

## Calendar

### Wednesday, September 28

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

Speaker: V. Kuchler, Fermilab

Title: ILC Conventional Facilities Update

**3:30 p.m.** Director's Coffee Break - 2nd Flr X-Over

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

Speaker: S. Redner, Boston University

Title: Statistical Physics of Citations

### Thursday, September 29

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

Speaker: J. Hubisz, Fermilab

Title: Little Higgs Phenomenology: Past, Present, and Future

**3:30 p.m.** Director's Coffee Break - 2nd Flr X-Over

**Note:** There will be no Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar today

## Weather



Rain Likely **71°/41°**

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## Security

[Secou Level 3](#)

## Wilson Hall Cafe

## Change in Visitor DHCP Node Registration Policy

Beginning October 1, visitor computers brought on site that apply for a temporary DHCP address will be scanned and must demonstrate the same level of computer security required for all lab machines. The easiest way to ensure that a machine is secure is to run an operating system with up-to-date patches and current virus signatures. For machines found to have critical vulnerabilities, there will be a physical network connection near the Fermilab Helpdesk in Wilson Hall that visitors can use to connect to and download patches from their vendor or university. This connection will not have internal access to the Fermilab network but will have access to the Internet.

Note that only [critical vulnerabilities](#) will cause a system to be denied a temporary address; machines with non-critical vulnerabilities (anything not on the above list) will be granted a temporary address and you will receive email notification with instructions describing how to remediate the problem.

## CD's Allen Back From 'Surreal' Katrina Relief



## New Trail Signs Guide Visitors Without Jargon

Revamped nature signs lining the Margaret Pearson Interpretive Trail turn complex concepts into interactive and easy-to-understand explanations. The eight signs, installed in mid-September, are placed around the inner half-mile circle of the trail, across from the Lederman Science Center. They highlight portions of Fermilab's diverse grasses, insects and other prairie natives.



Priscilla Meldrim

The sign-replacement project, managed by the Roads & Grounds department, relied on input from members of the Education Office and Visual Media Services. Priscilla Meldrim, of the Education Office, became active in renewing the signs after taking a class in interpreting nature for children. Based on her class and additional research, Meldrim and the rest of the sign-replacement team agreed to swap scientific and technical names for more user-friendly terms.

All signs begin by "snaring the hiker" with a catchy title, followed by a short explanation of the topic, a more detailed explanation and an action, Meldrim said. For instance, one sign, labeled "Who's the fairest of them all?" describes the different heights of prairie plants and asks the user to identify the root system of a plant in front of them. "Most people will look at signs for 30 seconds, so you've got to grab them," Meldrim said.

### Wednesday, September 28

- Italian Wedding w/Meatballs
- Diner Style Patty Melt
- Chicken A La Mer
- Beef & Broccoli
- Greek Chicken Panini w/Feta Cheese
- Sicilian Style Pizza
- Grilled Chicken Bowtie in a Tomato Cream Sauce

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[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

### Chez Leon

### Wednesday, September 28

#### Lunch

- Ham, Gruyere & Green Onion Crepes
- Salad of Field Greens
- Fennel & Arugula
- Peach Melba

### Thursday, September 29

#### Dinner

- Corn Chowder w/Spicy Red Pepper
- Lobster Medallions w/White Wine Sauce
- Spaghetti Squash w/Green Onions
- Sauteed Pea Pods
- Chocolate Almond Napoleons

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

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### Info

Beach-front property in Gulfport, Mississippi after the storm. (Click image for larger version.)

He saw the gutted houses, their battered second floors suspended on metal support-like stilts. He drove down streets resembling woodlots, strewn with tires and smashed cars. But it was something else Jason Allen saw during his nine-day relief visit to Biloxi, Mississippi, that made him realize the huge scope of Hurricane Katrina's damage--the things that didn't belong: family photos scattered across lawns, clothing wound around trees and a dead alligator laying on the beach. Allen, of Fermilab's Computing Division, arrived back home September 19, after a spontaneous trip to help the residents of the city he once lived in as a child. "It was surreal," he said. "It was almost like being on a movie set; it was just so hard to wrap your mind around it."

Using his vacation days, Allen drove south on September 9, eventually signing up with the volunteer organization Hands On USA. As a volunteer airport trafficker, Allen kept track of arrival times for supply planes headed toward Gulfport Airport, just west of Biloxi. From there, he helped load waiting vehicles with much-needed water, cleaning supplies, food and other essentials. Allen also volunteered at a local animal shelter, walking the dogs made ownerless by the storm. He spent his nights in an activity center of a Methodist Church across the street from the elementary school he attended as a 10-year-old.

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Other concepts described include differences in grasses and the annual burning of the prairie. The signs also have an ultraviolet protection to prevent fading and prolong the amount of time until the next replacement, said Mike Becker, head of Roads & Grounds. The trail is open to the public from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. "While the weather is still warm, take advantage," Meldrim said.

—Kendra Snyder

### Announcements

#### Lecture: Origami in Art, Science and Technology

Robert J. Lang, Artist & Engineering Consultant, will give a lecture on Friday, October 7 at 8 p.m. in the Ramsey Auditorium. Admission is \$5.

#### Other Upcoming Origami Lectures

Chris Palmer will lecture about his art on October 6th from 4-5 p.m. in Curia II. There will be an artist reception from 5-7 p.m. in the Fermilab Art Gallery, followed by another origami lecture by artist Lane Allen from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Curia II.

#### 2006 Entertainment Books

Entertainment Ultimate books are now bigger and better for the price of \$25.00. Pick up your book today in the Recreation Office, WH15W.

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#### Unix Users Meeting

At Curia II on September 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

#### "Frolic and the Fox"

On Saturday, October 1, Fermilab's Silk and Thistle Scottish dancers will host the 10th anniversary "Frolic on the Fox," an

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Jason Allen (center) with NASA pilots Scott Kelly and Tracey Caldwell. The pilots flew a training fighter plane loaded with supplies for Katrina victims to Gulfport, Mississippi. (Click image for larger version.)

### In the News

## From *The Chicago Tribune* , September 27, 2005

**DuPage high-tech park dedicated:  
Innovative firms expected to fill 800-  
acre project**

Someone once proposed a race track for the 800 acres south of DuPage County Airport in West Chicago. The community didn't like that idea, so someone else proposed the property be used for a rail yard, which residents didn't care for either.

[Read More](#) (Registration Required)

informal Scottish country dance ball at 7:30 p.m. at the Baker Community Center, 101 South Second Street. The evening will offer a planned program of Scottish country dancing, and the public is invited to view the dancing and enjoy the music from the comfort of the lounge adjoining the dance hall. Admission for observers is just \$2, while dancers are requested to contribute \$12.

Refreshments will be offered during the breaks in the dancing. For more information, call 630-840-8194 or 630-584-0825 or e-mail [folkdance@fnal.gov](mailto:folkdance@fnal.gov)

### [Upcoming Activities](#)