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Memo to: Fermilab Staff
From: Leon M. Lederman
Subject: SSC

About a year or so ago I wrote a memo cautioning employees that the DOE did not think that it was appropriate for a national laboratory to assist its state in responding to DOE's site proposal request. That caution remains in effect although the proposal phase is essentially over.

Recently, the idea of siting the SSC in Illinois has become a matter for public debate. I want to renew my guidance to you regarding Fermilab employees' participation in that public policy issue. Fermilab staff are free to support the SSC and even to support the idea of building the SSC in Illinois. They are equally free to oppose the SSC, and in general to exercise their rights as citizens in a free society. Fermilab staff who are familiar with and expert in some of the issues raised by concerned neighbors may correctly feel an obligation to address these issues in a public forum.

When speaking about the SSC, it should be obvious that you are speaking for yourself, as an informed private citizen, and not representing the Laboratory. Obviously these interactions must be carried out without using Fermilab resources. If you have any questions please contact Bruce Chrisman at 3211.

Over the past few months, Fermilab has welcomed groups from across the country to let them see what a well-run accelerator laboratory looks like and what it can do for a community. I encourage you to invite your neighbors here as well. In addition, I encourage you to speak out on the SSC because it is a major issue in the future of American science.

Benefits Notes

Why Bother With A Claim Form?

You get sick. You go to the doctor. The doctor wants to run some tests to help make or confirm a diagnosis. Now you go to the outpatient facility of a hospital for an x-ray, blood test, etc. Before you know it you have accumulated several bills: office visits, outpatient visits, radiologists fees, pathologists fees and prescription drugs. You gather the bills, attach them to a Connecticut General (CG) medical claim form and submit them to the Lab's Benefits Office for transmittal to the CG claims office. Approximately three weeks later you receive a CG Explanation of Benefits (EOB), no payment only a one line statement, "Please submit a completed claim form." But, you did submit a claim form!

Connecticut General is not out to get you or deliberately delay payment. Chances are the claim form that you submitted was not complete. You probably left a few spaces blank that you thought were not important. For example, you neglected to include information about your spouse. The last time you submitted a claim form you gave CG that information. So, why bother again!

If you want your claims adjusted promptly, you will have to be bothered again. Connecticut General's auditors will not allow the claims adjusters to pay a claim without current information on the claim form. They need a completed claim form on every diagnosis, and a completed claim form approximately every three months on an on-going claim. All you need to do is complete the "Employee Section." Connecticut General's request for information is not unusual. This is standard in the insurance industry. So, please do your part for faster service.

- Paula Cashin

Don't forget the Arts Series presentation of "Dance Kaleidoscope" in the Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on April 16 (call ext. ARTS for tickets and info), and the NALREC Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26.

Public Information. . .

Two new books have been added to the reference material available through the Public Information Office. They are: *The Birth of Particle Physics*, edited by L. Hoddeson and L. Brown (\$18.95), and *The Hunting of the Quark* by Michael Riordan (\$9.95).

Another book that will be added soon is *How the World Works* (\$7.95) by Boyce Rensberger, science writer for the *Washington Post*. This book contains simply written science background information for those who want and need simple explanations of scientific phenomenon in our everyday world.

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FOR SALE

Motorized Vehicles:

1937 PACKARD LIMO, asking \$7900. MOTOR-HOME: 1977 GMC "Eleganza," 26 foot, sleeps 6, 2 air-conditioners, built-in vacuum system, aux. fuel tank, 30,600 miles on new engine, many extras. Asking \$29,500. JoAnne, ext. 3865.

1940 BUICK SPECIAL, 4-dr. sedan, original straight eight engine, new battery, spark plug wires, rebuilt master cylinder, low mileage. Call Jim Edwards, ext. 4471.

1971 CHEVELLE SS TURBO TRANS, 427 eng., 373 posi., good condition, \$3300. 1978 Suzuki G.S. 1000, \$900. Call 851-8397 after 3:00 p.m.

1979 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME, yellow 2-dr., ps/pb/cruise, 60,000 mi., 4 almost new tires, good battery, new alternator, absolutely no rust, \$2000. 1979 TOYOTA COROLLA SR5 LIFTBACK, white, 2-dr., 92,000 mi., 4 good tires, good battery, new water pump, rusty, \$1000. Must sell by end of May. Call ext. 2253 or 851-8157.

1981 PONTIAC FIREBIRD, 231 V6 engine, T-tops, rally sport rims with B.F. Goodrich radial T/A tires and Alpine stereo system with booster. Very clean, no rust. Must see! Asking \$3800 or offer. Call Dan, ext. 4190

Miscellaneous:

2 TIRES, "Goodyear Tiempo," all weather, steel belt radials, P185/80R13. \$25 each or best offer. Call Chuck, ext. 4116/P117 or 879-0394 evenings.

WESTINGHOUSE WASHER, \$50; electric dryer, \$50; Bradford gas stove, \$100; refrigerator, \$50. Avocado color. \$200 buys all four. Call Deb, ext. 2289 or 844-1636.

6-FOOT WOOD BAR, \$15. Double stainless steel sink in wood cabinet, 26" x 40", includes faucet, traps, valves, very suitable for wet bar, \$35. Metal laboratory desk, 30" x 48", top-4 drawer, \$30. Phone 682-9896

QUEENSIZED PLATFORM BED w/two nightstands, black, includes firm Hausen mattress. Like new, \$570. Moving sale, must sell by end of May. Call ext. 2253 or 851-8157.

TOASTMASTER CONTINUOUS CLEAN TOASTER-OVEN-BROILER. Fits under cabinet or counter, \$25. 19" Zenith B&W TV, \$40; 9" Zenith B&W TV, \$10. Call Ed Dijak, 690-1145 after 6:00 p.m.

CARPET, approximately 12 ft. by 18 ft., attractive blue shag, \$25. Incinerator - ancient, vintage unknown. Label says, "Calcinator." Has gas hookup so presume that's what it runs on. \$20 or make best offer. If interested call Deb, ext. 2289 or 844-1636.

WANTED TO BUY:

Used kitchen cabinets, inexpensive wall cabinets preferably. Call Ed Dijak, 690-1145 after 6:00 p.m.

Light box, the kind used for printed circuit layout, in good condition. Size 16" x 20" or a little larger. Contact Ron Cudzewicz, ext. 4075 or home evenings, 557-2166

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