

Calendar

Wednesday, February 2

Happy Groundhog's Day!

11:00 a.m. Fermilab ILC R&D Meeting - 1 West

Speaker: N. Solyak, Fermilab

Title: Accelerator Physics and Technology of the Main Linac for the ILC – Plans and Scope of Activity

2:00 p.m. Proton Driver General Meeting - 1 West

Speaker: J. Morfin, Fermilab

Title: Neutrino Scattering Working Group Report

Speaker: C. Jensen, Fermilab

Title: Klystron Modulators for the Proton Driver and SMTF

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

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

Speaker: K. Kirby, Harvard-

Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Title: Ethics and the Welfare of the Physics Profession

Thursday, February 3

THERE WILL BE NO THEORETICAL PHYSICS SEMINAR THIS WEEK

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO ACCELERATOR PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR TODAY

Weather

Visual Media Services Launches New Web Site



VMS launched their newly designed Web site yesterday.

In order to continuously improve customer service, Visual Media Services released a [new web site design](#) yesterday at noon. This is the third design in their 10-year web history.

The new site has what VMS hopes will be vastly improved navigation for its users. "The old site had really outgrown its 1998 design, and we needed to have something that could reflect our expanded services," says Fred Ullrich, manager of the department. "We have been working on getting this site online in the background while we maintained our current web services and also migrated to new servers."

The site is integrated with several other servers for database searches of photos and videos as well as streaming video services. It currently serves more than 1,000 unique visitors per day from around the world.



Winter Safety Tips from the Fermilab Fire Department

With winter upon us, the Fermilab Fire Department would like to remind all employees about a few safety tips at home and work that might decrease the chance of an accident.

Slips, trips and falls can be greatly reduced by making sure walkways are shoveled and salted as necessary. When exiting a vehicle, make sure that you have good footing so that you don't unexpectedly slip. Uneven surfaces on parking areas, walkways and snow covered landscaped plots are twisted ankles waiting to happen. Black ice can be very dangerous to walk on. Once you have made it safely to your vehicle, make sure that your windows and mirrors are clean. Invest in a good combination brush/broom/scrapper, and keep it readily available in the trunk or passenger compartment. Nylon windshield covers are also available. They do a great job keeping windshields clear and almost entirely eliminate the need for any brushing or scraping.

The Fermilab Fire Department hopes that these tips will make your winter a



Mostly Cloudy 36°/19°

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Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

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Vegetable Beef Soup

Quarter Pound Hot Dog in a Soft

Pretzel Roll \$4.75

Turkey a la King over Biscuit \$3.75

Country Fried Steak with Pepper Gravy

\$3.75

Beef & Cheddar Panini w/ Sauteed

Onions \$4.75

Assorted Personal Sized Pizzas \$3.25

Cavatappi Pasta with Italian Sausage &

Tomato Ragu \$4.75

The Wilson Hall Cafe now accepts

Visa, Master Card, Discover and

American Express at Cash Register #1.

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

[Chez Leon](#) will be closed through

January and February

Search

Search the Fermilab Today Archive

Info

In order to prevent broken links for those who may have bookmarked the former VMS Web site, the old pages will remain online in a non-updated state. Each of the old pages has a banner that directs visitors to the new site.

The new site has a significant change in look, and the new navigational design allows visitors to know their location within the site with just a glance. Most pages are no more than two clicks away from the VMS home page. VMS plans to make additional changes to help further improve service to their customer base.



Jim Shultz pushing the button to make the newly designed VMS Web site live. (Click on image for larger version.)

In the News

From the Institute of Physics, February 1, 2005

New chief for IoP during Einstein Year
A leading educationalist has been appointed as the new chief executive of the Institute of Physics as the UK begins to celebrate Einstein Year – the biggest ever celebration of physics in the UK and Ireland.

Today the Institute announced that it has appointed Dr. Robert Kirby-Harris as its new chief executive, replacing Dr Julia King who left last year to become

safe one. Spring can't be too far away, can it?

Farewell to Tony Ramos

Tony Ramos, who worked on numerous construction projects at Fermilab, retired on December 29 after nearly 10 years at Fermilab. He first started working on Main Injector construction in 1995 and then worked on Wilson Hall repairs.

Since 2000, he had helped with the installation of NuMI, including installation at MI-65 and MINOS for the past nine months. Before working at Fermilab, he had worked for consulting firms which built bridges, power plants and industrial plants.



Tony Ramos

"Working at Fermilab is one of those chances you get where you work on a project that's not very common," Ramos said. "It's been wonderful to work for one of the largest high-energy physics laboratories in the world."

Ramos said that mostly he will miss the place and the knowledgeable people, but he will also enjoy the extra time in Chicago, where he lives with his wife, Emma. "I'm planning on doing a little traveling and a lot of reading," he said.

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the Principal of the Faculty of Engineering at Imperial College, London.

Dr. Kirby-Harris, who will take up his new post from 4th April 2005, joins the Institute at the beginning of Einstein Year. Einstein Year is the centenary of Einstein's three ground-breaking discoveries and a celebration of physics – communicating the vital role physics plays in developing new technologies such as hospital imaging, mobile phones and computers, and addressing big questions like how the Universe was created and works.

[read more](#)

Happy Groundhog's Day!

Will we have six more weeks of winter? Is spring around the corner? Find out if Chicago's unofficial groundhog "Windy City Woodie" saw his shadow [here](#).

Free Introductory Tai Chi Class

A free introductory Tai Chi class will be offered in the Recreation Facility on Friday, February 18 from 6:30 AM to 7:15 AM. Registration for the free class can be made by calling the Recreation Office at X5427 or X2548. You must pre-register. You do not need to be a member of the Recreation Facility for this introductory class, however, you will need to be one to participate in the scheduled 8-week session. Deadline to register for this class is February 11.

International Folk Dancing

International Folk Dancing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 3, at the Geneva American Legion Post. Info at 630-584-0825 or 630-840-8194 or folkdance@fnal.gov.

[Upcoming Activities](#)