

1,200 BNLeers Respond to Forbes's 'Letter of Condemnation' With Calls for Truth, Due Process, 'the American Way'

Last week, during the second rally staged by BNLeers in the Lab's 50th-anniversary year, some 1,200 employees, retirees and supporters — which represents over one-third of the Lab's work force and over twice the number of Lab supporters that turned out two weeks earlier — displayed their outrage at U.S. Representative Michael Forbes's latest action against Brookhaven's High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR).

The rally was again organized by the Friends of Brookhaven, Union Local 2230 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Brookhaven Scientists Association, and the BNL Retired Employees Association.

Held on Thursday, September 18, at high noon and again in the parking lot of the building housing Forbes's Shirley office, the protest this time centered on Forbes's mailing of September 8 (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 12 and, for BNL's response, Interim Lab Director Peter Bond's September 19th memo to all employees), which appeared to be targeted at women within his district.

So, during the rally, three women took center stage, outraged at what Jennifer O'Connor of the Reactor Division called Forbes's "phony poll."

Enclosed with a survey postcard, Forbes's letter reiterated the reasons



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why the First District Congressman had made his "independent decision . . . to force the permanent shutdown of the leaking HFBR nuclear reactor at Brookhaven National Laboratory." Along with U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York,

Forbes had originally announced his anti-HFBR stance at a September 2 press conference (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 5, 1997), during which the two Republicans revealed that they were introducing Congressional legislation to force the HFBR's

permanent shutdown.

While speeches were being given, rally-goers were filling out photocopies of the survey postcard, which were to be turned into Forbes's office. And, every speaker encouraged all BNLeers (continued on page 2)

BNL Completes Fuel Shipments

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced on Wednesday, September 24, that five shipments of spent nuclear fuel from BNL have been delivered successfully to South Carolina for interim storage before disposal in a federal repository.

The shipments were completed four months ahead of schedule, marking a milestone in DOE's Tritium Remediation Project and fulfilling its public commitment to remove all spent fuel from the storage pool at High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR).

DOE decided to remove the spent fuel following discovery earlier this year of tritium in groundwater south of the HFBR. The reactor's spent-fuel pool was confirmed to be leaking and is the apparent source of the on-site plume of tritiated water.

With the full cooperation of states and local agencies along the route, DOE safely shipped 1,050 spent-fuel elements from the Lab to its Savannah River Site. A satellite transportation-tracking system monitored the progress of the barges and trucks involved in the shipments. DOE has shipped spent fuel safely for over 40 years.

As part of the project designed to halt the leak, and, thus, eliminate the plume's source, the next step will be the removal of storage racks and several pieces of reactor equipment from the pool, in preparation for removing the 68,000 gallons of tritiated water that still fill it. The water will be stored on site, in tanks that meet local environmental-protection codes.

In January 1998, Energy Secretary Federico Peña will decide whether or not to proceed with HFBR restart, taking into account scientific, budgetary, environmental and community input (see box on page 3).

Two Teams Submit Proposals to Manage BNL for DOE

On Tuesday, September 22, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced that it had received two proposals, before that day's 1 p.m. Chicago-time deadline, from organizations offering to manage and operate BNL. DOE's press release noted, "Each of the proposals submitted involves a team of organizations designated by the offerors as either prime contractors or subcontractors."

For one team, the proposed prime contractor is IITRI Brookhaven Company, a nonprofit entity formed by Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute (IITRI) of Chicago, Illinois. To serve as subcontractor on this team,

Westinghouse Electric Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has formed Westinghouse Brookhaven Company.

For the other team, the Research Foundation of the State University of New York, on behalf of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Battelle Memorial Research Institute of Columbus, Ohio, has formed a new entity, Brookhaven Science Associates (BSA), which is proposed as the prime contractor.

The BSA proposal includes the following subcontractors: Bechtel National, Inc., of San Francisco, California; Duke Engineering & Services, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Waste Management Federal Services, Inc., of Lakewood, Colorado.

The Brookhaven Contract Source Evaluation Board (SEB) has begun its review and evaluation of the two proposals. On September 29, and October 1, the offerors will make oral presentations to the SEB at DOE offices in Germantown, Maryland.

