Samuel H. ‘Doc’ Knight, long-time geology professor at the University of Wyoming, was selected as Wyoming’s Citizen of the Century. The announcement at a banquet celebration in Laramie on October 30 culminated a five-year program spearheaded by Win Hickey, former first lady of Wyoming and state senator from Laramie County, and the former chairman of the American Heritage Center Associates. Senator Alan Simpson and Governor Jim Geringer served as honorary co-chairmen for the program.

Knight (1892-1975), whose father Wilbur taught at the University of Wyoming and whose mother Emma was dean of women, began his career at UW in 1916 as an assistant professor of geology and curator of the Geological Museum. During his tenure he taught more than fifteen thousand students, started the UW science camp that drew students from around the country, and served as the head of the geology department during which time he was instrumental in establishing the Department of Geology and Geophysics as one of the best in the nation. He officially retired in 1963 although he remained active at the university until his death in 1975.

Knight was one of two hundred people nominated in the Citizen of the Century program. Statewide committees reviewed the nominations to select individuals in eleven different categories who made contributions to Wyoming during the past century. Knight was the winner in the category of Healthcare, Science & Technology.

Letter from the Director

In 1999 the American Heritage Center (AHC) closed out the 20th Century with another successful year. For the first time, our total number of researchers in the manuscript collections, university archives, and rare books collections surpassed the 5,000 mark; generous gifts from benefactors enabled the completion of new compact and stationary shelving in the storage areas; and to our already wide range of public and scholarly programming, we added the overall management and direction of the state-wide History Day Program, which will involve hundreds of high school students from across the state in exciting projects. By any measure, the final year of the old millennium proved to be a very good one for the AHC.

The credit for our successes in 1999 goes to Rick Ewig and the staff. While I was in China for the 1998-99 academic year teaching at the Johns Hopkins University Graduate Center in Nanjing and having a fantastic experience, Rick and the staff carried on in splendid form, building existing programs and taking on new initiatives—and operating the vastly expanded AHC on the same university funding (state appropriated funds) as in fiscal year 1985!

Obviously, the support of our many donors and benefactors also played a major role in our ability to provide expanded programming and better researcher access to more collections each year. To all who aided and assisted the AHC this past year, I extend my sincere appreciation.

Michael J. Devine
Mission

The American Heritage Center supports the University of Wyoming’s charge of teaching, research, public service, and cultural outreach by enabling and promoting the study and interpretation of our nation’s history.

The AHC is the archives of UW and the repository of its manuscript and special collections, including the Toppan Rare Books Library. To advance its mission and meet the informational demands of present and future generations, the Center maintains the highest professional standards in collecting, preserving, describing, researching, and making available historical resources related to Wyoming and the American West, the mining and petroleum industries, U.S. politics and world affairs, conservation, water resources, transportation, the history of books, and popular culture.

Board of Faculty Advisors

The Board of Faculty Advisors assists the AHC in developing instructional, outreach, and partnership programs within the campus community and throughout the state. Appointed by UW President Phil Dubois, and chaired by William H. Moore, department head of history, the 1999 Board of Faculty Advisors included:

- Carol Bryant, education
- Tom Buchanan, ex-officio, vice-president for academic affairs
- Lewis M. Dabney, English
- Bryce R. Frost, geology (Jan-May, 1999)
- Carol Frost, geology (Sept-Dec, 1999)
- Janice Harris, Women’s studies (Jan-May, 1999)
- Tamsen Hert, libraries
- Jeanne Holland, Women’s studies (Sept-Dec, 1999)
- Frieda Knobloch, American studies (Sept-Dec, 1999)
- Sonya Meyer, family and consumer sciences
- William H. Moore, history
- Eric Nye, English
- Mark Ritchie, art
- Philip J. Roberts, history
- Eric Sandeen, American studies (Jan-May, 1999)
- Audrey Shalinsky, anthropology

CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

Margaret “Peggy” Simson Curry (1911-1987) was the finalist in Fine & Performing Arts. Through her works of fiction, Peggy Curry vividly portrayed Wyoming’s unique sense of place. (Courtesy of Mary Alice Gunderson)
After completing two terms as AHC Associates chairman in 1998, Win Hickey served on the board for 1999 as chairman of the statewide steering committee to identify Wyoming’s Citizen of the Century. Thanks to Win’s support, the Wyoming Citizen of the Century program was successfully concluded in October. Along with Win, Mary Ostlund and Wilson Walthall completed terms on the board in 1999.

The AHC Associates had an active year in 1999. In addition to completing the Wyoming Citizen of the Century program, the Associates, under the direction of William R. “Bill” Dubois III:

- welcomed Harold Hellbaum and Duane Woodard to the board;
- in cooperation with the Wyoming State Historical Society, produced commemorative prints of two Dave Paulley paintings of well-known Wyoming scenes;
- dedicated the new Centennial Complex elevator;
- produced the second in a series of ten prints celebrating the history of Cheyenne Frontier Days; and
- supported AHC’s eighth annual history symposium, *The Fifties Turn Fifty: The Nuclear Family and Postwar American Culture.*

The 1999 American Heritage Center Associates Board of Directors included:

- Francois M. Dickman, Laramie
- William R. Dubois III, Cheyenne
- Lucille Dumbrill, Newcastle
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- Elizabeth S. Fassett, Cheyenne
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- Daniel G. Furphy, Laramie
- Anna Marie Hales, Cheyenne
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- Win Hickey, Cheyenne
- Deborah F. Kessler, Greenwich, Connecticut
- Dana Metzke, Cheyenne
- Mary Ostlund, Cheyenne
- Wilson Walthall, Laramie
- Duane Woodard, Denver, Colorado
The long anticipated announcement of Samuel Knight as Wyoming’s Citizen of the Century was made at a gala celebration at the University of Wyoming on October 30, 1999. The Citizen Celebration marked the culmination of a five-year program sponsored by the American Heritage Center. The program was the brainchild of long time AHC Associate board member Win Hickey who conceived of the idea as a way for Wyoming to mark the millennium by celebrating the accomplishments of some of the state’s most outstanding citizens of the 20th century.

Volunteer committee and council members from across the state confronted the daunting task of selecting finalists in each category from hundreds of nominations. Ultimately winners were named for each category. They included Dave True for Agriculture and Business; Olaus and Margaret Murie for Community Service; George Frison for Education; Peggy Simson Curry for Fine & Performing Arts; Al Simpson for Government; Sam Knight for Healthcare, Science & Technology; General R.L. Esmay for Military; John Wold for Minerals, Oil & Gas; Reverend John Roberts for Religion; and Milward Simpson for Sports. In January 1999 voting was opened so the public could have a voice in choosing Wyoming’s Citizen of the Century.

