

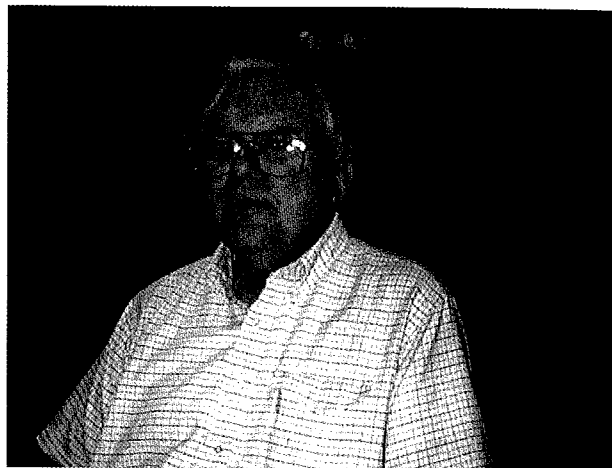
## TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

CHARLES J. BIGGERS, PHD

*The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee*

The Tennessee Academy of Science honored long-time member Dr. Charles J. Biggers with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award at their annual meeting held at East Tennessee State University, November 2002. Dr. Biggers, Professor of Biology at The University of Memphis, was recognized for his service to the Academy as Western Regional Director of the Academy's Collegiate Division. The Collegiate Division of the Academy promotes undergraduate and graduate research and provides a forum for students to present their research to peers across the state. Dr. Biggers has served as Director for 28 years. Dr. Biggers sees the Collegiate Division of the Academy as an outlet for students to grow academically and can serve as a springboard to further graduate and professional studies. He says it is particularly rewarding to hear seniors say that presenting a paper at the Collegiate Division meeting was the culmination of their undergraduate experience. Dr. Biggers, member of the Tennessee Academy of Science for 33 years, also has served the Academy as editor of the Cell and Molecular Biology Section of the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*.

In addition to Dr. Biggers' work with the Academy, he is currently involved in studying the genetics of the cotton boll weevil and over the years has published his work in such journals as: *The Journal of Heredity*, *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*, *Journal of Fish Biology*, and of course the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*. Dr. Biggers has advised or mentored more than 200 students, and in his spare time has



Tennessee Academy of Science Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. Charles J. Biggers.

served as science fair judge and science olympiad coordinator in the community.

The Tennessee Academy of Science is very proud to recognize Dr. Biggers for his service spanning three decades. Dr. Biggers hopes the Collegiate Division will continue to serve undergraduates, graduates, and faculty and draw the different research laboratories closer together through meetings on different campuses.