



The TA-QUE-NE-WHAP Award - Original Description

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"society", its interests and values regardless of personal risks. The name was suggested by Dr. Don R. Rummel (a Branch Member from Lubbock, Texas).

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Recipients of the Ta-que-ne-whap Award for Distinguished Leadership and Service to the Southwestern Branch,

- 1978 - Manning Price (Texas A&M University, College Station), Hugh Graham (USDA, Kerrville)
- 1987 - Horace Van Cleave (Texas A&M University, College Station)
- 1996 - Sid Kunz (USDA, Kerrville)
- 1998 - Grant Kinzer (New Mexico State University)
- 1999 - Don Rummel (Texas A&M University, Lubbock)
- 2002 - Don C. Peters (Oklahoma State University)
- 2004 - Pat Morrison (Texas A&M University, College Station)
- 2005 - Russ Wright (Oklahoma State University)

History of the Ta-que-ne-whap Award

Proceedings of the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch (ESA) was held at the Hilton Inn, Lubbock, Texas, February 14-16, 1978.

The "Ta-que-ne-whap" Award for Distinguished leadership and Service to the Southwestern Branch, Entomological Society of America, was established by the Branch Executive Committee and was presented to two outstanding entomologists, O. H. Graham and Manning A. Price. The award consisted of a cast bronze bust of an Indian Chief in full headdress resting on a mesquite pedestal and a tipu-tipuwana wood base. The bust was created by H. Grant Kinzer, and the pedestal and base were crafted by Herbert A. Dean.

The name of the award comes from the southern Comanche dialect and means chief. The old chief symbolizes one who has led and cared for his society over a long period, through good times and bad; giving of himself for the betterment of others. His full headdress depicts the many honors and awards that he has won over years which validate his sage words of council and guidance. Dr. Graham and Mr. Price have demonstrated these qualities of leadership and service.

Dr. Graham has been an active member of the Southwestern Branch since 1956, when he returned from Panama to resume a research career on insects affecting animals. He was chairman of the Southwestern Branch in 1960 and representative of the Branch to the Governing Board from 1962-64. He was also chairman of Section D in 1968. In 1964, he was the nominee from the Southwestern Branch for president of the Entomological Society of America. Dr. Graham has been especially active in the Society and in the Branch relative to professional recognition for entomologists and development of cooperative relations with entomologists in Mexico. He was instrumental in promoting the first joint meeting between the Sociedad Mexicana de

Entomologia and the Southwestern Branch in Monterrey in 1964. He has served as chairman or a member of many committees. All entomologists are benefitting from his active role in the Branch and professional entomology.

Mr. Price's long and productive career spans over a very important period of time since he was among those that saw the old Entomological Society of Texas become part of what is now the Southwestern Branch of ESA. To list all of his contributions to the Branch, as well as the profession of Entomology, would be almost an impossible task. Over the past 26 years, Mr. Price has continued to lend his talents and time to the Branch whenever he has been called upon to do so. In addition to serving as the Chairman of the Branch during 1963, he has also served on at least 12 committee assignments which include his being a member at one time or another on nearly every committee that exists in the Branch. Even when not serving in an official capacity, Mr. Price has been an active contributing member of the Branch. His service and dedication to the Branch and to the betterment of the entomological profession, particularly as it relates to professional recognition of entomologists, have set a standard which few will ever hope to achieve.

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Proceedings of the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch
Austin, Texas, February 9-11, 1987

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The name for the award, which comes from the southern Comanche dialect and means "Chief," was suggested several years ago by President Rummel when the award was initiated. The award consists of a cast bronze bust of an Indian Chief in full headdress. The old chief symbolizes one who has lead and cared for his "society" over a long period, through good times and bad; giving of himself for the betterment of others. His long service is etched in the wrinkles of his face and brow but his eyes look unblinkingly into the future. His full headdress depicts the many leadership roles, recognitions and honors that he has earned over the years which validate his sage words of council and guidance.

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although foreign to him may have merit and value.

The award itself has greater meaning because it was handcrafted by two of our Branch members. H. Grant Kinzer, Las Cruces, NM, a noted sculptor of western art created the bronze bust while the pedestal and base were crafted by Mr. Herbert A Dean, Weslaco, TX, a noted worker of native and exotic woods. Dr. Horace Van Cleave, College Station, TX, was the deserving recipient of the Ta-que-ne-whap Award. Hugh Graham and Manning Price each received the award in 1977. Lead on Chiefs!