More than 400 people attended the Citizen Celebration, which was hosted by University of Wyoming President and Mrs. Philip Dubois. Victoria Murphy, executive director of the program, credits Lisa Dubois with having the vision to create what all the attendees agreed was a very elegant evening. The support of corporate sponsors, which included companies and organizations from throughout the region, was also critical to the success of the event.

All of the finalists were represented at the celebration, with some family members traveling from as far away as Texas and California to accept the honor. One of the evening’s highlights was the presentation of video vignettes, specially produced by UW TV, which highlighted the accomplishments of each of the finalists.

In marking the completion of the Citizen project the AHC can point not only to the wonderful memories associated with the celebration but also to more tangible results. These include a traveling exhibition, Wyoming: A 20th Century Portrait, and the publication of the book Wyoming: A 20th Century History.
CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

Rhodolph Leslie Esmay, (1898-1965) finalist in the Military category, served his state and country in war and peace time. Under his leadership the framework for the contemporary Wyoming National Guard took shape. (Courtesy of the Esmay Family Collection)

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Research requests increased by 25 percent in 1999, totaling 5,132 for the calendar year. Research in AHC collections was used in books, articles, calendars, exhibits, and television productions. Highlights of collection use include:

- DVTVDVTV used photographs of Tom Horn, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid in two episodes from their Learning Channel series “Gunfighters of the Old West.”
- Chris Buys used many AHC photographs of Telluride, Colorado, in his book *Historic Telluride in Rare Photographs*.
- In the first book-length history of the Eastern Shoshones, Henry E. Stamm IV, used AHC collections in his book *People of the Wind River: The Eastern Shoshones 1825-1900*.
- AHC collections were used in *Yellowstone and the Great West: Journals, Letters, and Images from the 1871 Hayden Expedition*, edited by Marlene Deahl Merrill. The book is the daily record of Ferdinand Hayden’s historic 1871 scientific expedition through Utah, Idaho, and Montana territories to the Yellowstone Basin.
- AHC collections were used in the book *Empire Express: Building the First Transcontinental Railroad*, by David Hayward Bain.
- Dr. Margaret Walsh, University of Nottingham, used the Greyhound Bus Lines Collection, for her upcoming article “Railroad Responses to the Development of the Long-Distance Bus Industry in the United States Prior to Federal Regulation in 1935.”
- The Buffalo Bill Historical Center used many AHC Throssel prints for a new exhibit in the Plains Indian Museum.
- Nestor Productions used footage from the Martin and Osa Johnson Collection in their Johnson documentary “Les Amants de l’Aventure” (The Adventure Lovers.) This documentary received first place at the 1999 Jules Verne Film Festival in Paris.
- Dr. Aileen Keating, research scholar from the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies at the Australian National University in Canberra, visited the AHC to conduct research in the Thomas E. Ward Collection on oil development in the Arabian Gulf.
- Image Group Entertainment used a Tom Horn photo in a production titled “Skip Tracers: The Real Life Adventures of a Bounty Hunter.”
- The 2000 Wyoming State Historical Society calendar featured photographs from AHC Collections.
- ABC’s 20/20 aired a retrospective to mark Hugh Downs’ retirement that featured video footage from the AHC’s Hugh Downs’ Collection.

Exhibits

- The American Heritage Center hosted three traveling book exhibits this year: *Shape-Shifting: Transformations in the Art of the Book*, sponsored by the University of Northern Colorado, the Wyoming Center for the Book, and the University of Wyoming Art Department in February; *The Word in Everyone’s Hands: Books from Morocco*, curated by UW Art professor Mark Ritchie in March; and *Contemporary German Book Art*, from Ohio University Library with cooperation from the UW Art Department in April-May.
- The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences cooperated with the AHC in two exhibits: *The Coat Couture Collection II: Art to Wear* from May through August; and *The Fifties Turn Fifty* from September through October in conjunction with the eighth annual AHC symposium on the same topic. Included in the second exhibit was a display of fifties-era Christmas ornaments from Nancy Weidel.
The UW Art Museum’s major exhibit *From Como Bluff to Cultural Icon: Our Enduring Fascination with Dinosaurs* (June-November) drew material from AHC collections; and a small gallery in the Art Museum has been the site of the *Citizen of the Century* display, curated by Victoria Murphy, since October.

Theresa Kay, graduate student in the American Studies Program, created a display in November on Lora Webb Nichols, Encampment area photographer and one of the women who contributed to the preservation of Wyoming history. Also in November the AHC mounted *For Home and Country*, an exhibit exploring the contributions of Albany County veterans and residents during times of conflict in the twentieth century.

Three new semi-permanent exhibits have been added as well: *Of Mice and Rabbits: the Magic of Animation* and Wyoming’s *Burlington Route*, both in July; and a group of photographs highlighting AHC collecting areas, which were mounted in the new elevator lobby in March.

In cooperation with the Wyoming State Library, the Wyoming State Archives, the Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne Frontier Days and Shirley Flynn, the AHC participated in the Library of Congress’s Local Legacies Project. Focusing on Cheyenne Frontier Days as Wyoming’s most prominent “local legacy,” the AHC supplied photographs and material from the J.S. Palen and Robert D. Hanesworth collections to be sent to the U.S. Library of Congress for inclusion in their permanent collections.

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**The Toppan Library**

The Toppan Library is home to UW’s rare books. Curator Anne Lane and her staff served more than 1,400 visitors to the library in 1999 and gave numerous presentations on the rare book holdings throughout the year. Highlights include:

- The semester-long class *History of Books and Reading* was taught for the fourth time in the spring.
- Throughout the year, Lane gave presentations on 33 different topics to 48 UW classes and other groups. The diverse topics ranged from Late 18th Century Literature, Books from Shakespeare’s Lifetime, and Victorian Prose for English classes, to Italian Renaissance Books and 20th Century Illustrated Books for art history classes. All were accompanied by displays of selected books from the Toppan Library.
- Three special exhibits were created to accompany events held at the AHC. Examples of autobiographies were available for attendees of the Wyoming Conference on English. Books and magazines related to Politics, Literature, and Entertainment of the 1950s were on display during the *Fifties Turn Fifty* symposium. And military...
books focusing on the Civil War, WWI, WWII, and women in wars supplemented the exhibit For Home and Country.

- Books from the collections of William Robertson Coe, Charles and Tristram Colket, and Walter J. Levy were catalogued.

- Some of the library’s special books were presented in slide show format to the Laramie Christian Women’s After-Five organization, and also to attendees of the Wyoming Library Association annual conference in Cheyenne.

The 1999 Bernard L. Majewski Fellow, Dr. Myrna Santiago, presented “From ‘Jungle’ to ‘Field’: Environmental Change in Northern Veracruz, 1908-1921,” at the AHC on November 12. Dr. Santiago’s lecture focused on the profound environmental impact of oil production in northern Veracruz in the first two decades of the twentieth century and argued that the industry was the beginning of the end for the northern Mexican rainforests.

