TWO LAUREATES have been selected in the tenth year of Tau Beta Pi's Laureate program for excellence in areas beyond their technical majors.

The 1991 Tau Beta Pi Laureates are: Susan E. Lawser, Rhode Island Alpha Chapter, for her athletic achievements; and Steven R. Myers, Texas Eta Chapter, for his work in the arts. They join 23 other Tau Bates who have been honored since the program's inception.

Nominated by their local chapters and selected by a committee of members, the laureates were honored at the Association's 86th Convention in College Station, Texas, on October 19. Each received a $2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

"The Laureate Program was inaugurated to further Tau Beta Pi's mission of fostering a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges," said District Directors Donald W. Ausherman, John D. Reynolds, and others.

awards have been made for diverse achievements and campus leadership in the past 10 years.

Susan E. Lawser

The Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi nominated Susan E. Lawser for her academic achievement and success in sailing during her four years at Brown University. A graduate in electrical engineering and former captain of her college women's sailing team, she is currently training for the 1992 U.S. Olympic trials.

A sailor since the age of eight, Susan has already captured several "firsts." Training at her hometown boat club in Monmouth, NJ, she and a friend became the youngest crew to qualify for the Bemis finals — the U.S. Yacht Racing Union junior national doublehanded championships. Sailing the singlehanded Laser, Susan was the first girl to ever reach the USYRU "Smythe" finals in 1984 and 1985. And she won the USYRU national women's singlehanded championship in 1986 and placed fifth in the IYRU women's world championship.

In 1986 as she began her senior year of high school, Susan and a friend began a two-year training program to compete in the only Olympic class in sailing open for women — the doublehanded 470 class sailboat. Preparing for the 1988 Olympic trials, the women competed in every major 470 regatta in the world as part of the U.S. women's sailing team. Susan enrolled in Brown in 1987 but took the spring semester off. Another U.S. team did win the 1988 Olympics — her team placed sixth in the trials.

Susan was a member of her university team that won the freshman Atlantic Coast championship that year. Returning to Brown in September 1988, she continued to sail at the collegiate level. She was on the team that won the 1989 women's collegiate nationals, and in 1990 she was elected team captain. Teaming with her sister Amy, also a Brown engineering student, she returned to national level competition. In 1989, the sisters tied for first in the U.S. doublehanded championship and went to the world competition in Spain. In 1990, they ranked second on the U.S. sailing team for the women's 470 division. On August 13, 1991, Susan and Amy won the gold medal in the women's 470 yachting event at the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba. They won all seven races in the competition.