

SSED Notes - June 15, 2004

*(additional information in red)*

### **Student Observation Network – Don Robinson-Boonstra**

Don described the four areas of the “Tracking a Solar Storm” section and discussed the goals of the network. He also showed how the Sun-Earth media viewer worked and the content that is available online. All data for Explorer Schools should now come from SON, per NASA HQ, so other modules are being added. He announced that a Multi-wavelength Milky Way module is in the works as the next extension of the network.

### **Transit of Venus -- Sten Odenwald**

After two years of preparation, the event proved to be a huge success. Sten mentioned the 45 million hits on the NASA server and much positive feedback. He also mentioned a partnership with the Astronomical League. [63,000 posters, 2,000 or so buttons, and 18,000 pairs of solar glasses were created and distributed for Venus transit programs.]

### **Goddard educational program evaluations – Bob Gabrys**

If adopted, every Goddard education program will be evaluated with the criteria that have been developed. Educational staff here will identify the people involved in a program, explain the criteria and help them get their program aligned with these. He stated that the NASA Scholarship Program had been put on hold. A way to develop a better venue for EPO people to inform the Educational Council about their activities and concerns is being discussed. In addition to education, Bob is also deputy for public affairs. Dillard Menchen is Bob’s deputy. The informal education office will link education and public affairs departments.