As the DOE press release noted, "These presentations are an integral part of the source evaluation process and, in conjunction with the written proposals, provide offerors the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of DOE's requirements and (continued on page 3)

Local Community Groups Denounce Forbes, D'Amato For Circumventing HFBR Decision-Making Process

At a September 17 press conference near BNL's main gate, a coalition of local community groups criticized U.S. Representative Michael Forbes and Senator Alfonse D'Amato for introducing legislation to shut down the High Flux Beam Reactor (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 5, 1997).

Said Connie Kepert, head of the Longwood Alliance and former President of Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organizations (ABCO), an umbrella group for over 40 Brookhaven Town civic groups, "What's most upsetting to the community around the Lab is that Forbes and D'Amato have circumvented the process in which many community groups have been participating. We are insulted and upset that they decided to preempt that process and make a decision before the facts are in." (continued on page 3)



Connie Kepert (third from right), President of the Longwood Alliance, speaks to reporters at a September 17 press conference held by community groups to criticize Senator Alfonse D'Amato and U.S. Representative Michael Forbes

for their High Flux Beam Reactor stance. Looking on are: (from left) Sid Bail, Wading River Civic Association; Michael Giacamoro, East Yaphank Civic Association; Judy Panullo (hidden from view), Executive Director of the Long Island Progressive Coalition; Don Garber, past President of the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organizations (ABCO) and a retired BNLeer; Nanette Essel, Yaphank Taxpayers Association; Grace Vandervoort, Setauket Civic Association; Joe May, Mastic Park Civic Association; and Rich Johannesen, current ABCO President. — Photo by Joe Rubino

Second HFBR Rally (cont'd.)

and Lab supporters to write and call, and to get their friends and neighbors to make phone calls and send letters not only to D'Amato and Forbes, but also to the chairmen and members of the Senate and House committees in which D'Amato's and Forbes's respective bills are being considered.

'A Bunch of Peggy Bundys?'

"Not only was this poll a waste of taxpayers' hard-earned money, but it was also an insult to women," said O'Connor. "How dare [Forbes] assume that women would be more ignorant and sympathetic to his cause. Does he think that we're all a just a bunch of Peggy Bundys?"

"My message to Congressman Forbes is that women make informed decisions," declared O'Connor, who had informed the crowd that she had worked inside the reactor building through two healthy pregnancies.

She continued, "Forbes stated that the 'aging and leaking reactor' must be permanently shut down, and that, if it wasn't, then the end result would be a total loss of public confidence in the Lab [that could] lead to the entire Lab's shutdown. How many times does he need to be reminded that the [HFBR] is not leaking? The leak is coming from the spent-fuel pool, which is separate from the reactor and is currently undergoing repairs. Who is he to threaten us by saying that, if the reactor is not shut down, then the entire future of the Lab is at stake? He is deliberately misleading the public and trying to turn everyone against the [HFBR]."

Asking a rhetorical question, Jean Jordan-Sweet, a BNL facility user, wanted to know: "Is this Congressman Forbes's answer to our first rally — [a survey postcard] and a four-page letter of condemnation? This survey doesn't even ask the right questions. And, if Forbes already has made up his mind about forcing the permanent shutdown of the HFBR, why is he bothering to ask some of us our opinions?"

Sweet explained, "I am not a BNL, or DOE or AUI employee. But I come to [work at] the Lab most days, and I have two beautiful, healthy children who spent the first five years of their lives on site at Brookhaven's day-care center. I work for a private company that uses some of the large research facilities available at BNL, [so] I will not lose my job or be shifted to an . . . alternative job if the research reactor is shut down by Forbes's and D'Amato's legislation. But I cannot sit back and let the publicity-driven and campaign-driven overreaction of these two politicians preemptively pluck a ruby out of BNL's crown of scientific research jewels."

She continued, "Our national labs are our nation's treasures! They provide large research facilities for the use of the entire country. [They] produce patents, contracts, tech-transfer [and] medical advances, and build up the high-tech know-how of this country. We cannot do strong science without the necessary tools, such as BNL's [HFBR]."

