Elliot G. Hays

"This is a real thrill for me ... I can't think of a higher honor than to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wyoming." After 36 years of service to the University, Ellice G. Hays, BS '35 is receiving a recognition he richly deserves.

Hays' love affair with UW actually began in 1936, when he graduated from high school and began attending the University. But 1936 was the height of the Great Depression, and he had to quit school to help with the family ranch in Carbon County.

A Wyoming native, Hays' family first settled in Carbon County back in 1872. Hays was born in Savery on March 14, 1919, and he grew up on the family ranch, developing a love for the Wyoming lifestyle and the outdoors of this part of the country. After working on the ranch for several years, Hays served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1941-45, and returned to Laramie. For good.

"I was back in school in 1943, and I took my first job with the University in 1946 – I was just a few hours short of graduation. I started out as a clerk in the Accounting Office. With the influx of veterans following World War II, it was an exciting time in the University's history, and I had an opportunity to participate in the school's growth."

By 1955, Hays had received his BS in Business Administration, and by 1967 he had moved through the ranks to his present position, Vice President for Finance and Deputy Treasurer to the Board of Trustees of the University. He also serves as Treasurer to the University of Wyoming Foundation.

"I hope I have helped to lend stability to the support systems here at the University, enabling the school to function smoothly. We have built a very good staff here at UW, one that I am very proud of."

Hays has worked on a number of important projects for the University and the State, including his dedication to the improvement of the state retirement system, revenue bond programs and working closely with the Wyoming State Legislature on the financial needs of the University. He feels UW is in a unique position among the nation's scolleges and universities.

"The University has a very close relationship with the people of Wyoming, and the importance of this relationship cannot be overemphasized," Hays states.

"Wyoming's people have a strong commitment to higher education, and this has resulted in the high quality of education available here at the University and at the state's community colleges. The people of Wyoming view education as a vital asset, the cultural enrichment we offer and practical research available here at the University are terribly important."

John David Love

He is recognized as one of Wyoming's most eminent scientists; he is the world's leading authority on the geology of Jackson Hole, and has devoted more than 40 years to the study of Wyoming's geology. In these and many more ways, John David Love, BA '35, MA '36, is in the University family.

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Yvonnecoming parade prior to receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, one homecoming parade many years ago will stand out in his mind. "I vividly recall my last homecoming parade," Love says. "It was a student at the time, dressed in an Indian costume and riding bareback on what proved to be a 'wild' horse. Just as I passed the judges' stand, I was kicked off very spectacularly. Luckily, all the bruises have disappeared over the last forty years. Perhaps I can be more dignified this time."

Patrick J. Queally, Jr.

"UW will never be the largest university...but we can work towards becoming the finest." This is Patrick J. Queally, Jr.'s vision for the University of Wyoming, one that highlights the role importance of academic excellence.

Queally, BA '53, has been associated with the University for nearly 50 years, and has served on the Board of Trustees for 15 of those years. He has seen the University through some of its most difficult times, and through some of its most exciting and prosperous periods.

"I started with the University in its early days," Queally remembers. "Times which seem simple and uncomplicated when compared with today. I remember my first year on the Board of Trustees in 1946. The unrest of the 1960s was serious for the school, but the years since then have been exciting. We've made tremendous advances in academic areas."

A life-long resident of Kemmerer, Wyoming, Queally was born on August 12, 1912. He received his B.A. from the University of Wyoming in 1933, and went on to earn his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1937. Never content to just watch from the sidelines, Queally took a strong interest in activities at UW almost immediately, serving as Vice President of ASUW in 1932, 33, and as President of Theta Alpha Phi, the dramatic society. He even received the "Best Actor" award during his senior year. Queally was also a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Queally has been a member of the Wyoming and Utah Bar Associations since 1957, and has been actively involved in civic and community activities throughout his distinguished career. He served on the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Bar Association, and is Chairman of the Board of the First Wyoming Bank of Kemmerer. He has served on the Board of Directors for San Francisco Chemical Company, the Advisory Board of the Wyoming Division of Mountain Bell, was a member of the Board of Trustees for Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and is a former Director of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. He also served as mayor of Kemmerer for 10 years. Queally continues to serve as President of Western Oil Refining Company, and has managed various company businesses, including operations in oil, finance and other fields since 1941.