The Majewski Fellowship was established in 1996 through the efforts of Dr. Terry Majewski to honor the late petroleum industry pioneer Bernard L. Majewski. Thanks to a generous gift by his late wife, Thelma, the Majewski Fellowship is awarded annually to an outstanding scholar to conduct research in AHC collections.

Special guests at the November 12 lecture were several children of the late Bernard L. Majewski, including daughters Terry Majewski; Mary Kinnucan and her husband Walter; and sons John, Larry, and his wife Alice; and the two eldest granddaughters of Bernard Majewski, Susan and Joan.

Travel Grant Recipients

- **William L. Andrew**, a Ph.D. candidate at Virginia Tech, is researching and writing a dissertation about the role of Theodore Roosevelt as a commissioner for the U.S. Civil Service (1889-1895) in the founding of public administration. Roosevelt was a focal point for many of the late nineteenth century reformers and the organizations they represented, including the National Civil Service Reform League.

- **Douglas M. Charles**, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom, is writing a dissertation titled “The FBI, Franklin Roosevelt, and the Anti-Interventionist Movement, 1939-1945.” The study will explore the various components of the FBI’s monitoring of Roosevelt’s foreign policy critics from 1939-1945 and attempt to explain why such surveillance occurred and the effects it wrought.

- **Mary Ann Larson**, presently the assistant director for the University of Nevada Oral History Program, is studying the important role rodeo has played in western culture and history. She will investigate how Wyoming’s relationship to rodeo parallels or diverges from Nevada’s rodeos. The research is part of an oral history project by the University of Nevada Oral History Program documenting the rodeo experience.

- **Lynn Sacco**, a Ph.D. candidate in the history department at the University of Southern California, is writing a dissertation titled “Not Talking About ‘It’: A History of Incest in the United States, 1900-
1940.” The work examines how incest was constructed in the American mind as behavior that is both rare and occurs primarily outside of the white middle and upper classes.

► **Harold S. Wechsler**, professor of education at the Margaret S. Warner School of Education and Human Development at the University of Rochester, is researching the history of minority access to higher education. He will study the responses of students, faculty, and administrators to the appearance of minority groups on campuses, including formal measures designed to increase acceptance by other students.

► **David M. Wrobel**, a visiting professor at the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado at Boulder, is preparing a book-length study of the development of regional identity in the West titled “Becoming Western: Regional Identity and America’s Promised Land.” The study also will examine the nation’s changing sense of the West as a place, from the late nineteenth century through World War II.

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**Rentschler Distinguished Visiting Lecturer**

AHC’s 1999 George A. Rentschler Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Morgan Lawrence, delighted more than seventy-five train enthusiasts with his slide lecture, “Spectacular Railway Journeys Around the World,” on April 8. An international travel journalist, Mr. Lawrence’s lecture featured his award-winning photographs and focused on his travels in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Andes Mountains, concluding with a section on contemporary high-speed trains. Lawrence also spoke with marketing and tourism classes while on campus.

In its eighth year, the George A. Rentschler Distinguished Visiting Lecturer is made possible thanks to an endowment established by Frederick B. Rentschler and his mother, the late Rita Rentschler Cushman.

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**Chamber Concerts**

Professor Rodney Garnett from the UW Department of Music coordinated the fall concert series in 1999. The October 22 concert featured the Big Hollow Bluegrass Band. This popular band is composed of faculty, students, and alumni from UW. On October 29 Joan and Fred Gersten sang scores from favorite scenes in opera and musical theater. The final concert, on November 5, featured romantic pieces and Hungarian dances played by music faculty members Julia Combs, Kasandra Keeling, Rod Garnett, Chris Merz, Kathleen McKeage, and Stephen Barnhart.
On September 16-17, 1999, the AHC hosted its eighth annual history symposium *The Fifties Turn Fifty: The Nuclear Family and Postwar American Culture*. Participants from around the country heard many lively presentations. At the opening session Dr. Barbara Coleman, from the University of Colorado at Boulder, discussed Betty Crocker and Martha Stewart as icons of domesticity while Nancy Weidel, a historian at Wyoming’s State Historic Preservation Office, examined the Christmas celebrations of the 1950s. Dr. James Gilbert, professor of history from the University of Maryland, presented the keynote address titled “Revolt Against Mass Society.” Gilbert is the author of such books as *A Cycle of Outrage: America’s Reaction to the Juvenile Delinquent in the 1950s* and *Another Chance: Postwar America, 1945-1968*.

### Classes and More

- AHC faculty Dan Davis, Rick Ewig, Lori Olson, Mark Shelstad, and D.C. Thompson taught courses as part of the archival series offered through the UW history department. The courses (Archives I, History 4040; Archives II, History 4042; and Archives III, History 5610) are designed to introduce students to the basic theory, management, and practice of archival and manuscript repositories, as well as collecting, preserving, and providing reference service to archival collections.

- Faculty in the reference department taught more than 60 bibliographic instruction and historical methods classes to students from many UW colleges as well as elementary, junior high, and high school students from around the state.

- Anne M. Lane taught the History of Books and Reading class in the spring semester. The class is offered through the history department, College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Education. It is a university studies humanities elective.

- Mark Shelstad taught a session, Archiving Digital Media, at the UW Center for Teaching Excellence.

- Carol Bowers, reference archivist, taught History of the American West during the spring semester and Wyoming History in the fall through the history department. One of the requirements for the Wyoming History course is to write a paper using material from the collections at the AHC. This project exposed undergraduate students, many for the first time, to research with primary source material.

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*Students from the Historic Textiles class examine clothing collections*

*Fourth grade students study Oregon Trail documents*
AHC reference archivist, Carol Bowers, presented a lecture at the AHC on March 17. Titled “The Soiled Doves of Laramie City,” the talk focused on the brothel district of Laramie from 1868 to 1920. She also did a segment on the same topic for UW TV’s Wyoming Signatures in April.

Historian Lawrence M. Woods discussed the “Big Horn Basin Expedition of 1870” at his lecture on February 11. Dr. Woods, a UW alumnus, is the author of numerous books, including his newest Wyoming’s Big Horn Basin to 1901; The Wyoming Country Before Statehood; British Gentle- men in the West; and Sometimes the Books Froze: Wyoming’s Economy and Its Banks.

Gregory M. Franzwa presented a slide lecture on the historic Lincoln Highway through Wyoming on March 19. His book, The Lincoln Highway: Wyoming, is the third in a series of twelve books about America’s first transcontinental route. He has written numerous books on historical topics such as the Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail.

In concert with the exhibit Contemporary German Book Art, UW art department professor, Mark Ritchie, presented a slide lecture on April 20. Ritchie showed examples of both Germany’s long history of printing and book-making and the plethora of book art in the United States.

