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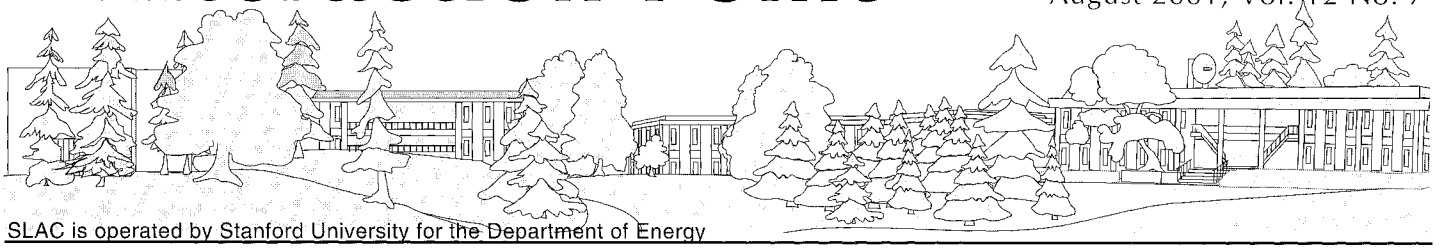

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ES&H Welcomes New Associate Director

WITH A CHEERFUL DEMEANOR and a firm handshake, Irene Boczek greeted her co-workers in the Environment, Safety, and Health (ES&H) Division. Boczek joined SLAC as the new Associate Director of ES&H on July 9th. Jumping right into the midst of things, her first days were filled with meetings and reports, all of which she welcomed with enthusiasm for the projects and people with whom she'll be working. "We are here to support great physics research. Importantly, SLAC has made ES&H integral to that mission. I am excited to be working with the SLAC team to further that approach and SLAC's goals."

Boczek comes to SLAC from Genentech, a leading biotechnology company, where she spent five years as the Director of their ES&H program. The initial decision to go into environment, safety, and health studies was, for Boczek, an easy one. "It's a wonderful combination of avocation and vocation."

Boczek is a native Californian. She grew up in Riverside and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from UC-San Diego. From there, she joined General Electric (GE) as an environment, health, and safety engineer and moved with the company to the East Coast. Taking time out to further her education, Boczek studied at Yale University and received a Master's degree in Environmental Studies. After she rejoined GE, the company sent her to New Mexico where she advanced into project management positions on their corporate staff. At the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, she obtained another Master's degree in management. After all that business travel, Boczek decided it was time to return home to California. "California has beaches, mountains, and most of my family—it's the perfect place."

At the end of a long day at work, Boczek loves to spend time with her family. Her husband of 12 years, Jerome Stefanko, is a physician at Kaiser Permanente. Her two children are her delight and joy. Nicholas is three years old and, according to his proud mother, "he's Superman." Her daughter, Alexa, is six and "she likes to give long explanations about everything." They share their home with three tortoises and lots of fish.

While taking her daughter to art lessons, Boczek discovered her current hobby, painting. Using acrylics and mixed mediums, she enjoys painting portraits. After work, she can pour the attention and focus that she uses at work into her painting and let the worries of the day fade away.

–Larissa Williams

Kase Steps Down

(Photos: L. Williams)

KEN KASE HEADED UP the ES&H Division as its Associate Director for nearly seven years before stepping down in July. Under his leadership, the ES&H program at SLAC was rated as 'outstanding' by the DOE. SLAC is indebted to Kase for his years of excellent leadership and dedicated service in this important role. We will still see Kase around the laboratory as he continues to pursue his career at SLAC.

Director's Corner

–Jonathan Dorfan

MUCH HAS HAPPENED WITHIN our SLAC community this past month.

SSRL completed, once again, a most successful run, with more than 700 individual experimental starts accomplished in the past nine months. The SPEAR facility and its operations crew will take a well-earned rest until the machine is brought back on line in October 2001.

