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MISSOULA--

The Department of Botany at the University of Montana has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant of \$10,800 to support a research project at the UM Biological Station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake.

Directed by Dr. Gerald W. Prescott, part-time professor of botany at UM, the project is entitled "A Synopsis of North American Desmidiaceae."

During the grant's two-year duration Dr. Prescott's research will produce monographs on various species of North American desmids, more commonly known as fresh-water algae.

Included in the monographs will be descriptions of different algae species and their habitats, evolutionary relationships and illustrative plates for publication.

The project already is under way, and Dr. Prescott has made several trips into Oregon and Utah, among other states, collecting samples and compiling data.

Dr. Prescott joined the UM faculty in 1968 when <sup>the</sup> UM facility at Yellow Bay began year-round operation. It is the second oldest inland biological station in the nation.

Dr. Prescott had previously been on the faculty of Michigan State University, Ann Arbor, Mich. Before joining the UM faculty, he conducted research for nearly 18 consecutive summers at the Yellow Bay facility.

Dr. Prescott is a native of La Porte City, Iowa, and presently lives with his wife in one of the two homes available for researchers at Yellow Bay.

He earned both his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.