

# Top adviser takes special note of students

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Sally Frost-Mason, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of cellular biology, surprised a student in one of her classes this semester by telling him she had noticed his one absence. The student is one of 500 in the class.

That kind of attention to students was rewarded Friday at the Adams Alumni Center, when the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Club named Frost-Mason the recipient of the 1995 J. Michael Young Academic Adviser Award.

The award was named for J. Michael Young, director of the honors program. Young, who won the award last year, has been battling brain cancer since 1985. He was in the hospital for treatment last

week.

Galen Van Blaricum, president of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Club, handed Frost-Mason a check for \$500 and the plaque on which her name will be engraved. The plaque will hang in the college dean's office.

The alumni club received more than 30 nominations for the award, an increase from previous years, Van Blaricum said.

"We're here for not only 'what have you done for me lately,' but kind of a longer span award," Van Blaricum said.



**Sally Frost-Mason**

Frost-Mason accepted the award in front of many of the students in her university scholars class and teachers and administrators from the college. The university scholars class is run by the honors program.

"It's the students who chose this award," Frost-Mason said. "I really enjoy working with the students."

Frost-Mason said she has advised as many as 50 students in a semester, but now the number is closer to 25 or 30.

"I think it's great," said her husband, Ken Mason, assistant professor of biochemistry. "She's always been an advocate for students and a good adviser. I'm glad to see her get recognized for it."

Students nominated her, and students recognized her ability to advise.

Frost-Mason is a mentor for Krista Shipley, Lenexa, sopho-

more, in the university scholars program.

"She's very good at relating to students as other people, not just teacher-student," Shipley said.

Frost-Mason has helped Shipley with her research plans and with decisions about biology electives, Shipley said.

Frost-Mason is also an associate dean of the college. James Muyskens, dean of the college, said the award was based solely on merit.

"This may look like an inside job," Muyskens said. "I did check to see and it certainly is not." The award money comes from college funds.

Advising in the college was a major issue for Kim Cocks, student body president-elect. During Student Senate elections, Cocks voiced concerns of students who have had inadequate advising.