There is excellent news concerning the Linear Coherent Light Source (LCLS), which has been elevated to CD0 (Critical Decision 0) status by the DOE. This constitutes the approval of the "Mission Need," and makes it part of the DOE's roadmap for future construction. CD0 authorizes SLAC to proceed to a Conceptual Design Report for the LCLS.

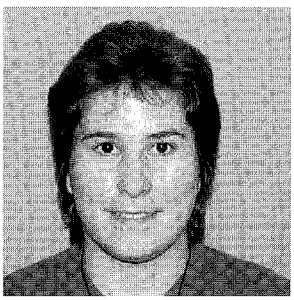
PEP-II had a record month, producing more data than in any previous month of its short life. They crossed a new threshold of 200 pb^{-1} for total integrated luminosity recorded in a single day. The *BaBar* detector group has taken full advantage of the outstanding PEP-II performance by submitting more than 10 publications so far to the prestigious journal *Physical Review Letters*. Excitement was at a fevered pitch with the announcement of their first major discovery, namely the observation of CP violation in the neutral *B* meson system (`http://www.slac.stanford.edu/slac/media-info/20010706/cpviolation.html`). This result has been heralded by the world physics community and received worldwide press coverage.

A large contingent of SLAC staff and many of our users were among the 1100 physicists that gathered together in Snowmass Village, Colorado, for a three-week workshop entitled "Snowmass 2001: A Summer Study on the Future of Particle Physics" (`http://snowmass2001.org/`). By far, the hottest topic of debate was whether the United States should seek to be the host of the Next Linear Collider. In this regard, we will have to wait for the recommendations of the HEPAP subpanel (see Director's Corner in the June issue of *TIP*) which are anticipated later this year.

In the area of management, we took three major steps forward in the past month. Greg Loew is our new Deputy Director. Irene Boczek has taken the helm as Associate Director for the ES&H Division. Neil Calder will move from CERN in November 2001 as the first Director of the Office for Communications at SLAC.

I hope in this busy time that you and your family are able to enjoy some well-earned summer vacation. My wife, Renee, and I are taking a week off at the beginning of August so we can re-energize our engines.

In Memory of Katherine Pope



THE SLAC COMMUNITY WAS saddened and shocked at the tragic death of Katherine Pope, who was struck and killed on Sand Hill Road while bicycling to SLAC on the morning of July 5th. Katherine was a bright, gifted young woman who had a true love not only for physics but also for history, art, and animals. With her warm personality and quirky sense of humor, she quickly won friends among her colleagues. She was also a talented artist who was working on a comic strip entitled "Quantum Kid."

Katherine's work in physics began in the machine shop at Smith College, where she did an excellent job fabricating pieces of the detectors used in the recent engineering run of E-158, an experiment in End Station A studying parity violation in electron-electron scattering. Under a grant from her physics advisor Professor Piotr Decowski, she joined the E-158 team at SLAC on May 21st to participate in the actual data-taking, and to undertake a detailed analysis of the physics results. She quickly mastered the analysis software and had just begun to uncover important information about background conditions at the time of the accident. Although only 20 years old, she had already made significant contributions to E-158 that earned her a place on the publication list. The collaboration and all of those who knew her at SLAC will sorely miss her.

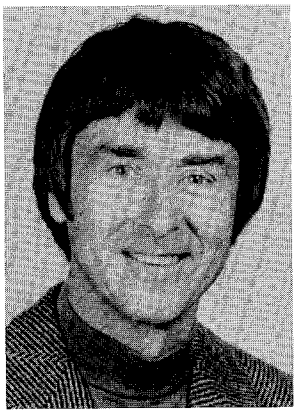
A memorial service was held on July 12th at Sharon Park, close to SLAC, while simultaneous services were held at her graveside in Texas, and at Smith College in Massachusetts. The following Sunday, a memorial bike ride was held with well over 100 participants, including several from SLAC.

