

Tiger Team Says Thank You

by Johanna Van Wert

"The cooperation we've had from the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab has been the best we've ever seen," Susan R. Brechbill, leader of the Tiger Team, told PPPL escorts and technical counterparts during a meeting on Monday, March 4 to express the Tiger Team's appreciation.

"People here have taken an extremely supportive attitude," she noted, "and you've been a big part of our being able to get our job done well and effectively." Escorts and

technical counterparts provided support in the form of information and resource gathering, scheduling meetings, and word processing, among other activities.

Ms. Brechbill also observed that PPPL staff have taken advantage of the opportunity to increase their expertise in the areas of safety, health, and environmental issues by working with Tiger Team specialists.

In response to her remarks, PPPL Director Ron Davidson observed that the Tiger Team has taken a

helpful, positive approach that has encouraged cooperation and good will from Laboratory staff.

The 50-member Tiger Team has been at PPPL since February 11. Their visit ended March 12 with a closeout meeting and submission of their report. Their goal has been to work with the Laboratory to ensure high standards of safety, environmental protection, and health. Noted Ms. Brechbill, "We have done our best to make a fair, objective assessment, and we hope that staff at PPPL will agree with our recommendations of what needs to be done."



Halsey Allen had the distinction of being presented with "The Most Underutilized Escort" award by Susan Brechbill, who joked that he did his best to fulfill his duties despite her independent style. Allen is Associate TFTR Project Manager for Administration.

Photo: John Peoples

Blood Drive Successful

Because of cooperation by 86 registered donors at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, the American Red Cross was able to meet 100 percent of their goal, collecting 75 pints of blood at the Lab on Wednesday, March 6. Eileen Mulligan, Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross, expressed her thanks in a letter to Dr. John Caruso in the Occupational Medicine Office. She said, "Please extend my appreciation to your staff, especially to Faith Robak and Connie Riviera for their help in coordinating the blood drive. Also extend a special thank you to all those employees at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory who gave the 'gift of life' during this life-saving event."

Operation Desert Smile

Soldier Sends Thank You Letters

During the war in the Persian Gulf, PPPL employees contributed small gifts to the American troops in Saudi Arabia. Barbara Sobel and Marilyn Hondorp coordinated the effort. Here's a letter of thanks that Barbara received.

Dear Barbara,

February 11, 1991

We were lucky enough to receive your great package, and it was much enjoyed by all my men.

I'm a platoon sergeant in the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One), and I distributed your package to my men and read your kind letter to them. There are no women in my unit, so we took the items intended for female soldiers and gave them to the mail handling detachment, who are mostly women. They really appreciated it.

To enjoy the contents of the package was very good, but to know fellow Americans care about us is even better. From all my men and all soldiers away from home, thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ernest A. Cook, Jr.
Platoon Sergeant, USA

Phil Efthimion was surprised and pleased to also receive a letter from Sergeant Cook, after the Efthimion family and Phil's in-laws, the Demos contributed many homemade pastries and candies to PPPL's care packages. He shares the letter below.

Dear Families at Home,

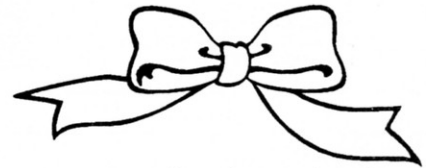
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I know that's a funny way to start a letter, but I felt it most appropriate in this case. We were lucky enough to receive your package here in the desert, and believe me, it sure cheered us up.

I'm SFC, that's sergeant first class, Ernest A. Cook, and I'm a platoon sergeant in the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One). I distributed your package to my men and read them your kind letter. Ya'll have done wonders for the morale of the troops, and I most humbly thank you.

I'm a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, and we never were encouraged or even thought of then as many people think of us now. For all of my men and myself, God bless you and keep you.

Ernest A. Cook, Jr.
P.S. Send me a whole platoon of Ninja Turtles!



Everyone has been deeply affected by the war with Iraq, and we're all grateful that it has ended. Margaret Kevin, who has been working temporarily for Carl Potensky in the Plant Maintenance and Engineering Division, wrote the following poem dedicated to the men and women in the Persian Gulf.

Amidst the Dark

*Amidst the dark
The war bird flies.
Missiles descend
And shatter the earth.*

*We yearn for peace,
Yet destruction flows,
And life loses its breath
In a bloody fashion.*

*Rescue us,
Someone or something!
Bring us peace
And retain our substance.*

By Margaret Kevin

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What's Happening at PPPL?

Rabid Raccoon Found on Campus

(Reprinted from the *Princeton Weekly Bulletin*)

On February 8, a member of the Maintenance Department trapped a raccoon near the power plant on the main campus. The animal subsequently tested positive for rabies.

The raccoon had shown himself during the day, behavior which is considered erratic for raccoons, who are usually active at night. In the past few months the Princeton area has seen an epidemic of rabies among raccoons and other animals such as skunks, says Don Robasser of the Office of Occupational Health and Safety.

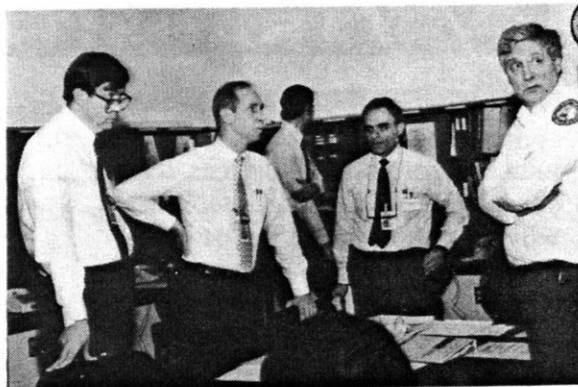
According to Robasser, rabies symptoms may vary from animal to animal. Some animals grow quiet and shy away from contact; others move erratically and become violent.

