

Receiving Goes On-Line with New PARS System

As mentioned in the March 13, 1987, issue of *FermiNews*, the Purchasing and Receiving Departments of the Business Services Section, under Jim Finks, has begun using the Purchasing, Accounting, and Receiving (PARS) computerized system in their day-to-day work.

PARS has enabled the Receiving staff, most of whom had little or no exposure to computers, to handle most transactions in record time, and has just about done away with the plethora of paperwork that previously buried them. Instead of sending paperwork from department to department, office to office, all of their information is now computerized and available instantly to Business Services.

Bill Butler, Manager of Support Services said, "We've had the PARS program for about a year, and we've learned a lot in that year. When we come across a problem, we try to figure it out for ourselves, and that in and of itself is a learning process. We either memorized what steps worked for each process, or took notes. It has taken a commendable effort on the part of the people in Receiving to learn this system."

Ron Haynes, Material Support Administrator, agreed. "When we were first learning PARS, Gordy Allen [Material Services Foreman] and I would take some purchase orders and other paperwork, and sit down with the consultant from Information Systems as he explained the whole system; then we passed the instructions on to everyone else."

The experience gained during this process will be invaluable in finalizing the operating instructions for this phase of the PARS system.

Haynes said, "Gordy is our number one 'troubleshooter,' and following a close second is Tom Smith [Materials Specialist]. When someone has a problem they can't seem to overcome, Gordy or Tom step in and lend their help.

"We can do things a lot faster because we don't have to look at all of those pieces of paper," Haynes added. "We just punch in information and numbers on the screen, and we can really crank out the packages. To us, PARS means easy access to information. Usually in a matter of seconds we can

tell you, among other things, when your package came in, who brought it in, and whether or not you should have received it."

Before PARS, one had to know the purchase order number of the package one was waiting for. Now cross referencing can be done by a number of indicators, like the requisitioner's name, what company one ordered the product from, the purchase order number, or requisition number.

The system has gone through several phases, and at each phase the system users quickly picked up the new operations needed to run the PARS system. During the first week of May, they will learn how to correctly clean and maintain their machines.

Along with Haynes, Allen, and Smith, those in Receiving who mastered the PARS system are Tom Baldrige, Archie Beasley, Marilyn Collins, Chris Hirner, Milt Martin, Harold Scheppman, Bonnie Seraphin, and Lorraine Walter-Smith.

"The Receiving people have also been helping the Stockroom people, who have just begun using PARS," Butler added. "We've been working together to ensure we make the most of this system." The goal is for the entire Business Services Section to be able to interface with the PARS system. Future modules scheduled for link-up include Accounting and Shipping.

Stockrooms to Close for Inventory

The Stockrooms in Wilson Hall and at the Site 38 Warehouse will be closed for audited inventory on: **May 18 & 19, Wilson Hall, and May 20 and 22, Site 38.** Frank Cesarano, Stores Management Supervisor, repeated for the last time that, "In order to maintain service, one Stockroom will make *emergency* issues while the other takes inventory. We ask that you delay stock transactions until after May 22. In the event either or both Stockrooms complete their inventories early, it will be business as usual. Still have questions? Call ext. 3808. Stores Management thanks everyone for their cooperation."

Sharon Henderson of the Business Services Property Office is requesting help in offsetting the cost of a liver transplant for her 12-year-old granddaughter. The young girl, Tammy Burke, needs the transplant to help stem the tide against a rare form of liver cancer.

A fund has been established in the name of Tammy Burke at the Old Second National Bank, 37 South River, Aurora, Illinois, 60507. Donations may be sent directly there or to Sharon Henderson at MS 337.

Benefits Notes

ALERT - Parents of 1987 College Graduates

College graduation is around the corner for some employee's dependents. If they are enrolled in the medical and dental plans, their coverages terminate on graduation day, unless dependents will continue as full-time graduate students and are not 23 years old. If they do not have group medical and dental coverage elsewhere they can elect to continue on the Lab's plan. Please call the Benefits office at ext. 3395 or 4361 for additional information and election form.

