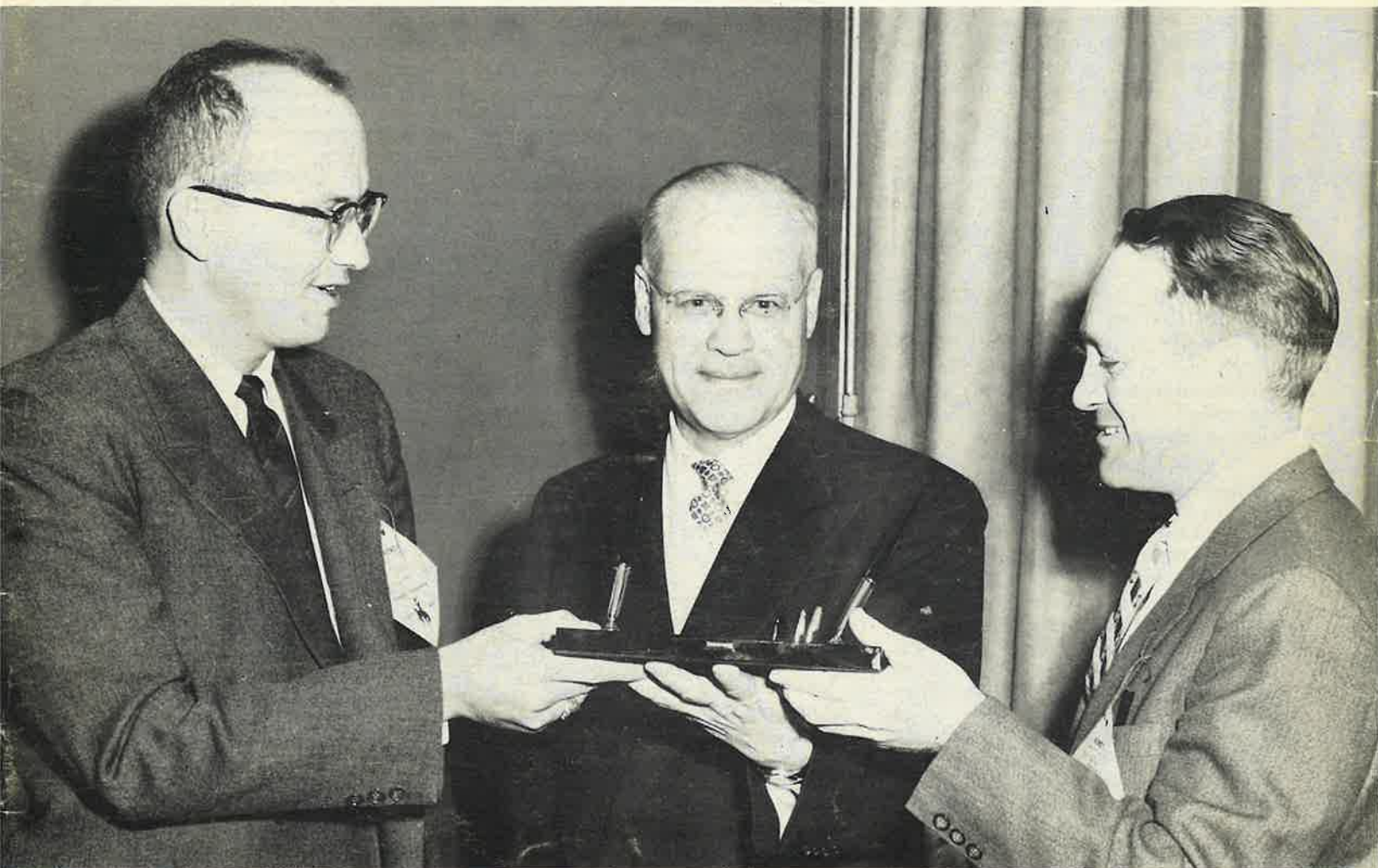


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Homecoming 1957

A FULL MEASURE of honor was accorded the Distinguished Alumnus at Homecoming, Oct. 18 and 19. Ralph E. McWhinnie, winner of the fifth distinguished Alumni Award, went from luncheons to dinners to receptions to accept congratulations from his many friends because of having won the award.

