



With the variety of jobs required of them each day in monitoring the steady flow of equipment and supplies, the Supply & Materiel Division performs a vital service for the Laboratory.
—photo by Humphrey

The Supply & Materiel Division is the oil that helps keep Brookhaven running smoothly and efficiently. The 81 staff members do not do research, or hand tool a piece of machinery, but without their services, the Laboratory would be like the army without its quartermaster corps.

Nearly everyone on site has, at one time or another, looked for items in the various catalogues for stationery, glassware, chemicals, hand tools, or metals and gases, to name just a few. There are 14,250 stock items under the control of the **Central & Outlying Stores Section**. According to supervisor John Scharpeger, the hottest items in stationary, for instance, are pads, pencils and correction fluid. In other areas, batteries and computer paper are big "sellers." Employees in the course of their work, can shop for anything from diodes to 12 foot ladders, and the catalogues read like a BNL version of Sears Roebuck.

Charlotte Rappe is responsible for maintaining the technical catalogue library and the composition and appropriate distribution of the BNL stock catalogues.

In Buildings 90 and 91, which handle 75% of the stock items, row upon row of bins contain thousands of small articles. In Building 90, for instance, a whole wall is devoted to 1,653 different kinds of fasteners. And Building 91 caters mostly to the equipment needs of plumbers, electricians and other craftspeople in Plant Engineering.

Some S&M personnel are also signed out to the scientific departments to deal directly with their particular needs, and this arrangement saves a lot of time and manpower.

Genevieve Zaharakis supervises the **Requisition Section** where four clerks maintain the inventory records and requisition stock items. This is not just a cut and dried procedure. They must all be familiar with the descriptions, price and availability of even such exotic items as integrated circuits.

Service With A Smile

Quality control is also part of the Central & Outlying Stores Section. Here, they establish appropriate nomenclatures for new items, and set quality standards for the Laboratory.

"Primarily," says Scharpeger, "we want to supply the staff with what they need in a business-like fashion." "And," he went on, "any time we can make their jobs easier, we feel we are contributing to the Lab."

And that, really, is the theme of the whole division. They are aware of what the Lab needs, and do their best to get it.

Phil Borzi, who is the Manager of the division, knows the whole operation from the ground up. He started as a stores clerk back in the late 40's when the Lab was just beginning. Materiel management was under the then Architectural Planning and Plant Maintenance Division until 1960 when the S&M Division was created. Borzi was named Assistant Manager in 1962 and Manager in 1967.

Record keeping is vital to S&M. For Grace Fales, the computer run is her bible. Fales is supervisor of **property control**. She maintains all records of capital equipment, controlled sensitive property (e.g., typewriters and hand calculators), and equipment bought under grants from other organizations. Every machine or piece of equipment has a BNL property number affixed to it and the main headache for Fales is when a number falls off one piece, and somebody obligingly attaches it to another.

The recycling of BNL's excess property is also under Fales' baliwick. The notice of excess property goes first to DOE and is then turned over to GSA for Federal agency screening. If there is no action there, it is offered to HEW for donation to schools and, if no one takes it at that point, it is put up for public sale.

Finding **excess property** for the Lab is the job of Nelson Tyler, and he loves the challenge. Such government property is listed in catalogues which are distributed to Federal Agencies and government contractors. Poring through them is like wandering in a flea market, he says. The property costs the acquisitioner nothing but shipping charges, so the competition is stiff. Over the years, Tyler says he has developed a thorough knowledge of the Lab's needs and, besides checking the catalogues, he makes these needs known through his personal contacts and letters.

Tyler, also wears another hat, and that is as supervisor of the **pickup and delivery** service. Six experienced drivers handle this service offsite. Generally, they cover the Island, New York and New Jersey, but if there is a problem in meeting a research schedule, or the item is too fragile to be handled by common carrier, they will travel farther afield. Another driver works only onsite, and an eighth driver works exclusively for Project ISABELLE.

Ordinarily, all shipments into and out of the Lab are handled by **Shipping and Receiving**. Their monthly tally comes to about 400 outgoing shipments and 4,000 receipts. But they don't just sign in and sign out an endless stream of assorted boxes. They also package shipments and inspect receipts for content and damage.

