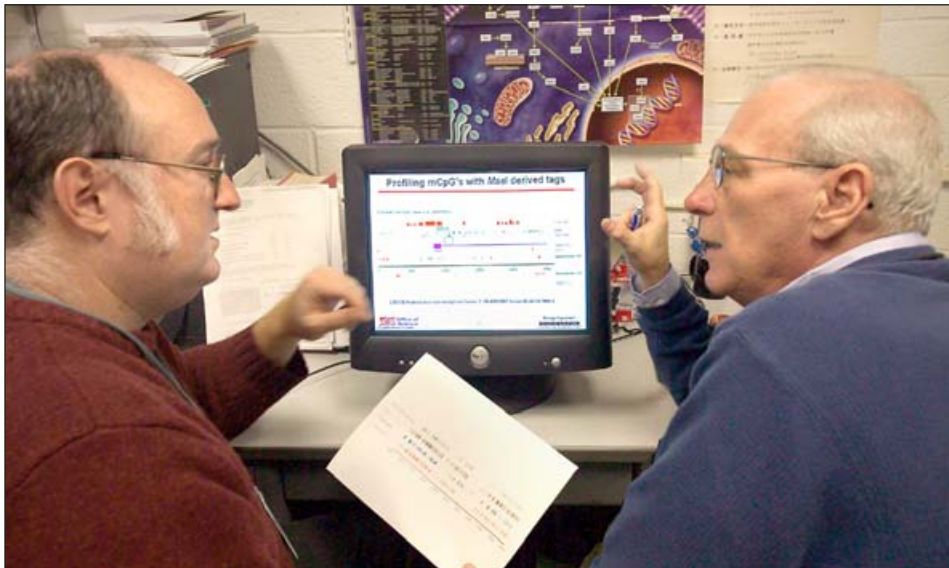


New Technique to Track Gene Regulators May help reveal regulator proteins' roles in cell differentiation, cancer, more



Sean McCorkle (left) and John Dunn

Finding out where gene-regulator proteins bind to DNA and identifying the genes they regulate just got a step easier, thanks to a new technique developed by biologists at BNL. The technique could greatly speed the process of unraveling the role these proteins play in turning on and off the genes that establish the very identity of cells — be they brain cells, liver, or blood — as well as what might go awry in certain conditions like cancer.

John Dunn and Sean McCorkle of the Biology Department, with collaborators from Oregon Health & Science University, Emory School of Medicine, and Stony Brook University, have published the first results using their technique in the December 29, 2004 issue of *Cell*, where they describe the human-genome binding sites of a regulator protein known as CREB. The research is funded by the Office of Biological & Environmental Research within DOE's Office of Science, the National Institutes of Health, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

"Though scientists have now decoded almost all of the entire human genome — the series of nucleotide bases (labeled A, T, G, and C) that make up the source code for running the machinery of the cell — we are just beginning to decipher it," said Dunn, who led BNL's role in the research. "It's as if we have in our hands a giant book of life, but we are barely beginning to learn how to read it."

DOE's Office of Science was a founder of the Human Genome Project, a nationwide effort to generate the instrumentation and biological and computational resources necessary to sequence the entire human genome, identify all functional genes, and help transfer this information and related technology to the private sector for the benefit of society (see DOEGenomes.org).

"Our technique gives us a new way to index the code, to find the places where regulators act — where the on/off switches are that determine which genes are at work in different types of cells under different conditions," he said.

Previous, individual experiments have identified about 100 places where CREB binds to DNA and regulates genes in humans, so scientists know it is important, particularly in regulating cell differentiation, survival, and the function of nerve cells. But there has been no easy way to screen the entire genome. "We are the first to do a genome-wide survey," says Dunn.

The problem has been the sheer magnitude of information in the genome: three billion nucleotides, and many tens of thousands genes. Trying to ascertain which of these genes CREB regulates by more traditional methods, evaluating one gene at a time, would be too labor-intensive, expensive, and take a very long time.

