ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION

The Paleobotanical Section currently has 347 members (260 regular members, 14 emeritus regular members, 53 affiliate members, 4 emeritus affiliate members, and 16 honorary members. Current officers are Kathleen Pigg, Chair; Steven Manchester, Secretary-Treasurer; Wilson Taylor, Editor, with new Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to be elected at the 2001 Business Meeting of the Paleobotanical Section.

The Section has an active program for Botany 2001, including 51 contributed papers and posters submitted by members of the Paleobotanical Section. A paleobotanical dinner and auction will be held Monday, August 13, 2000, at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, for which 68 people have registered. Prior to the Paleobotanical Dinner, there will be a tour of the Paleontological Collections of NMNH at 4:00 pm, courtesy of Spencer Lucas. The annual business meeting of the section will be held August 14th at 8:30am. Two paleobotanically oriented field trips are scheduled in association with the Albuquerque conference: "Paleoecology of the K/T Boundary in the Raton Basin, New Mexico and Colorado," Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11, 12, led by Gary Upchurch, and "Pennsylvanian floras of the Albuquerque area," Sunday, August 12, led by Sidney Ash and Gene Mapes.

The Bibliography of American Paleobotany for 2000, including the current section membership directory, has been published and is being distributed to all members and institutional subscribers. Others may purchase copies for $18 each.

The Paleobotanical Section continues to receive donations in support of endowment funds, including the Cookson, Becker, Cichan, and Remy funds. Each year, proceeds from the sale of buttons (this year: "dead plants tell no lies") go to the paleobotanical endowment.

The section web site, maintained by Charles Daghlian, may be accessed directly at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~daghlian/paleo/>. In the past year, a PaleoNews page was added allowing members to submit news items directly. Recent entries to the PaleoNews page include images from the Oregon paleobotanical field trip associated with the Botany 2000 conference (linked from Aaron Liston's web site), as well as timely announcements and biographical sketches.

Respectfully submitted,

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