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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the Annual Meeting on 7 November, the Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium presented the 1998 Distinguished Service Award to **DR. KINGSLEY STERN**.

Dr. Stern was the obvious choice for this annual award since his 34 years as Director of the Herbarium ended at the beginning of the semester with the appointment of Dr. Kristina Schierenbeck as the new Director of the Herbarium (see the February 1998 *Newsletter*). Dr. Stern retired from teaching at CSU, Chico in 1994, after 37 years of teaching (33 years at CSU, Chico) and 30 years as the Herbarium Director. Following retirement, Dr. Stern continued, on a voluntary basis, as Director of the Herbarium for another four years until Dr. Schierenbeck's appointment. During Dr. Stern's years as Director, the Herbarium collection grew from 2800 specimens to more than 71,000 specimens.

But Dr. Stern's contributions to the Herbarium are only a small part of his contributions to the science and teaching of botany. During his years of teaching at CSU, Chico he introduced six different botany courses to the curriculum, and was named Outstanding Professor in 1993. Dr. Stern also authored the botany textbook *Introductory Plant Biology*, which is now in its 7th edition and is used at 500 universities and colleges across North America. His other contributions to botany include several research grants from NSF, including one to study pollen at the Swedish National Pollen Laboratory in Stockholm, contributions to the new *Flora of North America*, and contributions to a Life Sciences Encyclopedia being developed by Microsoft.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Since we missed getting out your October *Newsletter* (note that this issue is Volume 4, Numbers 2 and 3), there is much activity to report. This *Newsletter* is the largest ever from your Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium; we hope it will make up for the "missing" issue.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Herbarium last 7 November was well attended. This event included a symbolic "passing of the torch" from the retired Herbarium Director, Kingsley Stern, to the new Herbarium Director, Dr. Kristina Schierenbeck (see *Newsletter* Vol. 4, No. 1 for more about Dr. Schierenbeck). Dr. Stern was also presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Friends of the Herbarium to honor his many years of service to the Herbarium as its

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