

Hines Named to Receive Medallion Service Award

Thirty two years is a long time. An entire career for many people. Thirty two years is the length of the 'second' career of Paul O. Hines, the length of time he has dedicated to the advancement of education in Wyoming, from the Ft. Washakie School District on up to president of the University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees.

"I have always had an interest in our schools, and I wanted to be able to serve both my community and the state," Hines says. "I've always found it very interesting work, and I've enjoyed it."

This year, Hines was chosen to receive the Alumni Association's Medallion Service Award, presented for outstanding service and dedication to the University of Wyoming.

Paul O. Hines first came to Wyoming at the age of five, settling with his family in Lander. He attended school there, and worked for the Civil Conservation Corps as a camp supervisor in the 1930s. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Hines returned to Wyoming and purchased a mercantile store at Ft. Washakie. Once the new store was established, Hines plunged into his 'second career' in education.

From 1947 to 1967, Hines devoted himself to the betterment of education in Fremont County. During those 20 years, Hines served on the boards of the Ft. Washakie School District, Central Wyoming College, and Lander Valley. He was also a member of Governor Clifford Hansen's State Committee on Education, and served four years on the Wyoming School Board Association's Board of Directors.

In 1967, Governor Stan Hathaway appointed Hines to the University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees, beginning a 12-year tenure spanning some of the most formative and turbulent years in UW history. Hines served on virtually every Board committee, and was particularly effective in his work with the budget and physical plant committees.

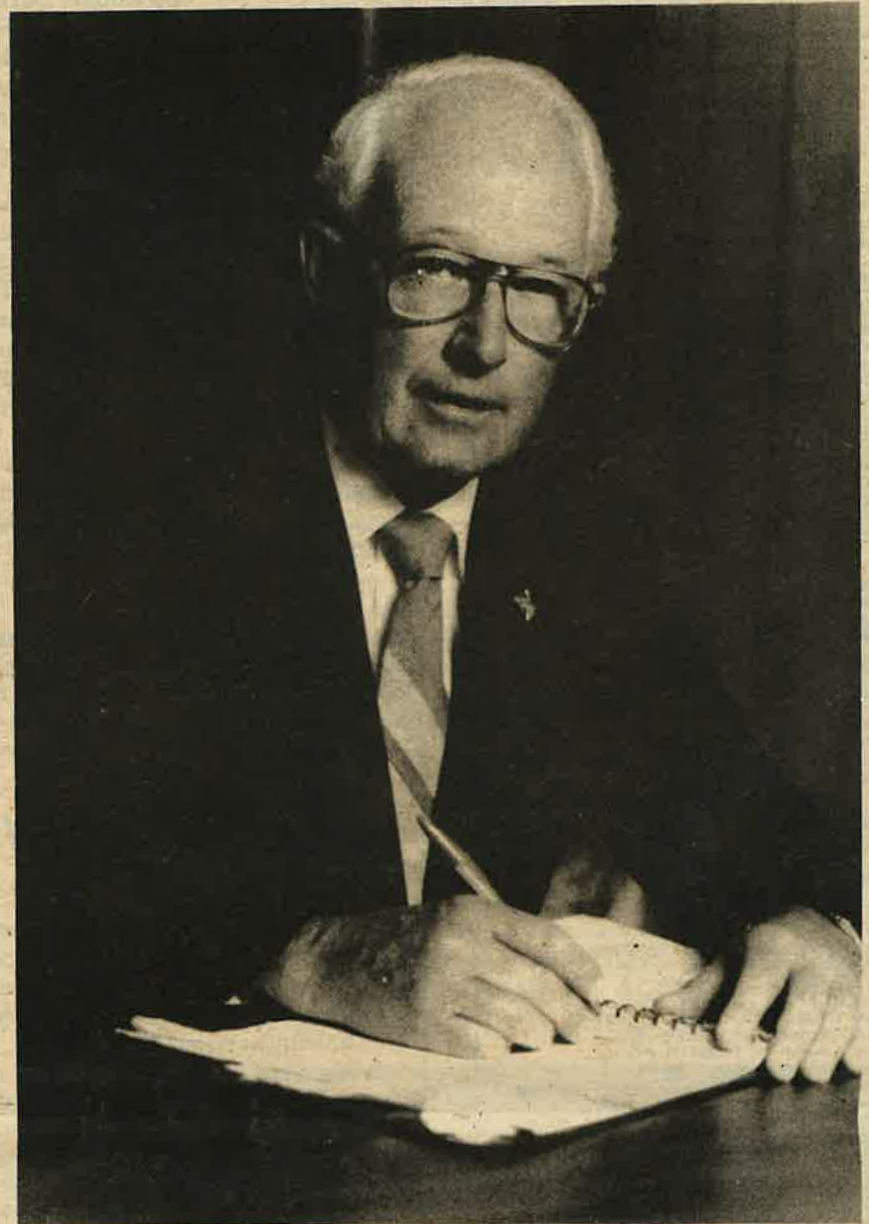
Hines took an active role in the University's building programs, understanding the need for the school to grow. "Building programs take a great deal of time," Hines says. "I feel that the improvement in UW's physical plant and the improved quality of the faculty are two of our most significant accomplishments."

Hines feels that the importance of a strong academic program at UW cannot be overstated. "As Trustees, we all tried to balance academics with athletics. I feel UW has made significant improvements in all academic areas, but particularly in the sciences and the humanities. While we didn't always agree, the Trustees were always able to come up with a consensus on what was right for the University."

Hines stressed the importance of understanding the opinions, priorities and goals of the students and faculty at UW, and was instrumental in the establishment of the UW Faculty Senate and the development of the Staff Council. During his last two years as a Trustee, Hines served as president of the Board, and was actively involved in the selection of Edward H. Jennings as UW's 19th president.

Hines and his wife Marjorie have three sons, Gary, (deceased), William L. and Donald D. They also have eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and Hines considers visiting with his family, golf and gardening as his avocations now that he is retired. He remains active, and currently serves on the board of Teton National Life Insurance Company.

After being named to receive the UW Alumni Association's Medallion Service Award for 1981, Hines commented, "I have always considered it a privilege and an honor to serve the University of Wyoming. I was pleased to be appointed to the Board of Trustees, and I always found it a stimulating and enjoyable experience."



Paul O. Hines, UW Alumni Association's 1981 Medallion Service Award recipient.