

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Paul B. Sears

Class of 1913

Ever since firsthand observation of the Nebraska dust-bowl disaster reinforced Paul Sears' interest in nature's delicately balanced ecosystems, he has devoted his prodigious intelligence, talent, and energies to raising public awareness of threats to humankind's survival.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of OWU, Dr. Sears obtained his M.A. at the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He has served on the faculties of Ohio State, Nebraska, and Oklahoma Universities, and Oberlin College. At Yale, Dr. Sears established the country's first graduate program of research and instruction in conservation of natural resources.

His efforts have earned him numerous honors and widespread recognition. In 1965, the Ecological Society of America, the top organization in the natural sciences, elected him Eminent Ecologist, their highest honor.

As the author of many books, his *Where There is Life* was awarded the Ettinger Prize for Scientific Writing. He has served as American Association for the Advancement of Science. Many institutions, including Ohio Wesleyan, have awarded him honorary degrees.

He is Professor Emeritus of Conservation at Yale University where he directed the University's conservation program until his retirement in 1960.

A native of Bucyrus, he now lives in Taos, New Mexico.

Today acclaimed as one of the nation's foremost ecologists, Dr. Sears has contributed significantly through teaching, writing and speaking to an understanding of the effect of human life on the environment.

