

Seasons Greetings

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. ~Confucius

To review previous issues

A Note From Our Chairman

No news on budget front. Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday!



Derek Lowenstein

Administration

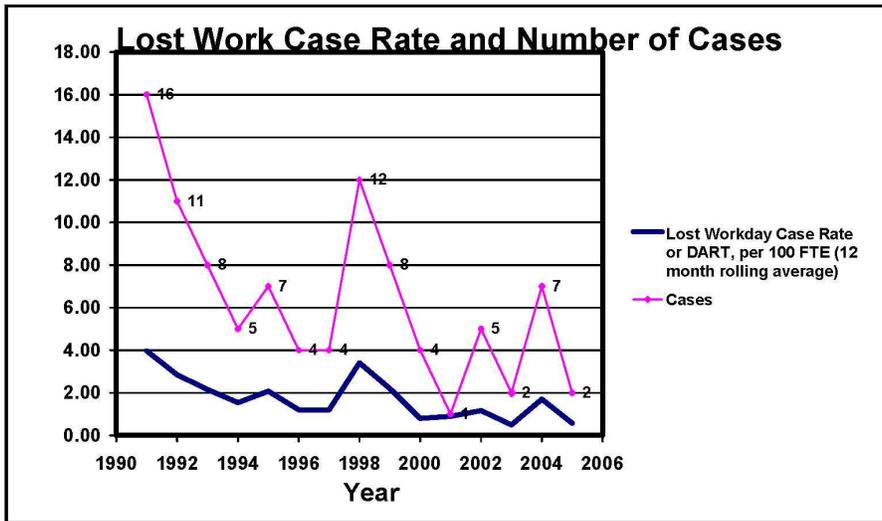
Although we have yet to receive the official “word” on the FY 2006 Budget, we are working to develop a budget scenario for RHIC Operations that fits within the President’s budget, provides sufficient monies to fund six weeks of operations and preserves essential staff for a combined FY ’06 and ’07 experimental program.

Laboratory-wide, employees have been asked to enact energy conservation measures wherever possible, and within the Department, several cost saving initiatives are in process. Woody Glenn has assembled a group to implement measures to reduce power consumption when the RHIC machine is idle, and Al Pendzick has been reviewing work order activity for FY 2005 in an effort to identify opportunities for savings in purchased trade labor. Additionally, open personnel requisitions have been frozen and a number of C-AD employees have expressed interest in voluntarily terminating their employment in exchange for severance benefits.

Most importantly, you are asked to continue to hold all non-essential RFQ’s, Work Orders, web requisitions, credit card orders and stores withdrawals for RHIC Operations project numbers. The cumulative impact of our individual decisions to minimize expenditures can be dramatic.



Stephanie LaMontagne-McKeon



C-AD Occupational Injury Statistics

	For Year 2004	For Year 2005
First Aid Cases	5	0
Recordable Cases	11	4
Lost Work Cases	4	1

REMINDER: TLD exchange is done the FIRST FRIDAY of the Month.

NEXT EXCHANGE: Have your TLD on its assigned badge board by

Friday, JANUARY 6, 2006

Pete Cirnigliaro



Scott Rottner, Survey Group left the Lab on November 30.

Michael Trager, Control Division left the Lab on November 30.



Sent: Friday, December 02, 2005 4:13 PM

To: broadcast-l@lists.bnl.gov

Subject: Winter Weather Reminders for All Employees, Guests, and Contractors

The following message is being sent on behalf of the Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Directorate.

Winter Weather Reminders for All Employees, Guests, and Contractors

When there has been a snowfall or ice storm and a decision to delay the opening of the Laboratory is made, the target time for posting this decision is 6 a.m. Please call 344-INFO (or 344-4636), check your Lab e-mail, or check the BNL home page prior to leaving for the Laboratory to learn if the Laboratory is open during normal working hours, will have a delayed opening, or is closed to all except essential personnel.

When a delayed opening is in effect, people should stay off the site to enable Plant Engineering to prepare the site for occupancy. Ignoring the delayed opening impedes efforts to provide a safe place to come to work. Depending upon site conditions, it is possible that the delayed opening time may change. Therefore, it is highly recommended that employees call 344-INFO (or 344-4636) or check the home page before leaving home to confirm the site opening time.

Plant Engineering provides ice-melt at most building entrances, and it can be applied by anyone to eliminate a local slipping hazard. Please report the need for ice-melt to your Building Manager, who, in turn, will contact Maintenance Management at Ext. 2468.