Members of the campus community would be well advised to stay away from wild animals and should refrain from feeding them, says Robasser. While the rabies epidemic does not yet seem to have affected the squirrel population, food that squirrels leave behind may attract other wild animals. Information about vaccinations for pets can be obtained from municipal health authorities.

If you see an animal that appears to be behaving strangely, please call the Public Safety emergency number (258-3333). Public Safety will notify the appropriate animal control authority. **Note: At PPPL, phone 2536.**

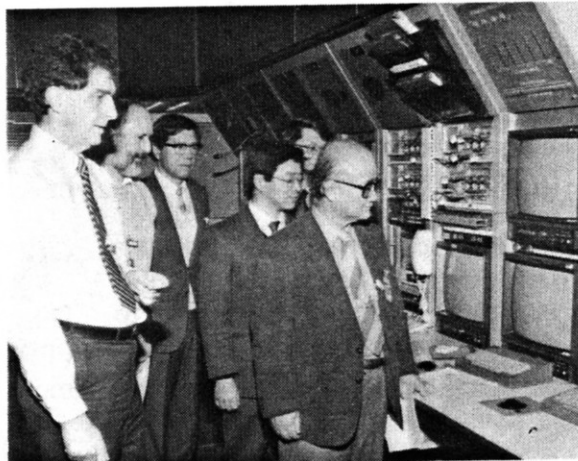
Thirty mechanical engineering students from University Twente in Holland visited PPPL during their three week tour of the U.S. and Canada. According to group leader Robert Leit, the students visit high tech labs and industries as part of the their sightseeing activities. Dave Ciotti, seated far right, and Jim Faunce, seated far left, were tour guides.

Photo: John Peoples



Rich Hawryluk, John DeLooper, Erik Perry (facing away), Tony DeMeo, and Captain Robert Brown consider possible actions during a practice drill on February 27. During the drill several areas of the Laboratory were evacuated and special operation centers were activated.

Photo: John Peoples



Ken Young and Sid Medley, far left, show the TFTR Control Room to, from left to right, M. Baba, K. Shin, T. Iguchi, and M. Sumita. Professor Sumita and his colleagues visited the Laboratory to talk with PPPL staff about radiation effects on fusion components. Their visit was arranged under the US/Japan international exchange program.

Photo: Dietmar Krause

TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

Johanna Van Wert recently joined Information Services as a consultant to write *HOTLINE*. She will be assuming the duties previously held by Ellen Webster, who has taken a full-time position as Assistant to the Editor for the journal *Physics of Fluids B* here at PPPL.

BIRTHS

Tom Goodwin, AC Power Engineering, and his wife Donna are the proud parents of baby daughter Michelle, born February 2, 1991.

Best wishes to **Margaret Jackson**, Maintenance, and husband John on the birth of their son, John C. Jr., born December 16, 1990.

Beth Ann Reardon, Computer Division, gave birth to son Thomas Patrick on March 6. All the best to Beth Ann and her husband Thomas.

Congratulations to **Nathan Schechtman**, Computer Division, and his wife, Nadine, on the arrival of their new daughter, Claire Louisa, January 6, 1991.

Jim Stevens of the Research Department is a proud father. He and his wife Anne welcomed daughter Jennifer on March 11, 1991.

A daughter, Hilary Elizabeth, was born to proud parents **Bill Tighe**, X-ray Laser, and wife Judith on December 28, 1990.

RETIREMENTS

John Boychuk retired January 1, 1991 after 30 years of service. He was a Technical Associate.

Daniel Bonfrancesco retired January 1 after 20 years of service. He was a Planner/Estimator in the Plant Maintenance Section of Administrative Operations.

Jack B. Joyce retired January 1, 1991 after 30 years of service. He was Head of the Engineering Department.

David H. Mullaney retired January 1, 1991 after 35 years of service. He was Head of the Mechanical Engineering Division.

William G. Newman retired January 1, 1991 after 16 years of service. He was an Electrical Engineer in the TFTR Heating Systems Division.

Dolores F. Reiss retired January 4, 1991 after 15 years of service. She was a Payroll Data Entry Clerk in Administrative Operations.

OBITUARIES

Gilbert R. Graydon died on February 6. He was employed at PPPL from 1976 until his retirement in February 1990.

William J. Heim died on November 9, 1990. He was employed at the Laboratory from 1958 until his retirement in 1984.

Thank You

Thank you very much for your many birthday cards, get well cards, and flowers during my illness.

Flo Short

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, notes, and flowers or who phoned me during my recent illness. It's nice to have such lovely friends.

Thank you!
Pat Zeedyk

Safety Training

Basic Safety

April 1, 15, and 29, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Safety Trailer Conference Room

This one hour class is **required** for new employees (subcontractors as well) within the first thirty days of employment and subsequently for all employees every two years. The class includes information on general safety items, as well as occurrence reporting, environmental and radiation information and the New Jersey Right-to-Know Law.

Radiation Safety

April 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
MBG Auditorium

This course teaches radiation safety concepts as well as applications necessary to work with radioactive materials. It is appropriate for employees working in a radiation area. To challenge the test, call the Safety Office, X2600.

Use of Fire Extinguishers

April 17, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Safety Trailer Conference Room

This course trains employees in the different types and uses of fire extinguishers. It provides guidance as to when to try to fight a fire and when not to. A movie is shown along with a discussion period. The hands-on part of the class has been temporarily excluded.

Confined Space

April 18, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Safety Trailer Conference Room

This course is designed to instruct employees about the hazards associated with confined spaces and the proper procedures for entering a confined space.

To register for safety courses, call Sue Hill, X2526.