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BNLers' Bright Ideas Prevent Pollution

Each year, BNL's Pollution Prevention Council, composed of one representative per directorate and chaired by Peter Pohlot, Environmental & Waste Management Services Division, asks for suggestions from employees on how BNL can reduce

Using new brake-cleaner system



Henry Hauptman (left), Staff Services Division (SSD), pictured above with Edward Shea, also of SSD, requested \$1,000 to buy a recyclable, nonflammable, low-toxicity brake-cleaning system, greatly reducing the use of an aerosol brake cleaner. The new system will eliminate 60 gallons of organic solvents and one cubic foot of hazardous waste annually. BNL's automotive shop services the brakes on 298 Lab vehicles as often as every six months. Projected annual savings for implementing the new system is estimated at \$700 based on the cost of the current brake cleaner and the disposal of partially empty aerosol cans. As an added benefit, employees will be less exposed to chemicals and brake dust. Also, the new nonflammable cleaner reduces fire risks. The estimated payback period for this investment is 1.4 years.

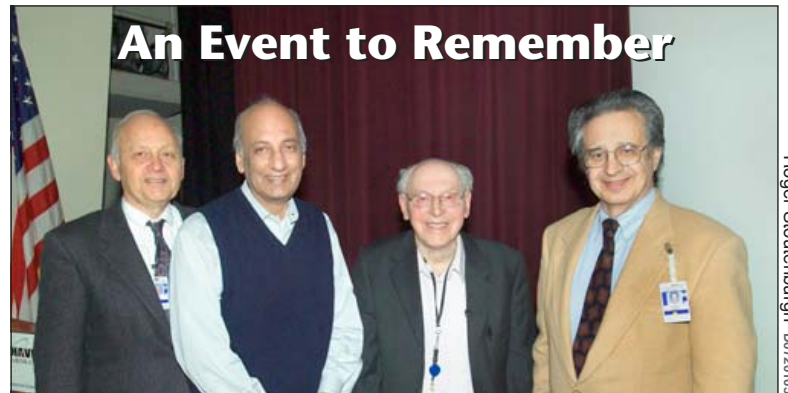
wastes and prevent pollution. The eight proposals funded in FY2004 are expected to save the Lab a total of \$62,000 annually. Four proposals have been described in the Bulletins of October 29, 2004, and January 7, 2005. Two more are featured this week.

Pollution prevention proposals are still being accepted for FY2005. Contact your environmental representative, or Pohlot, Ext. 5660 or pohlot@bnl.gov.

Replacing mercury-containing utility devices

Robert Colichio (left), Life Sciences Directorate, pictured with Steve Ferrone, Environmental Services Division, requested \$2,500 to purchase nontoxic equipment to replace mercury-containing switches, thermometers, thermostats and other equipment that may contain the toxic metal mercury in the Biology and Medical Departments. Approximately five pounds of mercury was removed from Bldgs. 463 and 490 and sent for reclamation along with a florescent bulbs shipment. Since it has been estimated that cleanup of one mercury spill would cost approximately \$1,750, the estimated payback period for this expenditure is 1.4 years.

— Diane Greenberg



An Event to Remember

An afternoon of thickly falling snow discouraged none of the enthusiastic audience that packed Berkner Hall to hear the 400th Brookhaven Lecture given on Wednesday, January 19, by Maurice Goldhaber, BNL Distinguished Scientist Emeritus, on "The Role of Empirical Rules in Predicting Directions in Science." Pictured with Goldhaber (third from left) at the event were: (from left) Peter Bond, Deputy BNL Director for Science & Technology (Interim); Praveen Chaudhari, BNL Director, and Nicholas Samios, Physics Department and former BNL Director, who introduced the speaker.

AAAS, RTSD Honor Ralph James

Ralph James, Associate Laboratory Director for Energy, Environment & National Security, has been honored for his work on radiation detectors by two professional organizations. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has named James as a Fellow, and the International Conference on Room-Temperature Semiconductor Radiation Detectors (RTSD) has awarded him the RTSD Scientist Award.

