

for achievement and service.

THE M. TAYLOR PYNE PRIZE, the university's highest general award for undergraduates, was shared by Jennifer M. Babik '95 and Benjamin F. Jones '95. The two will split \$19,900, an amount equal to this year's tuition. Babik and Jones were selected as the seniors "who most clearly manifested excellent scholarship, character, and effective leadership in the best interests of Princeton."

Babik, a molecular biology major, in December was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, which she plans to use to pursue a D. Phil., the equivalent of a doctorate, in immunology at Oxford University. Now writing her senior thesis on protein design, she hopes to do medical research during her time in England and then return to the United States to attend medical school. Babik expects to pursue a career "in which I can balance medical research with practice."

She has spent the last three summers working in the laboratory with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Michael H. Hecht, who is also her thesis adviser. Babik, Hecht, and three others coauthored a paper on protein design that was published in the journal *Science*.

Babik, who plays alto saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble, was first-team Academic All-American in softball in 1994 and Academic All-Ivy in field hockey in 1993 and 1994.

Jones, another Rhodes recipient, earned an "A" in every course he's taken at Princeton, said Shapiro. Next year, he will study in the engineering research program at Oxford, continuing the work he's begun at Princeton in the area of environmental technology and policy. After Oxford, he plans to return to the United States to pursue a career in the field of renewable energy.

Jones is majoring in mechanical and aerospace engineering while pursuing a certificate in the Program in Russian Language and Culture. As a winner of the Martin Dale '53 Award, he received funding to travel to Russia between his sophomore and junior years to study the language and to tour northwestern Russia. He spent last summer in Siberia working with a conservation group to preserve Lake Baikal.

At Princeton, he directs the Student Volunteers Council's Prison Outreach Program, tutoring inmates at the Mercer County Correctional Facility. He also leads rock-climbing trips and teaches rock-climbing safety and technique for Out-

door Action and works as a student consultant at the Office of Computing and Information Technology.

In accepting the award, he recalled the memory of his father, Michael E. Jones '58, who died when he was twelve. Jones also paid tribute to his mother, who sat in the audience: "She is my greatest teacher."

THE PORTER OGDEN JACOBUS FELLOWSHIP was presented to Ue-Li Pen, a graduate student in the Department of Astrophysical Sciences. The university gives the prize to the graduate student "who has evinced the highest scholarly excellence," in the judgment of the faculty.

Born in Germany to Taiwanese parents, Pen moved to Canada when he was thirteen, then earned his B.S. and M.A. in Taiwan before coming to Princeton, in 1992. He develops numerical techniques to study how gravity and hydrodynamics transformed the very low-amplitude fluctuations of the early universe into the galaxies, clusters, and superclusters we see today.

Pen has already published five papers in various scientific journals. Shapiro quoted one faculty member who said of him, "No other student shows such depth of understanding."

In accepting the award, Pen said from the time he could first speak he asked "Why?" And throughout his academic career, he has continued to ask questions and search for answers to nature's secrets.

THE S. BARKSDALE PENICK, JR. '25 AWARD went to two alumni schools committees. The prize recognizes the regional group that has "most effectively realized the primary goals of Alumni Schools Committee work" in recruiting students for the admission office and represent-

ing Princeton to its local community. This year's recipients are the Princeton Club of Great Britain, chaired by Judith E. "Jude" Ruff '84, and the Princeton Alumni Association of France, chaired by Jocelyn M. Phelps '82.

THE ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE honored the Princeton Association of New England for involving a substantial number of its members in a wide variety of community service projects, including a mentor program for public-school students. The Alumni Council established the award two years ago to "recognize outstanding contributions by groups of Princetonians in their efforts to address critical social, economic, and environmental needs."

The following awards were presented for achievements in Annual Giving:

THE HAROLD H. HELM '20 AWARD for "exemplary and sustained performance" was given to Wesley Wright, Jr. '51. He has served as class agent, special gifts chairman, and Alumni Council chairman, and has led the alumni schools committee in Richmond, Virginia.

THE CLASS OF 1926 TROPHY was awarded to the class of 1944 for the largest single amount raised in last year's A.G. campaign. The class, led by class agent R. Donald Thomson and special gifts chairman James G. Affleck III, established a fiftieth-reunion record of \$2,429,836.

THE JERRY HORTON '42 AWARD for an outstanding regional committee that has "expanded the knowledge and awareness of Annual Giving" was presented to the Annual Giving Committee of Central New Jersey, chaired by Steven A. Caputo '75. He has raised the participation rate from 54 percent in 1992 to 72 percent last year.



Ue-Li Pen (second from right), a graduate student in the Department of Astrophysical Sciences, won the Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship. With him were his parents and Catharine J. Lin '95.