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ORC SURVEY RESULTS REPORTED

Results of the Opinion Research Corporation (ORC) survey of PPPL employees were summarized Monday, November 10, in a presentation to PPPL supervisors by ORC's John Lingle, Research Executive. Findings of the survey were also made available in a report booklet, which has been distributed to all PPPL staff. Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the report should call Bill Johnson, ext. 2052.

In his comments to supervisors following Monday's ORC presentation, Dr. Furth expressed his appreciation to all staff members for taking the time to complete the survey. Eighty percent of the staff responded. He also stressed the importance that PPPL management places on the results of this survey which clearly highlighted some strengths, such as employee commitment to the Laboratory's mission, as well as some internal issues, such as communications, which need increasing attention.

Dr. Furth has established a follow-up Task Force, composed of members of the Laboratory's General Council, who will analyze the survey findings in detail and recommend to him specific actions to respond to the findings. Members of the Task Force are:

J. Clark, Chairman
J. Sinnis
D. Mullaney
C. Staloff
R. Gould
W. Mizutowicz
S. Bernabei
R. White
S. Iverson and W. Johnson, Staff Support

The Laboratory as a whole has spoken through the survey; it is now up to management to respond. The members of the Task Force, who are Laboratory managers, will help the Director and the Council respond to Laboratory-wide concerns and issues identified in the survey.

The Director in his talk and in his memorandum to staff encouraged everyone in the Laboratory to offer ideas which will enhance the quality of life at PPPL to him and to the members of the Task Force. For the next month, Jim Clark will be available between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon each weekday to talk to staff members who wish to comment on the survey results. Please drop in or call Letty Wohar, ext. 3040, to make an appointment.

Early next year the Director will report to Laboratory staff on the actions related to the survey results which he has planned or has set in motion.

FY87 APPROPRIATION

The FY 1987 appropriation for magnetic fusion development, as finally enacted by the Congress, contains a \$12.5 million dollar increase over the \$333 million proposed by the President last January. This is good news for PPPL and for the whole fusion community. President Reagan's interest in an international fusion-research initiative and the scientific results produced by PPPL this summer probably had a favorable effect on the outcome.

The precise amounts within the total fusion appropriation that will be allocated to the Laboratory for FY 1987 are not yet known, but PPPL has been encouraged to plan for a slightly higher level than in FY 1986.

Although the FY 1987 appropriation has now been enacted, some budget uncertainties remain. The Administration and the new Congress, which convenes in January, must still grapple with the Federal deficit problem. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act remains on the statute books, although somewhat altered by the Supreme Court decision.

So far, however, things have gone well this year in Washington.



United Way

CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Volunteers for the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's United Way fund drive were selected from all Laboratory areas. Each volunteer distributed pledge cards in their various PPPL "neighborhoods." Pledge cards should be returned to the United Way volunteer as soon as possible.

If the early results of this year's United Way campaign are any indication, Laboratory employees are extending a helping hand. In the first days of the fund-raising drive, PPPL achieved an 8.7% participation rate. However, if contributions continue to come in at this pace, the Laboratory's 50% participation goal will not be met when the campaign ends.

Although we are off to a good start, everyone's help is needed if we are to reach our goal. Be sure and return your pledge card in the self-addressed envelope provided. If you have misplaced your pledge card, you can get another from Rosemary Fuccello, ext. 2041, in Personnel.

TRANSITIONS

The HOTLINE offers its congratulations to the following employees, who recently became proud parents:

Stefan Weicberger formerly of the Power Engineering Branch and his wife, Sasha, whose son was born September 7;

Daniel Heifetz of the Applied Physics Division and his wife, Suzanne, whose son, Robert Adam, was born on September 10;

Wanda Mizutowicz of Accounting and her husband, Ted, whose daughter, Jennifer Danielle, was born October 5.

NEW HOTLINE EDITOR

Carol A. Phillips has been named acting editor of the PPL HOTLINE starting with this issue. She replaces Kathy Dunn who left the Information and Administrative Services Branch to take a position in the Controller's Office.

Items of general interest to PPPL employees should be sent to Carol at Module 2, C-Site.

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NEW LOCATION

Graphic services has moved to the third floor of the Laboratory Office Building, effective the week of November 17.

All work requests should be directed through Bernie Giehl in Room 348, ext. 3370.