From: Heimerle, Marion V
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 10:28 AM
To: CAD Personnel List
Cc: Murphy, Edward; McNerney, Andrew J; Aronson, Samuel
Subject: Temperature Setbacks this Winter

This message is sent on behalf of Derek Lowenstein:

The Collider-Accelerator Department will pay well over a million dollars this winter for heating its buildings. The severe fiscal limits we have requires setting the heating temperatures down. Plant Engineering and building managers will be instructed to lower daytime settings to 68 deg F and nighttime temperatures to 60 deg. This will save C-AD over 30% on our heating bill. Unoccupied Areas that need heat will have the temperatures set to 55 degrees.

There will be exceptions to this plan, due to equipment needs or off hour work. Typically, local controls will be available for occasional added heat. Please send a note to Woody Glenn [jglenn@bnl.gov] or other members of the Energy Savings Committee, describing what exceptions are needed.

Thank you for your participation.

Don't Feed the Wildlife

A Message from Tim Green, BNL's Cultural and Natural Resource Manager



BNL is home to a variety of wildlife species. For most people, the presence of animals such as wild turkey, white-tailed deer, raccoons, and other wildlife is aesthetically pleasing. When they see wildlife, however, many humans try either to get closer to the animal or to coax it closer to them. Trying to get an animal to move closer usually involves enticing with food, which is often done repeatedly until the feeding becomes routine for the human and the acceptance becomes routine for the animal, which can become detrimental for both the human and the animal.

Don't Mess With Nature

Humans must remember that these animals are wild and will use their instincts to survive. In feeding situations, this can involve an apparently docile animal turning aggressive toward the individual providing food, or the animal becoming a nuisance because it stays so that it will be assured of its next meal. This becomes evident when large numbers of animals begin to expect food. When large numbers of animals begin to congregate it becomes unsafe and unhealthy for humans. This is seen repeatedly on site where well-intentioned individuals provide food for songbirds and attract large flocks of turkey and numerous deer.

Abnormal Diet May Cause Digestive Problems

Feeding becomes detrimental to animals when large numbers of them congregate to compete for a small amount of food and that food is not in their normal diet. The wild animals found at BNL have evolved over thousands of years to eat a diet provided by nature. Supplementing the diet with lettuce, tomatoes, bread, and other processed human foods often results in digestive problems. Extra Food Goes Mainly to Strongest

Congregating animals also have a hierarchical system that keeps the less dominant members on the outskirts of the group so that the stronger animals remain healthy and the less strong continue to be deprived of food. When animals rely on nature, they tend to move about to forage and most are able to find food. Congregating animals can also result in the spread of disease between individuals and potentially between animals and humans.

Obey the Law — Do Not Feed Deer

Finally, in New York State, it is illegal to feed deer, and if, in the process of feeding other animals, deer are attracted, the feeding must stop. This includes something as simple as having a bird feeder that is used for feeding song birds. The illegal feeding of deer can result in significant fines and even time in jail. So, please don't feed the wildlife: let them be wild. There are plenty of them around to enjoy and they really don't need your handout.

— Tim Green

This message is sent on behalf of Ady Hershcovitch:

This year BNL will again be hosting the High School and Middle School Regional DOE Science Bowl competitions on February 11, 2006 (HS) and April 01, 2006(MS). Volunteers are needed to make these competitions a success. All volunteers will receive a black BNL polo shirt. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

To volunteer for either date or if you have any questions, contact Catherine Osiecki at cathyo@bnl.gov or call 344-3054.

Thank you in advance.



The Collider-Accelerator Department Basket is Here!

The auction isn't until Wednesday (and Thursday), but if you'd like to see what our Doughnut money has bought, the basket is in my office today. For those of you who have never been to the Auction, this will also give you an idea of the type of basket that will be available. And considering the fact that most gifts I've wrapped look like projects done by a madwoman with gardening shears and duct tape; I'm relieved that the basket looks unlike my previous efforts.

At the auction, you buy tickets (similar to what we use for the C-AD Barbecue), write your name (or just your phone #) on the back, and drop them into the numbered coffee can that sits by the numbered basket you'd like. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 15 for \$10. These tickets can also be used for the Gift Certificates donated by local merchants. There will also be a selection of baskets worth more than \$100 – the tickets for these are \$2 each, 3 for \$5.

You do not need to be present to win - the Winners' drawing takes place on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 2PM, and winners will be contacted by phone.