Katherine was born in 1981, the only child of James and Linda Pope. James is an architect and Linda trained as a physicist. Katherine had completed two years at Smith College, where she was majoring in both physics and history, and was preparing to spend her junior year at the University of Edinburgh, studying medieval swords.

At the memorial service, SLAC Director Jonathan Dorfan announced the establishment of the Katherine Pope Summer Internship. It will be awarded annually to a bright undergrad wishing to work at SLAC for a summer.

–Peter and Ann Bosted

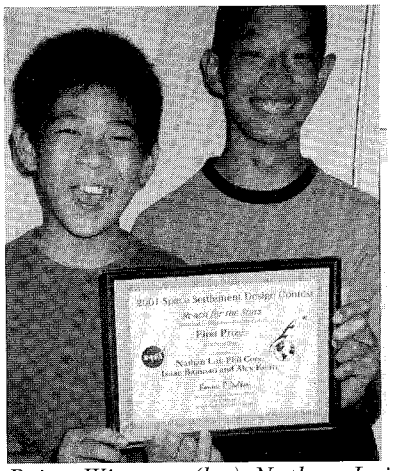
O'Neill's Legacy: Visions for the Young



GERARD K. O'NEILL, THE LATE Princeton experimental physicist, was an early advocate of using colliding beams from charged-particle storage rings to experiment with high-energy interactions. As early as 1956, he published a letter in *Physical Review* entitled "Storage-Ring Synchrotron: Device for High-Energy Physics Research," leading the way to experimental high-energy physics and synchrotron radiation laboratories for decades to come. At Stanford, O'Neill collaborated with Pief Panofsky, Burton Richter, David Ritson and others to build the first practical electron storage rings. By 1965, the rings had produced sufficiently high circulating currents to enable the first electron-electron colliding-beam experiments to be performed at a center-of-mass energy much higher than previously achievable by any fixed-target technique. SPEAR followed in 1972, and the rest is history.

Less well known was O'Neill's belief in the inevitability of mankind's breaking out into space, initially by building space settlements in the solar system and later by sending out self-replicating probes to populate the galaxy. Using elementary principles of physics and engineering, he was among the first to demonstrate how a large human habitat could be built and placed in space, and how it might be organized. His initial paper entitled "The Colonization of Space" (*Physics Today*, 1974) was followed by his book "The High Frontier" (William Morrow, 1977). He had technical directorship of two summer studies on space resources and designs of space settlements in 1975 and 1977 at NASA Ames Research Center. His works, along with the privately funded Space Studies Institute that he founded in 1978, have helped stimulate and sustain interest in space colonization.

Were O'Neill alive today, he would be happy to see that many children are now exposed to ideas about space settlements as he envisioned them. Over the last few years, Ames has organized an annual contest in space-settlement design open to students all over the world. Nathan Lui, son of Patrick Lui (TTR), and Alex Kreitz, son of Doug Kreitz (BSD) and Pat Kreitz (TIS), participated in the 2001 contest as an elective along with two fellow 7th graders from Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto. Their work won first prize for entries from 6th through 9th grades. Their entry, entitled "Cowboy Frontier," was submitted to Ames in January 2001. It described how a chance discovery of a wormhole sometime in the future allowed the placement of space station Cowboy on the far side of the wormhole where a planet in another solar system could be mined for earth's benefit. Materials would be processed and shipped back to earth via another space station called Cowgirl on Earth's side of the wormhole. Their study included space station placement, structure and design, social system and government, agriculture and aquaculture, life support, robotics, transportation, asteroid defense, and recreation for the inhabitants.



Prize Winners (l-r) Nathan Lui and Alex Kreitz.

Parents interested in this kind of exercise for their children should contact science teachers in their children's schools. For information on the NASA-Ames space-settlement design contest, see: `http://lifesci3.arc.nasa.gov/SpaceSettlement/`.

