

Calendar

[Have a safe day!](#)

Friday, Aug. 6

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4 p.m.

[Joint Experimental-Theoretical Physics Seminar](#) - One West

Speaker: Arafat Gabareen

Mokhtar, SLAC National

Accelerator Laboratory

Title: Charmonium-Like States, Real or Fake

Monday, Aug. 9

THERE WILL BE NO

PARTICLE ASTROPHYSICS SEMINAR TODAY

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO ALL

EXPERIMENTERS' MEETING THIS WEEK

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Weather



Sunny
83°/61°

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Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Feature

Constructing the camera: building DECam at Fermilab



Construction of the Dark Energy Camera is taking place at Fermilab.

Deep in the heart of the Illinois prairie, scientists at Fermilab are constructing a giant camera that will take snapshots of the night sky. The Dark Energy Camera, an extremely sensitive 570-megapixel digital camera, will survey a large area of the southern sky out to vast distances in order to provide new clues as to why the expansion of the universe is accelerating. Once completed, the Dark Energy Survey collaboration will mount the camera on the Blanco 4-meter telescope at Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory high in the Chilean Andes. DECAM will begin operating in 2011.

[Listen to an audio broadcast](#) about the Dark Energy Camera and its construction by Andrea Mustain.

Special Announcement

Removal of H1N1 Temporary Sick Leave policy

Due to the steady decline in both frequency and severity of influenza-like illness across the laboratory throughout 2010, WDRS has removed the Temporary Changes to Sick Leave (Influenza-Like Illness) policy from the Fermilab personnel policies. The [standard sick leave policy](#) is in effect immediately. If you need to request leave to care for a family member, please contact the Benefits Department to review your options for [FMLA leave](#). If you have questions about influenza-like illness, please contact the Medical Office at x3232. Please note that the U.S. Food and

Recovery Act

ARRA funds improvements to west side of Wilson Hall



Fermilab used Recovery Act funds to make improvements to the outdoor, ground floor entrance area of the west side of Wilson Hall.

Construction workers have entered the final phase of the Wilson Hall generator installation project. By late September, Fermilab will use about \$160,000 in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to complete safety upgrades and landscaping on the west side of the high-rise.

Workers from [Don Bohr and Sons Inc.](#), a subcontractor for Pandecon Inc., have widened the entrance to the Medical Office to 9 feet so that they can install a double door.

"This will help emergency personnel better access the medical area if they have to get somebody out," said Jim Niehoff of Fermilab's Facilities Engineering Services Section.

The construction crew recently renovated the sidewalks approaching the medical entrance and lowered the curbs to allow emergency vehicles to park closer to the doors. The crew eventually will create a 50-by-20-foot walkway paved with red concrete between Wilson Hall and the Linac.

The colored pavement area will caution vehicles to reduce speed where pedestrians cross, Niehoff said.

Last month workers planted new grass and six honey locust trees near the entrance. In August they will install a bike rack in a newly paved area that will accommodate parking for 16 bicycles and five motorcycles. Crews also will add new benches and redo the exterior lighting.

Wilson Hall Cafe

Friday, Aug. 6

- Breakfast: Chorizo burrito
- Smart cuisine: Italian vegetable soup
- Teriyaki chicken
- Southern fried chicken
- Mediterranean baked tilapia
- Eggplant parmesan panini
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Assorted sub sandwiches

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)**Chez Leon**

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Lunch

- Stuffed summer vegetables
- Tomato & mozzarella salad
- Vanilla bean cheesecake w/ fresh strawberries

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x3524 to make your reservation.

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Drug Administration recently announced that it has approved vaccines for the 2010-2011 influenza season in the United States. The seasonal influenza vaccine protects against three strains of influenza, including the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, which [caused the 2009 pandemic](#). Watch for information from the Medical Office in early fall about the availability of seasonal influenza vaccination for Fermilab employees.

In the News**Senate COMPETES bill passed by committee**

From *The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News*, Aug. 5, 2010

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee has passed its version of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act. At a low-key executive session on July 22, the committee considered this bill, S. 3605, along with two bills related to offshore oil drilling and another bill on the reallocation of radio spectrum.

There was little discussion about the COMPETES legislation before it was passed. Chairman John Rockefeller (D-WV) explained that the committee staff had spent hours working out the details on various amendments "to try to make people happy." His spoke about the COMPETES bill for about a minute, noting that the original 2007 legislation was passed in response to the "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" report. This law expires at the end of next month. Rockefeller said S. 3605 "*continues key investments in research and development and STEM education - drivers of America's economy and keys to our competitiveness in the global marketplace. A strong high-tech workforce is fundamental to addressing the challenges of the 21st century - from developing clean sources of energy to discovering cures for diseases. The small investments we make now will pay incredible dividends down the road.*"

[Read more](#)

--Kathryn Grim

Special Announcement**Win a free lunch for two: take Chez Leon's survey**

Chez Leon, Fermilab's on-site gourmet restaurant, would like to hear from you, even if you've never eaten at the restaurant. Please complete the [online Chez Leon survey](#) to provide valuable feedback, including meal selections, days, times and other options. The names of those who take the survey will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary lunch for two.

Announcements

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[Martial arts classes begin Aug. 9](#)

[Argentine Tango, Wednesdays through Aug. 25](#)

[Aug. 20 deadline for The University of Chicago Tuition Remission Program](#)

[Applications for URA Visiting Scholars Awards due Aug. 20](#)

[Regal movie theater discount tickets available](#)

[NIM and Physics Reports now completely online at Fermilab](#)

[Grounding and Shielding of Electronic Systems course - Aug. 12 and 13](#)

[Free piano concert featuring Sandor Feher, Ramsey Auditorium at noon on Aug. 12](#)

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