With over 134,000 members and 272 affiliated societies comprising more than 10 million members, AAAS is the world's largest federation of scientists. James was among 308 members to be elected as Fellows in 2004. He was cited for "outstanding scientific contributions to and leadership in materials research leading to the development of wide band-gap compound semiconductors for detecting and imaging X- and gamma radiation."

The International Conference on Room-Temperature Semiconductor Radiation Detectors presents the RTSD Scientist Award every two years. At the 2004 award at the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers' (IEEE) Nuclear Science Symposium & Medical Imaging Conference in Rome, Italy, on October 21, 2004, James was cited for "extraordinary scientific contributions and leadership in the field of room-temperature semiconductor detectors."

For his work on radiation detection devices, James had won



Discover magazine's "Innovator of the Year" award in 1997. James is also a three-time winner of *R&D Magazine's* R&D 100 Award, which honors the top 100 inventions of the year. He won in 1998, 2000, and 2001, for developing radiation detection devices and a new method of growing semiconductor crystals.

"I am gratified that my accomplishments in the field of radiation detection devices have been acknowledged by two prestigious professional organizations," James said. "I've worked with a talented and dedicated team from DOE national laboratories, academia, and industry to bring the ideas for these devices to tangible tools that can be of use in numerous areas, from national security to medical imaging."

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Calendar of Laboratory Events

- The BERA Sales Office is located in Berkner Hall and is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on BERA events, contact Andrea Dehler, Ext. 3347; or Chris Carter, Ext. 2873.
- Additional information for Hospitality Committee events can be found at the Recreation Bldg. and at the laundry, both located in the apartment area.
- Contact names are provided for most events for more information.
- Calendar events flagged with an asterisk (*) have an accompanying story in this week's Bulletin.

— EACH WEEK —

Weekdays: Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes

Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced classes. Various times. All are welcome. Learn English, make friends. See www.bnl.gov/esol/schedule.html for schedule. Jen Lynch, Ext. 4894.

Mondays: BNL Gospel Choir

5:15-7 p.m. Berkner Hall. All faiths are welcome. www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/choir/.

Mondays & Wednesdays: Pilates

Mon., Noon-1 p.m. in the Rec. Hall; Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Rec. Hall. Christine Carter, Ext. 5090.

Mondays & Wednesdays: Yoga

Noon-1 p.m., Brookhaven Center. Free. Ila Campbell, Ext. 2206, ila@bnl.gov.

Mon., Tues., & Thurs.: Kickboxing

\$5 per class. Mon., noon-1 p.m. in the gym; Tues., 5:15-6:15 p.m. in the gym; Thurs., noon-1 p.m. in the gym; Thurs., 5:15-6:15 p.m. in Brookhaven Ctr. North Room. Registration is required. Christine Carter, Ext. 5090.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.: Tai Chi

Noon-1 p.m., Brookhaven Center North Room. Adam Rusek, Ext. 5830 or rusek@bnl.gov.

Tuesdays: Welcome Coffee

10-11:30 a.m., Rec. Hall. First Tuesday of every month is special for Lab newcomers and leaving guests. Cindy Ottemann, 849-2646.

Tuesdays: BNL Music Club

Noon, North Room, Brookhaven Center. Come hear live music. Joe Vignola, Ext. 3846.

Tuesdays: Jiu Jitsu Club

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. All levels, ages 6 and above. \$10 per class. Tom, Ext. 4556.

Tuesdays: Toastmasters

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., Bldg. 463, room 160. Guests, visitors always welcome. www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmasters/default.htm.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Aerobics

5:15-6:30 p.m., \$5 per class or \$40 for ten classes. Rec. Hall. Pat Flood, Ext. 7886.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Aqua Aerobics

5:15-6:15 p.m. Eight-week session. \$20 to attend once a week; \$40 to attend twice a week. Ext. 2873 for more information.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Jazzercise

Noon-1 p.m., Rec. Hall. Preregistration is required. Christine Carter, Ext. 5090.

