data on cosmic rays. The balloon test is scheduled for this summer and is part of the GLAST program that will launch a space-based telescope in 2005.

Spanish Classes Continue

Continuing Spanish starts Monday February 5. Class will be held at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Yellow Room in the A&E Building. To register call Barbara Johnson at ext. 2354 or send email to: Barbara@slac.stanford.edu

Memorial Tree Relocation

The Gerry Fischer memorial tree is scheduled to be relocated on either Monday or Tuesday, January 22-23. The three other trees will be relocated today. The soil at the new locations has been tested and the results are all good, indicating that the trees should do well after the transplant. “An excavation permit has been secured,” says Luda Fieguth who is in charge of the project.

Outlook Classes Continue

The Outlook class is scheduled for Thursday, January 25 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The Intro to WinNT is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31 from 9:00 - 4:00 pm. Mary Crume indicates that if you are interested, it is necessary to sign up today or these two classes will be canceled. For more information or to sign up see the SLAC Computer Education Calendar of Classes.

Petty Cash Hours Change

Beginning February 1, 2001, the afternoon hours for petty cash reimbursement will be changed from 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm to 2 pm - 3 pm. The Petty Cash Office (Bldg. 041, Room 208) will be open in the mornings from 9-10 am as usual. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact the Petty Cash Custodian, Pat Dungan (ext. 2226 or email Patricia Dungan).
UC Contract for Lab Management Renewed

The Department of Energy awarded the contract to run Los Alamos and Livermore Labs to the University of California system through 2005. UC has been the sole manager of the labs, overseeing both since 1943. There was some controversy over the renewal due to recent security lapses at Los Alamos. The contract renewal was criticized by some who thought that the DOE should invite competitive bidding, according to news reports.

Highest Density of Matter Created

Scientists at Brookhaven’s RHIC say they used a particle accelerator to smash the nuclei of gold atoms together to make the highest density of matter ever created in an experiment. Physicists who studied the collisions concluded that densities more than 20 times higher than those within the nuclei of ordinary matter had been produced. Physicists hope the violent collisions will break protons and neutrons into their subcomponents - quarks and gluons - further revealing the internal structure of nuclei. The Brookhaven scientists said measurements at the accelerator, if confirmed, indicate they produced matter with a density approaching two times the record announced last year at CERN.

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