"Forbes and D'Amato should be using their influence to support BNL and the local economy, not to legislate unemployment and economic hardship," Sweet demanded before pointing out how senators and representatives in other states that have national labs are the strongest supporters of those labs. Instead of support, Sweet said, all D'Amato and Forbes do is display their "political arrogance" towards the Lab.

Who Is 'Unfair?'

Discussing her firsthand encounter with Forbes's "political arrogance"



Addressing the crowd of 1,200 at last Thursday's rally are: (from left) Ed Kaplan, BNL, and Jean Jordan-Sweet, a BNL facility user.

at an early September town meeting, Lois Mitchell of Poquott (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 12) recounted: "He said that I was being 'unfair,' when she spoke up on behalf of the cancer victims who could be denied treatment and pain relief if his and D'Amato's legislation to close the HFBR goes through. "Who's being unfair?" Mitchell asked before adding, "It is not 'unfair' to rely on the experts who know what is going on instead of politicians" in deciding the fate of the HFBR. . . ."

On the subject of cancer, Jeff Coderre of the Lab's Medical Department stated: "What scares me almost as much as a politician in an election year is cancer. I watched my father die of cancer last year, and one out of every four of you will die of cancer. . . . The neutrons produced at BNL's reactors are bullets in the war against cancer. . . . But this work [at the HFBR] is now stopped. . . and has been judged as dispensable by Forbes and D'Amato."

Coderre continued, "So far, Forbes and D'Amato, while they savage the HFBR, have been careful to avoid at-

tacks on [the Brookhaven Medical Research Reactor, which Coderre employs in his research on a cure for a deadly brain cancer] or on the rest of the big facilities at BNL. But how long will this continue? The extremists [are already thinking of going] after the Medical reactor. Next will come the [Alternating Gradient Synchrotron], [the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider] and then the whole Lab. [So, Forbes's and D'Amato's attempt to close] the HFBR is a dangerous precedent with far-reaching implications for the future of scientific and medical research across the country."

'Kicking Us While We're Down'

Another of the rally's eight speakers, Bill Graves of BNL's National Synchrotron Light Source Department, commented, "Our elected representatives are kicking us while we're down, while we're left to fend for ourselves," since the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) fired BNL's management contractor in May and has yet to select a replacement.

Graves pointed out how community organizations, such as the Long

Forbes Responds to BNLers' Rally

Mid-afternoon Thursday, September 18, First District Congressman Michael Forbes issued a three-sentence news release responding to the employee rally staged that day in front of his Shirley office.

The release noted: "The continuing, almost weekly revelations of new sources of environmental contamination at Brookhaven Lab only reinforce my firm belief that the aging, 32-year-old [HFBR] nuclear reactor must be permanently closed down. The Lab's top priority must be on cleaning up the two radiological and five chemical groundwater plumes on site, and operating all its facilities with the highest environmental, safety and health standards. Anything less could place the future of Brookhaven National Laboratory and the 3,200 jobs held by our Long Island neighbors in jeopardy."

In response to the first two sentences, Bill Gunther, who is now the Lab's Interim Associate Director for Reactor, Safety & Security and who, for the past three years, had served as Manager of BNL's Office of Environmental Restoration, stated: "For several years now, as part of our ongoing Superfund cleanup and environmental-protection efforts, we have been reporting environmental findings to the public, to keep the community, the media and our elected officials informed about the Lab's environmental and Superfund issues. It is unfortunate that reports coming out of this process regarding contamination dating from the Lab's earlier years of operation are being interpreted as the announcement of 'new sources of environmental contamination.'"

He added, "While doing the cleanup of already documented problems, we continue to look for any heretofore unknown environmental problems, which are the result of past use and waste-disposal practices that were previously acceptable in the U.S. Our ongoing, in-depth, sitewide Facility Review begun earlier this year is evidence of this. The first of the Facility Review's two phases has identified only one previously unknown finding: a 180-gallon spill of oil and a solvent in the northern area of the site dating from 1972, which is now being addressed."