CREF Retirement Income to Rise 23% in May

Variable incomes being paid by College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF) to its 115,000 retired participants will increase by 23.0% for the 12 months beginning May 1, 1987. With this increase, CREF retirement incomes will have risen by a net of 171% over the most recent five-year period. This, of course, reflects the stock market's extraordinary sustained rise over these years.

It is important to remember that stock prices go *down* as well as up. Since CREF began in 1952, yearly May 1 changes in CREF retirement incomes have ranged from decreases of as much as 17% to increases of as much as 39%. Before selecting a CREF variable annuity at retirement you should decide if you are financially able to handle the ups and downs of the stock market.

- Paula Cashin

Seats Still Empty for Rafting Trip

Seats are still available for NALREC's two-day rafting trip to Popp's Resort in Caivitz, Wisconsin, from May 29 - 30, 1987. For more information and to make your reservations, call Dominick or Jesse, ext. 3187 or 4305.

New Equipment for CPR Class

Fermilab has purchased two new mannequins for the American Red Cross Certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class held on site. These mannequins are described as the *most sanitary* CPR mannequins available.

The "Chris Clean" mannequin is different because each trainee blows into their own mouth/nose piece and air bag. The mouth/nose pieces can be easily sanitized between classes and the air bags are thrown away. This prevents the possibility of cross infection that may have existed with the older mannequins.

Ray Ziegner and Neil DalCerro from the Fermilab Fire Department are the instructors for the CPR class. They feel that the new Chris Clean mannequins have helped make the trainees more at ease with the task of learning CPR.

The 1987 CPR classes will be ending soon so don't hesitate to enroll. To join in the eight-hour CPR class or the four-hour refresher class, have your supervisor contact the Safety Officer for your Division/Section, or contact Gary Andrews on ext. 3036.

- G. Andrews

Trip to Switzerland Offers Excitement

On May 11, 1987, at noon in Curia II, NALREC will host a slide presentation on the trip to Switzerland they are offering to employees and their families and friends. The tour is scheduled for October 4 -12, 1987, and there are two packages to choose from. Go to Switzerland for \$699 or to Switzerland and Austria for only \$769. Prices are per person based on double occupancy.

Flash! Late-Breaking Bulletin!

FermiNews is going off the air for four weeks while one of our transmitters is out for repairs and maintenance. We'll resume our normal schedule June 5th, which (and here's the exciting part) will be a regularly-scheduled Classified Ads issue. Deadline for ads for that issue is May 27 of this year.

Percentage of Americans who say they have been to a shopping mall in the last month: **78**

Percentage of Iowans who say they would rather spend a week in Des Moines than in San Francisco: **31**

- from *Harper's Index*

Recent Retirements

George M. Simon

George M. Simon came to Fermilab in 1972 to work at the 15-ft Bubble Chamber; he remained at the Bubble Chamber for the entire 14 years he was at the Laboratory.

Rich Smith, George's supervisor, reminisced, "George's retirement prompts everyone who worked with him to reflect on how especially capable he was at making his technical talents felt at the Lab. When George arrived at Lab A, the chamber and magnet were in pieces everywhere, and the entire complex was in a state of fabrication and assembly. George was a specialist in vacuum installations and a proven master in the detection of leaks in such systems. He went to work immediately in his understated, but completely competent way, and made sure that all of the cryogenic and vacuum systems at Lab A were done once and done well.

"George characteristically took care to share his expertise and craftsmanship with his co-workers at Lab A who were new at bubble-chamber technology. As a consequence, a very large number of his colleagues recognize that they owe their by now considerable skills in vacuum technology to George. As a larger consequence, the components and systems at the Bubble Chamber that George and his pupils brought on line remained routinely on line.

"George contributed to the mission of the Lab directly and indirectly in ways that transcended his daily work at the Bubble Chamber. Everyone who worked with George realizes that he cannot be replaced, but anyone who plans for more physics from the Bubble Chamber, whether he knows it or not, will be relying on the fact that George has taught his colleagues at Lab A thoroughly and well."

After retirement, George plans to spend his time fishing, writing remembrances, visiting family and friends, taking short travel jaunts, and working on his garden and yard.

