It is a great pleasure to welcome the newest member of the SAS Executive Committee, Ms. Lacey Averett. She received her B.S from the University of Idaho in 2003. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in vibrational spectroscopy at the University of Idaho with Dr. Peter Griffiths.

Her research areas of interest include diffuse reflection mid-infrared spectroscopy, applications, and theory. Most recently, she has been investigating the detection of non-volatile chemical warfare agent simulants using mid-infrared diffuse reflection spectrometry.

In her new role as SAS Student Representative, she would like to get the students more involved in the SAS through various activities at conferences that will allow for more communication and understanding about the field. She would also like to inform the students about what types of jobs are available to them after they achieve their degree. She is committed to keeping student membership fees low to promote student membership. We look forward to working with Lacey in her new position beginning in 2006.