Gunther concluded, "I believe it is inaccurate to associate the High Flux Beam Reactor with all the contamination being remediated under Superfund or to fault the Lab for its openness on environmental and Superfund issues. Despite the risk of being misinterpreted, we remain committed to sharing information with the public."

Regarding the third sentence, the IBEW Union Local 2230's Vice President Phil Pizzo commented: "Here Forbes goes again: First he writes in his letter that 'the rank and file employees have always operated in good faith and bear no responsibility for the current difficulties,' but now he's threatening not only reactor-related jobs, but also the job of everyone who works at this Lab. This is just another example of why we don't trust him."

— Marsha Belford

Island Association (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 19) and the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organizations (see story on page 1), have spoken out for the Lab and DOE's process to review the environment, safety, health and community impact of the HFBR before considering whether or not to restart it. In conclusion, Graves urged, "Withdraw your legislation, Mr. Forbes! Let the DOE review proceed!"

Graves and another BNLER, Ed Kaplan of the Lab's Department of Advanced Technology, spoke of Forbes and D'Amato's "shabby environmental records."

"We refuse to allow politicians with questionable environmental credentials to use BNL as a whipping post to enhance their own images," commented Ed Kaplan, who emceed the event. As Kaplan pointed out, according to the League of Conservation Voters, Forbes's rating on environmental issues is 54 out of 100 percent, while D'Amato has a rating of 4 percent.

He concluded, "We need to get the word out: One, we are not a weapons laboratory: We are . . . devoted to the peaceful applications of science; two, we do operate our Lab safely; three, we are cleaning up our environmental problems . . . ; and, four, we are an important part of the Long Island community and expect to continue into the future the first-rate science that we have produced over the past 50 years."

Congressional 'Junk Mail'

In discussing the Congressman's "junk mail," as he called it, Phil Pizzo of BNL's Plant Engineering Division, who is Vice President of the IBEW Local 2230, took "particular interest" in the part that read: "the rank and file employees have always operated in good faith and bear no responsibility for the current difficulties."

As Pizzo explained: "This is a statement which we, as BNL employees, know to be 100 percent true . . . [but which] we don't believe [Forbes knows] to be true. Why? . . . Because his legislative actions against the Lab and the people employed there speak much, much louder than any kind words that Forbes has written about BNL workers."

"While everyone who works at the Lab isn't an Einstein, we are all smart enough to know that you don't threaten to lay off 210 reactor and support personnel whose job performance you just praised without doing a proper [environment, safety and health] investigation of their workplace. . . . That is just not the American way," he added.

Pizzo concluded, "But the rest of Long Island must hear this: For every one Lab job that Forbes threatens to do away with, two more jobs on Long Island are in jeopardy," according to the Suffolk County Planning Commission.

What Dick Hahn of the Lab's Chemistry Department wanted to know is: "Who are Mike Forbes's technical experts?" He added: "I have spent most of my scientific career studying radioactivity and nuclear phenomena. So I have to question Mike Forbes's statement that he made his decision about the HFBR after long and careful study. . . . He won't say [who his experts are, so] has he become an expert himself, in a few short months? . . . Forbes's attitude is, 'Don't confuse me with the facts,' [so], clearly, efforts to educate [Forbes and D'Amato] about BNL are not working."

Hahn added, "[Forbes and D'Amato] say that they want to protect the health of the residents of Long Island. Yet, have they ever stopped to wonder, if BNL is such a dangerous place, why 3,200 of us come to work at the Lab — willingly — every day and very week, year after year? We do it because we know the truth — that the Lab is a safe place." — Marsha Belford

Two Bidders (cont'd.)

the offerors' capability to perform the prospective contract."

For offerors determined to be in the competitive range, the SEB will begin discussions and negotiations of potential contracts. Then, by the end of October, these offerors will submit signed, negotiated contracts to the SEB.

The SEB will analyze and evaluate the proposals and submit findings to Source Selection Official Franklin Peters, who will make the final decision. DOE expects to announce the final decision and award the new contract in mid-November.

Tennis Luncheon: Not for Winners Only

The winners of the 1997 BNL Tennis Tournament are: men's single champion Om Singh, men's doubles champions Bob Meier and Om Singh, and mixed-doubles champions Mary Dernbach and Ed Gill.

