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DAYTON, Ohio, April 28, 1971 --- Dr. Karl Strnat, who holds the Frank Morrison Tait Chair of Electrical Engineering, has been named Professor of the Year at the University of Dayton, Rev. Raymond Roesch, S.M., President, announced at his recognition dinner last night. The selection was made by a committee of faculty members.

The award is annually sponsored by the University's National Alumni Association. It includes second and third awards. Dr. Strnat's first-place award is $500 while the second and third awards are $300 and $200 respectively.

Second place was shared by Professors Harry J. Rougier and Eleanor K. Stockum, both of the English Department, for the co-authorship of a textbook, Getting Started, A Preface to Writing, which has been adopted by several universities throughout the country. The two professors have contracted for two more books.

Third place was shared by Professor Hani Fakhouri, Department of Sociology, and Dr. T. C. Rhee, Department of History, for their extensive writings and research in their fields of expertise.

Professor Fakhouri is noted for his sociological urban studies both in the United States and the Middle East and is particularly noted for his research work in new town projects throughout Europe and the United States. He is making a second educational-research trip to Europe this summer with 30 participants.

Dr. Rhee is considered one of the top men in American educational circles for his knowledge of Far Eastern affairs. His articles on the evolving political, social, historical, and educational aspects of the Far East have been published in journals throughout the world.

Dr. Strnat, who has been with the University of Dayton since 1968, has established an international reputation for his original work in the synthesis and characterization of rare earth transition metal compounds. His most outstanding results have come from the studies of rare earth-cobalt single crystal compounds. His findings have been considered the most important research development in electronics and electrical technology in the past 10 years.

His research has resulted in a new family of permanent magnets for use in the electrical and electronic industry. He carries several United States and foreign patents on his discoveries.

Dr. Strnat is in great demand throughout the world for articles on rare earth alloys and for lectures before international science and engineering groups.

A doctoral graduate from the Vienna Institute of Technology, Dr. Strnat has taken post-doctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is 41, is married and has four children.

Brother Lawrence Boll, S.M., who has served the Society of Mary for 70 years and the University of Dayton for many of those years was named Professor Emeritus of English. Despite his 86 years Brother Boll taught an English course on Dante during the Winter term. Fourteen retirees and six who have served the University 25 years as employees also were honored at the President's annual recognition dinner in the Kennedy Union.