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CGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award Nominations

The CGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award program for students who have submitted final theses between 1 July 2004 (note 2004 is correct) and 30 June 2006 has been announced. Definitions (of CGS and UMI), criteria, rules, and nomination forms are available at: <http://www.cgsnet.org/Default.aspx?tabid=131>.

Briefly stated, the nomination materials must consist of :

- (1) the nomination form,
- (2) the thesis abstract (limited to a maximum of 10 pages), and
- (3) three letters of reference from the Committee Chair, a Committee member, and a person chosen by the nominee.

If you would like to make a nomination, please forward a complete set of materials to Nathan Williams, NPB 1210C, (352)392-9472, or Mark Meisel, NPB B133, (352) 392-9147, by 3 pm on Friday, 16 June 2006. The Department may forward one nomination to the Graduate School. The UF Graduate School is allowed to forward only two nominations to the CGS/UMI panel. This panel will review all of the nominations from CGS institutions and will select two theses for final recognition in the area of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering.

Meet the Faculty

On behalf of GSAC, Dr. Stephen Hill is organizing a graduate students meet the faculty event to take place in the early evening of March 23rd, starting at 5:30pm, which is just after the colloquium. The format is to involve poster presentations. This is intended to be both a social event (Alan is providing some pizzas), and an opportunity for the graduate students to learn about research opportunities within the department.

In order to involve as many students as possible, Dr. Hill suggests asking graduate students to put together the posters. They should also be present at the event. Posters should ideally summarize one or more research activities in your group. If you already have a suitable poster somewhere in a hallway, it may be a good idea to use this in order to avoid excessive strain on the departmental poster printing facilities.

Women in Science Symposium

Undergraduate Women in Science is hosting its annual "Women in Science Symposium" during Women's History Month on Sunday, March 26. The Symposium provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain insight into the careers and lives of female professionals in various scientific fields. It is also a wonderful chance to network with other female undergraduate science students, as well as with the faculty and members of the scientific community who are attending. The event will consist of a keynote speaker, a diverse panel discussion, and a question and answer session. It will be held from 2pm to 5pm in Leigh Hall, room 309, and refreshments will be served. Attire is business casual. There is no registration fee, but if you would like to attend, please email your name, year, major, and desired career to meag11@ufl.edu.

The Proton should be back to normal next month. Pamela Marlin has accepted the position formerly held by Lanie and will begin work in Physics on Friday, March 24. --- *Cathy Knudsen*