The Wyoming State Historical Society (WSHS) held its annual trek in Laramie on June 18-20. Hosted by the Albany County Historical Society, the theme for the 1999 trek was “Laramie, Hub of Frontier Transportation.” Trekkers studied the Overland Trail, which crossed southeastern Wyoming; the Lincoln Highway; and the Laramie, Hahn’s Peak and Pacific Railroad.

Wyoming History Day is a twenty-year tradition in the Cowboy State and beginning with the 1999 National History Day Contest the American Heritage Center is helping foster that tradition. Wyoming History Day now has a new home at the American Heritage Center, with continued support from the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, the Wyoming State Historical Society and the UW Department of History.

History Day’s affiliation with the AHC has already brought new opportunities. In the spring the AHC secured a new endowment for the program, which will be used to fund the Gerald R. & Jessie F. Chambers Wyoming History Day Award for the best junior and senior division entries. In November the AHC hosted the first in a planned annual series of teacher workshops, “Bringing History Day Into the Classroom.”

Each year a different theme is selected as the focus of the History Day Competition. Three hundred and fifty students participated at the 1999 Wyoming History Day Competition in Casper. State contest winners had the opportunity to compete at National History Day in College Park, Maryland.
Acquisitions

2,350.02 cubic feet of material was accessioned in 1999. Important new acquisitions include:

- Solomon Bogard (World War II)
- Gerald August Drew (U.S. Ambassador)
- James Eberhardt (Union Pacific Railroad)
- Fort Laramie (letters from Fort Laramie)
- Byron E. Hirst (Cheyenne attorney, Wyoming History)
- Verna Keays (designer of the Wyoming state flag)
- James Melton (orchestration, including music scores and television scripts)
- William C. Lagos (photographs, Wyoming History)
- Asger Mikkelson (photographer, Montgomery Ward)
- National Suffolk Sheep Association (livestock industry)
- Nettie Viola Potts ( scrapbook and photos from UW’s Kappa Delta sorority)
- Morris H. Ruger (musician)
- Muriel Burr Smith (speaker)
- Women in Military (U.S. politics & world affairs)

Manuscript Collections Prepared for Research Use

Forty-five manuscript collections, a total of 470.75 cubic feet of material, were arranged, described, and catalogued for research use in 1999.

Winthrop Ballantine Journal, 1783

Winthrop Ballantine was probably a member of George Washington’s staff, possibly a physician. His journal contains copies of letters and general orders from Washington to his troops, an invoice of medicines, prescriptions, and receipts. 0.1 cubic feet

Bruce K. Brown Papers, 1940-1969

Bruce K. Brown was a chemical engineer, lawyer, and petroleum company executive. During World War II he served as assistant deputy administrator of the Petroleum Administration for War. After the war he was deputy administrator for the Petroleum Administration for Defense. The collection contains files, scrapbooks, and diaries. 5.25 cubic feet

Henry W. Burton Diary, 1849

Henry W. Burton traveled overland from Missouri to California in 1849. His diary of this journey is available on microfilm at William Robertson Coe Library. Photostrips of the diary pages are available at the AHC along with a transcript of the diary. 0.1 cubic feet

Joseph M. Carey Family Papers, 1869-1978

Joseph M. Carey (1845-1924) was a Wyoming governor and senator. In 1890 Carey introduced the act establishing Wyoming statehood, and he authored the Carey Act, a bill which contributed to irrigation progress in the Rocky Mountain states. In addition to his political role, Carey was engaged in many business and agricultural pursuits and was a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. 9 cubic feet

Farrington R. Carpenter Papers, 1940-1979

F. R. Carpenter was a lawyer and rancher near Hayden, Colorado. In 1933 he went to Washington D.C. as a lobbyist for the Western Slope Cattlemen’s Association and a year later became the Interior Department’s director of grazing. The collection contains four articles and speeches by Carpenter including “Law of the Range” (1940) and “Establishing Management Under the Taylor Grazing Act” (1962). 0.1 cubic feet

Columbia Pictures Records, 1929-1974

Harry Cohn founded Columbia Pictures in 1924 and in the decades since the studio has produced many motion pictures. The collection consists primarily of teletype messages (1938-60) discussing script and production matters for many of these movies. Also included are some financial records, story conferences, lists of stockholders, and architectural drawings for studio buildings. 23 cubic feet

Walter Veach Collins Correspondence, 1943-45

Walter Veach Collins was a communications technician for the Air Force during World War II. The collection contains letters and postcards from Collins describing his daily life to his parents in Kentucky, during his service in England, France, and Germany. 0.25 cubic feet

Charles Griffin Coutant Letters, 1897-98

C. G. Coutant was a Cheyenne, Wyoming, newspaper editor and author of a history of Wyoming. The collection contains letters from Nathaniel P. Langford and Legh Richmond Freeman to Coutant. 6 items

Lewis H. Crandell Papers, 1862-1877

Lewis H. Crandell served with the 125th New York Regiment during the Civil War, rising from sergeant to captain. He served at the Battles of Harper’s Ferry and Gettysburg. The collection contains papers from Crandell to his father describing these battles and other incidents of army life. Also included are letters from the time when Crandell was selling farm equipment in Maine, New York, and Canada. 0.25 cubic feet
Daughters of the American Colonists, William Clayton Chapter (Laramie, Wyo.) Records, 1912-1976

The Daughters of the American Colonists is an organization formed to commemorate the American Colonists and to aid in researching family genealogy. The collection contains scrapbooks documenting club activities and material compiled by members, such as church records, county records, and territorial records, to assist in genealogical research. 1 cubic foot

Francis Donaldson Papers, 1891-1959

Francis Donaldson (1881-1970) was a civil engineer involved in the design and construction of the Washington Bridge (between New York and New Jersey), the Grand Coulee Dam, and the Fort Peck Dam diversion tunnels. He married Anne Talbot, the daughter of Ethelbert Talbot, the Episcopal bishop of Wyoming. The collection contains a typescript of his autobiography, manuscripts by Donaldson on engineering and personal observations, reports and research materials, and correspondence from a Norwegian friend including a description of the Nazi invasion of Norway in 1940. 0.85 cubic feet

Lewis Einstein Papers, 1808-1968

Lewis Einstein (1877-1967) was a United States diplomat and writer on foreign policy. He began his career in Paris in 1903 and was posted in Constantinople from 1906 to 1908. He was moved to Peking in 1909 and to Costa Rica in 1911. During World War I he acted as a “special agent” in Turkey for the American government. After the war he wrote several articles favoring balance of power between nations. He retired from the Diplomatic Service in 1930 and spent his remaining years living in Paris. The collection includes correspondence and dispatches, especially from the World War I era. Also included are manuscripts and propaganda literature reflecting European views of the First World War. 11.5 cubic feet

Ethyl Corporation Records, 1823-1983

Charles F. Kettering and Thomas Midgley Jr. chartered Ethyl Corporation in 1924 after developing tetraethyl lead as an additive for gasoline. The corporation has grown to become a Fortune 500 company. The records include a collection of historical documents related to the early development of the American oil industry, as well as correspondence (1919-1952), photographs, and publications of Ethyl Corporation. 11 cubic feet