If an item is very large, or somehow unusual, it goes under a category called **Traffic** and receives special consideration. One of the most unusual was a recent shipment from Virginia. It consisted of 200 freight cars and 80 truck loads of magnets, shielding and electronic equipment. Some of the shielding blocks weighed 37 tons apiece and measured 60 feet long.

Most of the shipping is done by commercial carriers, and Robert Hannel, who supervises this section, says that he constantly screens them, shopping around for the best price and service. "I could just about write an article for a consumer magazine on the quality of movers and commercial carriers," he says.

The Lone Ranger of S&M is John Austen who keeps track of **bulky experimental equipment** and some stock items which are stored in three warehouses. His small office is in building 100 and his only company is a warehouse full of equipment. It doesn't bother him a bit, but he does make it a point to take his coffee breaks and lunch elsewhere. Austen's efforts are concentrated mainly on keeping records ("without which we would be lost") and in creating space. Right now, he says, the three warehouses are 99% full and he is constantly rearranging items so that more space can be gained. Both BNL and university experimenters have equipment stored here and they deal directly with him to see what's available and who has it. Austen steers them to the right people and the old equipment can be recycled for use in a new experiment.

The Lab owns about 4,000 pieces of office equipment. BNL's inventory consists of approximately 400 typewriters, 2040 calculators, 50 copying machines, 300 dictating machines, and 750 miscellaneous machines like shredders and time card stampers. The **Office Machine Repair Shop**, with a staff of three mechanics, one helper and one clerk, keeps track of and repairs all this equipment. About 400 repair requests come to them each month. Their detailed repair records come in handy when they are asked to evaluate the latest in office equipment before new purchases are made.

All in all, these various parts of the Supply & Materiel Division work together effectively to provide a vital service to the Laboratory.

In Print

Superconductivity has come of age, and Brookhaven scientists have literally written the book on it.

Appropriately titled "Metallurgy of Superconducting Materials," it's a best seller. While not everyone has a copy of it on a shelf somewhere, and the initial print run was only 1200, the editors think it has captured the market, albeit a special interest market.

Tom Luhman, Metallurgy and Materials Sciences Division of DEE, and David Dew-Hughes, who is now at Oxford University, are editors of the book, which was published last summer. It is 457 pages from cover to cover and contains everything you always wanted to know about the metallurgy of superconductors.

Superconductivity was discovered back in 1911 by a Dutch physicist, Kamerlingh Onnes. As is sometimes the case in science, it was a great discovery, but many of the metals that were found to be superconducting did not prove to be practically useful. A breakthrough came in the early 1960's, when Bell Labs, and later RCA, showed that niobium stannide (Nb_3Sn) could carry a large current with zero resistance in a high magnetic field.

Soon after, Brookhaven scientists began research in superconductivity. The Accelerator Department was first because of its interest in magnets. Then a cooperative group was formed, with scientists from the Accelerator, Physics, and Applied Science Departments. Superconductivity looked like a very interesting field for study, and many sensed it had a promising future. Today, ISABELLE, the Power Transmission Facility, and the AGS use superconducting magnets.

"At the time we put the book together," said Luhman, "Brookhaven was one of the leaders in the field. We still are." All of the chapters were written by BNL researchers.

Luhman had the idea for this book about four years ago, and made contact with Academic Press, a publishing company that handles scholarly works. He had no problem convincing Academic Press that the book would sell.

When he began compiling material, he asked David Dew-Hughes to write a chapter. It turned out that Dew-Hughes had also been consider-

ing doing a book, so both of them agreed to collaborate on the editing. They also wrote some of the chapters.

It took three years to complete. Luhman thinks it was published at the right time. "Any earlier, and it may have received less attention," he said. "Today, the field is expanding rapidly. A power transmission project, magnets for fusion reactors, and even prototype mass transit trains are being built using superconductors."

Although superconductivity is a fast developing field, the book is in no danger of becoming outdated, since it is oriented toward the basic metallurgy of superconductors. As the field shifts toward the manufacture of large devices, the book should remain a good reference for researchers and for engineers solving problems associated with application.

Why did they do it? "The expertise was here at the Lab," said Luhman, "and there was nothing comprehensive on the subject. We saw a need for it."

So if you ever want to know something about superconductors, give Tom Luhman a call. He has a copy of the book on a shelf somewhere.

