

# Distinguished Alumni

**F**OUR GRADUATES of the University were named Distinguished Alumni Award winners at Homecoming this year. They are Mrs. Fred Boice, Sr., Curt Gowdy, General Samuel C. Phillips, and Dr. Robert H. Burns. The four received engraved desk pen sets.

Mrs. Boice, who received the award in the field of humanities, was born Margaret McIntosh in Slater, Colo. She was graduated from the University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1907.

Following graduation from the University, she earned a second degree from Wellesley College. In Boston, Mass., she began her career as a professional concert singer, teacher of voice, and chorus. From the time of her marriage to Fred Boice of Wyoming until his death in 1957 she assisted him in operating a large cattle business.

During her lifetime she has been a leader in many movements for Wyoming's social progress. She was a member of the original Community Chest board in Cheyenne, the original organization board of Cheyenne's YWCA, and the first committees to organize the Wyoming Cancer Society and the Wyoming Society of Crippled Children and Adults. She has worked tirelessly for highway safety, the Red Cross, and the Community Chest.

A charter member of the Wyoming Cow-Belles and a past president, she was on the committee to establish a college of nursing at UW.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Boice has remained active in music and musical organizations. She directed the Cheyenne Presbyterian church choir for 29 years and is a member of the Rocky Mountain Regional Auditions board of the National Council of the Metropolitan Opera.

**B**ORN IN GREEN RIVER, Mr. Gowdy is a radio and TV announcer for the Boston Red Sox. Between seasons he does stints in football and basketball. He has fulfilled a contract this season to broadcast the American Football League pro game of the week over ABC.

He received the award in the field of business and industry.

Before his graduation in 1942, he was an active sports participant on the University's basketball, baseball and tennis teams. He began his broadcasting career in 1944 with station KFBC in Cheyenne and went from there to Oklahoma City to cover football, basketball and baseball for Oklahoma University. In 1949 he won a national audition for broadcaster with Mel Allen on the New York Yankee baseball games.

In 1951 he accepted his present position with the Red Sox, now his permanently favorite team.

His awards in broadcasting are numerous. In 1958 he was named top sportscaster in the country by Look Magazine; in 1956 one of the top three by the New York Daily News; and in 1954 the nation's outstanding

sports announcer by the New York Times.

Mr. Gowdy has been active in charity projects and is a trustee of the Boston Children's Cancer Research Foundation.

**A** UNIVERSITY GRADUATE of 1942, General Phillips became the youngest general officer on active duty with the armed forces when he received the star of a Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force in September, 1961. He was 40 years old. His award was in the scientific and professional field.

General Phillips entered pilot training immediately after graduation from the University. During an extended tour of combat duty he earned the distinguished flying cross and oak leaf cluster, air medal with seven oak leaf clusters, and croix de guerre.

After the war, General Phillips remained in Europe, assigned to theatre headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, until July 1947. Returning to the U. S., he joined the Air Materiel Command's engineering division and remained at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, until 1956.

From 1956-59 he served in England as chief of logistics for Strategic Air Command's 7th air division.

Since his return to the United States in 1959, he has been director of the Minuteman program at the ballistic missile division, Air Research and Development Command, Los Angeles, Calif.

**D**R. ROBERT H. BURNS, who received the award in the field of education, was cited for his internationally-recognized educational and research accomplishments with sheep and wool.

A 1920 graduate of the University, Dr. Burns has been a member of the faculty since 1924. Raised on a ranch southwest of Laramie, he earned his master's degree from Iowa State College and his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in animal genetics. In 1938-39 he worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on wool shrinkage.

Again in 1946 he was a government livestock consultant on the China-U. S. Agricultural Mission and went to China for six months to organize a program for research, teaching and extension work in agriculture there.

He spent three months in Iran in 1949 making a survey of agricultural conditions in that country, and two years (1956-58) in Afghanistan as chief of party of the University team setting up Kabul University.

Dr. Burns is the author of several books on Wyoming history and of numerous articles on sheep and wool.

All four of the Burns' children attended the University, and all of them were present to see their father receive the award.



Four vice presidents of the Alumni Association presented awards to four Distinguished Alumni of 1962 in the fieldhouse following the Sing. Standing at the podium is Alan Simpson, alumni president. Seated left to right are Dick Brown, alumni director, Art Dalgarno, General Samuel Phillips, Bob Bath, Mrs. Fred Boice, Leonard McEwan, Curt Gowdy, Dr. Robert H. Burns, and Des Bennion.



Lambda Delta Sigma's parade entry, a huge boot to "Stomp Arizona," won first in the coed division.



For the second time SAE won the trophy for best overall float. Keyed to the parade theme, "Century 21," it portrayed "Progress in Power," a windmill, light bulb, and orbiting of the earth.

First place in the women's division went to Gamma Phi Beta for its "Facts of the Future," a computer showing UW the game winner.