Alice Bent Felton Papers, 1867, 1953

Alice Bent Felton lived at Fort Sanders, near Laramie, as a young girl in 1867. In 1953 she wrote two letters reminiscing about her time there and sent them to the Laramie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with several photographs from the period. These letters and photographs constitute the collection. 0.1 cubic feet

Jack R. Gage Papers, 1892-1975

Jack Gage was Wyoming state superintendent of public instruction (1935-58) and Wyoming secretary of state (1959-61). In 1961, after the death of U.S. Senator Keith Thomson, Governor J. J. Hickey took over Thomson’s duties and Gage became acting governor of Wyoming. The collection contains campaign materials, materials from Gage’s various terms in public office, personal papers, photographs, scrapbooks, and some of the papers Gov. Hickey left behind when Gage took over the office. 7.5 cubic feet

William A. Gordon Papers, 1850-ca. 1920s

Dr. William Gordon traveled overland from Missouri to the gold fields of California in 1850. During this journey he kept a diary, which is included in the papers. Also included are transcripts, biographical and genealogical information, and photographs of the Gordon and Graham families. 0.25 cubic feet

Arthur Sidney Huey Papers, 1890-1981

Arthur Sidney Huey was a petroleum geologist who worked in California, South America, and the Middle East. His collection contains correspondence, geological reports and studies, well logs and surveys, printed material, maps, and photographs from the areas in which he worked. 16.5 cubic feet

T. Blake Kennedy Papers, 1892-1957

T. Blake Kennedy was a Cheyenne lawyer and district court judge. His best known cases included the defense of Tom Horn, the Teapot Dome lawsuit (United States vs. Mammoth Oil), and the draft resistance by internees of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center during World War II. The collection includes a manuscript of memoirs written by Kennedy; letters, opinions, addresses, and scrapbooks. 4 cubic feet

John B. Knaebel Papers, 1920-1976

John B. Knaebel was a mining engineer who worked for the Anaconda Company in Mexico, South America, and Canada. The papers contain reports on mining and political conditions, files, and maps. 16 cubic feet

Knaebel Family Papers, 1714-1944

John H. Knaebel was a lawyer in Santa Fe and Denver who worked largely with land claims and Spanish land grant titles. His son Ernest Knaebel, also a lawyer, organized and directed the Public Lands Division and litigation concerning public and Indian lands. The papers contain Ernest Knaebel’s correspondence, Department of Justice files, Supreme Court files, and files on the family property in New Mexico. The collection also includes John H. Knaebel’s files on land grants, personal correspondence, and family information. 9 cubic feet
League of Women Voters of Wyoming Records, 1946-1997

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a non-partisan organization to study election issues and encourage voting. The collection (updated from last year) includes organizational records, subject files, instructional materials, and research files on environmental and economic issues. 20 cubic feet

Michael Maltese Papers, 1907-1981

Michael Maltese was an animator who worked for the Warner Brothers and Hanna-Barbera cartoon studios from the 1930s to 1973. He helped create and develop popular cartoon characters such as Pepe LePew, Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, and Yosemite Sam. He also wrote scripts and songs for movie and television cartoons. The collection contains storyboards, strips,scripts, cels, and other material related to Maltese’s career. 6.2 cubic feet

William Augustus Martin Manuscript, no date

“Negus in Johnson County: A History of The Johnson County Stock War” is an unpublished manuscript by William A. Martin. According to the manuscript, it relates the Wyoming experiences of Martin and his friend Charles Negus during the Johnson County War of 1892. 1 item

S.G. McMullin Papers, 1911-1951

S. G. McMullin was a lawyer and oil shale promoter in Grand Junction, Colorado. The papers include legal documents, correspondence, printed material, and maps regarding oil shale development on the western slope of the Rockies. 0.25 cubic feet

John W. Meldrum Papers, 1854-1938

John W. Meldrum (1843-1935) was acting governor of the state of Wyoming in 1890 when the territory was admitted as a state. In 1894 he became the first commissioner of Yellowstone National Park. The collection contains correspondence, photographs, legal documents, printed materials, and artifacts relating to Meldrum and to the Meldrum family. 2.5 cubic feet

H.G. Merriam Papers, 1904-1919

H. G. Merriam was the first student from the University of Wyoming to win a Rhodes scholarship (1904); he later taught English at Montana State University. During World War I he worked for the YMCA in France to provide support services for allied soldiers. The collection mainly consists of correspondence Merriam sent home to his family from France (1918-19). Also included are posters from the World War I era. There are also typescripts of portions of Merriam’s diaries during his residence at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar. 0.25 cubic feet + posters

James P. Murray Photographs, 1921, 1953, no dates

James P. Murray was an early U.S. Air Mail aviator. The collection contains ten photographs of James P. Murray alone, with early aircraft, and with others at various times in his career. 0.1 cubic foot

F. K. North Papers, 1948-1983

Frank Kenneth North was a geologist and educator who clashed with the Canadian government and oil industry when he asserted in the 1970s that the oil reserves of Canada were much lower than the official estimates. North’s stance had a great impact on the public’s opinion about exportation of oil from Canada to the United States. 7.5 cubic feet

Henry U. Onderdonk Papers, 1903, 1947

Henry U. Onderdonk was a clergyman and physician who lived in Buffalo, Wyoming. The collection contains a photocopy of a letter (1903) from Onderdonk describing the shooting of “Box Car” Jackson in Kaycee. Also included are two 1947 letters regarding the first letter. 0.1 cubic feet

Edward J. O’Neill Papers, 1889-1978

Gen. Edward J. O’Neill was logistics officer for the landings at Salerno and Anzio in Italy during World War II. After the war he held a number of increasingly senior Pentagon positions and retired as a lieutenant general. The collection includes documents, photographs, scrapbooks, and artifacts detailing O’Neill’s career. 26.5 cubic feet

J. S. Palen Collection, ca. 1863-1998

J. S. Palen was a Cheyenne, Wyoming, veterinarian and collector of Western history and memorabilia. The collection includes programs and other documents regarding Cheyenne Frontier Days (1884-1998); Wyoming material (1878-1995); rodeo materials (1896-1995); catalogs of western apparel, horse furniture, memorabilia, and jewelry (1885-1996); information on Western art and artists (1903-1995); photographs (ca. 1863-1997), and personal correspondence and documents. 51 cubic feet

John M. Parker Papers, 1943-1997

John M. Parker was a petroleum geologist. He worked for Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Kirby Petroleum Company in the 1940s and 1950s, mainly in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest regions. The collection includes documents used in a legal case in which Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company sued Marathon Oil Company
regarding ownership of oil and gas at K-N's Huntsman Storage Field near Sidney, Nebraska. Also included is some personal and biographical material on John M. Parker, including documents on Parker's 1943 expedition to map the Mountain River area in Northwest Territories, Canada. 6 cubic feet