A few of the specialty items that will be available at the Auction are:

- 50/50 Raffle tickets (\$1 per ticket – the winner receives half of the Raffle money collected)
- Two Roundtrip Southwest Airline tickets (\$3 each, or 2 for \$5)
- Autographed and framed photo of Jets, Bobby Jackson (I don't know yet, these are new additions)
- Autographed and framed photo of NY Islanders, Bob Nystrom (ditto)

Kerry

From: Mirabella, Kerry A
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 12:00 PM
To: CAD Personnel List
Subject: if you never leave your office

Then you haven't seen the signs I've been posting.

Used Books: bring in any you don't want and drop them off in my office. We'll sell them at the Holiday Auction next Wednesday and Thursday (12/7-8)

Food! Lots of it! The International Food Tasting happens next Friday, 12/9 in the Recreation Bldg (#317). Tickets (\$10 each) are available from Jen Lynch (x4894) or can be purchased at the Auction, and only 10% of the ticket price is spent on ingredients and supplies. I personally ate a lot there last year – so many things to choose from and all of them great.

Yard Sale: again this year at Berkner, same dates as the Holiday Auction. Tools, appliances, electronics, exercise equipment- you name it, they'll sell it. If you have items you'd like to donate, call Chris Johnson at x7636, and he'll come by to pick them up (even to your home!). Be sure to check the sale out - one year they had a boat for sale.

By tomorrow we will have emptied our clothing bin 4 times, and the Toiletries once. Thanks to all those who dragged things in from home, and there's still time to bring in more. For those who want to contribute food and toys this season, there are collection bins at the Credit Union and at Berkner. But if you really really never leave your office, call me and I'll get them over there for you.

Lab update:

BNLers have logged 280 hours of volunteer time so far. If we reach 500 hours by December 30th, BSA will need to make their maximum contribution of \$10,000, so if you are participating in any volunteer activity or devoting hours to one of the campaign fundraisers, please remember to send in a form (see link) or drop it off in my office. http://intranet.bnl.gov/unitedway/linkable_files/pdf/2005VolunteerWorkReceipt.pdf



*We wish all of you born in **DECEMBER**
a happy and healthy year ahead.*

Birthday people ONLY click on cake



November



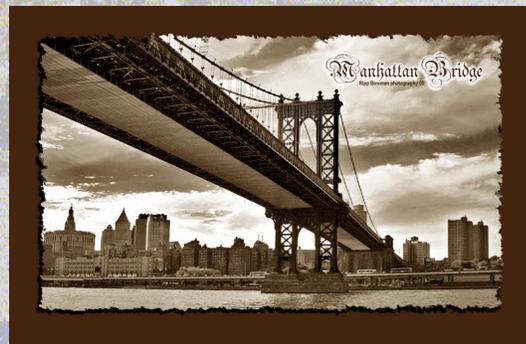
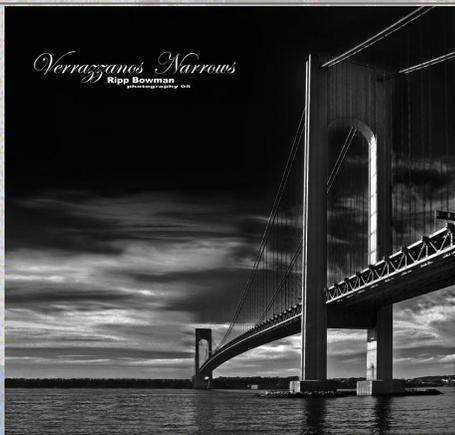
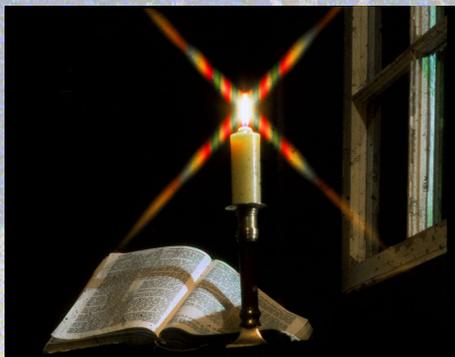
Test your wit on holiday trivia by clicking [HERE](#)



Some Christmas photos taken by Kathy Brown at the Longwood Gardens in PA recently



Some Christmas and Bridge photos taken by Ripp Bowman







Join us for the Annual

Holiday Bagel Etc. Party!