To congratulate this year's winners, the BNL Tennis Committee invites all fans, linespersons and participants to its annual tennis luncheon and award ceremony, to be held on Thursday, October 2, at the on-site tennis courts. The rain date is Friday, October 3.

Cashier Closed 10/1&2

The Cashier's office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 & 2, but it will reopen at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3. In case of an emergency, call Anne Corr, Ext. 2427.

Research Study Needs Volunteers

Healthy men and women between the ages of 21 and 45 are needed to participate in a study at BNL's Medical Research Center aimed at developing a basic tool to measure muscle mass and metabolism.

Volunteers in the study will be paid \$150 for their participation. For more information, call Joan Kavanaugh, Ext. 5440.

Computing Corner

The Computing & Communications Division (CCD) is offering the following training. To register for a class, contact your training coordinator, or call Pam Mansfield, Ext. 7286.

Word Training

Introductory training in Microsoft Word will be offered on October 14, 21, 22 and 23.

PC Training

Some seats are still available in the following classes in October:

Date	Class
10/3	PowerPoint, introduction
10/6, 7 & 8	Visual Basic programming, version 5, introduction
10/13	Windows 95
10/15	PowerPoint, intermediate
10/23 & 24	ACCESS, intermediate
10/27	EXCEL, intermediate

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AUI Files \$8.1-M Claim Against DOE

Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI) has filed a breach-of-contract claim against the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in response to DOE's May 1 termination of the management contract under which AUI currently operates BNL for DOE.

In its claim, AUI demands \$8.1 million from DOE to cover fees lost because the contract will end some two years before both parties had initially agreed, probably in early 1998. AUI's management fee for fiscal year 1997 was \$3.8 million.

Energy Secretary Federico Peña terminated DOE's present contract with AUI four months after the discovery that tritium was contaminating the groundwater in the vicinity of BNL's High Flux Beam Reactor.

With AUI's agreement, DOE released AUI's six-page claim, which says that the termination took place before AUI was given a chance to address the leak; that, before the termination, DOE had "intentionally misled" AUI into believing it was doing a good job; and that DOE had violated a contract provision that calls for the two parties to resolve problems "in the spirit of friendly cooperation."

In sum, AUI's claim says, "The department's action was a clear abuse of discretion and good faith."

Beyond the termination, AUI also

claims that public comments by DOE officials made it impossible for AUI to attract potential partners, thus eliminating AUI from entering a bid to be BNL's next contractor (see story on page 1). Finally, AUI says that DOE's actions have threatened its "ability to continue as a viable organization."

AUI President Lyle Schwartz, who had been named Interim Director of BNL just four days before the termination, said, "AUI's primary intent is to lay out in a very public manner what we believe to be an erroneous action on DOE's part. AUI's point of view is now part of the public record."

Filing a breach-of-contract claim, Schwartz explained, is a procedural action granted to AUI within the framework of its current contract with DOE. While it is a legal action, it is not a lawsuit.

DOE will reply to AUI's claim within 60 days. If DOE and AUI reach a financial settlement as a result of AUI's claim, then it is unclear where the funds to settle the claim will come from, Schwartz said. If, however, an agreement is not reached, then the AUI Board of Trustees must decide between two options: "put it to rest or to go to court," said Schwartz.

If AUI does go to court and wins, then, Schwartz said, any judgment would not directly affect Lab funding.

BERA Concert Features Pianist

The next BERA concert will feature pianist Kathleen Boyd on Tuesday, October 7, at 8 p.m. in the Laboratory's Berkner Hall.

Boyd has performed as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. She has won several awards, including the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook's 1994 concerto competition and a fellowship for a three-month artistic residency in 1995 at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta, Canada.

With degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and the Hannover Academy of Music, Germany, Boyd is pursuing a



Kathleen Boyd

doctoral degree in piano performance at SUNY-Stony Brook.

