Dr. Wade received his doctorate degree from Johns Hopkins University and an honorary doctoral degree from Miami University in Ohio. Texas Tech appointed him a Horn Professor.

He also served as the commander of the Greenland Ice Cap Detachment in World War II, and he was later selected to be one of three civilian advisors to General MacArthur in his efforts to rebuild the Japanese economy. He served as a consultant in the U.S. space program and was an active participant in the circumpacific mapping project until shortly before his death.

Despite Dr. Wade's accomplishments in exploration and research, he made his greatest contribution to Texas Tech in his role as an educator.

Under his guidance, the Department of Geosciences gained most favorable national recognition, and its graduates have since enjoyed successful careers in the fields of geology and geophysics. Students remember him as having been one of the outstanding teachers they encountered; for him this would have been ultimate recognition.

Dr. Wade amassed a large collection of rock specimens from Antarctica that will be of lasting interest and value to scientists studying that remote area. Large volumes of field notes, photographs, and letters related to the planning and results of his expeditions are of historical as well as scientific value. His library contains many rare books on Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, and the widow of his good friend and famous polar explorer, Paul Sple, has placed many items on loan to the Antarctic Research Center. The Museum is most fortunate to have this unique collection of materials and to have had the services of Dr. Wade. We should appreciate and make use of Dr. Wade's collection and research and continue the important work to which this man devoted a large portion of his professional career.

In Memoriam
Dr. Robert L. Packard
by
Dr. Robert Baker

Dr. Robert L. Packard, Director of the Texas Tech University Center at Junction for 1978 and Director of Academic Programs for three years prior to that, died April 8, 1979.

Dr. Packard joined the Tech faculty in 1962 as assistant professor in the Department of Biology, became associate professor in 1965 and full professor two years later. His other duties included those as assistant dean for Research in the Graduate School from 1967-68 and coordinator for Research for the Museum of Texas Tech University from 1971 until the time of his death.
He was the first mammalogist to join the Biology faculty at Tech, and it was his design and work that provided the initial stimulus from which Tech's mammalogy program developed.

He was instrumental in the development of the Mammal Collection at Texas Tech, and today this collection is recognized as one of the top collections of recent mammals in the United States. Dr. Packard was curator of the collection from 1962-71 and was a Research Associate of The Museum from 1971 until his death. His research dealt with many aspects of mammalogy, and he was especially interested in the mammals of the Llano Estacado. His understanding of the fauna of Texas and the Plains was outstanding, and his extensive publication record in mammalogy was instrumental in establishing an internationally recognized reputation for Texas Tech in the field of mammalogy.

The Tech professor of biological sciences received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1951. He received his master's degree in 1955 and his doctorate degree in 1960 from the University of Kansas. All degrees were in zoology. He taught at Stephen F. Austin State University from 1959-62 before joining the Tech faculty.

Teaching honors included: Distinguished Teaching Award, Standard Oil of Indiana, 1971; Sigma Delta Chi Teaching Award, 1972; and Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award by Mortar Board in 1974.