

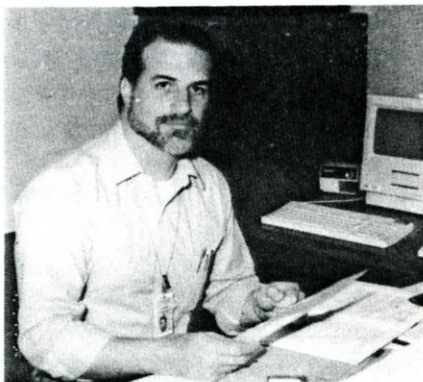
'MEANINGFUL' COURSES TRADEMARK OF EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



(Photo by John Peoples)
Steve Landau

"Taking this math course really changed the way I interact with others," says Technician Steve Landau. "We not only reviewed and brushed up on math fundamentals, algebra, and calculus, but we saw more clearly just how one job here relates to the others...how all of the pieces fit together."

Landau reminisces about his experience in the recently ended fall term of the Employee Development Program (EDP), launched in 1987 in response



(Photo by John Peoples)
Rich Frankenfield

to a need for training PPPL employees as identified by the Opinion Research Corporation opinion survey.

"The biggest difference between this course and the class work I did in high school is in the application," Landau adds. "Here, you can actually see the practical interaction of the math disciplines, especially the calculus where everything comes together."

Electronics Services Group Supervisor Rich Frankenfield agrees, noting that for many technical employees "math really comes first among the courses that are meaningful both to the individual and to the Laboratory."

Both pointed out another significant aspect of EDP courses. "What you have here," Frankenfield observes, "is a mature group of students, many with years of experience in engineering or mechanical environments. This increases the challenge to the instructor and makes for unusually lively and interesting classes."

Landau adds that "having all types of Laboratory people in a course like this—plus the fact that they're all there voluntarily, because they want to be there—makes for an excellent spirit. The interaction among the various class members was very good."

On a less technical subject, "Strengthening Written Communications Skills," Personnel Secretary Dianne Intoccia had an equally positive experience in her first EDP course.

"I hadn't been in a classroom since about eight years ago when I was studying for the real estate examination," Intoccia states. "So I wanted to see how I would do and I was also looking for a course that would be of benefit to me now and into the future."

"We had an excellent instructor and she started us out with a short assignment, and I think that was just for her to find out where each student was in



(Photo by John Peoples)
Dianne Intoccia

terms of ability. This was much more interesting, and held my attention better, than most of what I had done before in classrooms. Since everyone needs to be able to communicate well in writing, this is a course I would recommend to anyone."

All three of the "alumni" of the EDP agree enthusiastically about its value. They also reported with pleasure that the costs of registration, books, and other expenses associated with these courses are being borne by the Laboratory. ○

Registration Deadline

The deadline for registering for the Employee Development Program courses beginning in February is Friday, 29 January 1988. Completed forms should be sent to Bill Johnson, B173, C-Site. Please call Bill, ext. 2052, if you have any questions or problems.

Science on Saturday

Science on Saturday, a series of six weekly seminars for high school students will be offered by the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory beginning January 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The lectures are informal, and several will be accompanied by tours and demonstrations. Topics will be drawn from current research in lasers, molecular biology, superconductors, medicine, and fusion energy. Seminars will be presented by Plasma Physics Laboratory scientists and University faculty. Certificates will be awarded to students completing the series.

The seminars are open to high school students, teachers, and parents free of charge. Register by calling Diane Carroll at (609) 243-2751 or at the first session, which will be held at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory on the Forrestal Campus on Route 1 in Plainsboro on Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m. ○

Safety Training Courses

The Occupational Safety Branch has scheduled the following safety training courses for February :

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date/Time/Location</u>
Asbestos Handling	4 February, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Safety Training Trailer
PCB Handling/Spill Response	10 February, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Safety Training Trailer
Crane Operator Refresher	16 February, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Safety Training Trailer
Hearing Conservation	17 February, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Safety Training Trailer
Laser Safety	23 February, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Safety Training Trailer
Chemical Handling	24 February, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Safety Training Trailer
Basic Electrical Safety	25 February, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Safety Training Trailer

Employees must obtain permission from their immediate supervisor to attend these classes. Supervisors should call Mary Ann McBride at ext. 3468 to enroll their employees.

Basic Safety for new employees is offered every Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the Safety Training Trailer.

CPR is offered every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Safety Training Trailer. Contact Mary Ann McBride, ext. 3468, to enroll.

Villa For Rent

Hilton Head Island, S.C., Palmetto Dunes Plantation. Two bedroom, two bath villa completely equipped. On golf course, pool, near beach. \$550/week. Call G. Barnes 201-329-3196, evenings. ○

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards I received and the warm personal concern shown by my friends and co-workers here at PPPL during my recent illness.

Eleanor Schmitt ○

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