Tues., Thurs., Fri.: Upton Nursery School

8:30-11:30 a.m. Rec. Hall. Two- and three-day program avail. 727-8082 or Ext. 5090, for information.

Tues., Wed. & Thurs: Rec Hall Activities

5:30-9:30 p.m. General activities, large-screen TV, ping pong, chess, games, and socializing. Christine Carter, Ext. 5090.

Wednesdays: On-Site Play Group

10 a.m.-noon. Rec. Hall. An infant/toddler drop-in event. Parents meet while children play. Kati Petreczky, 821-4131.

Wednesdays: Weight Watchers

Noon-1 p.m. Michael Thorn, Ext. 8612.

Wednesdays: Open Chess Night

5-8 p.m., Rec. Hall. Christine Carter, Ext. 5090.

Wednesdays: Dance Lessons

5:15-8 p.m. Brookhaven Ctr., North Room. BNL Ballroom Dance Club hosts lessons, beginner to adv. John Millener, Ext. 3853.

Thursdays: Reiki Healing Class

Noon-1 p.m., Bldg. 211 Conference Rm. Nicole Bernholz, Ext. 2027.

*Thursdays: FreshDirect Delivery

3:30-5:30 p.m., Berkner Hall parking lot. Moved to Wednesday, next week only. See notice on page 3.

Fridays: Family Swim Night

5-8 p.m. at the BNL Pool. \$5 per family.

Fridays: BNL Social & Cultural Club

6-9 p.m., North Ballroom, Brookhaven Ctr., dance lessons, 9-11:30 p.m. general dancing. Rudy Alforque, Ext. 4733, rudy@bnl.gov.

— WEEK OF 1/31 —

Wednesday, 2/2

LeCroy Equipment Demo

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Berkner Hall. As a major supplier of high-performance digital oscilloscopes, LeCroy helps engineers validate the design of electronic products for the data storage, computer, semiconductor, and aerospace and defense industries. Dan Monopoli, 845-323-9072.

Thursday, 2/3

Cycletrons Motorcycle Club Meeting

5 p.m. at Peanuts on Main Street in Yaphank. Frank Dusek, Ext. 2022, dusek@bnl.gov.

In Memoriam: Gen Shirane, Physics Department

Gen Shirane, a senior physicist in the Physics Department, died at age 80, on January 16, 2005.

Shirane is recognized as a world leader in the use of neutron scattering techniques to understand the structure and dynamics of condensed matter, as well as a teacher to many of the world's most prominent neutron scatterers. During his 40-plus years at the Lab, he mostly used the High Flux Beam Reactor as the source of neutrons for investigations of phase transitions and the magnetic properties of many materials, including high-temperature superconductors. Over his 50-year career he published over 700 papers in the field, many of which opened new areas of research or provided key experiments in unraveling difficult solid-state problems.

Said Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, "Gen Shirane was both a great mentor and a dear, close friend to me, and indeed, to an entire generation of scientists in the field of neutron scattering. He was truly a giant in our field and one of the great scientists of the twentieth century. I will miss him very much."

From DOE's Office of Science came messages from Patricia Dehmer, Associate Director, Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES), and William Oosterhuis, BES's Material Sciences & Engineering Division head. "Gen Shirane was a great scientist and teacher to many generations of neutron scatterers," wrote Dehmer. "BNL and DOE were fortunate to have had him in the family for so many years." Oosterhuis, having known Shirane since the 1960s, wrote, "We have been very proud to have supported his research. He certainly leaves his stamp upon the field of neutron scattering — leading the way to show what could be done with this tool. I know that all of you at BNL will miss him, and so will we."

At BNL, Stephen Shapiro and John Tranquada, both of Physics and who worked closely with Shirane, said, "Over our combined 54 years of collaboration and friendship with Gen and his family, we learned a tremendous amount about neutrons, physics and life. Given his never-ending drive and enthusiasm for science, we expected he would be here forever!"