–Patrick Lui

Loew Named Deputy Director

GREGORY LOEW HAS BEEN named deputy director of SLAC. Loew recently celebrated 40 years at SLAC. His new job involves performing several different, critical functions, one of the most important of which is communicating with the lab's international collaborators.

Final Call for EPAC Proposals

THE NEXT EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM Advisory Committee (EPAC) meeting will be held on September 24 and 25 at SLAC. Proposals and Letters of Intent should be sent to the Secretary to the EPAC (Charles Young, MS 96, or young@slac.stanford.edu) no later than August 24, 2001.

You can find more information on EPAC at `http://www.slac.stanford.edu/grp/rd/epac/index.htm`.

–Charlie Young

SCS No Longer Supports The Macintosh Platform

OVER THE LAST FEW years, SCS has folded down support of the Macintosh and helped users migrate to supported desktop platforms such as Windows NT and RedHat Linux.

Due to the need to focus scarce resources on the supported computing platforms, SCS no longer supports the Macintosh. In addition, a legacy protocol such as AppleTalk that is used by pre-8.1 versions of the Macintosh OS can no longer be implemented on the next generation lab network.

For users, this means:

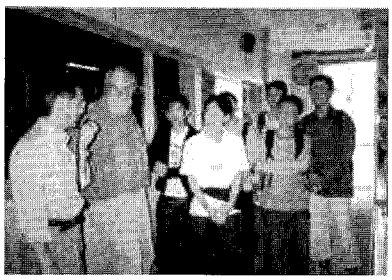
1. New Macintosh systems should not be purchased. Any exceptions need signature approval from their division's Associate Director. Please write out a purchase requisition to a vendor of your choice if your Macintosh needs hardware repair.
2. SCS no longer maintains Macintosh software (software on Public Disk 1, anti-virus, X Window, e-mail clients, etc.). The departments and users are responsible for the total cost of maintaining the Macintosh, keeping up with anti-virus software, etc.
3. AppleTalk protocol will no longer be routed between subnets on the SLAC network starting September 30, 2001. Devices which are on different IP subnets will not be able to communicate with each other using AppleTalk protocol.
4. Windows NT servers currently provide a common file space that can be shared by both NT and Mac users, and is also backed up (MacGroups). Unless we can find some other alternative, when SLAC migrates to Windows 2000 this service is not likely to continue due to the inability of Mac clients to authenticate with the more secure NTLMv2.

Please contact your local administrator or desktop-admin@slac.stanford.edu for migrating existing Macintosh users to supported desktop systems. Many of those with special business needs have already contacted SCS Desktop Support; if you have not done so, please contact us.

For more information, please see the web pages (`http://www2.slac.stanford.edu/comp/mac/`).

–Andrea Chan

Visitors from Hong Kong



Bebo White (second from left) and a co-worker introduced the lab facilities at SLAC to the visitors.

ON JUNE 27th, SLAC hosted the winners of the 2000 BSPU/SCMP Web Design Competition from Hong Kong. This competition was co-organized by the Business & Services Promotion Unit (BSPU) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the South China Morning Post (SCMP), Hong Kong's leading English newspaper. The objective of the competition was to enhance the entrants' understanding of Hong Kong's service economy and to encourage them to equip themselves for challenges by participating in a practical and stimulating exercise. Among the prizes awarded the winners was an all expenses paid trip to California including visits to such attractions as San Francisco and Disneyland. In addition to SLAC, the ten young visitors also toured Intel and NASA.

The competition winners were introduced to SLAC by Patrick Lui (TTR), Ruth McDunn (TIS), June Sison (EA), Nina Stolar (PAO), Bebo White (SCS), and Charlie Young (EA). Accompanied by a representative of BSPU and a reporter from the SCMP, the group was given an overview of the evolution of the SLAC Web site, an item of special interest to them, as well as a briefing on the high-energy physics program at the laboratory. When given an opportunity to critique some of the SLAC Web pages (especially the Virtual Visitor Center), their responses were interesting and insightful. They were later given "the Grand Tour" of the laboratory's scientific facilities.