The program for the concert consists of Mozart's Sonata in D major, K. 576; Alban Berg's Sonata, Opus 1; Maurice Ravel's *Jeux d'eau*; Claude Debussy's *L'Isle joyeuse*; and Chopin's Impromptu #1 in A flat major, Op. 39; Muzurka in A minor, Op. 59, #1; Muzurka in F minor, Op. 63, #2; Muzurka in C sharp minor, Op. 63, #3; Nocturne in E minor, Op. 72, #1; and Sonata in B minor, Opus 58.

A donation of \$6 per person is suggested. For more information, call Ext. 3550 for a recorded message.

Fill Out Flik Survey, Get Free 32-Oz. Soda

To learn more about BNLers' dining and catering needs and wants, Flik International Corporation, the contractor which operates the Lab's cafeteria, will send out a survey to all employees via intraLaboratory mail.

To thank everyone for taking time to fill out the questionnaire, the corporation will give away free 32-ounce sodas to all who complete and return their surveys. For more information, call Ext. 3541.

No IPAP Until 10/3

Due to year-end closing, the Lab's IPAP system will not be accessible for fiscal year 1998 data entry until Friday, October 3.

Last Golf Tournament

All golfers are invited to participate in the BERA Golf Association's (BGA) last tournament of the season, which will be held on Thursday, October 2, at the Cherry Creek Golf Links.

The entry fee, which is \$35 for BGA members and \$55 for nonmembers, includes food, prizes and golf carts. For more information, call Jeff Williams, Ext. 5587.

Second Session On HFBR's Future

So the public can continue to learn about the decision-making process that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is following to determine the future of the High Flux Beam Reactor, a second information session is scheduled for Monday, October 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Dayton Avenue School in Manorville. All are invited.

At this session, members of the general public can review informational materials and ask questions of Lab and DOE staff, as well as use provided forms to write comments to Energy Secretary Federico Peña regarding their opinion on the reactor's future.

The Energy Secretary's decision, which will be either to work toward restarting the reactor or to decommission it, will be made in January 1998. In making this decision, Peña will take into account scientific, budgetary, environmental and community issues related to the reactor.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office, Ext. 2345.

Civics for BNL (cont'd.)

Joining Kepert were representatives of ABCO, the Long Island Neighborhood Network, the Long Island Progressive Coalition (LIPC), individual local civic groups and the Community Work Group, which has monitored BNL issues for nearly two years.

The press conference was held one day after the Long Island Association, a prominent local business group, announced that its board of directors had passed a resolution urging that Secretary of Energy Federico Peña be allowed to complete the evaluation process he had laid out for the HFBR (see Brookhaven Bulletin of September 19, 1997).

Along with a look at environmental impact, scientific importance and costs, that process includes consideration of community input. The U.S. Department of Energy and BNL have begun soliciting that input through public information sessions, briefings at local civic meetings, mailings and comment cards.

"DOE began a process two months ago wherein they were going to allow the community to have some input as to what the future of the HFBR would be, and then, in December, there would be a draft of the community's response," explained current ABCO President Rich Johannesen. "Unfortunately, two of our elected officials decided to circumvent that process and cut out the people's participation. We at ABCO find that offensive. The process has been short-circuited by the people we elected to represent us."

"The Community Work Group [CWG] has been monitoring the Lab for two years," added Judy Panullo, Executive Director of LIPC and a CWG member. So, "We're horrified that Forbes and D'Amato never came to us to discuss this problem. It seems that these politicians are reacting to the East End environmentalists who are making the most noise."

ABCO and the CWG are planning a community forum on the HFBR, to be held on October 9 at 7 p.m. at Longwood Junior High School. Meanwhile, the community involvement portion of the process to decide the HFBR's future will continue with an information session at Dayton Avenue School in Manorville on October 6 (see box above), and a variety of briefings of local civic and community groups.

Volleyball Meeting

The 1997-98 BNL Volleyball League season begins on Monday, October 13, so team captains must attend a captains' meeting, on Wednesday, October 1, at noon in Room B, Berkner Hall to approve the League's budget and set team fees.