Salary Structure Review Continues

Late last year, Laboratory Director George Vineyard appointed a committee to examine BNL's wage and salary structure in depth. The Committee, chaired by Arthur Schwarzschild of the Physics Department and composed of senior Laboratory employees, was charged by Dr. Vineyard to "recommend changes needed to maintain our competitive position in the labor market, to assure equity between different units within the Laboratory, and to maintain employee morale."

The Committee has interviewed many BNL employees and has also made comparisons of personnel policies in other institutions. This week several of its members are visiting other DOE laboratories to learn about their personnel practices firsthand.

As its work has progressed, the Committee has become aware that the current complex problems require careful and extensive analysis. For this reason, it has asked the Director for an extension of the original deadline. The Committee now expects to complete its work within a month.

The Committee will submit its report to the Director, who will assess its recommendations, and announce any policy changes that might result.

United Way Wrap-Up

The final figures for the 1979 United Way campaign are in and a total of \$41,273 was contributed by Laboratory employees toward the support of the member agencies. In all, 833 employees participated, an increase of 22% over the previous year. Once again, the Divisions of Contracts and Procurement, and Fiscal, had 100% participation. They were joined this year by AUI which also went over the top. Roseann Chiuchiolo was the United Way coordinator for Contracts and Procurement, and Josephine Gazzola handled the campaign for Fiscal and AUI.

Lecture Reminder

Walter Kato will talk about the "Lessons Learned from TMI" in a Brookhaven Lecture at 8:00 p.m., on January 23, at Berkner Hall.

Rose Receives DOE Award



M. Joe Rose (center) was recently presented DOE's Distinguished Associate Award for his development of Alternate Liquid Fuel (ALF) utilization techniques. The citation noted that the development of ALF as a resource has not only resulted in large cost savings to the government, but has reduced the need for imported oil. (At Brookhaven, ALF has saved the Lab \$2 million to date, and reduced the need for oil by more than 3½ million gallons per year). Rose was also cited for providing "an environmentally acceptable means of disposing of what would otherwise be a waste material." Dave Schweller, (left) Manager of DOE's Brookhaven Area Office, made the presentation and stated that this was the highest award that could be given to a non-DOE employee. Also present were Plant Engineering Manager Ed Shelton (right) and Associate Director Vincent O'Leary.

—photo by Humphrey

BERA Meeting

All BERA activity chairpersons, or their designates, are urged to attend a meeting on Wednesday, January 23, at noon in Room A of Berkner Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a Lab-wide event planned for early spring.

CREF Values

January	\$40.90	February	\$39.47
March	41.60	April	41.61
May	40.58	June	42.12
July	42.57	August	44.50
September	44.60	October	41.18
November	\$42.56		
		December	\$43.19

Visit From A Congressman



Congressman William Carney (1st CD-New York) spent a day at the Laboratory last week being briefed on various research programs, visiting the construction sites of ISABELLE and the Light Source, and the Medical Department's recently occupied Inhalation Toxicology Facility. Above, Congressman Carney (third from left) was taken inside the ISABELLE tunnel which is being erected on the site. Below, Robert Drew (left) head of the Inhalation Toxicology Facility explains the operation of a chamber room and the studies of the inhalation effects of various airborne pollutants to be conducted there.



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Safety Alert

It has been brought to the attention of the Safety and Environmental Division that containers for the rapid bonding adhesive called Permabond are potential safety hazards.

A recent accident involving this adhesive occurred when a technician attempted to open a new container. The container ruptured and spilled its contents on his hands.

The adhesive contains ethyl cyanoacrylate. Contact can cause severe eye injury and instantly bonds skin. If skin contact occurs, do not attempt to pull apart the joined surfaces. Solvents such as acetone or nail polish remover can be used to remove the adhesive. However, in case of eye contact, do not use solvents, but seek medical assistance.

Permabond is listed as a stock item, #I-70455, and was obtained in one ounce containers from Bldg. 90. It has been removed from stock, and the manufacturer will be notified of the fault.

All unopened containers should be sent to John Scharpeger, Supply and Materiel Division, Bldg. 211.

