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### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE FOR 1983

Hughlon Gordon Morris was born in Gleason, Tennessee, in 1937 to Hughlon Allen and Georgie Brawner Morris. He attended public school in Gleason, graduating in 1955. His undergraduate education was at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. He received a B.S. degree in biology in 1959. Graduate work at Murray State University led to the M.A. degree in science education in 1963. The Ph.D. degree in botany was conferred in 1974 by The University of Tennessee. His dissertation was *In Vitro* Studies on the Induction of Bud Scales in Cinnamon Fern. Graduate study at Tennessee was supported by a National Science Foundation Science-Faculty Fellowship.

The career of Dr. Morris consists of 23 years of teaching from junior high through the college level. His teaching began as a junior and senior high science teacher in the Weakley County Tennessee school system (1959-1967). In 1964-65 he served as president of the Weakley County Education Association. In 1967 he joined the staff of the University of Tennessee at Martin where he now serves as an associate professor of biology. He currently teaches general biology, plant morphology, and plant anatomy.

Dr. Morris has been a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science since 1967. He has served on the resolutions committee, necrology committee, and as an at-large member of the executive committee. He served as program chairperson and local arrangements chairperson for the 1982 annual meeting. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy in 1977. He also holds membership in the American Fern Society and Sigma Xi. Dr. Morris' research interests concern leaf development in cinnamon fern using sterile tissue culture techniques and a study of the algal population of Reelfoot Lake. Results of the tissue culture work have been presented at local, regional, and national meetings.



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Dr. Morris is a member of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Sharon, Tennessee. He married Paula Ann Allen in 1960, and they have a son and two daughters: Allen, a ninth grade student at Sharon High School, Melanie, an eighth grade student at Sharon Junior high school, and Leslie who is two years old.