First, he attended the luncheon of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association at noon Friday and had a preview of the memento presented to him, a Shaeffer desk pen set. Next, he was formally presented with the award at the Homecoming Sing, just before the crowning of the queen. Saturday morning he occupied a car near the head of the parade, the 25-year reunion luncheon gave him a chance to see old friends, and at the football game in the afternoon he sat in President Humphrey's box. Following he greeted many more old friends at the Sigma Nu fraternity open house, and in the evening he attended the Alumni Reception.

Long-time registrar at the University, Mr. McWhinnie is known and loved by all alumni, for he has been greeting students at his office in Old Main since three months before he took his own degree in 1920. Active in the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Colorado-Wyoming Registrars' Association, the Masons, Rotary International, Sigma Nu fraternity, and the Episcopalian church, Mr. McWhinnie added one more to his long list of laurels. Mrs. McWhinnie, whom he calls his "coed", shared in the tributes to her husband.

Laramie Girl Named Queen

Roberta Green, Pi Phi from Laramie, was crowned queen of Homecoming following the Sing in the Fieldhouse. Her attendant was Edo Hanna, Kappa from Casper. Both girls enjoyed a whirlwind tour of the State, sponsored by the Ag and Home Ec clubs, and arrived back in Laramie only a short time before they were presented to the Sing audience.

Sigma Nu fraternity, Delta Delta Delta sorority and Lambda Delta Sigma won first honors in the Sing contest.

TKEs Win Parade Honors

A grand award, the Alumni Cup, offered for the first time this year to the outstanding float entered in the Homecoming parade, went to Tau Kappa Epsilon. The big cup will stay with



Dick Rasmussen, TKE representative, accepts Alumni Cup for outstanding float entered in Homecoming parade. Cup will travel to successive winners for ten years and be retained by any three-time winning group.

the TKE's until next year when it will travel to the next winner. Any one organization winning the award for three years out of ten will become its owner.

Winners in the women's division of competition in the parade in the categories of most beautiful, most original, and most humorous were, respectively, Knight Hall, Delta Delta Delta, and Kappa Delta. Winners in the men's and coeducational division in the same categories were Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa, and Lambda Delta Sigma. Doug Johnson was in charge of parade arrangements.

Class of '32 Gets Together

Changes during the past 25 years were noted and compared by members of the class of 1932 at a reunion luncheon held in Knight Hall cafeteria following the parade, under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. J. McGaw of Laramie. Nearly 60 members of this class and their families enjoyed this get-together.

Winner of the Alumni Cup, given for the most outstanding float entered in the Homecoming parade, was Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The float featured pretty girls and a golden motif. It also won first in the most beautiful float in the men's and coeducational group.



Education grads from the University enjoyed tea at open house in the Education lounge following the Homecoming football game. Left to right, Marian Yule, home economics teacher at University high school; Jerry Hand, LLB '57, assistant to Judge Pickett; Dr. George Hollister, director of undergraduate teacher education at the University; Agnes Troughton, BA '57, Laramie teacher; Dr. Clarence Jayne, University supervisor of adult education; Anna Mae Wiggins, BA '57, teacher at Harmony school; James L. Wiggins, student; Ruth Linder, former teacher in University school; Janet Bradley, BA '57, Cheyenne teacher; Robert L. Laughlin; Dr. Frank Kraus, head of the Wyoming teacher placement service.



Roberta Green, left girl, sophomore from Laramie, was crowned Queen of Homecoming. With her is Bob Rolston, president of ASUW. Edo Hanna, Casper sophomore, was queen's attendant. On her right is Mason Skiles, president of the Ag Club, sponsors, along with the Home Ec Club, of the queen's tour.





