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## **University Award for Excellence in Teaching**

### **Ronald Mason, Professor of Anthropology**

"Ronald Mason, for 18 years you have inspired and taught Lawrentians to dig for knowledge. Students under your tutelage have learned from the mysteries of Pleistocene geology and Cenozoic paleontology of man's origins, evolution, and achievements. You have led them to fuller appreciations and insights regarding the cultures of Native Americans. At home in the classroom or the field, you explore and break literal and intellectual ground for the benefit of all. You have made the upper Midwest your personal and professional home, and your excavations of various sites in northeastern Wisconsin have won you widespread recognition as an archaeologist and gratitude as a preserve of our state and national heritage. You most of all are to be credited with the fine reputation that Lawrence's anthropology department enjoys in your profession.

You demonstrate for us all the compatibility of devotion to teaching with commitment to scholarship. In recognition of your achievements as a teacher and your contributions as a colleague, I am pleased to present you with the 1979 Excellent Teacher Award."

*Citation read by President Thomas Smith at Commencement, 1979*