Elsie Simon

Elsie Simon (George's wife) worked for the Fermilab on-call program for three years before joining the Village housekeeping department in 1981 full-time.

Pam Nabor, Elsie's supervisor, remarked, "Her co-workers and the users living on-site will attest to her pleasant personality. Her willingness to help out

in all areas of Accommodations will be missed and we look forward to her keeping in touch."

Elsie said, "After retirement I plan to visit old friends and relatives in Racine, Wisconsin, where we previously lived for 22 years, and spend some time visiting our 8 sons and 2 daughters. I also plan to spend time working on my plants, our garden, and crafts."

George Doyle

George Doyle's first day at Fermilab was on April 22, 1968. That wasn't the only first for George: he started the first garden plots on the site, he operated the first fire truck, he was the first vehicle maintenance mechanic, he handled the first snow removal, he set up the first greenhouse program, he set up operations to pump water to Wilson Hall for fire protection, he set up operation for the first and only air building at Fermilab, he set up the first janitorial cleaning service for the Main Ring when it was under construction, and he started the first germination of seed for prairie grass.

Among many other Lab activities George participated in during his employment at Fermilab, he was Village Manager, and Emergency Warden, he was on the Crane Committee, the Lab Safety Committee for fire safety, he was Environmental Protection Officer, and he monitored radiation.

Jack Jagger, George's supervisor, said of George, "What impressed me the most about working with 'The Junkman,' as we call George, was the fact that he could literally make something out of nothing. He could always be counted on to find the missing pieces that were needed. The seven years George and I worked together were very enjoyable, mainly because he has the most positive attitude of anyone I've ever had the pleasure to work with."

After retirement, George plans on touring in his motor home, starting with two months in Alaska. He also plans to enjoy Canadian and local fishing.

Correction

In the last issue of *FermiNews*, the swimming pool article incorrectly stated that "pool memberships will be on sale at the Atrium Reception Desk for one week."

The swimming passes will be on sale in the Atrium at a special table set up to handle this event. This table will be open during lunch hours on May 26 - 29, 1987.



Wellness Works News

"Stress Management" will be the topic for the next set of Wellness Works seminars to be held on May 11, 13, 18, and 20, 1987. The first two and the last seminars will be held from noon to 1:00 p.m. in 1 West, the seminar on May 18 will be held from noon to 1:00 in Ramsey Auditorium. The Stress Management seminars will be presented as a series, so participants should plan to attend all four sessions. Pre-registration for these free seminars, given by Maxicare Illinois Health Education, is required and can be done by contacting Dotti, ext. 4367.

Illinois Employee Fitness Day Events

Governor Thompson has proclaimed May 15, 1987, as Illinois Employee Fitness Day to encourage employee fitness programs. To mark the day, Fermilab will have a noon-hour non-competitive walk-jog event. Participants can earn ribbons by completing the two-mile course. For additional information and pre-registration, contact Dotti at ext. 4367.

Individuals with medical/health problems which may be aggravated by this event should consult their personal physicians prior to registration. (The American Heart Association would appreciate a donation on that day to support their programs in research, public health education, and community service. "Drop in Dollars for the Health of It" boxes will be posted along the route.)

In conjunction with this event, the Recreation Facility, located at 16 Potawatomi in the Village, will have an Open House during the lunch hour so that those who haven't had a chance to see the facility, or those who haven't seen the new equipment, can come and look around.

Congratulations to:

Dorothy and Fred (CDF/PIG) Lewis on the birth of Matthew Joseph on April 17, 1987, at Central DuPage Hospital. Matthew weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19-1/2 in. long. Matthew was welcomed home by big brother Marcus.

Number of different familial relationships for which Hallmark makes cards: 105 - from Harper's Index

Ruth Christ Wins Achievement Award

Ruth Christ, Assistant Personnel Manager in Laboratory Services, was honored with a "Women of Achievement Award" from the Oak Brook Chapter of Women in Management. Ruth has been involved with this 300-member group since it was founded 11 years ago.

The category in which she won her award was Government/Non-profit. There were three other categories in which awards were presented: Entrepreneur, Profit, and Education. The awards were presented to "individuals who best exemplify qualities of excellence and achievement in their professional field, leadership, and community effort."

