Spring Awards Dinner

April 18th, 2005
For the first time, the awards dinner was held in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom instead of the Alumni House to accommodate the large number of majors now in the department.
Sammi ’05 & Andrew ‘05

Claire ’07, Laura ’07, Molly ’07, Carolyn ’07, Trudy ’07

Orlando ’06, Fay ’06, Matt ’06, Emiko ‘06
Jon ’08, Georgia ’08, Charles ’08, Sarah ’05, Rachel ’08

Michaela ’07, Greta ’07, Virginia ’07, Rachael 05

Ana ’05, Lucy ’05, Roxanne ’05, Natalie ’05, Ari ’06, George ‘07
Prof. Lanegran kicked off the awards by giving Kramer Gillin ’07 the Geography Merit Award as well as a travel book about the Middle East.
The prize named for the founder of the Macalester Geography Department was awarded to five juniors: Fay Cleaveland, Joel Larson, & Katie Ashton (not pictured Tim Bates & Matthew Pritchard)
The officers of the Geography Honor Society, GTU, Cole Akeson ’05, Rachael Finn ’05, & Jovana Trkulja ’05 (above) inducted new members including Laura Bonilla ’05 (pictured right)
Leah Hood ’05 & Brent Hecht ’05 played and sang “These are the days”
Prof Bill Moseley gave out his specialty awards, such as the William C. Rowe Couch Award for the person who exhibits the traits of William Rowe, a Melon Scholar who taught in the department for two years: spending a lot of time on the couch and “pontificating”. The winner was Ari Ofsevit, who was not present.
This year’s winner of Bill’s “Bullhorn Award” for shy geographers went to Katie Ashton ’06 (above). A new award, the “Blow It Out Your Ass” Award was given to one of Bill’s first-year course students, Jon Smucker ’08 (right).
Many speeches were made thanking the senior class for their involvement in the department which is credited with saving it from being dissolved a couple years back.
Prof Laura Smith and Prof George Latimer (Urban Studies) spoke as well.
The Golden Shovel

This year’s competition for the Golden Shovel was fierce but in the end, seven people were awarded the honor.
Pete Gartrell ’05 (right) was the first to receive the award, winning it for the third time! The group slowly grew to include Jovana Trkulja ’05, Pete Gartrell ’05, Erika Jerme ’05, Joan Bennett ’05, Rachael Finn ’05, Andrew Riely ’05, & Jen Wichmann ’06.
Congratulations to all the award winners as well as the senior class and thanks to everyone who attended!