

## **Dr. Hastings to receive Sesquicentennial Award**

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Dr. A. Baird Hastings, eminent American biochemist who is research associate in the Department of Neurosciences at the University of California, San Diego's School of Medicine, will receive a Sesquicentennial Award from the University of Michigan in ceremonies to be held at Ann Arbor on Friday, April 28.

The occasion also will mark the 50th anniversary of the University of Michigan Class of 1917, of which Dr. Hastings is a member. While he is in Ann Arbor, he will deliver an address, "Molecules to Man."

University of Michigan officials said that University regents created the award exclusively for its 150th anniversary year "to honor alumni of the University and other individuals who exemplify the principles embodied in the Sesquicentennial theme: 'Knowledge, Wisdom, and the Courage to Serve.'"

Dr. Hastings, who received his Ph.D. degree in physiology from Columbia University in 1921, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1939. He received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1941, and the University sponsored a symposium at Ann Arbor in 1965, in honor of his 70th birthday.

Dr. Hastings is professor emeritus of biological chemistry of Harvard University and member emeritus of the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla.

For his contributions to the knowledge of physiological processes he received, among other honors, the 1962 Banting Medal of the American Diabetes Association, the 1964 American College of Physicians Medal, and the 1965 Modern Medicine Distinguished Achievement Award. He received the President's Medal of Merit in 1948 and in 1964 was cited by the U.S. Public Health Service for 47 years of service.