December 23, 2005
In the
2nd Floor Design Room
(of Bldg. 911)



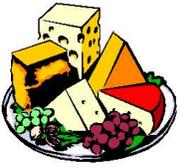
9am to 10:30 am



RSVP and \$5.00 due to

Kathy Brown - x4756 – Room #241D
 Cindy Longo - x4758 – Room #A212
 By Friday, December 16th





-----Original Message-----

From: Carter, Christine B
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 10:08 AM
Subject: Royal Caribbean Cruise information for BNL - please post & distribute~

BERA invites all BNL Employees, visitors & guests to take advantage of a discount cruise on Royal Caribbean's mega ship "Explorer of the Seas", sailing from New Jersey (*No Flights!*) for **9 nights** visiting St. Maarten, San Juan, St. Thomas, and the private island of Labadee. Sailing is from Cape Liberty, New Jersey on Friday 10/20/06, returning on Sunday 10/29/06.

Prices start at \$799 per person, and may be further discounted depending upon the number of employees who sign up! Many extras included such as \$50 casino credit, champagne/wine & fruit platter, and travel insurance! Deposits are due by 12/31/05~ so act quickly! Information will be posted to the BERA website soon regarding the travel agent and actual cruise.

Please note: BERA's role in this cruise is saving money, having fun & assisting in the advertising of the cruise. BERA will **NOT** collect any money, distribute tickets, or be responsible for the cruise. The first responsible party is Direct Line Cruises travel agency; the second responsible party is Royal Caribbean.

Thank you,
 Chris

**Royal Caribbean
Explorer of the Seas Cruise
October 20th – 29th, 2006**

Hello Everyone,

Here's the scoop:

1. Direct Line Cruises can only guarantee the quoted rates until December 30, 2005.
 2. If you cannot book your reservation by December 30th, you may still book after December 30th but the rates are subject to change. More than likely they will increase.
 3. If you book your reservation by December 30, 2005, the total price per person for an inside stateroom is \$799 + \$31.99 for port and tax fees totaling \$830.99 per person.
 4. For each additional person above two in a stateroom (up to four/cabin total) the inside stateroom rate changes for the first two people from \$799/person to \$869 and the 3rd and 4th person are \$499/person.
 5. A **Preferred Credit Card** deposit of \$450 per person must be submitted by December 30th to Direct Line Cruises. Your credit card will be charged to "Royal Caribbean". A cashier's check or Money Order made out to "Royal Caribbean" is also accepted. Contact Dena Hurd at 1-800-352-8088 and **state you are from BNL**. She will collect all the necessary information to book your reservation. Her work hours are as follows:
 - Monday 10 AM – 8 PM
 - Tuesday 4 PM – 8 PM
 - Wednesday 10 AM – 5 PM
 - Thursday – OFF
 - Friday 10 AM – 5 PM
 - Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM
- BERA will **NOT** collect any money, distribute tickets, or be responsible for the cruise in any way. The first responsible party is Direct Line Cruises travel agency; the second responsible party is Royal Caribbean.
6. Your cabin assignment will not be known until approximately one month prior to sailing. Unless otherwise requested, a cabin assignment is computerized. In some instances, Royal Caribbean will also upgrade your cabin. Cabin assignment for your current rate is on Decks 6 – 8.