Queally is married to the former Olga Korn, EX '37. They have a son, Patrick John Queally, III, who is currently involved in the family business of service to the University of Wyoming by representing Lincoln County on the UW Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

A life-long resident of the University of Wyoming Foundation since 1972, Queally is proud of the achievements made by the University in recent years, "The University of Wyoming has become a significant institution, not just on the regional level, but naturally," Queally states. "Wyoming has become nationally prominent in many areas, and this has given me a real sense of pride."

Queally has been an active member of the UW Board of Trustees during the past 15 years, serving as Chairman of the Budget Committee from 1968-73 and as President of the Board from 1975-77. In addition, he continues to serve on numerous other special committees, boards and commissions dealing with the advancement of education and matters of civic importance. Even with his background of dedicated public service, Queally remains humble about being named to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I am very, very grateful and gratified to receive this honor," Queally says. "I feel that it is unmerited, but I am honored and flattered by my selection as one of the University of Wyoming's Distinguished Alumni."

Clyde Alan Wolfe

Years spent in college have a different effect on each individual. Some look back on their college days with a sense of nostalgia and memories of "the good times," while others remember the feeling of accomplishment and the pride that comes with earning a degree. But Clyde Alan Wolfe, BA '58 has his own memories of days at the University of Wyoming. Memories he treasures with fondness of both the school and the people in it.

"I've always kept close ties with the University, for a lot of reasons," Wolfe says. "I came to UW in 1955, at a time when I was floundering, uncertain about where my life was headed. The people at UW treated me very well; they educated me, but more importantly, they helped me to stabilize my thinking and set some goals for myself."

Wolfe was an active student, serving as vice-president of ASUW, on the interfraternity council and as a member of Phi Delta Theta. He was a student manager of the football team, and was selected to "Who's Who". A Wyoming native, Wolfe was born on May 3, 1932 and attended schools in Sheridan. After four years in the U.S. Navy, he decided to put himself through school, graduating in the class of 1958 with a B.A. in Psychology.

Since graduation, Wolfe has had a distinguished career in advertising, rising from an assistant product manager with General Mills to Executive Vice President of A.B. H. International in New York City. He has been instrumental in the development of major advertising campaigns for established brands such as Procter and Gamble, Nabisco Biscuits, Alka Seltzer, 7-Up, Aves and many others. He has made significant contributions to the encouragement and development of young people in the field of advertising, and has been recognized by Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Advertising.

When asked about other interests and hobbies, "all forms of University of Wyoming programs and activities," is the first item on Wolfe's list. Over the past several years he has worked closely with the UW Athletic Department, assisting in the recruiting of basketball and football players, as well as other interested students, from the New York area. A student of western art, Wolfe has also been a strong proponent of the UW Art Museum, serving as President of the "Friends of the University of Wyoming Art Museum" organization, and as chairman of its financial planning committee.

"My wife and I have always had a strong interest in art, and have become a big fan of the Museum. The committee has been working hard over the past year to promote valuable contributions for the Museum, and we hope to reach our goal of $150,000 in donations by September of this year."

Wolfe and his wife Caroline have three children, Kirk Danz, 22, Kelley Namiste, 21, and Sara Alkon, 19. His mother, Mrs. Dora David, lives in Laramie. Although his briefcase can be found in New York City, Wolfe's heart is located right next to his cowboy boots at the family cabin in Centennial, just west of Laramie.

"I love the stimulation of the big city, but I go to Wyoming's mountains to recharge my batteries," Wollesays.

Wolfe was more than just surprised when he was notified of his selection as a Distinguished Alumni of UW. "I am quite moved that people cared enough to support me in the selection of this year's Distinguished Alumni," Wolfe says. "I have received so much over the years from the University and the people of Wyoming that it seems I will be "catching up" forever in attempting repayment."