The winners at the Hong Kong airport prepare to leave for their trip to California.

When the day ended, the students were filled with awe as they expressed how impressed they were with the rich history of SLAC coupled with the down-to-earth personalities of their tour guides. One student commented, "You do important things here [at SLAC] and everyone is so friendly and kind."

–Bebo White

From the SLAC Library

Let's Ask Georgia!

WITH THE INK STILL wet on her diploma in Business Administration from San Jose State, Georgia Row walked shyly into her first 'real' job with the SLAC Library on July 27, 1970. "I was hired as a typist clerk," she recalls. "A degree in business administration back then just made me a glorified secretary. I had to take a ten-minute typing test. I made more errors than god knows what." Learning to type on the job, she hunted and pecked her way to Computer Programmer I. Needless to say, with all the input going into the SPIRES database, her typing speed went way up!

Row is an expert on the Stanford Public Information Retrieval System (SPIRES) Database. When the Library developed SPIRES, Row recalls, "I learned SPIRES along with everyone else. It's what I like about my work, and why I've stayed. I like to learn new things."

Her thirty years of experience at the laboratory and in the physics community at large have made her a database unto herself. No paper or book can hide from Row. "Let's ask Georgia!" is usually the answer to a fruitless shelf and database search. She is also the interlibrary loan specialist, and can find and arrange for delivery of books and documents from Stanford University and libraries worldwide.

Computers have definitely changed her work. "The preprint (PPF) list had to be typed up, and sent to the printer by Wednesday. Then the list was mailed out." The PPF list is now available at your desktop computer by mid-day each Friday (`http://www.slac.stanford.edu/library/documents/newppf.html`).

Remember card catalogues—those oak cabinets with rows of drawers stuffed with 3" x 5" cards? Book processing "the old fashioned way" as Row put it, was a laborious task, akin to Monday washday with a scrubbing board and clothesline. "We had to type up a blue stencil for each book with the bibliographic information. If you made a mistake, you had to plug the hole with blue correction fluid and type over it. Then you had to print a title card, a call number card, an author and however many subject cards with a hand press thing. They were always wet. We did book processing on Fridays to let the cards dry over the weekend." The library catalogue is now a SPIRES database and once a book is processed (i.e., entered into the computer by the acquisitions librarian Victoria Sha), it can be found with a few key strokes.

While libraries have a reputation as quiet (Shhh!), sedate work environments, there have been a few lively moments in the SLAC Library during Row's career.

"Arsella Raman specialized in bird rehabilitation. She brought in some baby starlings she had rescued in a box because she had to feed them every hour. They were very noisy. One of the fledglings escaped. We chased it all over before we finally caught it." Raman finally switched to rescuing mourning doves, which cooed softly.

And while there are usually no emergencies, one hot summer a few years ago it 'rained' in the library. "I was just getting ready to barbeque when Pat [Kreitz] called. They were working on the roof at that time, and somehow the fire sprinklers in the Library went off. It was a mess. The water was up to here," she said, indicating a point halfway between her knee and ankle. "We were called in over the weekend to clean up. Books had to be sent to be freeze dried and noisy humidifiers were going all the time."

Everyone who has worked with Row knows she handles her work with ease and humor. The secret to her longevity and job satisfaction? When the job changed, "I changed with the job. I learned new things," she said.

