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VICE CHANCELLOR JOHN HEILBRON
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Re: Proposed Regents' Agenda Item

We are submitting for your review a Regents' Item to be presented at the September 19 meeting recommending the establishment and naming of the Abraham E. and Martha M. Michelbacher Chair in Systematic Entomology in the College of Natural Resources.

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PROPOSED REGENTS AGENDA ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
BERKELEY CAMPUS

Item No.

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Committee on Educational Policy
Regular Agenda
Item For Action
Closed Session*

Revised: _____

Approved: _____

Approved by the Chancellor:

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY:

ITEM FOR ACTION

For the meeting of September 19-20, 1991

Establishment and Naming of Endowed Chair (Michelbacher), College of
Natural Resources, Berkeley Campus

The President recommends that the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to The Regents: That the establishment of an endowed chair, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the chair be named the Abraham E. and Martha M. Michelbacher Chair in Systematic Entomology, contingent on establishment of an endowment of at least \$400,000 with The Regents for support of the Chair.

*Action to be released to the public immediately following the meeting of the Board.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Abraham E. and Martha M. Michelbacher Chair in Systematic Entomology, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be funded by an endowment of at least \$400,000, to be held and invested by the University of California, Berkeley Foundation representing the remainder interests in an irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust established July 6, 1976 and a pooled income fund established September 29, 1983 by Abraham E. and Martha M. Michelbacher with the Foundation as the remainder interest beneficiary. The trust and pooled income fund will terminate upon the death of Martha M. Michelbacher, the surviving beneficiary. Upon termination of the trust and pooled income fund, the Foundation will transfer to the Regents the remainder interest for support of the chair. As of June 30, 1991 the market value of the principal of the trust was \$495,343.19 and the market value of the principal of the pooled income fund was \$13,883.22.

Professor Emeritus Abraham E. Michelbacher, who died May 1991, earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural science and master's and doctorate degrees in entomology between 1927 and 1935. From 1935 until his retirement in 1960, Professor Michelbacher was a member of the faculty in the Department of Entomology, focusing on research in pest management.

Martha Meyer Michelbacher received her undergraduate degree in public health in 1928. She pursued a career as a bacteriologist.

Mr. and Mrs. Michelbacher were married for sixty-two years and generously supported a number of programs, especially the College of Natural Resources.

Subject to Chair approval by The Regents, the Chair endowment would be held and invested by The Regents and income would be made available to the Chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University policy. Salary support and FTE would be provided by the College of Natural Resources. In keeping with policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted concerning the establishment of this Chair.

The Abraham E. and Martha M. Michelbacher Chair in Systematic Entomology 1991



MARTHA AND ABRAHAM
MICHELbacher

*"I felt no way could be
better than to have the
chair aiding in the field
which I have loved from
the very start."*

ABRAHAM E. MICHELbacher

Abraham E. Michelbacher was known as a great field ecologist who laid the foundation for integrated pest management. The principles of ecological pest control researched, practiced, and preached during the past 50 years spring from his work in the 1930s and 1940s. For 25 years, Professor Michelbacher, who died in 1991, was a faculty member of the College of Natural Resource's Department of Entomology, where he was recognized for his inspired teaching in addition to his vital research.

A native of Riverside, he enrolled in Cal in the mid-1920s. He was majoring in agronomy when he took a class taught by Professor William B. Herms, then head of the Department of Entomology and Parasitology. The young student was so impressed with the discipline that he pursued graduate studies in entomology after receiving his bachelor's degree in agricultural science in 1927. He earned a masters in 1930 and doctorate in 1935. For his doctoral dissertation, Professor Michelbacher worked on the systematics of the centipede. He later became the world's authority on this group.

Martha Meyer Michelbacher studied at Cal as well, receiving a bachelor's degree in public health in 1928. She pursued a career as a bacteriologist.

Professor and Mrs. Michelbacher generously supported various University programs over the years, particularly the College of Natural Resources. After Professor Michelbacher retired in 1960, he set up a bequest to establish an endowed chair so that the Department of Entomology would maintain its stature.