Kudos all around

A bumper crop of awards for our faculty

This academic year, our faculty members have garnered an impressive range of honors saluting their professional accomplishments. In this article, we share their successes with you:

□ Next to the menagerie of awards Distinguished University Professor Joseph L. Sax has received for his defense of the environment, Oscars and Emmys seem rather tame. On a table near his desk, a whooping crane statuette perches; it is the National Wildlife Association's Resource Defense Award, awarded to Sax in 1981. A pace north, a lone carved example of Michigan's extinct passenger pigeon roosts; the bird is a tribute to Sax's indefatigable work to prevent oil drilling in Michigan's Pigeon River State Forest, home to the state's last remaining elk herd.

Last May, the Sierra Club added its paean to those of the many other organizations that have honored Sax—among them the Environmental Protection Agency, the Free University of Brussels, the American Motors Corporation, and the Detroit Audubon Society. At its annual meeting, it conferred on him the William O. Douglas Award, the club's highest honor for legal achievement. The award, in the form of a plaque rather than a statue, allowed its donors to catalog Sax's accomplishments in the environmental sphere:

- Leading legal theorist for the environmental movement.
- Author of Michigan's pioneering laws to protect the environment.

□ John W. Reed, the Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law, has been amassing honors at a rate rivaled only by Michigan's annual January snowfall. Last winter, Law Quadrangle Notes reported his receipt of the Association of Continuing Legal Education's prestigious Harrison Tweed Award. This year, two other organizations saluted Reed's benchmark achievements in continuing legal education and the improvement of the litigation process.

In October, the Western Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association named Reed the first recipient of its Service to the Profession Award for his "lifetime of service as a teacher of courtroom skills to the legal profession." In January, he was the recipient of the American College of Trial Lawyer's Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award for 1985. Former recipients of the Gates award, which honors "a lawyer who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the litigation process in the United States," include the Honorable Edward Weinfeld, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; the Honorable Erwin N. Griswold, former dean of the Harvard Law School and former solicitor general of the United States; Joseph A. Ball, Esq.; and the Honorable Robert E. Keeton, U.S. District Court for Massachusetts.

□ In January, Law School Professor Robben W. Fleming, president of the University from 1968 to 1979 and former head of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, was named the 1985 recipient of the National Colle-