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...College News...

3rd Annual George and Caroline Arfken Physics Scholar

Prof. Bill Evenson, of the Physics Department, has been appointed the 3rd Annual George and Caroline Arfken Physics Scholar in Residences at Miami University (Ohio). Prof. Evenson will visit Miami University from November 3-8, 2002, to give lectures and meet with faculty and students. He will give a public lecture, "The Discovery of Radioactivity and Randomness in Nature," a Physics Seminar, "Size-dependent melting of self-assembled indium nanostructures," and a Short Course on "Perturbed Angular Correlation with Time-Dependent Perturbations." Prof. Evenson's extensive research activity and collaborations in nanoparticle physics and nuclear condensed matter physics led to this honor.

Math graduate student receives Waldemar J. Trjitzinsky Scholarship



Julie Brinton, a first-year graduate student in the Department of Mathematics, has been awarded the prestigious Waldemar J. Trjitzinsky Scholarship by the American Mathematical Society. Julie received the \$4,000 scholarship at the beginning of Fall Semester and a formal presentation was made October 14, 2002, by the Department of Mathematics on behalf of the AMS.

The AMS selects a few universities in the United States each year and invites their departments of Mathematics to nominate a student to receive this scholarship. Julie's outstanding performance as an undergraduate earned her the nomination and the scholarship.

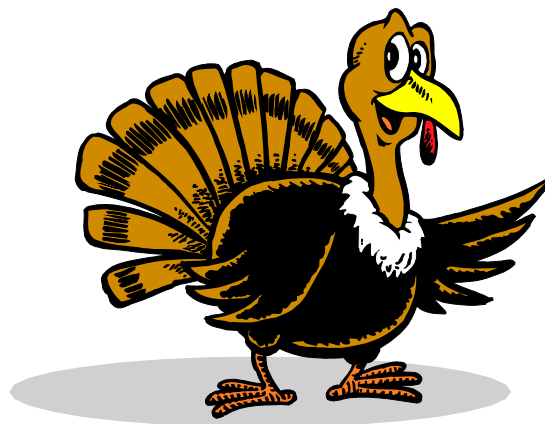
The Trjitzinsky Scholarships have been awarded each year since 1988. This is the first year that Brigham Young University has been invited to submit a nominee.

Julie stated that Dr. Rodney Forcade, the undergraduate coordinator in the Math Department, informed her that she had been nominated by the Math Department faculty to be considered for this scholarship. Although happily surprised to learn of the nomination, she also added that it was very humbling to know someone had thought enough of her to consider her for this award. She is very grateful to whoever nominated her. She commented, “I felt very honored, and grateful to receive this award. It opened the door for me to pursue a Masters degree this year. Prior to learning of this award, the decision to begin my Masters degree at BYU was a complicated one. I didn’t think it was financially, or logistically possible, since I knew my husband and I would be moving in less than a year. I had decided against even trying. After learning of this scholarship, and talking to Dr. Garner (the department chair) about the possibilities of finishing in one year, I decided it would be financially feasible to begin the program this year, at BYU. I am grateful to Dr. Garner and Dr. Jarvis (graduate coordinator) who really bent over backwards brainstorming ways to feasibly complete my program in one year. It would not be possible for me to finish in a year without their help, and this award. I would not be able to take as many classes as I needed, as fast as I needed, if I felt financial pressure to work more.”

When asked what she planned to do with the money, she replied, “I have already used some of it to buy books. I am trying to finish my Masters degree in one year, and plan to use the scholarship to supplement my income so I won’t have to work as much. This will enable me to take a heavier load of classes and finish in one year.”

International Conferences on Conceptual Modeling

David W. Embley, of the Computer Science Department, has been elected chair of the Steering Committee for the International Conferences on Conceptual Modeling for the term, Oct 2002 - Oct 2004. His responsibilities include seeing that conference organizers successfully run the annual international conferences for the next two years, presiding over the selection of organizing committees, and providing guidance for the organization of conferences from 2005 through 2007.



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