Three Alumni Recognized For Achievement

A N ARTIST, a consulting engineer, and a retired faculty member at the University received Distinguished Alumni Awards at Homecoming this year.

Connie Schwiering, Wyoming's most noted artist and painter of scenes in the Teton Mountains received the award in the field of humanities.

Wayman Wing, a fourth generation Chinese-American and native of Evanston, was named outstanding in the field of business and industry. Dr. Carl Cinnamon, longtime head of the UW physics department, was honored for achievement in the field of education.

Schwiering, one of the country's most successful western artists, took his degree from UW in 1938, having grown up in Laramie, where his father, Dr. O. C. Schwiering, was dean of the college of education.

Having studied at the Art Students League and the Grand Central School of Art in New York City, from 1939 until his military service in 1941, he and his wife, the former Mary Ethel Smith, a UW graduate with the class of 1937, moved back to Wyoming and chose Jackson Hole as the ideal spot for an artist to take up residence.

The Schwierings moved to Jackson Hole in the spring of 1947 and began the building of a home and studio on a knob just off Antelope Flats eight miles from the Grand Teton, with one of the most magnificent views in the world.

Schwiering has had many one-man shows throughout the United States. This year has been a banner year for exhibits. Dr. Harold McCracken, director of the Whitney Gallery of Western Arts in Cody, has displayed for the second time a group of five paintings in the western museum. The artist has been invited to show at the Gilcrease Institute in Tulsa, Okla., and in Chicago.

In 1968 the artist was named "Man of the Year in the Arts" at the national conclave of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He belongs to the American Institute of Fine Arts, the Society of Western Artists, and the Wyoming Artists Association. He is serving on the Wyoming State Art Gallery Council and the Grand Teton Natural History Association and is a member of the Wyoming State Historical Society.

Wing, who took his BS degree from UW in 1947, is head of a consulting engineering company in New York City. Since he established his business some 10 years ago, the firm has been responsible for the structural engineering on over $600 million worth of construction. These include the San Francisco Hilton Hotel, the Washington Hilton, the Hartford National Bank, the Indonesian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, and many others. The company does a great deal of construction work overseas for Hilton, Pan American and other companies.

His awards include a first prize in the New York area from the Consulting Engineers Council competition for the structural design of the first flexible, earthquake-absorbent frame on the Sheraton University Hotel in Los Angeles in 1968.
His company received a special award from the Concrete Industry Board of New York in 1968 for construction of the first all-concrete school in the City of New York.

During 1969 he received two awards for solution of special construction problems in the Portland, Maine, Municipal Airport and at the Hudson River Museum and Library.

This month he will receive the Engineer of the Year Award from the New York Society of Professional Engineers.

Wing grew up in Evanston, Wyoming, but has lived in New York for 20 years. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was discharged as a captain. He holds his master’s degree from Stanford University.

His family includes his wife, a 19-year-old daughter Sandra, and a 16-year-old son Roger.

Dr. Cinnamon, who took his bachelor’s from UW in 1925 and his master’s in 1930, was a member of the University faculty for 44 years, retiring in 1969 as professor of physics. He had served as head of the department from 1946 until 1965, when he requested full time teaching.

During his long tenure the department of physics grew from one that had two staff members and two laboratories in the basement of Old Main to a department which was approved for offering a doctorate program in the spring of 1965.

From 1950-60 he was director of Radiological Defense Training for the Wyoming Civil Defense Agency. He trained the first civilian Air Borne Radiological Defense Unit, for which he received a presidential citation for outstanding service.

Dr. Cinnamon was a member of the committee which was successful in obtaining the first nuclear reactor on the campus in 1959, and he was one of the first licensed reactor operators in Wyoming.

From 1959 to 1967 Dr. Cinnamon was director of the National Science Foundation and Atomic Energy Commission sponsored summer institutes in radiation biology at the University of Wyoming. In 1968 he received the Standard Oil Foundation Award for outstanding undergraduate teaching.

He and Mrs. Cinnamon, the former Ruth Davis, who took her normal degree from Wyoming in 1922, have two children, both of whom graduated from UW. A son, Carl D., received his BS in 1957 and his MS in 1960 and now lives in Seattle. Mrs. Robert Davis (Ruth) received her degree in 1950 and lives in Arlington, Mass. Cinna- mons have continued to live in Laramie since his retire-