–Lesley Wolf

Tips from *TIP*

- **"Bring Our Boys To SLAC Day"will be held on** Thursday, 8/9/01. Deadline for signing up is August 3. For more info, see `http://www-project.slac.stanford.edu/bringourboys/HomePage.htm`. For more information, contact Teresa Troxel at x3135.
- **SEM Outage Alert System**, a new feature of the SEM Site Service Desk, will keep us all better informed; see current listings at `http://www-group.slac.stanford.edu/sem/sem-main.html`. For more information, contact Pete Budrunas at x2271.
- **Carmella Huser (Human Resources)**, x2358 replaces Jean Hubbard (Purchasing) as one of two Sexual Harassment Advisors. Bob Fuller, x2192, (Electronics & Software Engineering) is the other advisor.
- **Family Giving Tree**—to donate school supplies to Bay Area underprivileged children. Pick up a "wish card" at donation barrels located in HR (Bldg. 41, Rm. 240), the Cafeteria, and MCC (Bldg. 5). This would be a good project for departments to get involved in as a team! For more info, see `http://www.familygivingtree.org` or call Teri Peterson, x3245.

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The Science of Communicating at SLAC

(Photo T. Peterson)

Technical Communicators (l-r): Larissa Williams, Roxanne Jones, Cheryl Hultquist, and Gene Holden.

BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF the Communications Committee in March 2000, a group of SLAC employees was already dedicated to improving communication at SLAC. They are called technical communicators. These four individuals—Gene Holden, Cheryl Hultquist, Roxanne Jones, and Larissa Williams—play a major role in the production of much of the printed and web-based documentation here at SLAC. They all are members of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), an international professional organization of writers, editors, and managers dedicated to improving technical communications.

For the layperson, the term 'technical communicator' may sound formidable but, simply defined, a technical communicator is someone who takes complex information and turns it into something that his or her audience can understand. This is accomplished through a blending of writing and editing skills in addition to document and graphic design, and desktop and web publishing skills. Terms such as white space, chunking, serif and sans serif fonts are common amongst technical communicators. Every thought or action made during the production process is done with one thing in mind: making the content readable and understandable for the audience.

The skills of the SLAC technical communicators can be seen in a variety of SLAC documentation.

Holden and Williams both work in the ES&H Division. Holden, who is also a trainer in ES&H, produces much of the site's training material and is currently working on her certification in Instructional Design. She is a senior member of STC and recently won a merit award in the STC 2000 Northern California Technical Communications Competition for her work on the 1999 Site Environmental Report.

Working with Holden, Williams produces Updates from the ES&H Division, ES&H Bulletins and chapters for the ES&H Manual. She recently compiled the University Technical Representative (UTR) Manual and also manages the ES&H website.

Hultquist's skills as a technical communicator, in addition to her participation in the STC Policies and Procedures Special Interest Group (SIG), enables her to single-handedly produce all of the documentation used by the Accelerator Department (AD) operators. This is no small task as accelerator operations are key to the research conducted here. Hultquist recently inherited the task of providing the technical writing skills required to revise and keep the Guidelines for Operations current. This publication is an important policy document at SLAC. Hultquist also manages the AD website.

Jones, who was once a member of the ES&H writing team, now works in the Technical Publications department and applies her skills to various projects ranging from editing scientific papers and assembling conference proceedings to content development for web pages. Most recently, she organized and developed content for the revised Human Resources website. Jones is a member of the STC Scientific Communication SIG and is currently fine-tuning the SLAC Electronic Conference Proceedings (eConf) site. Jones began SLAC's winning streak in STC competitions by receiving an achievement award in the 1999 Northern California Technical Communications Competition.

Through their professional affiliation with STC, SLAC's technical communicators are staying current with the latest trends in the field of communication, thus ensuring that information at SLAC is communicated effectively and successfully.

–Roxanne Jones

NOTE: Since this article was written, Hillary Russak rejoined SLAC in early July as the writing team coordinator for the ES&H Division. Russak, also an active member in STC, is working on her degree in Technical Communication at San Francisco State University, and adds yet more expertise to SLAC's technical communication efforts.

Get Your New Badge!

ARE YOU KEEPING UP with the latest fashion trend at SLAC? The new SLAC identification badge, which meets the requirements of the DOE Common Badge, is now being issued to SLAC employees, Contractors and Users. Be sure to stop by Trailer 206 to replace your badge, before the end of the year. After 12/31/01 you must have a new, current badge with you to enter Radiologically Controlled Areas throughout the site. Don't risk being unable to do your job!

