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# RALPH KETCHAM

America's top teacher talks politics and education.

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Research gets the headlines, but it's *teaching* that makes the university. Organizations such as the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) like us to bear this in mind.

So, once each year, CASE scours the faculties of the country's educational institutions, searching for that one scholar who best demonstrates the dignity and indispensability of good teaching. This year the search ended with Ralph Ketcham, SU professor of public affairs and CASE Professor of the Year.

We approached Ketcham to discuss teaching, citizenship, and current political issues. We hope his commitment and intelligence reconfirm your faith in good teaching.

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**The Cover.** University photographer Steve Sartori captures both the dignity and forthrightness of Ralph Ketcham, recently named Professor of the Year. See page 4.