Gunter wins New York Metropolitan Opera competition

Nat Gunter, a senior voice performance major from Tuscaloosa, was one of three winners of the recent New York Metropolitan Opera District Auditions.

Gunter was the youngest of 10 competitors, whose ages ranged from 22-32. The three winners advanced to the regional auditions in Memphis, Tenn., in March.

While at BSC, he has performed in several theatrical productions including Godspell, in which he played Jesus, and Sweeney Todd, in which he played the lead character, Sweeney Todd. He also was the only student performer in the one-act opera, The Face on the Barroom Floor. In March, he played lead in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum at BSC.

Bostick recognized at regional music competition

Birmingham-Southern student Dan Bostick, a junior music major from Vestavia Hills, recently received honorable mention at the regional competition of the Music Teachers National Association held at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Bostick previously had won the preliminary competition in organ at the MTNA Collegiate Artist Competition in Montgomery.

The competitions are sponsored annually by the MTNA, a nonprofit organization representing music teachers in studios, music schools, public schools, and institutions of higher education.

Whittington winners—Four student winners of the third annual Whittington Competition at BSC performed with the Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra Feb. 16. The orchestra, led by BSC Professor of Music Dr. Thomas Gibbs, accompanied the 2002 Whittington Competition winners, including (from left) clarinetist Nicole Selvidge, a junior music major from Madison; pianist Katy Smith, a senior music major from Hebron, Md.; tenor Weston Parker, a freshman undecided major from Hartselle; and pianist Myron Brown, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Birmingham. The Whittington Competition is named for Frances and Dorsey Whittington, who were leaders of The Birmingham Conservatory of Music which later became the Music Department at Birmingham-Southern.