In addition to being a member of the Women in Management, Ruth is also involved in many other community organizations. She was the '84-'85 president of the Private Industry Council, an organization she has belonged to for four years. She is an active volunteer and chairs the Speaker Committee for the Family Shelter Service of DuPage County, an interpreter (guide) for, and member of, the Administrative Committee of the Board of the Naperville Heritage Society, and a member of the Career Education Advisory Committee for Naperville School District 203, the Personnel Board of the City of Naperville, the Grievance Panel for State of Illinois, the Personnel Committee of the Board of Marionjoy, the Naperville Toastmasters, and the Naperville YMCA Masters.

Ruth now has the opportunity to compete nationwide with other chapters from the Women in Management organization for the national achievement award in her category of Government/Non-profit.

Weightlifting Clinic Reminder

If you are interested in participating in the Weightlifting Clinic, you must be registered before May 20, 1987. Register soon, there is a limit to the number of participants. For more information, call Jean, ext. 3126.

Number of indoor miniature golf courses built in 1986: 35
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1983 MAZDA GLC WAGON. A/C, stereo cassette, AM/FM, original owner, exc. condition, 58,000 mi., \$3895. Call Mark, ext. 4776.

1977 FORD LTD STATION WAGON. 98K miles, new tires, asking \$600/best offer. Call Jim, ext. 4889.

1971 180 DIESEL MERCEDES. 4-dr., one owner car, has high mileage but runs well, new tires last fall, good battery, asking \$2250. Call Mollie Stoerker, ext. 3232.

Motorcycle

1978 SUZUKI 1000 GSE, DOHC. 20,851 odometer reading w/new set of Dunlop tires w/ spare innertube, new battery and "shop-tuned" 1986, also includes saddle bags, fairing, tool set and bike lubricants, asking only \$1300/best offer. Call Ed Justice, ext. 4553.

YAMAHA DT360. 350 cc, on/off road motorcycle, dark metallic green, adult driven, tires & engine in good condition, \$325. Call Dave, ext. 3567 or 892-5395 after 6:00 p.m.

Stationary Residence

Unusual atrium design in this cedar and brick 3 bdrm, 2-1/2 bath, ranch. Four miles from the Lab, "Annunciation" school/parish, 4 blks. from P.S. elementary, quiet neighborhood, new kitchen & appliances, family rm. w/parquet floor, 2-car garage, prof. landscape. Call ext. 3032 or 898-5521 after 5:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Barnyard Paraphernalia

CHICKEN EGGS. For hatching, large breeds, mixed, no purebreds; Bantam crossed w/game fowl, \$3/dozen large, \$2 Bantam, also live soup chickens, \$2/each. Call Ernie Ernsting, ext. 3626 or (815) 895-6823 after 6:00 p.m.

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Interactive Electronics

ZENITH Z-158 PERSONAL COMPUTER. IBM XT compatible, 20M hard disk, 640K upgrade, 8087 CoProcessor, CGA color/monochrome card, 12" amber monochrome monitor, Real Time clock (short card), MS-DOS 3.1, MS windolos, keyboard cover. Will help beginner get started, \$2000. Call Mark, ext. 4776.

Domestic Paraphernalia

10-GALLON AQUARIUM. With flourescent hood, pump, filter, and gravel, \$23. Call Steve Morrison, ext. 4975.

WARD'S FREEZER. 20 cu. ft., frost-free upright, immaculate, \$175. Call Ed Dijak, 690-1145.

Yard Stuff

BEDDING PLANTS. Flowered and veggies, 80¢ a pack, also potted geraniums and hanging baskets. Call Howard Fulton, ext. 3433 or 879-7566.

GOOD-RUNNING MOWERS. Have been cleaned and checked. Lawn Chief, 21" electric start rotary, \$100; Jacobsen, 21" self-propelled super bagger rotary, \$75; Hybrid 22" rotary, \$40; Hahn-Eclipse 21" self-propelled Reel, \$50. Call Mollie Stoerker, ext. 3232.

WANTED:

Used Roto-tillers and used lawn-mowers, any condition. Call Ed Dijak, ext. 3654 or 690-1145.