2001 TALK, WALK, CLEAN PROGRAM: How Are We Doing So Far?

IN THIS YEAR'S TWC Program, the teams strived to improve the environmental safety and health of SLAC and their work areas. Efforts of the 19 Talk, 20 Walk, and 50 Clean Teams are briefly highlighted below.

The Talk Program resulted in a total of 37 issues of which 12 issues were deemed Site-Wide concerns that are being reviewed by the Safety & Environmental Discussions Assistance Committee. The Divisions are addressing 25 issues.

Site-Wide issues had the following distribution: Transportation Safety, seven issues; Resource Conservation/Environmental Performance (RC/EP), three issues; Slips, Trips and Falls, one issue; and Industrial Safety, one issue. Transportation Safety issues included: increasing parking and sidewalk areas to address increased traffic flow and pedestrian safety; promoting more attention to traffic signs and speed limit rules; correcting hazardous traffic patterns at the Main Gate; and controlling traffic from the construction of the new Research Office Building to address pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety. RC/EP issues included better reuse of parts/equipment rather than sending to Salvage, providing lighting occupancy sensors at offices/shops to conserve electric power usage; and increasing bicycle usage to reduce pollution and fuel usage.

Highlights of this year's issues are:

- **Trips, Slips and Falls**: Slips on wet floors caused by leaky roofs and trips caused by deteriorating stairways and handrails.
- **Electrical Safety**: Bringing electrical grounding standards up for Klystron Gallery equipment (cable trays, modulators, other); worker safety protection when testing energized magnets; and using lock and tag procedures more frequently.
- **Emergency Preparedness**: Increasing the frequency of emergency evacuation drills to twice a year; restocking earthquake safety kits; and considering audible local alarms in various buildings during emergencies.

Additional information on the Site-Wide and Division Talk issues is available at the web site: `http://www.slac.stanford.edu/esh/standdown/standdown.html`. Call Ellen Moore (x4298) if you have questions about navigating through the web site.

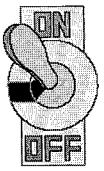
The Walk Program resulted in numerous observations such as computers and components cluttering floors and work space; loose cables hanging from ceilings or cluttering walkways; unsecured objects or cabinets that may become hazardous in earthquakes; lack of exit signs in corridors; improperly tagged fire extinguishers; hazardous material containers not labeled or without lids; fluorescent lamps without safety barriers; lights and computer monitors left on; and the need for additional electrical outlets. Corrective actions were implemented or are in progress.

The Clean Program included various activities such as cleaning up cluttered offices, laboratory space, storage cabinets, and bookshelves; removing tripping hazards; recycling materials and sending property to Salvage. Clean team activities resulted in approximately 3.5 tons of recyclable paper/cardboard, one 30-cubic yard dumpster and three drums of scrap metal, 16 pallets of salvageable materials, and some office furniture.

On behalf of the Safety & Environmental Discussions Assistance Committee, we would like to thank all of you who participated in the program this year.

–SEDAC

Energy Management Update



SLAC IS INITIATING NEW energy conservation projects pertaining to lighting efficiency and control. One of the highest priority projects on our list is the replacement of all existing lighting fixtures in the Klystron Gallery with new, energy-efficient ones. The estimated saving for this project is 4,600,000 kW-hours per year, assuming a round-the-clock mode of operation and also that the entire gallery lighting systems will have been upgraded. As a test of this proposal, we are upgrading Sector 12 lighting with the help of the Klystron Gallery Building Manager, Al Baker, and Assistant Building Manager, Tom Graul. We also plan to explore the possibility of installing prismatic skylights with photocell sensors that will turn the lights on at night in some areas. For some of the selected Klystron Gallery lighting circuits, installation of occupancy sensors may be appropriate.