**Herbert Parsons Diary, 1910**

Herbert Parsons worked for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1910 he made a tour of inspection of government lands in Utah and the Grand Canyon area, during which time he kept a journal. The collection contains a handwritten transcript of this journal, apparently created by his son, with editorial comments and explanations inserted. 1 item

**Pratt and Ferris Cattle Company Records, 1879-1958**

Several new photographs taken by Mabel Souther were donated as a result of an exhibition of Souther's work largely drawn from this collection. The new photographs were incorporated into the collection. 1.75 cubic feet

**John E. Rouse Papers, 1912-1987**

John E. Rouse (1892-1990) was an oil industry executive. During World War II he worked in the Petroleum Administration for War. Later he worked for Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Utah Southern Oil Company. After his retirement he acquired a cattle ranch in Wyoming. In the early 1960s Rouse began work on a comprehensive illustrated study of cattle breeds of the world. The collection contains files on Rouse’s petroleum career and on the Petroleum Administration for War. The research files for cattle breeds are also included. 45 cubic feet

**Henry D. Russell Papers, 1937-1989**

Gen. Henry D. Russell served on the official Pearl Harbor investigation board. As a National Guard officer, he was also a champion of the efficiency and usefulness of the National Guard against regular army prejudices. The collection contains papers from his military career, reference material for the Pearl Harbor investigation, and source material used by Russell and his niece in writing books about Russell’s life. 6 cubic feet

**Leslie E. Snow Papers, 1898-1953**

Leslie E. Snow was a Wyoming peace officer best known for his work on the Tom Horn murder trial of 1902. Snow and Charles Ohnhaus were concealed in an adjoining room listening while Tom Horn made his controversial confession to Deputy U.S. Marshal Joe LeFors. The collection contains newspaper articles from Denver, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming papers regarding the Horn case. Also included are photographs and artifacts such as a revolver, handcuffs, badges, and other items belonging to Leslie Snow. 0.25 cubic feet

**Ethelbert Talbot Papers, 1848-1961**

Ethelbert Talbot was an Episcopal bishop of Wyoming and Idaho from 1881 to 1898. He chose Laramie, Wyoming, as his Episcopal See and oversaw the construction of St. Matthew’s cathedral there between 1892 and 1897. In 1898 he was chosen bishop of Central Pennsylvania. The collection contains diaries (1869-1928), personal correspondence (primarily letters to his wife and daughter), photographs, and scrapbooks. 3.5 cubic feet

**Edwin Keith Thomson Papers, ca. 1919-1997**

Keith Thomson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1954. He served in the House from 1955 to 1960. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in November of 1960, but he died of a heart attack one month later in December. The papers contain Thomson’s campaign, legislative, departmental, correspondence, publicity, and reference files. There are also photographs, artifacts, and audio-visual materials. 127 cubic feet

**Bronson Tolman Papers, 1884-1968**

Bronson Tolman was the son and successor of John Tolman, manager of the Dilworth Cattle Company, which was located south of Red Lodge, Montana, just north of the Wyoming border. The Bronson Tolman Papers consist of a typescript of the Dilworth Cattle Company letterpress book (1884-1907) and photocopies of correspondence, printed material, and other research material regarding John Tolman and the Dilworth Cattle Company. 0.25 cubic feet

**Donald Vining Diaries, 1926-1982**

Donald Vining was a writer best known for the publication of his diaries and essays on his homosexual lifestyle. The collection contains original diaries (1959-1970), edited typescripts for published diaries (1926-1958), and a volume of the published diaries for 1975-1982. 2.25 cubic feet

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**CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST**

**John Roberts (1853-1949) was the finalist in the category of Religion. Roberts ministered to the Shoshones and Arapahoes, cultivating friendships with tribal leaders, and learning native languages. (AHC Collection)**
Paul Albert Volz Papers, 1966-1994

Dr. Paul Volz is a mycologist and microbiologist. He worked with the Apollo Microbial Ecology Evaluation Device Program for NASA. The papers include reports and publications by Volz on land, ocean, and space studies, student theses, and miscellaneous personal material. 2 cubic feet

Wright-Ingram Institute Records, ca. 1900-1998

The Wright-Ingram Institute was a private, non-profit educational and research institution in Colorado. Its purpose was to promote “conservation, preservation and wise use of human and natural resources.” The institute was active in the 1970s and 1980s under the direction of Elizabeth Wright Ingraham, architect and international education consultant. Coursework included integrative studies on the effects of natural and human-built ecosystems. 39 cubic feet


The Wyoming Historic Buildings Collection primarily consists of photographs that were made for the State Historical Preservation Office during the 1970s to document sites of historic importance in Wyoming. Also included are some architectural drawings and reports. 7.5 cubic feet

University Archives Collections Prepared for Research Use

Twenty-seven University of Wyoming Archives collections, totaling 92 cubic feet, have been processed by student assistants Misti Stangel and Emily Benson and made available for research use. They include:

American Association of University Professors. UW Chapter. Records, 1925-1957

Founded in 1915, AAUP defends academic freedom and tenure, advocates collegial governance, and develops policies ensuring due process. This collection includes correspondence, financial reports, minutes of meetings, membership lists, programs, and reports. 0.45 cubic feet


While local branches of this national organization created to develop opportunities for higher education for women had been formed in Wyoming in 1914, the state division was not organized until 1938. This collection contains information on the various branches and statewide information, including constitutions, by-laws, correspondence, reports, and ASUW publications. 8.92 cubic feet

Boyle, Albert C. Papers, 1919-1924

Boyle was a professor of mining and geology at UW from 1910-20 and a consulting geologist. This collection contains correspondence, financial reports, minutes of meetings, membership lists, programs, and reports. 0.45 cubic feet

Burns, Robert H. Papers, 1910-1973

Burns, a wool specialist, began teaching at UW in 1924 and later served as head of the wool department in the College of Agriculture. From 1937-39 Burns worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a wool shrinkage researcher and senior marketing specialist. He had more than thirty publications on wool, ranching, and University of Wyoming sports. He was also the founder of the Annual Old-time Ranch Tour held in July of each year. The collection includes extensive correspondence, research files on the Laramie stockyards and wool, photographs and printing press plates, newspaper clippings, reports, and minutes. 7.23 cubic feet


Members of the University of Wyoming language, philosophy, music, fine arts, and literature departments in 1935 formed the Humanist Society. Later the name was changed to Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Letters, and it continued to sponsor a variety of speakers on the Laramie campus. This collection consists of correspondence, minutes of meetings, a list of officers, and copies of the presentations given at UW. 0.1 cubic foot

“Showing sheep” (Robert H. Burns Collection)
Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Sciences. Records, 1926-1940

The academy was an organization that brought together scientists to discuss their research and findings in annual meetings. The collection includes correspondence and program information. 0.1 cubic foot

