1965 Distinguished Alumni

THREE GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY were named Distinguished Alumni at Homecoming this year. Dr. Lyle S. Powell, and Burton W. Marston received the award following the Homecoming Sing. G. Edward Pendray, who was unable to be on the campus, received his at an alumni meeting in New York City, Nov. 12.

Dr. Powell, a graduate of 1921, is a practicing ophthalmologist in San Diego, Calif. He has been in practice in San Diego since 1947, when he moved there from a practice in Lawrence, Kansas. He received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska in 1925 and has done graduate study in ophthalmology at Harvard and the University of Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Powell served in both World War I and II, interrupting his college career for service in 1916. In 1935 he received an appointment to do eye surgery in clinics in India. This experience in the Far East added greatly to his knowledge of eye surgery. During the second World War he served in the Army Medical Corps as commander of the 13th General Hospital in the States and as surgeon of the central command in the China theatre.

He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, World Medical Association, American Medical Association and other medical societies.

He has published some 40 medical and scientific articles and monographs as well as a book on the campaign in China entitled “Surgeon in Wartime China.” He has served as a member and officer in numerous civic and church organizations.

Mr. Marston, a graduate of 1920, served the University agricultural extension service for 30 years, retiring in 1958. A former Platte County 4-H Club agent and Johnson County Agricultural agent, he helped foster development of county and state 4-H leaders’ councils which have since provided grassroots guidance to the state-wide program, promoted increased membership, and expanded the state organization’s program of projects, activities and awards.

Active since his retirement, he has completed a 50-year history of the Wyoming 4-H program, earned a National Conservation Award from the Isaak Walton League of America, (he is past president of the Wyoming Division and currently chairman of the League’s public lands committee), and is active in Rotary, American Legion, the Laramie Chamber of Commerce, Reserve Officers’ Association, (he served in both World Wars), the Masonic Lodge, church affairs, and is a member of the local United Fund executive committee.

Mr. Marston is a member of the Bureau of Land Management advisory council and of the governor’s advisory council to the Congressional Public Land Law Review Commission.

He and Mrs. Marston, the former Beatrice Dana,
Homecoming Highlights

A GOLDEN DAY, HAPPY CROWDS of people, a spirit of comradship, characterized Homecoming this year. Because the day was one of those perfect October days that come often to Laramie, every paper napkin on every float stayed perfectly in place more people flocked to the campus than it has been for many a year and good fellowship prevailed. Besides the Pokes won the ball game. What more is needed to make a perfect Homecoming?

People having fun ... the not-so-old grads in the classes of '24, '25, '26 and '27 undoubtedly had the biggest time of any group getting together. Ruth Atwell Orr worked for an entire year to make the reunion a success, and her highest hopes were realized. More than 80 people, including husbands and wives had dinner together at Knight Hall and compared notes on the last 35 to 40 years. Dan Ingraham from Sheridan did an excellent job as mc.

Four grads of 50 years ago got golden anniversary pins at a reception at Dr. and Mrs. Fey's home on Friday night. Many more of the old grads attended the affair, including Verner Rowland from Denver, who had never made a 50-year reunion before. The class of '55 found many old friends in the group attending a reunion at the Connor Saturday night.

Winners ... Sigma Chi, Chi Omega and Gamma Delta in the parade. The parade theme of "Broadway Hits Wyoming" offered an excellent chance for elaborate floats, and not an entrant muffed the chance. Sing winners were Ross Hall, independent, first and grand sweeps stakes winner, Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Greatest winner of all ... Eileen Feighny, Alpha Chi Omega, Homecoming queen, who performed like true royalty at the Iron Skull Skid, and the football game. She and her attendants, Marty Simpson, Pi Beta Phi, and Babette Numan, Delta Delta Delta, won the hearts of every resident of the northeastern part of the state when they visited Buffalo, Sheridan, Gillette, Lusk, Newcastle, Wheatland and Casper on the queen's tour.

Some interesting sidelights ... Mrs. Mable Moudy, class of 1900, watching the football game with as much interest as she must have displayed 65 years ago when she watched the boys scamper among the rocks on the old playing field about where Arts and Sciences is now; the sisters, children and grandchildren of the Distinguished Alumni grinning proudly when the awards were made; scarcely a vacant seat in the west stands at the football game and the bleachers in the end zones nearly filled; some grads from as late as 1964 at the Alumni Reception—an event that was formerly considered the province of the "old grads"; Mrs. Verna Hitchcock and Mrs. David Hitchcock, as hostesses of this affair, seemed to be everywhere.

Person most missed during the whole weekend ... G. Edward Pendray from New York, who was due to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award and couldn't get away from business at home. Thing most needed for the weekend ... more hotel and motel rooms.

BS '18, have one daughter, Nancy (Mrs. Gerald Palm) of Elk Mountain. She and her husband are both alumni of the University. The Marstons live in Laramie.

Mr. Pendray, a graduate of 1924, is senior partner in Pendray and Company, a public relations firm which has served industrial companies, professional, educational and technical organizations, foundations, and associations since it was founded in 1945.

Before starting his own firm, Pendray was public relations assistant to the president of Westinghouse Electric Corp. for nine years. He conceived and directed the famous Time Capsule program for the earlier New York World's Fair.

Mr. Pendray is one of the country's foremost proponents of rockets and jet propulsion, with which he has been associated since 1930. His books, articles, and speeches on the subject did much to lift rockets out of the comic strips and turn them into one of the nation's major industries.

He was one of the organizers of the American Rocket Society, the national organization of rocket and jet propulsion engineers, edited its technical publication, and served as its president. He helped design and construct the first liquid fuel rocket launched by the Society.

Born in Nebraska in 1901, Mr. Pendray received his master's degree from Columbia University in 1925. In 1948 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Wyoming. He has recently been named Public Relations Professional of 1964 by Public Relations News in New York and given the Distinguished Service Award of the Public Relations Society of America.

G. Edward Pendray, BA '20, received the Distinguished Alumni Award in science at an alumni meeting in New York City, Nov. 12.