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MISSOULA--

At a recent meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences in Tempe, Ariz., Dr. Gerald W. Prescott, professor of botany at the University of Montana in Missoula and resident biologist at the UM Biological Station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake, was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Merit by the Botanical Society of America.

Prescott, whose research project entitled "Synopsis of North American Desmidiaceae" is the first North American study of fresh water algae, received his award "in recognition of distinguished achievement in and contributions to the advancement of Botanical Science."

The award lauds Prescott as an "influential teacher and knowledgeable student of the taxonomy, ecology and geography of freshwater algae, especially desmids, of North America; proponent of the importance of algae in limnology; prime mover in the founding of the Phycological Society of America."

Prescott received his bachelor's degree in botany at the University of Oregon, Eugene, in 1924, and his master's degree and doctorate, also in botany, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1926 and 1928, respectively.

Prescott joined the UM faculty on a permanent basis in 1968 when the UM facility at Yellow Bay began year-round operation. He had previously been on the faculty of Michigan State University, Ann Arbor. Before joining the UM faculty, Prescott conducted research for 18 consecutive summers at the Yellow Bay facility.

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