



Regents professors are (seated from left) Dr. Tolson, Dr. Kitts, Dr. Ford, and Dr. Ciereszko; Dr. Cross and Davidson are standing.

1967 Recipients of Regents Award for Superior Teaching

Ciereszko

Ciereszko came to the University in 1948 after several years of experience in both university teaching and industrial research in biochemistry. At OU his work has been concentrated in the biochemistry division, where he has developed undergraduate course offerings and has instituted specialized advanced courses at the graduate level. In addition to his teaching duties, Ciereszko has developed a research area in the comparative biochemistry of marine invertebrates, which has required a close interplay of his biochemical interests with his broad background in organic chemistry and biology. In the classroom Ciereszko exhibits a sense of showmanship that commands student interest. His colleagues in the department of chemistry agree that he is unusually successful in imparting to the students a real understanding of the present level of knowledge in the field and is able to instill a feeling of excitement and anticipation for future developments. In 1959 Ciereszko was unanimously selected by the members of his department to develop a fast, advanced course in general chemistry at the freshman level for superior

students. This led to the current offering of this accelerated course. Ciereszko received a bachelor of science degree in 1939 from the University of Massachusetts and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1942 from Yale University.

Ford

Ford came to the University in 1962 after having taught in Texas, Alabama, and Louisiana. He holds bachelor and master of business administration degrees from the University of Texas. He received his doctor of philosophy degree in 1956 from the University of Alabama. He is highly esteemed in the College of Business Administration for his ability to motivate his students to grasp and comprehend finance concepts as they relate to the broad fields of business administration. Ford has been active in the professional education movement in Oklahoma and is a charter member of the Oklahoma City Investment Securities Association. This brings him into regular contact with financial analysts in the Oklahoma City area. For two years Ford directed the master of business administration program at OU, and he has continued to serve as a member of the graduate studies committee. In counseling and guidance, Ford

offers help to students far beyond the limits of the department of finance. He not only works with students already enrolled at the university but also with high school students who have an interest in business careers.

Kitts

Kitts, a member of the OU faculty since 1954, holds an unusual double position at OU. For the past five years he has taught courses in both geology and the history of science at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As a result of this joint relationship, Kitts has become vitally interested in applying analytic philosophy to geology. In 1964-65 he spent his sabbatical leave in the department of philosophy at Princeton University. There he had an opportunity to develop his ideas in this new area. On his return to OU he expanded these ideas into a course entitled "Meta-geology." It is the first course of its kind in North America and perhaps in the world. Kitts' meticulous preparation and his forceful presentation in the classroom instill exceptional enthusiasm in his students. Kitts holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctor of philosophy degree from Columbia University.

Tolson

Tolson, who has taught at OU since 1959, contributes to the growth of knowledge in modern languages both in the classroom and through extension work. Within the department of modern languages he is considered a master teacher who combines enthusiasm and energy with sound, thorough method. His sections are the ones most frequently requested by the students. Outside his regular classroom duties, Tolson has been for several years a valued member of the staff of the National Defense Education Act Institutes for Secondary School French Teachers. In addition he has given a series of French lessons on educational television. The series drew more than 400 letters expressing interest, and Tolson has been asked to present a second series. Tolson received a bachelor of arts degree from Wiley College, Marshall, Tex., a bachelor of divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, a master of arts degree in French from Oklahoma State University, a diploma in contemporary literature from the University of Paris, France, and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.