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OSU Engineering Hall of Fame

Ceremonies presenting the 1999 OSU College of Engineering Oregon Stater Awards were held October 24, 1999, at the CH2M HILL Alumni Center in Corvallis. The awards involve membership in the OSU Engineering Hall of Fame or the Academy of Distinguished Engineers for outstanding contributions to Oregon State University and the Engineering Profession.



Membership in the OSU Engineering Hall of Fame is reserved for Oregon Staters who have made sustained and meritorious engineering and/or managerial contributions throughout their careers. CH2Mers; inducted into

the 1999 Hall of Fame were Robert R. Adams and Earl C. Reynolds in Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, and Richard S. Nichols in Electrical and Computer Engineering. CH2Mers inducted into the OSU Engineering Hall of Fame in its initial year (1998) were Holly Cornell, James C. Howland, Fred Merryfield, William T. Peckham, James Poirot, and Thomas Burke Hayes.

Membership in the OSU Academy of Distinguished Engineers is awarded to mid-career Oregon Staters who have sustained distinguished contributions to the profession, field, OSU, or society at large. They have had at least 20 years of experience beyond their B.S. degree and are still practicing their profession. CH2Mers inducted into the 1998 Academy were William D. Byers and Ralph Peterson. Inducted into the 1999 Academy was Mark Lasswell.

Since its founding in 1891, the College of Engineering has graduated over 22,000 engineers. For Fall 1999, the enrollment was 2,724 undergraduates and 405 graduate students. There are approximately 125 faculty members.

The Seattle Retreat Was Great!

Most of the retirees came from Northern California or the Northwest, however, Eleanor Benedict came all the way from Reston, VA, and won the door prize for the one that came the greatest distance. Her reward was a set of note cards with west coast views painted by our very own Ken Stuart.

The retreat hotel was right downtown within walking distance of the hub of the city with lots to do and see. In addition to Nordstroms, and many other fine stores and shops, there is the Seattle Art Museum with a marvelous collection of Native American Northwest art and a new Symphony Hall. We were told that this music hall is rated 5th in the world for sound qualities. It is a building within a building with the performance hall supported on rubber pads as both train and bus tunnels run under it.

Tom Gibbs was one of the drivers behind the new Seattle baseball stadium with the retractable roof, and was able to get marvelous seats for those who wanted to see the Mariners play, and the stadium roof close after the game. The roof closing is a major spectator event in Seattle.

There was much fellowship at the opening dinner and closing breakfast. In between we had a marvelous expedition to Tillicum Village on Blake Island for a dinner featuring Pacific Salmon prepared on cedar stakes over alder fires. Following dinner was a colorful Native American dance show, "Dance on the Wind" that brought native myths and legends to life. The boat sailed from a downtown pier giving a great view of the city skyline in the daylight going, and a breathtaking night view on the return.

Also available was great shopping, golf, sightseeing, and more.

At the final breakfast, the attendees were so enthusiastic that they voted to have an annual retreat, and Les Weirson