Meetings will be held in Berkner Hall, as follows:

League I	9/29	12-12:30	auditorium
League II	9/30	12-12:30	Room B
League III	9/30	12:30-1	Room B

For more information, call League president Rick Wagener, Ext. 5886, or e-mail wagener@bnl.gov.

Two Tickets for Manan

If you are in the mood for opera tonight, then don't just go home after work to crank up your CD player: Head straight for the BERA Sales Office, Berkner Hall, now to purchase the remaining two tickets for tonight's performance of *Manan* at the Metropolitan Opera house — and then, after work, head for New York City, stopping off only long enough to pick up your opera date.

A few BERA-reserved opera tickets for other Met performances on different dates also remain for purchase. For more information, call Andrea Dehler, Ext. 3347.

Badminton Season

The 1997-98 BERA Badminton Club's playing season begins Monday, September 29, and continues through April 3, during which both singles ladder and a doubles running tournament will take place.

Two courts on the west side of the gym may be reserved weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Jay Adams, Ext. 4994, or view the club's Web page at <http://www.bminton.bnl.gov/>.

Pool Schedule

The new, three-month schedule at the swimming pool will begin on Wednesday, October 1, and will end on Wednesday, December 31. Purchase tickets at the pool during open hours:

- **Monday through Friday**
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. employees only
1:30 - 2 p.m. speed swimming/training
5 - 8:30 p.m. employees, families, guests*
- **Saturday & Sunday**
1 - 5 p.m. employees, families, guests*

The pool is closed on all Lab holidays.

Fee Schedule

- **Daily Admissions**
 - employee/family member \$2.00
 - guest \$3.00
- **Season Tickets** (fees not prorated)
 - individual \$42.00
 - family \$53.00

***Guest ruling:** One guest per employee is permitted without prior arrangement. Advance arrangements for additional guests, up to five per employee at one time, must be made at the Recreation Office, Personnel Division, Bldg. 185. Guests must be accompanied by the sponsoring employee.

Bowling

Red and Green League

9/2: R. Mulderig Jr. 252/639 scratch, R. Raynis 245/633 scratch, K. Koebel 235/213/627 scratch, J. Goode 231/212/604 scratch, D. Fisher 216/204/603 scratch, R. Mulderig Sr. 215/205, J. Griffin 214/214/609 scratch, R. Larsen 237, B. Miltenburger 236, H. Arnesen 216, J. Giuffe 215, J. LaBounty 215, J. Toner 206, E. Larsen 205, K. Riker 200.

9/9: E. Larsen 268/642 scratch, J. Goode 235/207/611 scratch, R. Mulderig Sr. 226/200/610 scratch, E. Meier 224/201/612 scratch, K. Koebel 221/207/609 scratch, J. Griffin 215/203/615 scratch, B. Guiliano 210/204, A. Pinelli 233, N. Besemer 224, J. Toner 205.

White and Purple League

9/4: Don King 245/234/656 scratch, J. Zebuda 226/222/208/656 scratch, B. Mullany 201/189, T. Blydenburgh 224, J. McCaffrey 211, R. Raynis 214, R. Eggert 210, J. Meier 208, D. Keating 207, S. DiMaiuta 202, E. Meier 202, J. Gormley 189, T. Meier 183, K. Conkling 181, L. Simes 181, Diana Fisher 178, M. DiMaiuta 177, J. Pinelli 175.

9/11: J. Zebuda 245/218/653 scratch, R. Raynis 240/237/205/682 scratch, M. Meier 228/212/636 scratch, B. Mullany 216/212/264 scratch, R. Eggert 229/200, J. McCarthy 190/183, M. DiMaiuta 187/177, P. Manzella 184/180, B. Guiliano 212, R. Picinich 209, N. Besemer 201, T. Blydenburgh 196, T. Mehl 194, D. Keating 189, Diana Fisher 188, P. Callegari 185, K. Batchelor 185, K. Byrnes 182, T. Dilgen 182, Donna King 177, A. Wynkoop 177, L. Hermes 173.

