THREE ALUMNI RECEIVED Distinguished Alumnus Awards at Homecoming this year. They are Ernest M. Hilton, in the field of business, Judge James E. Barrett, in the field of public service, and Congressman Teno Roncalio, in the professional field.

Ernest Hilton was born in Crook County and earned his BA in education from UW in 1933 and his Master's in 1936. He taught junior high at Cheyenne and was later principal of Alta Vista School in Cheyenne. Prior to studying for his Ed.D. degree at New York University, he taught and was principal of the University Elementary School.

For 10 years he was a member of the faculty of the University of New York College at Fredonia and then became dean of the College of Education. He continued as a teacher in the public schools at Orchard Park, N.Y., and was adjunct professor of education at the University of Buffalo.

In 1958 he entered publishing at World Book Company as chief book editor. That company was merged with Harcourt Brace in 1960 and successively he was chief elementary editor, executive editor, and editor-in-chief of the school department of Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc. In 1970 the company changed its name to Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. He served as vice president, secretary of the corporation and finally as a member of the corporate board.

Since 1969 he has worked with subsidiaries of HBJ. In 1971 he became president of Instructor Publications, Inc., and publisher of INSTRUCTOR magazine, the leading professional magazine for elementary teachers, with a circulation of 300,000. He is also chairman of Beckley-Cardy, a Chicago subsidiary, which publishes textbooks and manufactures school supplies.


He and his wife, the former Helen Howard, are the parents of three grown sons. They are now making their home in upper New York state at Naples.

Judge Barrett was appointed Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, on April 23, 1971. Prior to that time he was Wyoming’s attorney general from April 1, 1967 to April 19, 1971 and had practiced law in Lusk after receiving his JD degree from the University in 1949. Son of the late Frank A. Barrett, former Congressman, Governor and U.S. Senator, Judge Barrett served nearly three terms as Niobrara County attorney and as town attorney for Lusk.

Judge Barrett has always been active in programs of the Boy Scouts, the American Red Cross and the March of Dimes. He is a past president of the Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys Association and for years, has been a trustee of St. Leo’s Catholic Church in Lusk.

On two occasions he was elected and served as chairman of the 11 Western States Conference of Attorneys General. At the present time Barrett is serving as a trustee of St. Joseph’s Children’s Home in Torrington.
Prowling the Pasture

SAMUEL H. KNIGHT, who took his BS degree from the University in 1913, has achieved yet another honor. The Trustees voted to name the geology building where Doc Knight spent so many years in his honor. It will now be known as the S. H. Knight Geology Building.

Now professor emeritus, Knight was for many years head of the geology department and is given credit for the development of the University’s outstanding geology program.

Knight has been on the UW campus either as the child of a faculty member, as a young student, as a college student, or as a member of the faculty for 81 years of the University’s 86 years of existence. His father was a faculty member from 1892 until his death in 1903, and his mother was dean of women. Knight Hall was named in her honor.

UW’s senior faculty member in years of service, Knight was born in Laramie July 31, 1892. His accomplishments include the founding of a science camp in the Snowy Range west of Laramie and the establishment of a geology museum featuring life-sized dinosaurs reconstructed by Knight. The summer science camp, now nearing its 50th year, also bears Knight’s name.

Although he officially retired in 1963, Knight for many years continued to teach a beginning course in geology and is still pursuing active research. A hallmark of his lectures was his unfailing ability to draw a perfect circle on a chalkboard without any mechanical aids.

THE ERNEST H. LINFORD AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN JOURNALISM has been established by the UW chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism professional fraternity, and awarded to Phil Riske, BA ’73, for the first time.

Riske has been a member of radio station KOJO staff for the past two years—while he was attending UW. He has also been editor of the Laramie Boomerang and has had radio experience in Cheyenne and Pueblo, Colo.

Linford, for whom the award is named, attended UW in the late ’20s and was head of the UW journalism department from 1967 until his retirement last summer. He worked on Wyoming newspapers for 20 years and was on the staff of the Salt Lake Tribune for nearly 20 years. His latest position there was as editor of the editorial page.

Noted for his conservation writing, Linford won a number of awards during his newspaper career. In 1946 he was selected to study at Harvard University on a Nieman Fellowship. He was cited for both community service and courage in journalism by Sigma Delta Chi and in 1966 won awards from the Scripps-Howard...