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An Inadvertent Ad

If you think you have trouble with your ads in the Bulletin, you might reflect on the following from the California Newspaper Publishers Association. It is an example of a classified that was run incorrectly in a small newspaper and then "corrected" in subsequent editions:

"(Monday) FOR SALE - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 948-0707 after 7 PM and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

"(Tuesday) NOTICE - We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: 'One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 PM.'

"(Wednesday) NOTICE - R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands correct as follows: 'FOR SALE - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.'

"(Thursday) NOTICE - I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I *smashed* it. Don't call 948-0707, as the telephone has been taken out. I have *not* been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit."

Diners Note

The Cafeteria will be closed on Saturday, January 19. On that day, Snack Bar service will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Brookhaven Center.

Bowling

Green League

Congrats to the Light Source, winners of the first half. They downed the Blue Jays 8-3. For the winners R. Wiseman had games of 202/203 for a 590 scratch series. W. Rambo had a 232/600 scratch series. For the Blue Jays D. Stelmaschuk had a 222. The Sparks took 7 from the Phoubars with J. Cockrane having a 234. The Pinball Wizards took 8 from the Trouble Shooters. For the losers R. Scheidet had a 201. The Old Timers II could only take 4 from the Designers with G. Fales having a 229.

Pink League

Congrats to the Lickety Splits for taking the first half. Nice games were bowled by Helen Keeley 190, Marge Stoeckel 187, Debbie Fannan 184, Ellie Kristiansen 170, Mary-Grace Meier 165, April Donegain 163 and Millie Connelly 160.

Red League

The Sandbaggers won 8-3 over the Old Timers to clinch the first half. C. Bohnenblusch had a 241-578/650 series, J. Roesler 209-550/631 series and R. Jones a 201. The 76'ers won 8-3 over Isa Team. R. Barberich had a 213 and T. Holmquist 617

IBEW Meeting

Local 2230, I.B.E.W. will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 28, 1980, at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Railroad Ave., Patchogue. There will also be an afternoon meeting at 2:00 p.m. for shift workers in the Union Office at 31 Oak Street, Patchogue. On the agenda will be regular business, committee reports and the President's report. Please Note Date.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrivals

James M. Alduino.....Accelerator
Charles J. Bores.....Medical
Rolf H. Beuttenmuller.....Accelerator
Andrew M. Huber.....Plant Engrg.
Marvin L. Hurt.....Accelerator
Marie L. Kilpatrick.....Accelerator
John H. Klug.....Accelerator
Ake H. Kvik.....Chemistry
Paul Masem.....Accelerator
Arthur W. Wernersbach, Jr.....Accelerator

Departures

Frederick J.A. Cacace, Jr.....Chemistry
Olga A. Ebalorosa.....Contr. & Proc.
Barbara R. Nichols.....Energy & Env.
Herman P. De Castro.....Plant Engrg.

Cafeteria Menu

Week Ending January 25, 1980

Monday, January 21	
Beef barley soup	(cup) .35
	(bowl) .45
Batter fried steak & 1 veg.	1.45
Knockwurst & sauerkraut	1.25
Hot Deli - Pastrami	(on bread) 1.40
	(on roll) 1.50
Tuesday, January 22	
Cheese chowder	(cup) .45
	(bowl) .55
Salisbury steak & 1 veg.	1.30
Turkey tetrazini	1.35
Hot Deli - French toasted	
grilled ham & cheese	1.35
Wednesday, January 23	
Minestrone	(cup) .45
	(bowl) .55
Saga's homemade lasagne & 1 veg.	1.40
Barbequed ham & 1 veg.	1.35
Deli - Philadelphia steak n'	
cheese hogie	1.50
Thursday, January 24	
Chicken rice soup	(cup) .35
	(bowl) .45
Chicken pattie parmesan	1.45
Beef liver & onions & 1 veg.	1.30
Hot Deli - Hot Italian sausage &	
peppers hero	1.35
Friday, January 25	
Clam & celery soup	(cup) .45
	(bowl) .55
Sukiyaki beef on toasted	
Chinese noodles	1.45
Fish & chips	1.40
Deli - 8 foot hero	75¢ per inch

gross. The Freon Loaders skunked the Strangers 11-0. R. Marlow bowled a 208-547/646 series, T. Rudolf 603 gross. The Designers won 7-4 over the Old Timers II. D. Hayslip had a 203/615 gross series.