History of the Southwestern Branch by H. R. Burke (excerpt from Bull. ESA - Fall 1989)

The Southwestern Branch has always been active in developing awards to recognize the contributions of its members and in encouraging interest by students in the profession. A unique award presented by the branch is the Chief or Ta-que-ne-whap Award for distinguished leadership and service to the branch (Bulletin 1975, 21(3):195-197). The name of the award comes from the Comanche dialect and means chief or leader. This award was established in 1977 by the Executive Committee of the branch and was first presented to M. A. Price and O. H. Graham at the 1978 meeting in Lubbock. The only other recipient of the award is H. W. Van Cleave, who received it in 1987. The award consists of a cast bronze bust of an Indian chief in full headdress mounted on a mesquite wood pedestal and tipu-tipuwana wood base. The bust was created by H. G. Kinzer and the base by H. A. Dean, both long-time members of the branch. This beautiful and highly prized piece of art is awarded on an irregular basis to those who have demonstrated special leadership and service to the branch.

Ta-que-ne-whap Award

Don Rummel, May 30, 2004

The Ta-que-ne-whap award was developed during the year that Dr. Weldon Newton was President of the Southwestern Branch. Weldon was President during the 1975-76 term. He was an Extension Entomologist at A&M for quite a few years and then went to Tarleton State as head of the Agriculture Dept. The award was developed by the Executive Committee to recognize distinguished Leadership and Service to the Southwestern Branch. The Executive Committee decides who receives the award but any member can put forth a nomination to the Executive committee. The bronze of an Indian Chief was created by Grant Kinzer. The wooden pedestal and base of mesquite and tipu-tipuwana wood was crafted by Mr. Herb Dean. At the time the award was developed I was asked to help come up with a name for the award. At that time there was a Professor Wallace at Texas Tech who was an expert on the history of the Plains Indians. I talked to Professor Wallace, told him what we were doing and he suggested the name "Ta-que-ne-whap", which he said meant Chief or Captain in the Comanche language. This name was adopted by the Executive Committee.

The first awards were presented at the 1978 meeting to Professor Manning Price and Dr. Hugh Graham. I have a copy of the original description of the award. The original description is somewhat more detailed than the description which was printed in the last Southwestern Branch

program. It is important to note that the intent of the Executive Committee which developed the award was that the award was not to be given on an annual basis but only as justified by an exceptional record of leadership and service to the Branch.

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John Burd, February 3, 2004

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Bull. ESA 1978, 24(2): 169-170. Proceedings of 26th annual meeting. (presentation to Price & Graham)

Bull. ESA 1980, 26(2): 164-166. Proceedings of 28th annual meeting. (mention establishment of award)

Bull. ESA 1987, 33(3): 167-169. Proceedings of 35th annual meeting. (description / history of award, presentation to Van Cleave)

ESA Newsletter 1987, 10(4): 3, 5 (presentation to Van Cleave)

Bull. ESA 1989, 35(3): 91-97 (history of award)

ESA Newsletter 1996, 19(9): 23-26 (mention importance of award)



Branch President Don Dummel (left) presents the award to Horace Van Cleave.

Honorary Member Receives Unique Award

By Edmond Bonjour,
Chair, SWB Public Information Committee

The "Ta-que-ne-whap" Award (pronounced Ta-k-ne-wa, meaning chief in Comanche) for Distinguished Leadership and Service to ESA's Southwestern Branch (SWB) was presented to Honorary Member **Don C. Peters**, emeritus professor at Oklahoma State University.

The award consists of a cast bronze bust of an Indian chief in full head-dress, mounted on a mesquite wood pedestal with a tipu-tipuwana wood base. The chief symbolizes one who has led and cared for his "society" over a long time, through good times and bad, giving of himself for the betterment of others.

The mesquite pedestal is symbolic, as



Don C. Peters, 2002 recipient of the Ta-que-ne-whap Award

mesquite is noted for its ability to survive under harsh conditions and flourish under more favorable times. Also, the base of tipu-tipuwana wood symbolizes the characteristic of our awardee who is open to new concepts and ideas which, although foreign to him, may have merit and value.

The bust was created by member H. Grant Kinzer, BCE, of New Mexico State University, and the base was crafted by member Herbert A. Dean from Weslaco, Texas.

Established in 1977, this award is granted on an irregular basis to those who demonstrate special leadership and service to the Branch. *E-mail:* Peters, dcp0161@okway.okstate.edu.



Price and Graham, 1978