THE 18TH SLAC RACE

Left to right: Mike Fero checks his time as he crosses the finish line—first for the second consecutive year. Chris Charbonneau with Bernie Lighthouse who presented the awards. Dale Pitman, first female finisher for the fifth consecutive year, shows her winning form.

By noon on the ninth of November, an eager crowd had gathered for the yearly showdown and a chance to share in the coveted prizes. It was the 18th running of the Annual SLAC Race, for which 88 runners showed up, among them 10 former first-place winners and a total of 9 women.

Pre-race activities went smoothly on this warm and sunny day, thanks to careful planning and preparation and the efforts of a large group of volunteers. At the gun, the thundering horde swept along the linac from the Sector 30 starting line, gradually spreading out as the race progressed.


The first woman to cross the finish line was Dale Pitman in 16th place, her fifth successive triumph in the women's division. Her time of 24:48 was a bit off her best, but plenty good for the victory. With a time of 28:38, Chris Charbonneau was the first woman in the under 30 group to cross the finish line.

Jim Clendenin, who has just attended a meeting in his running clothes so as not to be late for the start, finished in 24:39 to take first in the men's 50-59 age bracket. Herb Weidner won the men's over-60 group with a time of 30:45.

Nancy Witthaus finished first in the women's 50-59 age group with a time of 37:22. Not far behind was Rene Donaldson winner of the women's 40-49 age group with a time of 39:41.

We wish to thank the people who helped with the registration, the shirt sales, and the running and timing of the race for making this a pleasant and smooth-running event.

—SLAC Race Committee