Many people are concerned about wasted energy at SLAC, especially where they think the lighting to be excessive or inefficient. We are now developing a scope of work for the replacement of old, inefficient lighting and the installation of occupancy sensors and timers for many SLAC buildings. Meanwhile, please continue implementing simple no-cost or low-cost energy conservation measures. A few SLAC Building Managers have assessed energy waste in their buildings and found ways of reducing it. As an example, Mary Regan is experimenting with occupancy sensors in the Test Lab (Building 044). We at SEM continue to help and support others with energy reduction initiatives.

–Luda Fieguth

News from the Web Information Manager
Ruth McDunn, mcdunn@slac

Hold Your Cookies!

WEB DESIGNERS BEWARE! Due to privacy concerns, use of cookies on DOE funded web sites is restricted. Although not completely prohibited, cookie use on publicly accessible web sites must meet specific criteria and be approved by the DOE Chief Information Officer.

In web terms, a cookie is a small text file placed on your computer by the web server being visited. Cookies are often used to identify repeat visitors or to tailor the information you might see when you are browsing. A "session cookie" is used only during the browser session, and goes away when you close the browser. A "persistent cookie" is a file placed on your computer for long term monitoring of your use of the site. This cookie will reside on your hard drive for an extended time period, either until it expires or you remove it. If you choose, you can disallow cookies from within your web browser.

Being the first web site outside of CERN, SLAC has a vast number of publicly accessible web pages but only one entry page intended for the public—the Welcome Page at `http://www.slac.stanford.edu`. For some time, session cookies were being generated when the phonebook look-up form was used. This is no longer the case and the Welcome Page (and immediate links from it) is cookie free. The privacy policy (look for the link at the bottom of the page) has also been updated. Take a look. Contact me if you have questions about the use of cookies on the SLAC website.

Leave Fido at Home, Please!

IT'S MID-MORNING AND YOU wonder why your allergies are acting up, making you miserable and unable to work effectively. Suddenly a "yap" comes from the office down the hall, and you know it's not just a frustrated physicist. It's a four-legged hair carrier called a dog, and the shared air conditioning system has brought his dander right into your office—lucky you. You'd rather not be seen as the Grinch, but you also don't think you were hired to sit at your desk with eyes watering so that someone else could have a 'pal' at work.

A few situations such as this were brought to the attention of the Operating Safety Committee, and a response is found in the memo sent by Human Resources Director Lee Lyon to the SLAC Directorate on October 8, 1996, regarding "Dogs at Work." Referencing a previous policy statement on this issue and pointing out the "potential for serious liability caused by dog bites or other problems," Lyon states that we should "ban dogs from routinely being in the workplace."

The exceptions are a seeing-eye dog or isolated incident (e.g., vet appointment), but "the general rule...is that it is unacceptable for people to routinely bring their dogs to work, even though they may argue that the dog would not bite or cause other problems." As we saw in the scenario above, shared air conditioning systems virtually string offices together into one big living room for Fido's hair. For the sake of the health and comfort of SLAC's inhabitants, please make other arrangements for dog care during the day—and look forward to the reward of that energetic tail wag when you return home!

–Janice Dabney, Chair
Operating Safety Committee

Milestones

BIRTHS

Cervantes, Teresa, HR, gave birth 4/24/01 to daughter Sofia Elena Juarez
West, Sharon, TIS, gave birth 5/24/01 to daughter Chloe West

AWARDS

Fox, John, ARDA, recipient of the 2000-2001 Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University

DECEASED

Pope, Katherine, ESA, age 20, Smith College student working on E-158, on 7/5/01

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Work Safe, Work Smart

An injury involving days away from work occurred on 6/26/01 according to Sharon Haynes, Workers' Compensation Coordinator. The number of calendar days between then and the last injury of 6/14/01 is 12 days. SLAC's record number of days between claims involving days away from work remains at 184 days.