Gardner, John D. Papers, 1979-1989

Gardner was a professor of civil engineering from 1981-89 with mining systems as his research focus. He also created the Mine Rescue First Aid Contest, which started in 1983. The collection contains correspondence, lecture notes, research reports, and materials relating to the First Aid contest. 4.2 cubic feet

Phi Beta Kappa. Alpha Association of Wyoming. Records, 1927-1965

The PBK honor society was formed on the UW-Laramie campus in 1926 and was granted a national charter in 1938. The collection contains correspondence, financial records, installation information, news clippings, photographs, annual reports, and background member information. 1.15 cubic feet


This national honorary society, which promoted scholarship by recognizing achievement, was formed at UW in 1921. The collection includes annual reports, correspondence, fellowship applications, information and program on initiation, minutes of meetings, news clippings, and officers’ reports. 3.96 cubic feet

Psi Chi. Wyoming Chapter. Records, 1929-1948

This national honor society chapter in psychology was founded in 1929 at UW. The collection contains the constitution, correspondence, a history of the organization, minutes, initiation procedures, and officers’ reports. 0.25 cubic foot

Schweitzer, Arthur. War Economics Curricula, 1944

The collection consists of a bound volume of a war economics correspondence course taught by Schweitzer. 0.1 cubic foot

Sigma Alpha Iota. Sigma Kappa Chapter. Records, 1924-1941

Sigma Alpha Iota is a professional musical sorority; the UW chapter was organized in 1925. Among their activities were weekly musicals, bringing in featured performers, as well as sponsoring National Music Week. This collection consists of correspondence, extensive financial information, history of the sorority, initiation and installation information, information on members, newspaper clippings, photographs, a pledge record, presidents’ reports, programs, songbooks, yearbooks, and a scrapbook. 1 cubic foot

Sigma Tau Fraternity. Omega Chapter (University of Wyoming). Records, 1920-1942

An honorary society for engineering students was formed at UW in 1931. This collection consists of by-laws, the constitution, correspondence, financial information, minutes, academic papers, photographs, pledge ceremonies, *The Pyramid of Sigma Tau*, and annual reports. 0.3 cubic foot

Slossen, Emory Edwin. Papers, 1896-1937

Slossen was a professor of chemistry at UW from 1891-1904 when he left to become editor of *The Independent* magazine. The collection contains correspondence, and lecture notebooks. 0.25 cubic foot

Soule, Justus Freeland. Correspondence, 1909-1937

Soule began teaching languages at UW in 1891. He served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1917-1929 and dean of men from 1903-32. The collection contains correspondence, grades, and degrees issued. 0.1 cubic foot


This collection contains minutes, programs, correspondence, and related materials for this social club that recognized the contributions of UW retirees with more than twenty-five years of service to the university. 0.9 cubic foot


The Alumni Association was established in 1895 to create a feeling of allegiance and fellowship among graduates of UW, as well as to advance the overall well being, growth, achievement, and integrity of the university. Under the instruction of the Alumni Association president, S. H. Knight, the first UW homecoming was held in 1922. The collection includes a minute book from 1895-99; audiocassette tapes with recorded interviews with UW Distinguished Alumni or Medallion Service Award recipients from 1990-98; and films of UW homecomings and the campus from 1947-50. 0.93 cubic foot


The UW College of Education was formed in 1914 with Professor Creager serving as dean. This collection consists of correspondence, handbooks, reports, annual subject reports, various publications, minutes, information on University High School, CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

Alan Simpson (1931-) the finalist in the category of Government, is considered by many to be one of Wyoming’s most popular political figures. (Courtesy of Alan Simpson)
CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

Milward Simpson (1897-1993) was the finalist in the Sports category. A three-sport standout during his career at UW, Simpson was later elected governor and served in the U.S. Senate. (Milward, with his wife Lorna, in Washington D.C., AHC Collection)


The council was formed to sponsor friendly relations and a cooperative spirit among the Greek letter societies. The composition of the Panhellenic Council is three delegates from each sorority, fraternity, one alumna, one senior, and one lower classman. This collection contains scrapbooks and photographs. 1.2 cubic feet

University of Wyoming. Physical Plant. Records, 1887-1984

Physical Plant’s major function is the maintenance and repair of campus facilities, including their construction and remodeling. The unit was created in 1921 as Buildings and Grounds. The collection contains subject files with correspondence, contracts, photographs, and other information on building maintenance; and blueprints, drawings, and sketches of university buildings. 23.54 cubic feet

University of Wyoming. Vice President for Administration/Finance. Records, 1891-1963

President Aven Nelson created the position of fiscal agent in 1919 to protect revenues and secure maximum return on investments. The position was later renamed to vice president for administration and finance. This collection includes materials relating to the University’s business operations, including reports, studies, surveys, correspondence, financial information, grants, suits, royalties, buildings and remodels, leases, insurance, inventories, salary information, and ledger books. 7.04 cubic feet

University of Wyoming. Women’s Club. Minute Book, 1908-09

The UW Women’s Club was formed to study the work relating to the life of university women. The collection includes a minute book of meetings held between 1908-09. 0.1 cubic foot

Wyoming Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Records, 1941-48

The association promoted the activities directly related to rodeo performance and an annual rodeo and was open to UW students, staff, and faculty. The collection contains a constitution, correspondence, financial reports, a minute book, photographs, and rodeo programs. 0.1 cubic foot
Each year the AHC sponsors and mentors student interns and assistants who work on arranging and describing manuscript collections. In 1999, the AHC worked with the following students:

- Jamie Johnston processed the political papers of Jack R. Gage and John W. Meldrum during the summer.
- Shari Wood processed the papers of Wyoming politician Keith Thomson.
- Jane Storsteen, student in the Archives III class, processed the S. G. McMullin papers dealing with the oil industry and the Wyoming history papers of T. Blake Kennedy.
- Susan Horan processed the papers of the Carey family who were Wyoming politicians.

University Archives and Records Program

The following offices, departments and colleges had their records (more than 370 cubic feet) examined, inventoried and analyzed. Records retention schedules were created to help facilitate their creation, dissemination, utilization, organization, retrieval, retention and eventual disposition.

- Chemistry department
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Outreach School
- President’s Office
- Social work department
- Vice President for academic affairs
- Vice President for student affairs
- Department of Chemical and Civil Engineering (Water Resources Data Systems)

AHC intern, Theresa Kay, a graduate student in American Studies, recently completed a report on using a new acquisition method to help identify and acquire historically significant materials to complement the retention schedules completed for university departments. Kay has also been working on conserving and identifying 3,400 glass plate negatives, most of which were taken by UW Agricultural Experiment Station director B. C. Buffum from approximately 1899-1913. The negatives contain images of UW buildings, faculty, staff, and students, as well as scenes from around the state as Buffum traveled to visit the different experiment stations. The collection also contains images of the livestock, crops, and workers at the stations and of agricultural fairs.

CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

H.A. “Dave” True Jr. (1915-1994), finalist in both the Agriculture and Business categories, built a multifaceted business empire in Wyoming. (True Family Collection)
During June 1999, the AHC released an updated version of its Web site. The new look is more flexible, simplifies navigation, and makes it easier to feature special projects and other additions and services. The style features a logo of the Centennial Complex on a white background and a graphic menu bar on the left-hand side of every page. Currently the site contains more than five hundred pages. This is the third generation of the Web site, the first of which went online in March 1995 and the second in December 1996.

Two other important features have been added to the site to enhance access and the presentation of resources. The first is the addition of more than twenty finding aids to collections as a means of providing greater access to the AHC’s holdings and providing information down to the folder level for these collections. The second new feature of the site includes one audio clip and four video clips that have been digitized, in cooperation with UW’s Center for Teaching Excellence, to provide a sampling of the AHC’s audio-visual resources.

Other new additions to the Web site include information for Wyoming History Day, the 2000 Wyoming historical calendar, and a digitized version of the 1999 Bernard L. Majewski Research Fellowship lecture by Dr. Myrna Santiago. The URL for the AHC’s Web site is http://www.uwyo.edu/ahc. The site had more than 41,000 visits during 1999.

AHC New Personnel

Carol Bowers became the new reference archivist in October 1999. Prior to her promotion, Bowers had been employed as an assistant reference archivist at the AHC. Bowers holds a B.A. degree in education from the University of Florida and an M.A. degree in American studies from the University of Wyoming. She is currently completing her Ph.D. degree in history of the American West.

Ronda Frazier, office aide, joined the staff in April 1999 assisting the associate director and reading room staff with administrative duties. She recently helped organize an exhibit of 1950s clothing for the Fifties Turn Fifty symposium, and one of military uniforms for the Veteran’s Commemoration exhibit. Ronda is a master’s degree candidate in family and consumer sciences where she is studying historic clothing and textiles and is the curator of the department’s historic clothing collection.

Susan G. Horan, archives specialist, began processing petroleum and conservation-related collections in May when she received a B.A. degree in history from the University of Wyoming. As a student Susan worked part-time at the AHC processing the collections of Wyoming political leaders. During the summer of 1998 she completed an internship with the National Archives in College Park, Maryland, where she worked with the John F Kennedy Assassination Records Collection. Susan is a native of Laramie.

Ginny Kilander was hired as an assistant archivist in the reference unit in January. In addition to duties in the main reading room, she also manages and supervises use of the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection. Previously she worked in the processing unit and in the Toppan Rare Books Library at the AHC. Originally from Indiana, Ginny came to UW to pursue her master’s degree in American studies, which she earned in December 1998.

Victoria Murphy, formerly executive director of the Citizen of the Century Program, has begun a new position as state coordinator for Wyoming History Day. Murphy is an alumna of Southwest Texas University in San Marcos and St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas. She is also a history day veteran, having worked on the program while at the Texas State Historical Association.

Vicki Schuster, senior office assistant, joined the AHC staff in December 1999. Vicki maintains AHC’s databases, schedules the facility, and designs AHC flyers. She recently relocated to Laramie from Kansas City, Missouri, where she worked as a marketing coordinator and graphic designer.
Professional Activities

Carol Bowers
Reference Archivist
► Attended the Institute for Knowledge Sharing at the Getty Center in Los Angeles, California
► Board member of the Albany County Historical Society
► Published essay “Loving Cecile: The Strange Case of Stanley Lantzer” in 3rd edition of Readings in Wyoming History, edited by Phil Roberts
► Gave presentation on “Wyoming’s Soiled Doves” for Jackson Hole Historical Society

Dan Davis
Photo Archivist
► Served as the legislative reporter for the Colorado/Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM)
► Attended the CWAM annual conference
► Presented a talk on the photography of Charles Belden to the Albany County Historical Society, and the Eppson Center in Laramie
► Attended a conference on digitized historical resources at the University of Colorado
► Presented a talk on the history of ranching in Wyoming to the Jackson Hole Historical Society
► Served as a judge in the district Wyoming State History Day competition

Michael J. Devine
Director
► Served as the Freeman Professor of American History, Hopkins-Nanjing Graduate Center, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, China for the 1998-1999 academic year
► Awarded a research grant from Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, to prepare a biography of Korean mission-ary and educator Dr. Horace G. Underwood
► Published an essay titled “Professional Issues Beyond the Classroom” for a special issue of the American Historical Association’s newsletter, Perspective

Rick Ewig
Associate Director
► Served on the executive committee and publications committee and Wyoming Historical Foundation of the Wyoming State Historical Society
► Wrote a book review in Military History of the West
► Presented a talk on “The Role of the Union Pacific Railroad in the Founding of Wyoming” to the Laramie Lyceum
► Presented a workshop on “Developing Skills in Qualitative Research,” sponsored by University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension, Basin, Wyoming
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Anne Marie Lane
Curator of Rare Books
► Received a county award for “Individual Activities” from the Albany County Chapter of the Wyoming State Historical Society
► Reviewed eleven books for the national publication Library Journal
► Selected as one of the ten national participants in a five-day professional development workshop titled “Teaching the History of Books and Print,” held at Rare Book School, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
► Participated in the winter conference of the American Library Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended two meetings of the Rare Book Security Committee.
► Board member of the Wyoming Center for the Book

Mark Shelstad
Information Manager
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Virginia Bohnenblust, senior office assistant
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CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY FINALIST

John Wold (1916- ), finalist in the Minerals, Oil & Gas category, used his experience as a geologist to represent Wyoming's mining interests in the national arena. (John Wold, right, with James Watt, AHC Collection)
Samuel H. ‘Doc’ Knight, long-time geology professor at the University of Wyoming, was selected as Wyoming’s Citizen of the Century. The announcement at a banquet celebration in Laramie on October 30 culminated a five-year program spearheaded by Win Hickey, former first lady of Wyoming and state senator from Laramie County, and the former chairman of the American Heritage Center Associates. Senator Alan Simpson and Governor Jim Geringer served as honorary co-chairmen for the program.

Knight (1892-1975), whose father Wilbur taught at the University of Wyoming and whose mother Emma was dean of women, began his career at UW in 1916 as an assistant professor of geology and curator of the Geological Museum. During his tenure he taught more than fifteen thousand students, started the UW science camp that drew students from around the country, and served as the head of the geology department during which time he was instrumental in establishing the Department of Geology and Geophysics as one of the best in the nation. He officially retired in 1963 although he remained active at the university until his death in 1975.

Knight was one of two hundred people nominated in the Citizen of the Century program. Statewide committees reviewed the nominations to select individuals in eleven different categories who made contributions to Wyoming during the past century. Knight was the winner in the category of Healthcare, Science & Technology.