# FABE Graduate Student of the Year

AWARD NAME: Rev. P T Taiganides- Prof. R E Stewart Memorial Award

FREQUENCY: Annual

TITLE: Graduate Student of the Year

AMOUNT: $300 plus a plaque and a certificate and listing on FABE bulletin board for a year

CRITERIA:

1. Academic excellence as evidenced from his/her course record,

2. Proven leadership qualities as indicated by his/her participation in professional and university functions and activities,

3. Perceived potential as a researcher and professional engineer.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations will be made by graduate student faculty advisers without the knowledge of the nominated students. Send nominations to the Graduate Program Coordinator by March 4.

SELECTION: Selection will be done by the graduate faculty at a meeting and will be based on the written nominations by faculty.

DATE The award will be presented at the annual awards banquet in April.

BACKGROUND for the Taiganides-Stewart Award:

*My father Reverend Taiganides and former OSU dept. head Robert Stewart were my mentors in my life and in my academic pursuits. My mother died when I was 10 years old, so my father, a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church raised his 4 children even though his clerical duties and the war conditions made it very difficult for him. He used to tell us "tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are." I always was careful in choosing and nurturing friends. Today I can proudly say that I can travel around the world and be with friends whom I can trust and who hold the same ideals and morals.*

*Robert Stewart had brilliant mind. As a young faculty member of the department in Columbus I had the chance to socialize with him and his family, and to develop a great son-father relationship. He scolded me freely when I made mistakes but always encouraged me; I brought many grants to OSU and developed one of the leading programs in livestock waste engineering under his tutelage. We remained friends after he left OSU, meeting at ASAE meetings and discussing the direction of agricultural engineering.*

*I miss both of them; their mentoring had much to do with the quality of my family and professional life: pursuit of excellence through persistence and commitment to just causes.*

Paul was here as full professor 1965-75; then with FAO (United Nations). He started the Livestock Waste Management program in the Department.