



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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## General Seminar

3:40PM / Thursday, 28 April 2005 / Room 109, Nicholson Hall

Host: Dr. Jorge Pullin

*[Refreshments served at 3:15 PM in Room 229, Nicholson Hall]*

### "Robots, Movie Cranes, and Smart Cars, Should Physics Be This Much Fun?"

**Randy M. Dumse, CEO  
New Micros**

Physics majors are highly desired for employment. They are generally known to be able to work at anything, including, sometimes, physics. Although the Vietnam War diverted the speaker from his physics training 30 years ago, his life following was shaped and enabled by his education. He will tell you his story of success, and how physics, and the mathematics that goes with it, lead to a diverse and fascinating life, full of adventure, reward, and recognition, and perhaps entirely too much fun. From boats, airplanes and cars, fashion models to Hollywood, life has remained interesting. A tale of physics and the real world going together ever so nicely.

## Solid State Science Seminar

3:40PM / Tuesday, 26 April 2005 / Room 280, Nicholson Hall

"Computational and experimental studies  
of the 'new-generation' co-catalyst methylaluminumoxane"  
Dr. Randall Hall, LSU Dept. of Chemistry

## Publications

"The Optical and Ultraviolet Spectral Energy Distributions of Short-Period Black Hole X-Ray Transients in Outburst." R.I. Hynes. *The Astrophysical Journal*, **623**: 1026-1043 (20 April 2005).

## Announcements and Reminders

There will be a **Steering Committee Meeting** at 3:40PM on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, in Room 201.

The Office of Human Resource Management is conducting  
**Annual Enrollment for Employee Benefits**  
(health, dental, vision, life, and flexible spending accounts)  
during the month of April.