Games By Teens Competition Rewards Future Computer Programmers

Muskingum University’s Games By Teens (GBT) competition, now in its second year, today announced the winners of the 2010 contest for aspiring computer programmers.

GBT gives students an opportunity to compete for a variety of prizes by designing and programming an original computer game, whether or not they have any experience in computer science.

Participants attend a series of classes during the spring, leading up to a final judging of their work. A variety of prizes were awarded to each of the following winners:

**First Place:** Lance Hecker of Zanesville, for Galactic Overthrow 2.
**Second Place:** Emily Vanasdale of Zanesville, for Running To Freedom 2.
**Third Place:** Noah Townsend of New Concord, for Ark of the Covenant.

**Honorable Mention** awards were granted to the following participants:
- **Most Unique Weapon:** Curtis Lewis of Zanesville, for Yeti In Space.
- **Most Unique Storyline:** Josh Houston of New Concord, for Lost Dream.
- **Most Action Packed Game:** Fernando X. Avila-Soto of Zanesville, for The Bounty Hunter Best Retro Game for Alien Hunter.
- **Most Unique Game:** Justin Hunt of Zanesville, for Amorphia Games.

The 2010 GBT competition earned a Google RISE Award, which is granted to educational initiatives that support and encourage learning activities in mathematics and science. Major local sponsors for the event were Muskingum University and New Concord-based Resource Systems.

Judges for the competition were Muskingum University Instructor of Computer Science Jay Shaffstall, who also coordinated the contest and classes; Cory Williams, Skunkworks Architect at Resource Systems; Dave Burkhart, a computer technology teacher at Sheridan High School in Thornville; and Pete Carswell, instructor in computer and information technology at Columbus State Community College.
Duane Sheerer, 1953
Duane and his wife, Dorothy (Johnson, ‘45) moved to the Longmont Regent for Gracious, Senior Living in Longmont, Colorado last year and have been enjoying pleasant surroundings here and also being near to their oldest daughter, Elaine, and family. Duane says “Best wishes to the University and MACS Alumni.”

Paul Christopher, 1956
Paul gives his regards to his classmates.

Warren “Lee” Bell, 1960
Warren “Lee” Bell received a Fellowship in The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI).

WARREN “LEE” BEIL was born, raised and educated in Ohio. Beil graduated with honors from Holloway High School where he was an outstanding All Eastern Ohio Basketball player having been listed in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Boy’s Basketball Records in four different categories. He is a member of the Class of 1960 from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, with a BA Degree in Mathematics. He graduated as a math teacher and basketball coach but industry won the recruiting game. While attending Muskingum, Beil was a four-year starter on the basketball team and received Honorable Mention All-American honors his senior year. Read the complete story...

John Shadley, 1961
John Shadley, ’61 and Sue Faris Shadley, ’62, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion dinner hosted by their children. The event will take place near their home in Tulsa, OK on July 31, 2010.

John earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Muskingum, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology and later a Masters and Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Houston. He has worked for NASA in Houston, as an acoustical consultant in Boston and Chicago and for The University of Tulsa from 1977 until his retirement in 2004 as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Sue completed a B.A. degree in the German language at the University of Houston in 1969. She has volunteered with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTA and Band Parents and is a member of P.E.O. and Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity. Sue is a violinist in the Tulsa Community Orchestra and performed for 25 years in a string quartet.

John and Sue have five children – Jeff, Julie, Jenny, Mike and Tim – and eight grandchildren.

Alex Nagy, 1962
Alex and his wife currently live in Virginia close to their children, David and Lisa. Alex is keeping very busy rewriting his book Coming to America: My Long Journey to Freedom! The book is about Alex and his family’s escape from Hungary in 1956.

Read more about Alex and the book...

Alex is also writing a screenplay about his escape, working with filmmakers in Virginia. Alex says, “Muskingum played a huge role in my life. I was a Hungarian refugee that was offered an education at Muskingum by President Dr. Robert Montgomery. He offered me free tuition and room and board for four years, a generous gift that provided a wonderful start for my life in America.”

