

Calendar

Monday, December 6

2:30 p.m. Particle Astrophysics Seminar - Curia II

Speaker: M. Viel, Cambridge University

Title: The Lyman-Alpha Forest as a Cosmological Probe

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. All Experimenters' Meeting - Curia II

Tuesday, December 7

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO ACCELERATOR PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR TODAY

Wilson Hall Cafe

Monday, December 6

French Quarter Gumbo

French Dip w/ Horseradish Cream Sauce
\$4.75

Honey Garlic Pork Chop \$3.75

BBQ Roasted Quartered Chicken \$3.75

Italian Panini with Provolone \$4.75

Pizza \$2.75

Sweet n' Sour Chicken with an Egg Roll
\$4.75

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

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Weather



Cloudy 51°/45°

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FESS Sets a New Safety Record

The Facilities and Engineering Services Section reached a milestone Saturday by beating its 1999 record of 302 consecutive days -- 304 as of Monday morning -- without an OSHA DART Lost Time injury. Section head David Nevin said all those involved deserve credit, from Director Mike Witherell down to the individual employees.

"It's a real achievement of the individual employees who have taken the idea of safety, and internalized it, making it part of their everyday work ethic," Nevin said, adding: "None of this could have happened without the leadership and support of the Director."

Nevin said that making good on the pledge contained in FESS' 1998 Sign Up for Safety meeting, which set new, higher standards of safety, was not easy, for a section that performs some of the lab's most hazardous tasks - such as facilities maintenance, complex mechanical and electrical equipment maintenance, as well as plowing roads during snow storms. "If you look at the OSHA list of most common causes of injuries, such as falls, electrical shocks, pinch points," said



A FESS electrician demonstrating 70E Personal Protective Equipment (Click on image for larger version.)

Safety Tip of the Week

Winter Cornering



Do you know what the most common type of winter driving mishap is at Fermilab? According to Security Captains Chuck Morrison and Rick Oropez, they are single vehicle accidents in which drivers go too fast through turns and slide off the road. Unless the vehicle rolls over, personal injuries and vehicle damage are usually minor. The trip, however, is usually delayed and there is a cost for professional towing since the vehicle is often stuck. The two most common locations for a slide off the road type accident are outbound Pine Street between A Road and the Science Center and the Swenson Road curve near the pond at DZero. However, *any turn* on slick pavement can present a hazard. Here are some suggestions to keep your vehicle from sliding off a slippery road this winter:

- Reduce your speed and drive smoothly.
- Allow longer braking distances. Give yourself extra room and use gentle pressure on the brake pedal.
- Avoid sudden actions when cornering. This includes hard braking, quick turning, sudden acceleration, or shifting a manual

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FESS Senior Safety Officer Greg Mitchell, "we're encountering all those hazards hourly."

The 1998 "FESS Sign Up For Safety" initiatives and its subsequent renewal in 2001 made a difference, Nevin said, because of the commitment each employee took on to be responsible for his or her own safety as well as for the safety of those around them. Specific programs were implemented, such as the yellow "Missing Link" suggestion box, and the weekly "Toolbox" meetings with crafts people and Roads & Grounds personnel. Nevin also credited the outstanding support received from all laboratory divisions and sections for the No-Maintenance Zones program, which focused on the elimination of hazardous conditions encountered by those performing maintenance on their equipment.

Accelerator Update

December 1 - December 3

- Switchyard received permission to take beam on 12/1/04.
- Pbar stacking
- MiniBooNE taking beam
- NuMI will try to begin taking beam today, 12/3/04.

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

In the News

transmission.

- Perform one action at a time: accelerating, braking, or turning. Trying to do two things at once can reduce your control.
- Be ready to respond to a sudden unexpected slide. If your vehicle begins sliding, gently let off the accelerator and turn in the direction you want to go.
- Don't let four- or all-wheel drive give you a false sense of security. Although these drive systems can provide extra traction in many situations, they offer no advantage on icy surfaces.
- Do not use cruise control in icy conditions.

Have a great day and let's work safely all week!

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Announcements

Upcoming Classes

December 13 - 17: Advanced Linux Administration

December 14 & 15: Behavioral Interviewing (Talent Selection) two consecutive half-days

January 10 - 14: Advanced Linux Administration

[more information](#)

Particle Astrophysics Center Exhibit

The Fermilab Particle Astrophysics Center will host an exhibit on the 15th floor of Wilson Hall from Wednesday to Friday, 12/8 to 12/10. All employees and users are invited to learn more about the six member groups. A welcome reception with refreshments will be held on Wednesday, 12/8, from noon to 4 p.m. Everybody is invited to stop by.

From *Scripps*, December 2, 2004

Nobel Prize winners struggle to explain work to public

WASHINGTON - Nobel Prize winner Frank Wilczek doesn't particularly like it when his wife, Betsy Devine, compares his work to Dungeons and Dragons, the popular role-playing strategy game.

But it was the only way Devine, who holds a master's degree in engineering, knew to bridge the intellectual chasm between her husband's work and Washington reporters invited to have coffee with the 2004 American Nobel laureates this week.

[Read more](#)

Travel Office Holiday Schedule

Please note the Travel Office will be closed the following days for the holidays: Dec 23, Dec 24, Dec 30, and Dec 31.

Please make plans to pick up airline tickets and arrange travel on dates other than the above. The Travel Office staff wishes you all a Happy Holiday Season!

Hatha Yoga Class

Due to it's success, Fermilab's Recreational Office will offer another yoga class. Classes begin on December 9 and go through February 10 (no classes on Dec. 23 & 30). Classes are held on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the 15th floor SW crossover. This 8 week class costs \$80.00. There is a maximum of 25 people for this class. A yoga mat is required. (no Rec. Fac. membership needed) The registration deadline is December 6.

[Upcoming Activities](#)