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SAN DIEGO, Calif.--Dr. Curt Spanis, biology professor at the University of San Diego, has been honored by the student body for the second consecutive year as "outstanding faculty member." He also received top honors in the Division of Natural Sciences, also for the second year in a row.

Spanis, 2067 Chalcedony St., received his trophy at the annual University Ball, at Hotel Del Coronado.

Presenting the award, Eric Johnson, Associated Students president, characterized Dr. Spanis as "above all a real human being, the kind of professor I hoped to experience by coming to USD."

Others honored in the competition were: the Rev. William Shipley, Division of Humanities; Donald Lintz, Division of Business; and Dr. A. John Valois, Division of Social Science.

Among the accomplishments of Spanis, Johnson listed the founding of the Pep Club Band, to increase school spirit at athletic games, coaching the tennis teams, and his service as faculty moderator for Phi Kappa Theta fraternity.

During Spanis' tenure as pre-med advisor in the biology department, Johnson continued, the department has achieved one of the highest acceptance rates for applications to medical schools of all colleges in the nation.

Spanis, an associate professor of biology, earned his B.A. at Queens University (Canada), and his M.A. and PhD. at the University of California at Los Angeles.