

PROPOSED REGENTS' AGENDA ITEM

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TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

ITEM FOR ACTION

For Meeting of May 14, 1987

Re: Establishment and Naming of Endowed Chair, 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, Department of Entomological Sciences, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the Chair be named the William M. and Esther G. Schlinger Chair in Systematic Entomology, contingent on establishment of an endowment of approximately \$400,000 with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation for support of the Chair, and contingent also on receipt of a binding commitment from the Foundation that it will pay to The Regents the income of the Chair endowment held and invested by the Foundation.

*Action will be released to the public on the working day following the date of action.

BACKGROUND

The proposed William M. and Esther G. Schlinger Chair in Systematic Entomology, Department of Entomological Sciences, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be funded by an endowment of approximately \$400,000, representing (1) an outright gift of \$300,000 made by Mr. and Mrs. Schlinger for that purpose to the University of California, Berkeley Foundation in December 1986, subject to Regents' approval of the proposed Chair, and (2) a pledge to the Foundation for the balance, payable before the end of 1987.

It is the hope of the donors that the proposed Chair in Systematic Entomology would provide a permanent opportunity for research in all areas of the taxonomy and biosystematics of insects, spiders, and mites. One of the donors' sons, Dr. Evert I. Schlinger, spent his academic career in the area of natural history and systematics. Now Professor Emeritus, Dr. Schlinger obtained his education at the Berkeley and Davis campuses and spent almost twenty years at the Riverside campus in the Departments of Biological Control and Entomology. Dr. Schlinger also spent almost twenty years at Berkeley where, before retiring in 1986, he served as chairman and vice chairman of the Department of Entomological Sciences and its Research Division of Entomology and Acarology, and later as chairman of the Department of Conservation and Resource Studies. His accomplishments include development of

field entomology courses, development of the field of arachnology at the Berkeley campus, and research on biological control and the biosystematics of parasitic flies.

William and Esther Schlinger both immigrated to California from the Midwest in the early 1900s, and now reside in Laguna Hills.

Mr. Schlinger's career is a Horatio Alger model of success.

Following jobs as a newspaper and bicycle delivery boy, he helped found United Parcel Delivery Service, serving as truck driver and office manager before retiring in 1962 as vice president after forty years of service. Mrs. Schlinger, in addition to raising a family, was one of the first women graduates of Stanford University.

Subject to Chair approval by The Regents, the endowment 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. Appointment of Chair holders would be initiated at the discretion of the department, subject to appropriate campus review. In keeping with policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted concerning the establishment of this Chair.