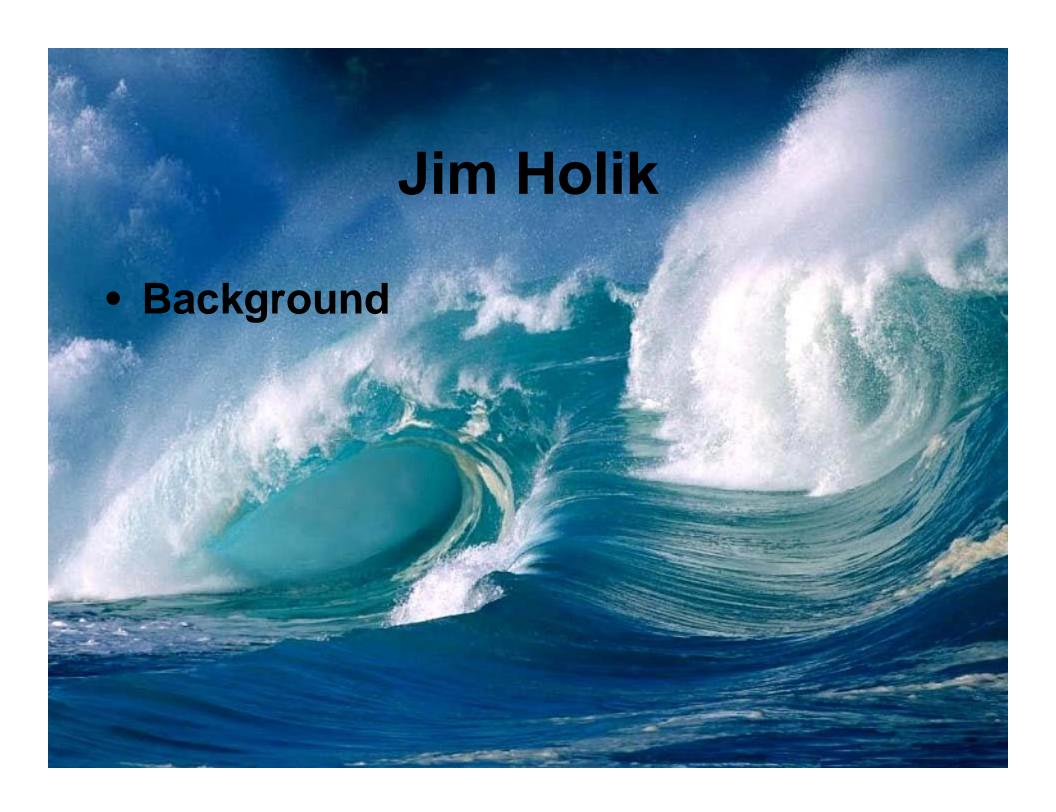




- Section Head position to be re-advertised in the next few weeks. Dolly Dieter still Acting Section Head
- Jim Holik hired as a visiting scientist to replace Sandy Shor in Ocean Technical Services and Ocean Instrumentation Program





- The NSF Appropriation for FY 2008 has not been passed. NSF is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution which runs through November 16, 2007.
- Modest increases have been included in the House and Senate bills but the budget is not signed into law yet so we wait and see.



- FY 08 again looks to be a very challenging year with Ship Operations projecting major shortfalls.
- The technicians and instrumentation programs will be impacted as well.

Facilities Budget planning (cont.)

- Like FY 07 Ship Operations had substantial prepay but even with this, increased costs and weak schedules are making FY 08 challenging.
- Technicians and instrumentation programs funding are expected to be similarly stressed.





- Scientific Ocean Drilling Vessel (SODV)
 MREFC funding started in FY 06
 - The JOIDES Resolution is scheduled to resume drilling activities in Spring 2008
- Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV)
 MREFC funding began in FY 07
- Ocean Observatory Initiative (OOI)
 MREFC funding began in FY 07

OCE Midsize Infrastructure Initiatives

- R/V Marcus Langseth Seismic Vessel (LDEO) currently undergoing sea trials and inspections
 - Ship inspection on 7&8 Nov
 - Science testing/calibration to run mid Nov to mid Jan
- HOV to replace Alvin being designed by WHOI
- Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV) design study continues