Editor’s Note: This is my last QuickNews since I am leaving SLAC to take another job. At press time, it is unknown who will be responsible for taking over my various tasks, but there is some hope that QN will continue. Stay tuned. pamore89@hotmail.com

Wellness Coordinator Position Eliminated

The Wellness Coordinator position has been eliminated from the Medical Department with the renewal of the contract with Sequoia Hospital. Because of this, there will be only one quarterly lecture and NOW News will now be quarterly instead of monthly. The Medical Department will continue to provide lunchtime classes and will collaborate to keep wellness activities going without the coordinator.

Volunteers Needed

Several lab initiatives need volunteers to step forward for successful results. “We need help with Take Our Daughters to Work,” says HR’s Brenda Warren. “We also need more people to serve on the Employee Awards Committee,” she says. Contact Warren at ext 2355.

Book Club Update

On Friday, March 30, in the Blue Room, the SLAC Book Club will discuss the book which won the Pulitzer Prize a year ago, The Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri. Read the first chapter or a review online.

Refuse to Be a Victim

Carol Burke, from Communities Against Crime, will give a presentation on Crime Awareness & Personal Safety on Wednesday, March 7 in the TCC (A&B) from noon to 1:00 PM. The seminar is designed to educate you and your loved ones on how to avoid being the victim of a violent crime. Lightning Bolt II, a non-lethal weapon (that works like mace, but with different ingredients so you don't need a license to carry it) will be available for purchase following the seminar. To register, contact Ericka in the Medical Department, ext. 2281.

Dorfan Talk on Channel 51

The SLAC overview given by Jonathan Dorfan for the Faculty Senate visit in January will be broadcast on The Stanford Channel on March 5 at 8:30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. (March 6).

Device delivers on-the-spot warnings

Scientists at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory have created an automated system that purifies soil, as well as air and water samples. Called BEADS, for Biodetection Enabling Analyte Delivery System, it was created for use in a biological warfare detector. BEADS cleans samples so that micro-organisms can be identified in places like food processing lines and water treatment plants. Now it's being enhanced to monitor health hazards on submarines in a Navy-sponsored program.
led by the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology. BEADS can be used in chemical, protein, nucleic acid or whole-cell detectors.

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