Born in 1924 in Nishinomiya, Japan, Shirane received his B. Eng. degree in 1944 and D.Sc. degree in 1947 from the University of Tokyo. After a year there working on the physics of ferroelectric crystals, he joined the Tokyo Institute of Technology. In 1952, he became a research associate at Pennsylvania State University, then, on March 29, 1956, joined BNL's Physics Department for a year as a visiting associate physicist, using neutrons from the Brookhaven

Graphite Research Reactor. From 1957-63, he joined Westinghouse Research Laboratories in Pittsburgh, returning as a guest for one month in August 1962, then joined the Physics staff on February 6, 1963, as a physicist. He received tenure on July 1, 1965, and, three years later, was named a senior physicist. For most of his time at Brookhaven he was leader of the Neutron Scattering Group and performed his research at the High Flux Beam Reactor.

Gen Shirane has received numerous honors. In 1973 he was distinguished with the Oliver E. Buckley Solid State Physics Award

from the American Physical Society (APS) for his application of neutron scattering to the understanding of solids. He was also the joint winner of the 1973 Bertram Eugene Warren Diffraction Physics Award presented by the American Crystallographic Association for his work on lattice and molecular dynamics, and, in 1985, received a Senior U.S. Scientist Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Elected to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, he was also an APS Fellow.

In 1989, on the occasion of his 65th birthday, BNL held a Symposium on Neutron Scattering to honor his contributions to this field. In the same year he was honored by DOE with its Distinguished Associate Award. Then, in 1993, BNL also gave him the Distinguished Research & Development Award. In December, 2003, the Japanese Society for Neutron Science presented him with its highest honor for his "outstanding scientific accomplishments in solid state physics by neutron scattering and his great contribution in

training Japanese scientists," and in the following year, he received the Ikeda Award for his earlier work in ferroelectrics. In July 2004 the Physics Department at Brookhaven hosted a symposium called "Gen Shirane and the Frontiers of Neutron Scattering," to celebrate his 80th birthday and his 50 years of cutting-edge research in this field.

A 40-year resident of Bellport, Shirane is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Sakae; two sons, Haruo of Manhattan and Tatsuo of West Hartford, CT; one sister, Kiyoko Yasuda of Osaka, Japan; and three grandchildren, Seiji, Kyoko and Sumiko.

A memorial for Gen Shirane will be held on Saturday, February 12, at 2 p.m. in the Large Seminar Room of Physics, Bldg. 510. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Student Conservation Association (www.thesca.org), c/o H. Montgomery, PO Box 550, Charlestown, New Hampshire 03603-0550, an organization which provides volunteer conservation service opportunities to high school and college students. — Liz Seubert



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Intel Semifinalist Worked on Winning Project at BNL



(From left) Antonio Checco, Jeanette Muiz, and Mel Morris

Jeanette Muniz, one of 300 Intel Science Talent Search semifinalists chosen from 1,600 entrants, did research for her winning project at BNL this past summer as a Community Summer Science Program student. Often referred to as the "junior Nobel Prize," the Intel competition is America's oldest and most highly regarded pre-college science competition.

Under the direction of Benjamin Ocko, Physics Department, Muniz worked with BNL's Antonio Checco, Physics, and Oleg Gang, Center for Functional Nanomaterials, to enhance water repellency of surfaces by etching nanopits — holes on the scale of billionths of a meter — into a silicon surface and then chemically treating it. Researchers at the University of Massachusetts and IBM developed the nanopits method, which was used in these studies.

"These were fundamental studies in which Jeanette explored the role of nanoscale roughness on wetting properties," said Checco. "We found that with increasing surface roughness the silicon surfaces became more water-repellent. Eventually, this method might be used on many different kinds of surfaces."

A senior at Commack High School, Muniz plans to attend Dartmouth College and major in biology, with emphasis in biomedical engineering. As an Intel semifinalist, she receives \$1,000, and her high school receives the same amount to enhance math and science programs. On March 15, ten national winners will be announced, who will share \$500,000 in scholarships.

