Dear Colleagues,

It is with sadness that I write to tell you that Mabry Clark Steinhaus, a major figure in the founding and first 40 years of our school [University of California, Irvine], died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday morning, July 16th, 2005, at the age of 91. Mabry Clark was born May 31, 1914, in a small town in central Mississippi, and became one of the first women to attend Mississippi State University November 2005 Society for Invertebrate Pathology Vol. 38, No. 3 Page 30 when it became co-ed in the 1930's. She majored in Bacteriology, and went on to get an MA in Bacteriology from the Ohio State University, where she met and later married Edward Steinhaus, our founding dean.

Throughout their time together, Mabry assisted Ed in his work as he pioneered the field of Insect Pathology. Mabry, Ed and their children came to UCI in 1963. Although Ed died in 1969, Mabry has been a constant presence at UCI and in Biological Sciences, and in addition to her involvement in numerous campus support groups, she has been part of the annual Biological Sciences Honors Convocation (including the one in June 2005), where Edward A. Steinhaus Memorial awards are presented to outstanding graduate students for their teaching and mentoring skills. For her contributions to the campus Mabry was awarded the coveted Lauds and Laurels Extraordinarius Award in 1983.

To honor Mabry's life and her involvement with Biological Sciences from its beginning, the family would like to place a permanent physical memorial to Mabry within the school. Friends and colleagues wishing to make a donation to the Mabry Steinhaus Memorial Fund, please go to--
http://www.bio.uci.edu/alumni/msteinhaus.html

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