**Royal Caribbean
Explorer of the Seas Cruise
October 20th – 29th, 2006**

7. There are two dinner seatings – the early dinner seating begins at 6:00 p.m. and the second seating begins at 8:30 p.m. You do not need to arrange your dinner seating with everyone in the group unless you prefer to. Both seatings have advantages and disadvantages. It is your preference. Before you book ask me for who is selecting what.
8. Once we have 16 cabins booked, a refund check equivalent to 2 occupancies (\$799 x 2 = \$1,598) will be sent by Royal Caribbean. This total will be then divided equally by 16 cabins for a total credit of \$100 per cabin or \$50 per person. In other words, if you paid \$799, your refund reduces your cost to \$749 per person.
9. Excursions will be available for booking as we get closer to the sailing date. You may check the Royal Caribbean website for a listing of excursions and to also sign up. There is a separate fee for each excursion. You may also book these excursions online or wait until you are on the ship. Signing up for excursions online closes 10 days before the sailing date. All fees will be applied to your credit card.
10. Royal Caribbean will provide a charter bus that will take us to and from Cape Liberty Port in New Jersey. The pick-ups/drop-offs are at the Park & Rides at Exit 63, Exit 49 and Exit 32. The fees for 2006 are not available at this time but for this year (2005) they were \$35/person roundtrip. Upon your approval, this fee will also be applied to your credit charge and a voucher will be mailed with your cruise tickets. At this time, I am also investigating whether we could make arrangements with Sunrise Bus Tours for pick-up and drop-off at BNL. This way our vehicles can remain onsite while we are away having a blast.
10. The Port of Calls are as follows:
 - a. Friday, October 20th – Depart Cape Liberty, NJ
 - b. Saturday, October 21st – At Sea
 - c. Sunday, October 22nd – At Sea
 - d. Monday, October 23rd – St. Thomas 1:00 PM – 11:00 PM
 - e. Tuesday, October 24th – St. Maarten 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - f. Wednesday, October 25th – San Juan, Puerto Rico 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - g. Thursday, October 26th – Labadee (Private Island) 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - h. Friday, October 27th – At Sea
 - i. Saturday, October 28th – At Sea
 - j. Sunday, October 29th – Depart off ship by Noon
12. Questions? Contact Joann Giambalvo at 344-7459 or Dena Hurd at DLC at 1-800-352-8088.



Royal Caribbean Cruise – Explorer of the Seas (Mega Ship)

9 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise

Depart: Cape Liberty Cruise Port, New Jersey on Friday, October 20, 2006
Return on Sunday, October 29, 2006

\$799/person Inside Stateroom
\$999/person Full Size Oceanview
\$1,219/person Stateroom Balcony
\$1,799/person Oceanview Suite
Port Taxes and Fees = \$31.99

Each Person price includes \$50 casino credit, champagne/wine, fruit platter and travel insurance.

Deposit Required by December 30, 2005 - \$450/person

Ports of Call

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
Phillipsburg, St. Maarten
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Labadee (Private Island)

Ship includes: rock climbing wall, ice skating rink, mini golf, golf simulator, fitness center, full size basketball court, inline skating and shopping promenade, theme bars, casino, Adventure Ocean youth facilities, Johnny Rockets restaurant

ALUMNI NEWS: AGS/RHIC/C-AD RETIRED CROWD - We'd enjoy hearing from you and what you have been up to. Please send your notes to pmanning@bnl.gov



PATRICIA M. TUTTLE

Pat Tuttle who joined the AGS Department in July 1947 and retired in September 1984 but continued to work at the lab until last year passed away on Monday, November 21 at 6am at home. Pat had been suffering from ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease). ALS is a progressive, neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord, ultimately resulting in a loss of voluntary muscle control, paralysis and death. In Pat's case, the muscles that control the mouth were affected first, causing her to lose the ability to speak and eat. Being resourceful she had compensated by using IM on the computer, hand-written notes and a hand-held communication device. By the end of September the disease had progressed, it had moved to her neck, hands, arms and making its way down her body. The degeneration could be seen almost daily. But what makes ALS particularly devastating is that as people progressively lose the ability to move, their minds remain sharp, aware of the limits ALS has imposed on their lives. Pat has donated her body to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for research. The family is not planning a service at this time. Anyone wishing to make a contribution in her

name, can do so to either:

The ALS Association, Greater New York Chapter

116 John Street

Suite 1304

New York, NY 10038

OR

East End Hospice

P.O. Box 1048

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

You can catch up on all of Eric Forsyth's travels by clicking on his sailing yacht below





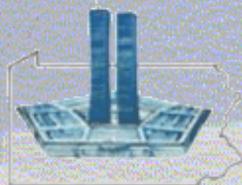
December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NSRL Dry Run 9am LCR	2	3 Great Caesar's Ghost in Concert, Berkner Hall
4	5 Google Scholar Internet Search Engine, A. Acharya, Berkner Hall 11am	6	7	8 NASA Review of NSRL, LCR	9 AP Seminar "Design for High Availability" F. Pilat 4pm LCR, 911B	10
11	12	13	14 BSA Recital The Winkler- Sharett Duo Noon Berkner	15 Blood Drive 9:30-3pm Center	16 AP Seminar "Report from CARE W/Son Remote Diagnostic/ Operations" P. Cameron, 4pm, LCR, 911B	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23 1/2 Day Holiday	24
25 	26 Happy Hanukkah  Lab Holiday	27	28	29	30	31 



January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Lab Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  Lab Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Chinese New Year	30 First Day of Muharram	31				



We Remember
Sept. 11, 2001

Editor: *Pamela Manning x4072*