for reorganization in the journals, for keeping things running smoothly during the changeover of Managing Editors, for working with physiological ecologists to strengthen their identity with the Society, and for again overseeing a smooth transition between Business Managers.

William Dwight Billings, your service over nearly three decades has been a paradigm of dependability and good judgment. Repeatedly you have been the person who was there when the Society was in need. The Ecological Society of America hereby awards you its Distinguished Service Citation.


1981 MERCER AWARD

Wayne P. Sousa

The George Mercer Award is given annually to a young ecologist in recognition of outstanding ecological research published in the United States or Canada within the preceding two years. It is the highest form of recognition for published ecological research awarded by the Ecological Society of America.

Dr. Wayne P. Sousa, Assistant Professor of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, is recognized for his paper “Experimental investigations of disturbance and ecological succession in a rocky intertidal algal community,” which appeared in Ecological Monographs 49:227–254, 1979. By using appropriate and clever field experiments, Dr. Sousa was able to define successional patterns in intertidal algal communities. He delineated the competitive processes which drive the succession and discovered that without particular types of disturbances, the seral stages in-

Mercer Award winner Wayne P. Sousa (left) with Ira Michael Heyman, Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley.
hibited the succession. In addition, some forms of disturbance temporarily redirect the successional process. This paper represents an important step in the current re-evaluation of successional processes.

Written by Paul Dayton.

Screening Subcommittee for the George Mercer Award: Margaret Davis, Gerald Lang, Jon Roughgarden, Boyd Strain, John Teal, John Terborgh, Francesco Trama.
Selection Committee: Paul Dayton, Frances James, Richard T. T. Forman (Chairman).


BUELL AWARD

Becky J. Brown

Becky J. Brown, Department of Botany, University of Florida, was the 1981 recipient of the Murray F. Buell Award.

Murray Buell ascribed great importance to the participation of students in meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers.

To honor Murray F. Buell’s dedication to the Ecological Society of America and to the younger generation of ecologists, this award is presented to a student (undergraduate, graduate or recent doctorate) for an outstanding paper presented at the Society's annual meeting.

The title of Becky Brown's paper, given at the annual meeting in Bloomington, Indiana, was: "Productivity and herbivory in high and low diversity tropical successional ecosystems."

The recipient of the Buell Award is selected by a group of judges composed of members of the Ecological Society of America, with John Kricher, Chairman.

1982 ESA AWARDS

CALL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Awards Committee requests recommendations from the membership for the following awards:

Mercer Award given to an ecologist under 40 years old who has published an outstanding paper in the previous two calendar years. The paper must have been published in English and in a North American journal. Recommendations for nominees for this award should be sent to Daniel Simberloff, Dept. of Biological Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

Eminent Ecologist Award given to an ecologist for continuing contributions to the science of ecology.

Distinguished Service Citation given for exceptional service to ESA.

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