Fifty-year and more graduates of the University enjoyed a pleasant round of activities at Homecoming on the campus this year. A total of 15 old grads were present. Shown here, left to right, standing, are John McKinley Jones, '07, Bryan, Texas; Harry Houston, '00, Laramie; E. E. Fitch, '97, Laramie, president of the club; Mrs. Agnes Brebner Henkell, '05, Laramie; Mrs. Margaret Lothian Smith, '03, Buffalo; Miss Amy Abbot, '07, Laramie. Second row, Mrs. Margaret McIntosh Boice, '07, Cheyenne; Mrs. John McKinley Jones; Mrs. Florence Christian Wormwood, '01, Glendo; Mrs. Mabel Cheney Moudy, '00, Laramie. Holding 1907 banner, Mrs. Ann Reid Bare, '07, Ft. Collins; Mrs. Neva Ford Miller, '07, Laramie. Present, but not in the picture, were Vice-Adm. Emory S. Land, '98, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Ida Langheldt Sevison, '07, Cheyenne.

Fifty Year Grads Enjoy Homecoming

FIFTEEN GRADUATES of the University of fifty and more years ago attended the reunion and dinner this year. This number is the largest to attend in any of the five years since the meeting has been held. Largest previous number was nine.

Six members of the class of 1907, honor class of the year, who attended marked the largest percentage of any class to come to the reunion. Only three living members of the class were unable to be present.

President and Mrs. G. D. Humphrey entertained the Golden Anniversary group and their guests along with members of the Alumni Board of Directors at a dinner at Knight Hall cafeteria Friday night. Those people who were making their half-century anniversary for the first time received diamond pins from Dr. Humphrey in honor of the occasion.

Following the dinner all of the fifty-year graduates were special guests at the Homecoming Sing, rode in the parade on Saturday morning, and occupied honored seats at the football game in the afternoon.

Vice-Admiral Emory S. Land, BS '98, who lives in Washington, D. C., traveled the longest distance to be present, closely followed by John McKinley Jones, BS '07, from Bryan, Texas. E. E. Fitch, BS '97, of Laramie, is the first graduate to attend this reunion on his sixtieth anniversary.

Distinguished Alumnus Reports

By R. E. McWHINNIE
1957 Outstanding Alumnus

BY WAY OF REACTION, this Alumni Award represents an enjoyable occupation and pleasant type of work when it is available, seldom though that may be.

Twenty-four hours before Homecoming started Director William Bragg visited me on an unannounced mission, reporting at some length the new plan of Alumni presentation whereby the Award would be made at the Sing rather than at the Game, purporting to seek my opinion on the change. At that time I was about to unload a lengthy dissertation on him as to why the award might well go to some one not connected with the University. He quieted me by pulling out an envelope containing a two-page letter announcing my selection from which fell a shower of guest tickets for various Homecoming events. By way of surprise my case for a recipient outside the University community rapidly evaporated.

So many different well qualified and worthy alumni might have been chosen as this year's winner that it is my conclusion that fate and fortune favored

me. This manifestation of the confidence and good will on the part of fellow grads, associates and other friends of long standing imposes on any award recipient a heavy responsibility of humility.

A three-fold sense of appreciation follows in the path of this recognition. A most grateful acknowledgment is due and extended to an understanding and generous Alumni Association Board of Directors and the unnamed screening committee on which the Board depended.

The warm and cordial felicitations of friends and well-wishers, both the personal greetings and the cards and notes, have been an enjoyable aspect of this experience. To all these generous expressions we echo and re-echo thank you.

Facing up to the fact that the University of Wyoming has been good to me brings the most abiding sense of

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R. E. McWhinnie, BA '20, well-known registrar at the University, received the Outstanding Alumni Award at Homecoming this year. Mr. and Mrs. McWhinnie enjoyed a whirlwind of activities in connection with award winning.



