Welcome Back Students

UF Graduate Student Orientation
Monday, August 14, 2006 to Wednesday, August 16, 2006
Orientation for new graduate students takes place at the start of
fall semester to acquaint you with UF personnel, services, policies
and procedures as a newcomer to the University of Florida.
Please see http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/orientation.html
for more information.

New Physics Graduate Student Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 4:00pm in 1002 NPB

Welcome to all new Physics Graduate Students starting
this fall. Please plan to attend this important
graduate student meeting with graduate coordinator,
Dr. Mark Meisel.
If you are not able to attend, please notify Dr. Meisel at meisel@phys.ufl.edu.

Preliminary Exam Information

The next Preliminary Examination will be given:
Thursday, August 17, 2006
Part A: 9am to 12pm
Part B: 2pm to 5pm
Friday, August 18, 2006
Part C: 9am to 12pm
Part D: 2pm to 5pm

Please meet in 1213 NPB about 15 minutes prior to the
starting time of the examination. Please bring pencils,
calculators, and standard math tables (if you think you will
need them). Results of the Prelim Exam are expected to be
known on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 around 5:00pm (after
the faculty meeting).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Meisel meisel@phys.ufl.edu.

Undergraduate News
The Department of Physics will not offer tutoring for Fall 2006. Walk in
tutoring is available through the AT Teaching Center http://
www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu/walk_in.html.
Students receive Marie Curie Grant and “HERE” Fellowship

Shun-Pei Miao, graduate student working with Dr. Richard Woodard, has won a 3-month Marie Curie Grant to support her attendance at a prestigious relativity, astrophysics and cosmology school in Paris, Sept. 18 - Dec. 15, 2006.

The course webpage is http://luth2.obspm.fr/IHP06.

Lex Kemper, a graduate student in Dr. Hai-Ping Cheng's group, was awarded a “HERE” Fellowship to work at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for summer 2006. His research project focused on the use of quantum cluster approach in the framework of dynamical mean field theory to study impurity effects on high Tc materials. The website of the HERE program is located at http://www.orau.gov/hereatornl/

Summer 2006 Exams

FINAL EXAMS for PhD

July 13, Leanne Delma Duffy, "A High Resolution Search for Axions in Milky Way Halo Substructure"  Prof. Sikivie, Chair

July 17, Bobby Scurlock, "Compact muon solenoid discovery potential for the minimal supergravity model of supersymmetry in single muon events with jets and large missing transverse energy in proton-proton collisions at the center-of-mass energy 14 TeV "  Prof. Acosta, Chair

IT Services

Have a computer related problem? Contact IT services at admin@phys.ufl.edu or via the online support form, located at http://www.phys.ufl.edu/computing/contactus.shtml. IT services will respond to your request or question as soon as possible. Please visit their website at http://www.phys.ufl.edu/computing/. IT personnel include Brent Nelson, David Hansen and Bryan Allen.

Campus Life

There are many activities available to students during the fall semester on campus. For more information see http://www.ufl.edu/campusLife/

The Arts http://www.ufl.edu/arts/
Museums & Galleries, Music, Theatre and Dance

Athletics http://www.ufl.edu/athletics/
Gator Sports, Recreational and Intramural Sports

Student Involvement http://union.ufl.edu/involvement/
Organizations and Programs & Events
The following faculty promotions were approved by the UF Board of Trustees.

Sergei Obukhov, PhD, Full Professor

Jaco Konigsberg, Scientist

FACULTY NEWS

Fall 2006 Seminar Schedule

- Astrophysics Seminar
  Fridays @ 4:00pm in Room 2165 NPB

- Condensed Matter Physics
  Mondays @ 4:05pm in Room 2165 NPB

- High Energy Physics
  Tuesdays @ 2:00pm and Fridays @ 12:40pm in Room 2165 NPB

- Department Colloquium
  Thursdays @ 4:05pm in Room 1002 NPB

- Quantum Theory Seminar
  Wednesdays @ 4:05pm in Room 2205 NPB

Leanne Duffy, PhD, Advisor, Dr. Pierre Sikivie

Kyoungchul Kong, PhD, Advisor, Dr. Konstantin Matchev

Valentin Necula, PhD, Advisor, Dr. Guenkah Mitselmakher

Ronojoy Saha, PhD, Advisor, Dr. Dmitrii Maslov

Bobby Scurlock, PhD, Advisor, Dr. Darin Acosta

Kwangje Woo, PhD, Advisor, Dr. David Tanner

John Klauder
Distinguished Professor

Andrey Korytov
Full Professor

Sergei Obukhov
Full Professor

Jaco Konigsberg
Scientist

Dmitrii Maslov
Full Professor
In Memory of…

Dr. Dawei Zhou, a former Physics graduate student, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Dawei was a graduate student from 1985 to 1990 with Professor Neil Sullivan, and his PhD thesis research was dedicated to studying the properties of impurities in solid hydrogen at low temperatures, using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. He also worked as a postdoctoral associate up until 2004, and he developed new methods for measuring ortho/para ratios in hydrogen gas samples. Dawei is remembered for his kindness and support of his fellow graduate students at all levels.

A NEW UF IDENTITY

The University of Florida has introduced a new signature (logo) and identity standards that is now in effect. Although we have an entire year to use up our existing printed materials with the old wordmark.

Any new materials you have printed needs to use the new identity system. This involves more than just changing the old wordmark for the new signature -- there are new guidelines for everything from certificates to stationary and from newsletters to official UF colors.

University Relations has put together a website with an Identity & Signature System Manual and downloads of the new signature. They are working on creating templates of the most requested types of documents for you to download. For more information please see http://identity.ufl.edu

If you need help integrating the new visual identity with your printed materials or web sites please contact Pam Marlin at marlin@phys.ufl.edu.

News Bits

Graduate Student Sets Sail

Fantasy author in residence Ramsey Lundock has published again. "Fantasy Ships of the High Seas" is a role playing supplement available as a downloadable pdf from comstar-games.com. This is the same company which published his story "Nightmare on Almstrat" in their Tavern Tales Collection last year.

As with "Nightmare," Ramsey wrote this project with Margaret S. Lundock. His mother, coauthor and business partner. Anyone who thinks there is something "sweet" about a mother/son writing team has obviously not read "Nightmare."

Ramsey is currently working with the UF LIGO group but has made plans to attend Tohoku University in Japan starting this autumn.