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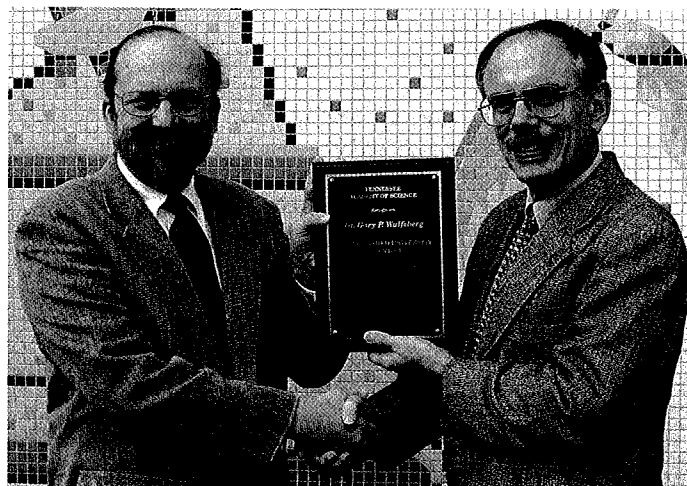
GARY P. WULFSBERG

Middle Tennessee State University

Dr. Gary P. Wulfsberg, Professor of Chemistry at Middle Tennessee State University, was honored as the 2002 Distinguished College/University Scientist by the Tennessee Academy of Science at their annual meeting in November at East Tennessee State University. This award recognizes members that have made significant contributions to science teaching and academic research in Tennessee. Wulfsberg, who earned his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, has been a member of the Academy since 1981. Through his many research endeavors he has gained an international reputation in both inorganic chemistry and chemistry education. Prior to his appointment at Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Wulfsberg taught at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin.

Dr. Wulfsberg is best known for his work in Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance (NQR) spectroscopy, and his laboratory functions as a National Center for NQR spectroscopy. This laboratory both serves North American inorganic chemists and allows extensive collaboration with scientists internationally. Wulfsberg has published his research in refereed publications such as the *Journal of the Chemical Society*, *Inorganic Chemistry*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, and the *Journal of Chemical Education*. He is the author of two textbooks used in college level chemistry courses: *Principles of Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry*, and *Inorganic Chemistry*. The latter has been translated for a French edition.

While Dr. Wulfsberg's research in inorganic chemistry is impressive, he also is interested in researching ways to improve chemistry education. Dr. Wulfsberg has developed digitally-ani-



Dr. Gary P. Wulfsberg (right) accepts the Tennessee Academy of Science Distinguished College/University Scientist Award From TAS past-president Dr. Martin V. Stewart.

mated videos, and active learning discovery labs which promote increased learning and are based on current trends and understanding in the field of education. Dr. Wulfsberg has mentored ten graduate students to completion of advanced degrees, and is currently the departmental graduate coordinator for the MTSU Chemistry Department. The Tennessee Academy of Science is proud to recognize the achievements of Dr. Gary P. Wulfsberg.