In the photo, Checco shakes hands with Muniz, as Mel Morris, who manages the Office of Educational Programs Community Summer Science Program and placed Muniz in Ocko's lab, displays an Intel brochure. — Diane Greenberg

Tracking Gene Regulators: New Technique

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Dunn's team has come up with a technique to determine the positions of 500-to-1,500-base-long pieces on an entire genome — even one as large as the human genome — relatively quickly and in very large numbers.

Using this technique, the biologists have identified some 6,302 genome-binding sites for CREB, including many that are located near known genes. Genes identified as being regulated by CREB using this method include the gene responsible for causing Huntington's dis-

ease in mice, which is important for making advances in understanding Huntington's disease in humans, and genes that may play an important role in certain cancers.

"This technique can be applied to any protein that binds to specific sequences in the DNA and promises to be a very useful tool," says Dunn.

— Karen McNulty Walsh
For more information on this new technique, see www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/pubaf/pr/PR_display.asp?prID=04-115.

Daffodil Days

BERA will again be selling daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society. A bunch of ten fresh cut flowers is \$10. Pick up your bouquet during the week of March 14. Paid reservations are being taken at the BERA Store in Berkner Hall, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

BNL Fire-Rescue Group Is First on LI To Employ Revolutionary New CPR Device



William Strelecki (left) and Frank Palmeri, who are both firefighter/emergency medical technicians in BNL's Fire-Rescue Group, demonstrate the new CPR device.

With the recent delivery of a Revivant "AutoPulse" Resuscitation System, BNL's Fire-Rescue Group became New York State's first emergency response organization south of Westchester County to employ such a device to treat patients who are in cardiac arrest (patients whose hearts have stopped.)

The AutoPulse system is an innovative, non-invasive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) device that automatically compresses the chest of patients suffering from sudden cardiac arrest in order to circulate blood to the heart and brain. This makes it easier for emergency medical professionals to treat the patient quickly and focus on medications, ventilation (artificial breathing), and other necessary interventions.

The portable, battery-operated, rapidly deployed AutoPulse has been shown in studies to generate normal blood flow, which translates to an increased chance of the return of normal spontaneous circulation, and an increased possibility of survival when used with other interventions such as a defibrillator.

According to BNL Fire Chief John Searing, "The AutoPulse device is a worthwhile device that is going to revolutionize the way in which we treat the cardiac arrest patient."

Research shows that manual CPR performed

by trained healthcare professionals typically delivers 30 to 40 percent of the normal blood flow to the brain and only 10 to 20 percent of normal blood flow to the heart. The AutoPulse has been shown to generate normal, pre-arrest level of blood flow to the heart and brain.

The AutoPulse system is a hard plastic half-backboard that houses a battery, motor, control electronics, and software. It delivers chest compressions with a chest pad that is wrapped around the patient's chest and connected to the backboard. Chest compressions are delivered continuously, with a periodic pause to allow for the delivery of ventilation.

"While we hope not to have to use the device, this new piece of equipment will help the BNL Fire-Rescue Group to improve the patient's chances of survival," said Searing.

The Lab's AutoPulse will not only aid the BNL community should a BNLER experience a cardiac arrest, but will also be available to the surrounding communities whenever the Fire-Rescue Group is called upon to assist a neighboring fire department in responding to a cardiac arrest. In fact, the device was deployed to Huntington Hospital on January 18 to assist with cardiac compressions of a hypothermic patient.

— John Galvin

Weight Watchers

BNLers can register for the next Weight Watchers session on Wednesday, February 9, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Brookhaven Center. The cost will be \$89 for 10 weeks, payable to WeightWatchers. Contact Michael Thorn, Ext. 8612 or mthorn@bnl.gov.

Hospitality Committee's Valentine Party, 2/12

The Hospitality Committee invites BNLers of all ages to a Valentine's Soup & Dance Party at the Recreation Hall in the apartment area on Saturday, February 12, at 5 p.m. The committee will provide homemade soups, bread, and drinks. Bring a salad or dessert to share with six people. After dinner, a DJ will spin music for the whole family to dance to! For more information, contact Cindy Ottemann, cjottabb@optonline.net, 849-2646.

