

Chemists win Sloan awards

Two University chemists — one whose research may eventually help automobile manufacturers design more efficient and cleaner-running engines, and the other whose research may result in a new type of industrial catalyst — have been selected to receive Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships.

Paul Engelking and Richard Finke are among 88 chemists, mathematicians, physicists, neuroscientists and economists representing 50 colleges and universities across the country honored this year by the New York-based foundation.

The awards, worth \$25,000 each, are given to academic institutions on behalf of young scholars who show "exceptional promise of contributing to the advancement of knowledge." They are for use during the next two academic years, beginning in September 1982.

About 400 candidates were nominated nationwide by senior colleagues familiar with their talents. Recipients were selected by the foundation based on the recommendations of a panel of 15 distinguished senior researchers.

"Paul Engelking is an unusually talented young scientist who has already demonstrated his high research productivity," said Tom Dyke, a University chemist who nominated Engelking and who was a Sloan fellow himself in 1977.

Another University chemist and 1972 Sloan fellow, John Keana, nominated Finke because "he has undertaken a vigorous and highly productive approach toward the discovery of fundamental new chemistry of organic substances containing metals. Already recognized nationally, he compares favorably with the very best researchers at his stage of development."

"He is not only an excellent experimentalist, but also has an unusually strong understanding of theory."

The only recipients of Sloan fellowships in Oregon this year, Engelking and Finke are the 14th and 15th University faculty members to be so honored since 1958. Their selection marks the first time since 1967 that more than one University instructor has received the award.

Weaver's bill to create jobs

Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., unveiled a plan Wednesday to save energy and boost employment in Oregon.

The Oregon Energy and Jobs Program would train 12,000 Oregonians to audit homes and businesses for energy efficiency. The auditors would suggest weatherization techniques to homeowners and businessmen.

The program would be funded through the Bonneville Power Administration's conservation budget, and would cost taxpayers no additional money, he said.

"The goal of this bill is to get as much conservation done as possible," Weaver said at a meeting of the Lane Democratic Forum. "It's like money in the bank."

Weaver has distributed copies of the bill to Oregon legislators, and says he hopes they will pass it despite opposition from Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

"This should be done immediately, and I challenge him (Atiyeh) to do it," Weaver said. "If I had the power to make him do it, I would. He should be

horsewhipped for not doing it."

The BPA's \$14-million conservation budget has been misused by state officials to finance the WPPSS power project, Weaver said.

"You know they don't want to use this money to finance the bill," he said. "They want to continue to use the money to finance the utilities."

"To try and dump the cost of WPPSS on the people of Oregon is the most arrogant, contemptuous thing I have ever seen," Weaver said. "It's absolute madness."

"That's your money going down the rat hole."

Foreign study deadline near

Monday is the last day to apply for the year-long foreign study programs in Japan and France sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Students may still apply for either program by going to the Office of International Services in Room 330, Oregon Hall, or to Romance Languages in Room 101, Friendly Hall or East Asian Languages in Room 308, Friendly Hall.

Students who have yet to apply will not be able to go to France or Japan until the beginning of the 1982-83 academic year. However, early application to the program allows students time to take special spring courses and workshops to strengthen their language skills and general knowledge on those countries.

Both programs are open to University students in all fields. To be eligible for the program in Poitiers, France, a student must have completed 24 hours of college French, two years of undergraduate work, and have

maintained a 2.5 overall GPA by next fall.

The classes taught in Japan in Waseda University's International Division are offered in English, so no language prerequisite is required, although students must be at least sophomores and maintain a 2.5 GPA to be eligible.



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