

Physics Department 1997 Faculty Retreat

When: Thursday May 8, 1997 8am-3.30pm,

Where: Silver and Lace Bakery, 1705 East Millbrook Rd.

Who: Regular Faculty, Research Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, EPA Professional Staff with Teaching Duties, GPSA President

Topic: Excellence in Research

Agenda

8.00-8.30 Coffee and pastries

8.30-9.00 "State of the Department" Gould
(Teaching, Research, Outreach, Students, Advising, Funding)

9.00-10.30* "Maintaining Existing Strengths" -
what are the opportunities in existing research areas. (A departmental goal is to maintain strength where we are strong. Can we identify trends and opportunities that build from where we are in creative new ways?)

Beichner, Bernholc, Gould, Rowe, Sayers...

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-Noon* "Building New Areas" - what are the opportunities in new research areas. (Funding patterns, student interests, and job opportunities change. How do we we build new areas - by exploiting targets of opportunity, by taking advantage of linkages within the University and the region, or simply by trial and error in beginning hirings?)

Blondin, Brown, Cotanch, Kolbas, Pietrafesa...

Noon-1.00 Lunch

1.00-2.30 Break out group discussions

2.30-3.00 Group reports

3.00-3.30 Open forum for other issues
(colloquium,)

3.30 Close

* Talks are 5-10 minutes, 1-3 transparencies, others welcome to speak