Purple & White League

The Good Times are the first half winners. The first and second place teams battled it out with some fantastic bowling. The Bippies won the first game with an 814 scratch (948 gross) with games bowled by Gene Hassell 241, Sharon Smith 203, Ken Asselta 200, Kay Conkling 170. The second game was also won by the Bippies with Gene Hassel bowling a 210, Sharon Smith 189, Kay Conkling 180. The Good Times came through in the third game with Ed Meier's 204 and Gerri Rikers 178 to win the third game and the first half. For the men, Gene Hassell's 622 series was high for the night and season and Sharon Smith's 553 series was high for the ladies. Other good games were bowled by Ed Meier 214/204, Ken Riker 218, Jim Griffin 213/211, Marshall Bull 212, Bob Jones 203, Pat Manzella 197, Polly Fuchs 179, Jeanne D'Alsace 178.

A bowler is needed for the Women's Gold League on Monday nights at the Brunswick Country Lanes in Coram. Anyone interested should contact Betty Jellett on Ext. 3639.



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Just Plug It In

When Congressman Carney was here last week, one of the things he did was take a ride in one of the Lab's three new electric cars. The appearance of this car outside Berkner Hall drew large crowds at lunchtime. They are called Change Of Pace Wagons and are made by Electric Vehicle Associates (EVA) of Cleveland, Ohio. The Laboratory will be getting ten more electric vehicles but they will be small and large vans.

Currently, the cars are at the auto shop, awaiting assignment and the installation of charging stations at appropriate places. The cars, which

have automatic transmissions, are expected to go a distance of 50 miles per charge. Those who have driven them, say the steering takes a little getting used to, particularly if you have been accustomed to power steering.

The Laboratory is participating in a demonstration project, administered by DOE, to determine the feasibility of using electric vehicles on the nation's roads. Staff Services will report regularly to DOE over the next three years on the performance of the vehicles, costs, reliability of parts and maintenance.

Suffolk Community Courses Offered At BNL

Suffolk County Community College will offer the following on-site courses for the Spring 1980 semester:

Course	Title	Cr	Day	Hours	Tuition	Beg.
AC11	Principles of Acctng. I	4	M/W	5:15-7:05	\$112	2/4
ST11	Oral Communications	3	Th	5:15-8:15	84	1/31
EG11	Freshman English	3	Mon	5:15-8:15	84	2/4
MA41	Technical Math	4	T/Th	5:15-7:05	112	1/31
EN15	Intro. to Engr. I	3	Tues	5:15-8:15	84	2/5

Minimum class enrollment is 15. The semester runs for 14 weeks.

Registration is Thursday, January 24, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., at Berkner Hall. Master Charge and Visa credit cards will be accepted for tuition fees. Contact Personnel for tuition refund information. Counsellors will be available during registration to answer questions.

In the fall, additional technical courses and a data processing curriculum may be offered.

Volleyball

Mixed League

Final Standings - First Quarter

A. No Names	15-0
High Society	10-5
Family Affair	7-8
Nuts & Bolts	7-8
Thrints	4-11
DEE generates	2-13
B. Diamonds	13-2
Nads	13-2
Leftovers	9-6
Underalls	4-11
Monday Night Live	3-12
Le Mufs	3-12

R/C Aircraft Club

The new membership cards should be out soon. If you don't receive yours get in touch with one of the officers.

Mark your calendars. WRAMS show will be held February 23 and 24. We are hoping to get groups together for car pooling to share costs to the show. If you are interested contact Jim Durnan, Ext. 2485 or John Nicolellis, Ext. 4243. Non-club members are invited.

Cooking Exchange

The theme of the next Cooking Exchange meeting on Wednesday, January 23, is British farmhouse favorites. Join us at 12:30 in the Recreation Building to sample rarebit, rabbit, puddings, pies and mousse.

A charge of \$1.00 will be collected and babysitting will be provided at 25¢ per child.

Wendy Green, 878-8952, will be happy to answer any further questions.

Nursery School

The Upton Nursery School has openings for both three-year-olds and four-year-olds, either two or three mornings per week. The Nursery School is at the Recreation Building and is open to children of BNL employees and guests. It has a professional staff and is run by a parents cooperative. For information call Kassie Ruth, 744-2444, or Diedre Trondle, 878-1280.

