1971 Distinguished Alumni

The Distinguished Alumnus Award in the humanities went to Miss Gertrude Gould; in science to Dr. Reed Rollins; in education to Dr. Robert MacVicar; and in business and industry to Edward H. Clay. All four alumni received their awards at the All-Alumni luncheon on the campus at Homecoming.

Miss Gould, who took her MS degree from UW in 1932, taught for 37 years in the Colleges of Education, Arts and Sciences and Nursing. She retired in 1964 from the College of Nursing and was named professor Emeritus.

While she was on the College of education faculty she served on the Nursing Education Committee whose work culminated in the establishment of the UW program in nursing in 1951.

Following her retirement she served as a nurse in the Peace Corps in Brazil from 1964 to 1966. She helped establish a nursing program in the South American country.

In 1970 she was elected Wyoming’s candidate to compete with 39 other state entries in a search by the American Nurses’ Association for the nurse most involved in raising the level of social or health services in her community. She has been secretary of the Albany County Hospital District Board of Trustees since 1968 and actively campaigned for the hospital bond election which passed in 1969. She assisted in organizing the community Comprehensive Health Planning Committee prior to the hospital campaign.

Active in Mortar Board and Alpha Chi Omega sorority on the campus, she was chosen an honorary member of the Mortar Board Chapter in 1968. She was treasurer of the Alpha Chi Omega building corporation and fulfilled a term as Province president in The Rocky Mountain Region.

The award recipient earned her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Idaho and her Master of Nursing degree from Yale School of Nursing. Her home is in Laramie.

Rollins graduated with honor from the University in 1933, earned his master’s from Washington State University and a Ph.D. from Harvard.

An authority in the field of plant systematics and evolution, Rollins is director of the Gray Herbarium and has been Asa Gray Professor of systematic botany at Harvard University since 1954.

He joined the Harvard faculty in 1948; from 1955 to 1966 he was Chairman of the Institute for Research in General Plant Morphology, was chairman of the Institute of Plant Sciences from 1965 until 1969, and since 1967 has been supervisor of the Bussey Institution as well as director of the herbarium.
Dr. Rollins was president of the Section on Nomenclature of the XIth International Botanical Congress held in Edinburgh in 1964 and was vice chairman of the National Committee and president of the nomenclature section at the XIth International Botanical Congress in Seattle in 1969. He received a congress medal from the president of that Congress.

Rollins is the author of the revised edition of Fernald and Kinsey’s “Edible Wild Plants of North America” and has published numerous articles and technical papers in professional journals. He was editor-in-chief of the Journal Rhodora from 1950 to 1963.

He and Mrs. Rollins have two children and reside in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

President of Oregon State University in Corvallis, Dr. MacVicar received his BA degree from UW in 1939, his master’s from Oklahoma State University and his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He was named a Rhodes Scholar for graduate work at Oxford University but declined the nomination because of World War II.

Before going to Oregon in 1970 he was chancellor of Southern Illinois University’s Carbondale campus. He was vice president for academic affairs on the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses in Illinois. He was on the Oklahoma State University staff for 21 years prior to going to Illinois, as dean of the Graduate School and as vice president for academic affairs.

He was the first director of the Oklahoma Frontiers of Science Foundation and is credited with launching many of that organization’s programs which won national acclaim for efforts to improve high school and college science and mathematics programs.

A member of many national educational and scientific organizations, he has served as a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education, the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation. He is a director of the Central Midwestern Regional Educational Laboratory.

He and Mrs. MacVicar have two children and reside in Corvallis.

Clay, who took his degree from UW in 1938, is regional vice president for sales and services for the Pacific Northwest region of United Air Lines. In his fourth decade of association with United, Clay’s experience covers all major aspects of airline operations and customer services.

He joined United as a steward at Salt Lake City in 1938. He has been located in San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver and Honolulu. In Chicago he was manager of operations planning at the company’s headquarters. In Honolulu he served as area manager of customer services for the Pacific Region and supervised United’s contract operations for the Military Airlift Command.

He assumed his present post in Seattle in August, 1969. He is a member of the board of directors of Greater Seattle, Inc., Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ranier Club.

During his military service in World War II he attained the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army and continues in the inactive Army Reserve. He fought in the European African Middle East Theater. He has participated in Boy Scout and Little League baseball activities.

He and Mrs. Clay have three children and make their home in Bellevue, Wash.