

**The award winning paper in the Senior Seminar was written by Sarah Kay for Professor James Fleming.**

Sarah Kay, a 4.0 computer engineering major from Jefferson City, Tennessee, has written an excellent paper for her Senior Seminar on Globalization. In her paper, entitled "English as a Global language," Sarah traces how broad historical forces—such as the invention of the printing press, advances in science and technology, the Industrial Revolution, and the rise of the British Empire—have contributed to the spread of the English language around the world. She then shows quite convincingly how modern advertising, the mass media, and particularly the Internet and computers, with their technological bias toward English, have accelerated the adoption of English as a global language, pointing to the day soon when perhaps English will become the preferred language of most of the world in this age of globalized communication. And Sarah has done all this in a very graceful and articulate manner, demonstrating that she is not only a first-rate computer engineering student, but also an outstanding liberal arts student with the ability to understand and communicate complicated ideas and historical forces in clear, engaging, and very understandable fashion. So congratulations, Sarah, on a job well done.