“There is one thing even more vital to science than intelligent methods; and that is, the sincere desire to find out the truth, whatever it may be.”
- Charles Pierce
Nancy Morris Luthy, 1963
Nancy’s Dad, Dennis Morris, is 103.5 and still plays nine holes of golf with her. Nancy’s husband, four children and eleven grand children are doing well. Nancy says, “Greetings and best wishes to you all.”

David Maharry, 1965
David was a Muskingum math and physics major. He has recently retired from teaching at Wabash College in the Math and Computer Science Department after 31 years there and 39 year of college teaching. His wife, Ginny (Virginia Yonally Maharry, ‘65) has also retired from her work in the college library.

William Mokay, 1971
Bill has retired from teaching high school mathematics after 35 years. He is currently working for a payroll company whose clients are movie productions and TV show (many on the food network and history channel). Bill also continues as assistant basketball coach at SUNY Delhi.

Sheree Cauffiel Englehardt, 1979
Sheree has moved to Dade City, Florida and now works at St. Leo University in the Technical Services Department. Her job title is Technical Developer/Integrator.

James Nolan, 1985
James is employed by WAI Global and has been working there for 22 years. He is the Manager of Systems and Technology.

Sherri Finnell Gibson, 1986
Sherri is still married to her best friend, Mark Gibson (‘84). They have two daughters, Taylor, who will be a freshman at Ohio State this fall, and, Jesse, who will be in the eighth grade. Sherri recently completed work as a grant teacher for a five-year before and after school enrichment program. She is currently working as a long-term substitute teacher for River View Local Schools and loves it. Since September 2004, Mark and Sherri have also been the Directors of Youth Ministry at Roscoe United Methodist Church.

Raj Kumar, 1988
Raj Kumar has been the Managing Director for General Mills - Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Eastern Europe in June, 2009.

Raj has worked for General Mills since 1994 after completing his MBA from the University of Minnesota. In the years since, he has worked in various marketing roles on Green Giant, Progresso, Häagen-Dazs and Pillsbury brands in the US. In 1999, Raj moved to the position of Region Marketing Manager for the Asia-Pacific region and in late 2000, moved to the role of General Manager for the Thailand market. Most recently, Raj has been the Managing Director for Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Prior to joining General Mills, Raj spent four years with Benchmark Computers as the Region Sales Manager after completing his bachelor’s degree in Economics and Computer Science from Muskingum College.

Bryan Ray, 2002
Bryan is a Statistician III at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. Bryan is also a part-time MBA student at Ohio State with an anticipated graduation date of December 2010.

Scott Ziegler
Scott has moved to a new position at InfoPrint Solutions company. He was previously a manager in the software development organization and is now the software Product Manager for InfoPrint ProcessDirector, focused on prioritizing new development initiatives, analyzing the technology and competitive landscapes, and determining long term market strategies and directions. Scott graduated suma cum laude with a BS in math and minor in computer science.

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Computer Science Award
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For outstanding computer science student

Mathematics Award
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James L Smith Awards in Mathematics
Lindsey Lorenz
For outstanding junior in recognition of the emeritus professor

Lauren K. Zink
For outstanding sophomore in recognition of the emeritus professor

L. Coleman Knight Award in Mathematics
Zachary T. McCord
For outstanding freshman in memory of the former professor

Adam Barry, Computer Science major 2010, presented his work during Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Week. Adam’s project was titled “Trip Tracker: A GPS Application for Google’s Android Mobile OS.” This project utilized both the Android API as well as the external Google API for interacting with Google Maps in order to provide the user with the ability to record global positioning satellite (GPS) location information over time in the form of a “trip,” export individual trips to files for further analysis, and display a given trip overlaid on Google maps.

Mr. Jay Shaffstall, Instructor of Mathematics & Computer Science, studied the use of a cave development simulator with student, Tanner Barnes.

Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.

~Albert Einstein