Wanted: Men Bowlers

The men's bowling league is deperately seeking male bowlers for Tuesday night games in Port Jefferson. You don't have to be a great bowler, just a willing one. For more information, call Debbie Botts, Ext. 3888, or Tracy Blydenburgh, Ext. 4422.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrivals

John Buttacavoli.....RHIC
Christopher D. Cleary.....Central Shops
Jiri Koutnik.....Biology

Departures

This list includes all employees who have terminated from the Lab, including retirees:

Bruce W. Baker.....Safeguards & Sec.
Edward A. Fiegler Jr......Reactor
Wei G. He.....Adv. Technology
Spyridon Margetis.....Physics
John H. Raynis.....RHIC

The Lab's fifth Healthfest is being sponsored by the Director's Office

during BNL's 50th-anniversary year to encourage BNLees to take personal responsibility for their individual and family's health, fitness and safety.

The hope is that employees and retirees who attend Healthfest '97 — set for Monday through Thursday, October 6-9 — will not only use the information to improve their personal well-being, but also to decrease their risk of occupational injuries and illnesses.

On **Monday, October 6**, the festivities for employees will begin with the **2-mile Employee Fitness Walk**. Rain or shine, it will start at 12:10 p.m. and leave from the Science Education Center, Bldg. 438. Then, on **Tuesday, October 7**, the pace will pick up with a **5-kilometer (3.1-mile) Employee Fitness Run**. It will



BNL Health, Fitness & Safety Fair

start at the Biology Department, Bldg. 463, at noon, rain or shine. Both the walk and the run will be preceded by an **Aerobic Stretch**, 11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

The two-day **Health, Fitness & Safety Fair** will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 & 9**. The Fair will feature displays, demonstrations and health screenings. At noon on **Wednesday, October 8**, the featured presentation in Berkner Hall will be a **Stress Management & Relaxation Techniques Workshop**, while on **Thursday, October 9**, the lunchtime offering will be a **Reiki Healing Circle**.

To register for the walk, run, various screenings, the workshop or healing circle, use the form recently mailed to all employees. For more information, contact Mary Wood, Ext. 5923.

Classified Advertisements

Placement Notices

The Lab's placement policy is to select the best-qualified candidate for an available position. Candidates are considered in the following order: (1) present employees within the department/division and/or appropriate bargaining unit, with preference for those within the immediate work group; (2) present employees within the Laboratory; and (3) outside applicants. In keeping with the Affirmative Action Plan, selections are made without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or veteran status.

Each week, the Human Resources Division lists new placement notices, first, so employees may request consideration for themselves, and, second, for open recruitment. Because of the priority policy stated above, each listing does not necessarily represent an opportunity for all people.

Except when operational needs require otherwise, positions will be open for one week after publication.

For more information, contact the Employment Manager, Ext. 2882; call the JOBLINE, Ext. 7744 (344-7744), for a complete list of all job openings; use a TDD system to access job information by calling (516) 344-6018; or access current job openings on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bnl.gov/JOBS/jobs.html>.

OPEN RECRUITMENT - Opportunities for Laboratory Employees and Outside Candidates

DD4770. ENGINEERING POSITION - Requires a BS/MS in health physics or related discipline or equivalent, strong communications and presentation skills, demonstrated ability to motivate others, and experience with radiation and conventional safety. Will assist AGS Associate Department Chair for Safety. Will be part of relevant committees for AGS Safety Program, report on performance indications, safety activities, environmental assessment, committee minutes and other relevant areas. Will assist in training AGS users and staff, and provide technical assistance on one or more safety disciplines such as computer-based security systems. Will assist in accident investigations and perform DOE-required occurrence reporting. Alternating Gradient Synchrotron Department.

BERA Bus Trips

The following trips are being offered by BERA this fall. For more information, call M. Kay Dellimore, Ext. 2873, or Andrea Dehler, Ext. 3347.

- **New York City, Do Your Own Thing!** — **Saturday, October 18, \$16/person**. Bus leaves BNL at 9 a.m. and NYC at 5 p.m. Drop-off points are the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 81st Street and 5th Avenue, and the Museum of Natural History at West 79th Street and Central Park West.
- **Atlantic City** — **Saturday, November 15, \$20/person age 18 years or over only**. Bus leaves BNL at 8 a.m. for a six-hour stay.