Foot Screening, 2/24

Join podiatrists Ben Dimichino and Brian Fanno on Friday, February 24, 9-11:50 a.m. in the Occupational Medicine Clinic, Bldg. 490, where they will discuss the latest treatments for common foot-related complaints and concerns. A 3-D computerized scanner will also be available for those who wear or feel that they may be a candidate for orthoses. Schedule appointments with Michael Thorn, Ext. 8612 or mthorn@bnl.gov.

'River Dance,' 3/13

BERA will sponsor a bus trip to see the 1 p.m. show of River Dance at Radio City in Manhattan, on Sunday, March 13. The luxury bus will leave the Brookhaven Center at 9 a.m. and leave New York Center at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$62 per person, for front mezzanine seats. About six seats remain. Buy tickets at the BERA Store, Berkner Hall.

Enterprise-Rent-a-Car On Site at BNL

Need to rent a car for a weekend, a day, or even half a day? Or a month, or a week? Enterprise-Rent-a-Car, here on site at BNL, may have what you need.

For example, cars are available for part of a day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., or 4 p.m.-9 a.m. the next day. Also, three-day weekend rates are now available, \$19.99 a day, Friday-Sunday, with 450 free miles included. Vans and 4x4s are also available. Check for yourself, call Ext. 4888/4889, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Or stop in at Bldg. 355, 50 Brookhaven Avenue, or visit www.enterprise.com.

BERA Fitness Classes

Adult swim: starts 2/9, eight classes for \$80. Call Sue Dwyer, Ext. 3496, M-Th, 4:30-8:30 pm.

Pilates, aqua aerobics, and jazzercise are all starting new sessions. See calendar, page 2, for contacts' phone numbers.

Call for Nominations for Goldhaber Prize

Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS) is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize. The \$1,000 award is granted to a female graduate student in physics, recognized for substantial promise and accomplishment. To be eligible, she must be an enrolled physics graduate student who is a candidate for a doctoral degree, but not to be graduating with that degree before spring 2005. She must either be enrolled at Stony Brook University (SBU) or be doing her thesis research at BNL.

BNL staff members and SBU Physics Department faculty can make nominations before February 15, 2005. For more information, contact Vinita Ghosh, Ext. 6226, or ghoshvj@bnl.gov.

Calendar

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— WEEK OF 2/7 —

Tuesday, 2/8

*Identity Theft

Noon-1 p.m., Berkner Hall. Talk by James Pascarella, Assistant District Attorney in the Economic Crimes Bureau, Suffolk County District Attorney's Identity Theft Unit. Michael Thorn, Ext. 8612, or mthorn@bnl.gov.

Wednesday, 2/9

BSA Noon Recital

Noon, Berkner Hall. Joseph Bramley will perform multi percussion. All are welcome to these free recitals sponsored by BSA. Visitors to the Lab of 16 and over must carry a photo ID.

Saturday, 2/12

Valentine's Day Soup & Dance Party

5 p.m., Recreation Hall. All are welcome. See notice, left. Cindy Ottemann, cjottabb@optonline.net or 849-2646.

Hooch & the Bluesicians in Concert

8 p.m., Berkner Hall. Sponsored by BNL Music Club. See notice, page 4. Tickets \$10 in adv., \$15 at door.

WEEK OF 2/14

Tuesday, 2/15

401st Brookhaven Lecture

4 p.m., Berkner Hall. Marcelo Vazquez, Medical Department, "Heavy Ion Beam Effects on Cells & Animals." All are welcome.

— WEEK OF 2/28 —

Saturday, 3/5

Bus Trip to Cradle of Aviation Museum

9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15/adult, \$13/seniors and children. BERA-sponsored coach to Long Island's Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. Tickets cover bus, museum, IMAX movie, and Mars Virtual Voyage ride. Buy tickets at the BERA Store.

