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Sustainable Archiving of SAIL

On November 21 & 22, 2009 a reunion will be held at Stanford University for people who participated in projects at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab (SAIL) in the 1966-80 period together with representatives of the modern SAIL <<http://ai.stanford.edu/>>, and a few others. John McCarthy plans to attend. Feel free to bring someone. A number of people who can't come have sent their Regrets <<http://www.stanford.edu/~learnest/regrets.pdf>>.

WALKABOUT. On Saturday, November 21 we plan to hold a free, semi-athletic Walkabout <<http://www.stanford.edu/~learnest/walkabout.pdf>> and a toast to good times at the old SAIL/CCRMA site.

SEMINARS. On Sunday, November 22 from 1:30 to 5:00pm a number of medal presentations and talks will be held in Gates Hall basement Room B01 and will be free and open to all. During that time a number of "John McCarthy Awards for Excellence in Research and Research Environments" will be handed out in the form of gold medals to both selected fogies and more modern SAIL participants, as arranged by Raj Reddy and Sebastian Thrun.

1:30-2:30 New SAIL medal presentations and talks by Sebastian Thrun, et al
2:30-3:00 Refreshment break with some old SAIL videos being shown in B01
3:00-5:00 Old SAIL medal presentations and talks by Raj Reddy, et al, with
Les Earnest giving a talk at the end on "Sustainable archiving of SAIL".

The Gates Computer Science Building can be seen on this map <<http://ucomm.stanford.edu/cgi-bin/map/>> next to where Serra Mall comes together with Campus Drive West. As shown, there is a small parking lot just north of the building and a large parking structure two blocks north, next to Campus Drive. Free parking is available in both places.

Arrangements have been made for both webcasting and video recording the afternoon seminars so that they can be accessed later online. If you wish to link to the webcast, please tell me. We invite anyone who would like to submit a short video about their SAIL experiences (say, 2 to 3 minutes) to email it to me and we will plan to edit it in later at the end of the afternoon video recording.

RECEPTION AND DINNER. Those who are registered to attend are listed here: <<http://www.stanford.edu/~learnest/coming.pdf>>. If you have mailed in a check but are not listed there, please tell me. If you have not mailed in a check or made other arrangements but badly wish to participate, send me an email by Tuesday, November 17

promising to pay \$50 per person at the door by cash or check and I will try to make that work.

5:30-6:30pm Reception at the Faculty Club with hors d'oeuvres and an open bar for beer and wine

6:30-9:00pm Dinner with table talk but no featured speakers

In the interest of expediency we offer a standard menu for nearly everyone:

Minestrone soup

Chicken breast Forestiere with Shallots, Mushrooms, Fresh Herbs,

Garlic scented Mashed Potatoes, Blue Lake Green Beans, and Baby Carrots

Chardonnay or Zinfandel wine with the meal

Coffee, Decaf, Herbal tea or Iced tea

Trio of Italian Gelato

Those who prefer a vegetarian main course, please tell me by Tuesday, November 17.

We offer:

Ratatouille en Croute: Eggplant, Zucchini, Peppers, Tomatoes wrapped
in flakey puffed pastry with Marinara Sauce

If anyone has other special dietary needs, please let me know.

Regarding dinner apparel, anything from jeans with tee shirts to dress-up is fine or, if you don't mind being a bit conspicuous, you can wear a tuxedo or nothing at all.