THREE LAUREATES have been selected in the 13th year of Tau Beta Pi's annual program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in areas beyond their technical majors.

The 1994 Laureates are: Douglas C. Bame, California Phi '94, of the University of the Pacific, honored for his athletic achievements; Catherine M. Charlton, New York Delta '95, of Cornell University, feted for her musical accomplishments; and Nina Wokhu, New Jersey Gamma '95, of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, chosen for her service to others. They join 32 other outstanding Tau Bates who have been recognized since the Laureates were first presented in 1982.

Nominated by their collegiate chapters and selected by a committee of District Directors, the Laureates were honored during ceremonies on October 8, 1994, at the 89th annual Convention in Buffalo, New York. President James W. Johnson Jr. presented each winner with a $2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

The Laureate Program was inaugurated to further Tau Beta Pi's second basic purpose as stated in the preamble to the Constitution: "to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges."

District Directors Edward J. D'Avignon, Joseph J. Hanby, and Margaret B. Hickel considered 25 nominees from 19 chapters. Past awards have been made for diverse achievements and campus leadership. No more than five Laureates may be named each year.

In 1993, baseball player Douglas C. Bame was named academic All-America first-team player of the year; first baseman on the first-team All Big West Conference; and the University of the Pacific's MVP and team captain. The Stockton, CA, team was led to new standards for home runs, runs batted in, runs scored, and batting average. Doug himself broke 8 school records — records for single season home runs, doubles, total bases, slugging percentage, and games played. For all his accolades and achievements, Tau Beta Pi has selected Doug as the 1994 Laureate Award winner in Athletics.

The field of sports has been a major focus of Doug's life since he was five, but did not intrude on his personality development until he sustained a serious knee injury playing football in high school. While recovering from a torn ligament, he realized that sports were games, and patience, hard work, perseverance, and confidence were required for success in any endeavor. It wasn't until his senior year at Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, CA, that he was named the top Orange County scholar-athlete by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. That year he also played varsity baseball.

Attending the University of the Pacific on a baseball scholarship, he competed in the toughest athletic division in the U.S. — NCAA Division I. He compiled the finest individual overall offensive season in school history in 1993 and was listed on the dean's honor roll six of eight semesters. Doug served as recording and corresponding secretary for Tau Beta Pi's California Phi Chapter and was elected to Phi Kappa Phi. A contributor to the community, he participated in the university's adopt-an-athlete program by visiting local schools to stress the importance of a strong education while being active in athletics.

In May, Doug completed his bachelor's degree in engineering management with an emphasis in mechanics. After participating as a co-op engineering student for a leading consumer foods company, he is seeking employment.