Note: This calendar is updated continuously and will appear in the Bulletin whenever space permits. Submissions must be received by the preceding Friday at noon to appear in the following week's Bulletin. Enter information for each event in the order listed above (date, event name, description, and cost) and send it to bulletin@bnl.gov. Write "Bulletin Calendar" in the subject line.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrivals

Brian Conroy Plant Eng.
Kay Cordtz CEGPA
Kyle Cranmer Physics
Mandakini Kanungo Mat. Sci.
Angela Kim Medical
Jody Maddock Fiscal
James Sadloski Plant Eng.

Departures

Curtis Bergh ITD
Sasa Dordevic Physics
Alison Funston Chemistry
David Kawall Physics
Guang Liu Physics
Tianbo Liu Physics
Veena Venkatagiriappa NSLS

Spa Day at Gurney's

BNLers are invited to attend a spa day at Gurney's Inn on Sunday, February 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets cost \$260 per person and include luxury bus transportation, luncheon, facial, massage, manicure, pedicure, use of all Spa facilities, taxes, and gratuities. For tickets and more information, contact Christine Carter, Ext. 5090, ccarter@bnl.gov.

Identity Theft Presentation, 2/8

James Pascarella, Assistant District Attorney in the Economic Crimes Bureau of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Identity Theft Unit, will talk on identity theft and prevention methods on Tuesday, February 8, noon -1 p.m. in Berkner Hall.

All are welcome: check your mailbox for registration forms. For more information, contact Michael Thorn, Ext. 8612, or mthorn@bnl.gov.

Ralph James (cont'd.)

James, who joined BNL in 2001, earned a B.S. in engineering physics from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1976, an M.S. in physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1977, and another M.S. in applied physics in 1978 and a Ph.D. in applied physics in 1980, both from the California Institute of Technology. The holder of nine patents, James has authored more than 280 scientific publications and 11 book chapters, and edited 10 books. He is recognized for a long history of dedicated mentorship and for leadership contributions to professional societies. James is also a Fellow of the IEEE, the American Physical Society and the International Society for Optical Engineering.

— Diane Greenberg

Pick a Summer Student

Student applications for the summer 2005 undergraduate science internship programs sponsored by DOE's Office of Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists will be available for review on an electronic database beginning on Tuesday, February 1.

Selections for the first round choices must be submitted by February 28. Students will be here for ten weeks, starting June 6 and ending August 12. Stipends, housing, and travel are funded through the Office of Educational Programs (OEP) with a \$1,000 cost share requested from the hosting department. The programs available include the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI), the Community College Institute (CCI) and the Pre-service Teacher Program (PST). A description of each program is available on the web at <http://www.bnl.gov/scied/>.

Those interested in sponsoring a summer student should contact OEP to obtain the address and passwords for accessing the student database. For more information, contact Mel Morris for SULI and PST, Ext. 5963 or mmorris@bnl.gov; Noel Blackburn for CCI, Ext. 2890 or blackburn@bnl.gov; or Kathy Gurski, Ext. 4503 or gurski@bnl.gov for all programs.

Master's in Technological Systems Management

BNL employees are offered an on-site Master's degree program in technological systems management from Stony Brook University. This degree will have a concentration in environmental and waste management. Requirements include one year of undergraduate calculus and a bachelor's degree in engineering, natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics or a closely related area from an accredited college or university.

The program will include six credits per semester for the first four semesters, spring, summer, fall of 2005 and spring 2006. The BNL Tuition Assistance Program can reimburse employees at 100 percent for the cost of tuition. Employees will be responsible for fees and books. Two classes will be held, starting the week of March 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m.:

EST 586: Environmental and Waste Management in Business and Industry (taught by Tom Petralia on Tuesdays)

EST 595: Principles of Environmental Systems Analysis (taught by Ed Kaplan on Wednesdays)

For more information, see www.stonybrook.edu/est/academics/graduate. To participate, e-mail Marilyn Pandorf, pandorf@bnl.gov.

