

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

Approved by the Regents

May 19, 2006

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Brian A. Hazlett, Ph.D.**, professor of zoology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2006.

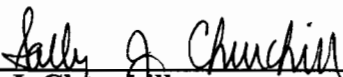
Professor Hazlett received his B.S. degree from the University of Maryland in 1961 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1962 and 1964, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1966 and was promoted to associate professor in 1971 and professor in 1980.

Professor Hazlett is regarded as one of the world's experts on hermit crab behavior. His research focuses on the behavioral responses of hermit crabs to situations of resource limitation, and he pioneered the analysis of shell fighting and its significance in optimizing the size and volume of shells. More generally his analysis paved the way towards understanding the consequences of resource-sharing as a mode of optimizing resource use. His recent research interests include the chemical ecology of crayfish. He was the first to demonstrate alarm responses to a variety of environmental stimuli, and he also demonstrated the complicated responses that emerged from the interaction of distinct chemical stimuli offered simultaneously. This work is widely cited in studies of chemical responses of many organisms in addition to crayfish.

During the 1970s and 1980s Professor Hazlett served three terms as head of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology within the Division of Biological Sciences. He was associate chair for curriculum in the former biology department and later served as associate chair for space and facilities in the new Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. At two critical stages in its development, he served for a year as interim director of the University of Michigan Biological Station. Professor Hazlett mentored 14 doctoral students during his career and taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, including many summer courses at the University of Michigan Biological Station.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Brian A. Hazlett professor emeritus of zoology**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
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