Campus Highlights

The Ancient and Beneficent Order of the Red Red Rose, a "strictly for fun" group of educators from the University and schools throughout the state, initiated 36 new members at the University Recreation Camp on Oct. 12. Among other initiates was William F. Bragg, Jr., director of alumni relations. Total membership in the order is now 94.

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Early records of the Hanna State and Savings bank and the Wyoming Timber company were recently given to the University archives by C. D. Williamson, chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Laramie. The collection includes a number of valuable early documents.

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The contract to improve the Power Plant on the University campus was awarded to the Stapp Engineering corporation of Denver at the meeting of the Board of Trustees meeting in October. Work will get underway soon.

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Ottis H. Rechar, dean of arts and sciences at the University, was appointed director of curriculum at the summer meeting of the Board of Trustees. In his new duties, Dean Rechar will serve as chairman of the course committee, collect information concerning courses and curricula, study teaching

loads and course offerings, provide President Humphrey with pertinent information concerning curricula and course offerings, and consult with deans on curricular matters.

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Roy Chamberlain from Lusk, a member of the University Board of Trustees, was elected president of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions at a meeting held in Boulder, Colo., in October.

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The cornerstone of the William Robertson Coe Library and School of American Studies building (incorrectly designated in the September issue of the *Alumnews* as the "A. V. Robertson Coe"

library) was laid on Oct. 5. Special guests were Gov. Milward Simpson and the Board of Trustees. Gov. Simpson, Jim Ranz, director of the library, Richard L. Hillier, chairman of the faculty library committee, and Robert Walker, acting director of the School of American Studies, all spoke. President G. D. Humphrey listed the contents of the box containing representative University publications which were placed in the cornerstone. The new building, which has been under construction for a year, is expected to be ready for occupancy in September, 1958. Funds for the building came from a special gift from Mr. Coe and federal oil royalty funds.

Governor Milward L. Simpson, BA '21, addresses the crowd at the cornerstone laying of the new William Robertson Coe Library and School of American Studies on the campus in October. The new building facing west, directly south of the Union Building, is to be completed next year.



UW's Redhead—

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joyed by Wyoming teams and athletic personnel.

Red is high in NCAA councils and a member of the Olympic committee. No director is more influential in the Sky-line conference, nor more respected. He has encouraged his administrative staff members and coaches to participate in NCAA and other professional affairs on a national level to the benefit of the University.

Red, at 50, is still a fiercely competitive athlete, as his golf, handball and squash opponents will testify, and if he hadn't been Wyoming's Athletic Director, he would have been a well-paid executive in almost any field you can mention.

When you sum it all up, the reason for his success and for Wyoming's athletic progress is that he likes to think and to plan, to work and to play.

Amelia Earhart

Scholarship Offered

The annual Amelia Earhart Scholarship is being offered by Zonta International again this year to graduate women students in the field of aeronautical engineering. Twenty-three awards have been made since the scholarship was established in 1938, and many of the recipients have done excellent work as women engineers in the aircraft industry. Awards will be given to women with bachelor's degrees for use at any graduate school approved by the scholarship committee. Application forms may be secured from Dr. Helen Pearce, Zonta International, 490 Oak St. S.E., Salem, Ore.

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gratitude associated with this privilege. In my case the University has truly been an Alma Mater in the fullest meaning of that heart-warming reference. Forty-one years ago our Alma Mater took me in as a Freshman, launching my college career under six friendly and effective instructors whom I shall never forget. It has provided me with a life work whereby it has been my privilege to know and to make friends for two score years among successive generations of Wyoming's younger citizens.

Thus this personal recognition including the beautiful two-pen desk set suitably inscribed is accepted with thanks in a humble spirit of salutation to our University of Wyoming and its entire history of seventy years of progress, achievement and meaningful contributions to the lives of its graduates.