

Calendar

Wednesday, June 16

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. Fermilab Colloquium - 1 West

Speaker: D. Osheroff, Stanford University

Title: Understanding the Columbia Space Shuttle Accident

Thursday, June 17

2:30 p.m. Theoretical Physics Seminar - Curia II

Speaker: I. Scimemi, Universitat de Barcelona

Title: Unveiling epsilon/epsilon through K - > 3 Pion

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. Accelerator Physics and

Technology Seminar - 1 West

Speaker: K. Seiya, Fermilab

Title: Slip Stacking in the Main Injector

Wilson Hall Cafe

Wednesday, June 16

Beef Noodle soup

Classic Pastrami on Rye \$4.75

Seafood Jambalaya \$3.75

Lasagna \$3.50

Turkey Ranch Wrap \$4.75

Sausage Pizza \$2.75

Beef or Chicken Burrito

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

[Chez Leon](#)

Weather

Good Start for Fermilab-St. Charles Volunteer Program



Tom Peterson talks to second graders at Corron Elementary School. (Click on image for larger version.)

On May 3, cryogenic engineer Tom Peterson became the first Fermilab employee to speak to schoolchildren as part of the Fermilab-St. Charles School District 303 pilot program. The unique volunteer program, first reported in the [December 3, 2003](#) issue of Fermilab Today, provides an opportunity for Fermilab scientists and employees to speak to students about subjects other than physics. Peterson spoke to approximately 100 second graders at Corron Elementary school about his "other" passion in life -- butterflies and moths -- during their spring butterfly unit.

"The children were really easy to talk to because they were so enthusiastic and had so many questions," said Peterson. "I already have requests to visit two schools next spring, and I'm looking forward to it."

The program was initiated by Kane County Board Members Mike McCoy and Don Wolfe. District 303 Superintendent Francis Kostel and Assistant Superintendent Sandra Wright were instrumental in working out the program

Former Fermilab Physicist Steve Delchamps Presents New Play

A staged reading of "The Romantics," the second play by former Fermilab physicist Steve Delchamps, will take place on June 18th at the First Street Theater in Batavia. Delchamps is hoping for constructive criticism from viewers.

"Since the play won't be produced until August, the audience's

suggestions could have a real impact on how it turns out," Delchamps said.



"The Romantics" is a boy-meets-girl story, set against the backdrop of an academic family, that explores romanticism in art, love, and career seeking -- familiar themes for Delchamps. After working at Fermilab for twenty years, he left to finish an English PhD and pursue play writing. "Too Much Caffeine," Delchamps' first musical comedy about the struggles and romantic aspirations of high school teachers, was produced last August.

"I've always felt more comfortable with words than with hardware," he said.

"What interested me about physics were the stories of personal inspiration. I may have been naïve to expect that in my science career, but now I get to write my own narratives." Viewers will be able to send their critiques to Delchamps' hotmail account after the reading on June 18. For more info, call (630) 406-6367.



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details. Several other Fermilab volunteers have already been contacted about future visits.

"We've gotten inquiries from a teacher of French and Spanish, and Bob Mau has been contacted by an art teacher about his woodcarving," said Kurt Riesselmann, Fermilab's coordinator for the program. School visits will start up again in the fall, and more volunteers are welcome. Contact [Kurt Riesselmann](#) for more information.

In the News

From *The New York Times*, June 15, 2004

Making Science Fact, Now Chronicling Science Fiction

by Kenneth Chang

SEATTLE, June 10 - Donna L. Shirley used to run NASA's Mars exploration program. Now she is doing something even more far out.

Ms. Shirley, who retired from NASA in 1998, is director of the new Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame here, set to open on June 18. Instead of pointing space probes at the next rock out from the Sun, she now oversees exhibits exploring the universe of "What if?," from genetic engineering to aliens to parallel worlds.

[read more](#)

Fermilab Colloquium Today

Douglas Osheroff of Stanford University will present

"Understanding the Columbia Space Shuttle Accident" today at 4:00 p.m. in One West.



Douglas Osheroff

Osheroff was a member of the board that investigated the Columbia space shuttle accident in 1993. His talk today will describe how the Columbia accident investigation board determined the causes of the accident. He will also talk about the future of manned space exploration. A [video recording](#) of the colloquium will be available in a few days on the Fermilab Colloquium web page.

Announcements

New Book Purchase Suggestion Lists

New [book purchase suggestion lists](#) for the week of June 15 are now available online. These include Majors book lists in four subject areas. There is also an Amazon suggestion list in the form of a shopping cart, viewable by entering the password "library."

Fermilab Association of Rocketry

The Fermilab Association of Rocketry is having its monthly club meeting on June 16, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. If the weather is nice, the club will meet at the launch site and launch rockets. There will be a meeting following the rocket launch. The club will meet at the Users Center piano room if the weather doesn't cooperate.

[more information](#)

International Folk Dancing

International Folk Dancing will be held at

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Geneva American Legion Post. Newcomers are always welcome. Info at 630-584-0825 or 630-840-8194 or folkdance@fnal.gov.