

# UW's Honored

## M. Clare Mundell, BS '28, MS '39

As recipient of the UW Medallion Service Award, Dean Emeritus M. Clare Mundell of the UW College of Commerce and Industry is to receive one of the highest honors the University of Wyoming can bestow.

He was named a Distinguished Alum of the University in 1969, and his dedication and support of UW has continued unabated. Only a handful of people have ever received two such awards, and across campus, the state of Wyoming, and the nation you will find many, many people who wholeheartedly and with pride applaud his being selected Medallion Service Award Recipient.

There are very few people who have contributed as much of their lives and energy, love and dedication to the University as Clare Mundell. He served as Dean of the College of Commerce and Industry from 1949-1971 and had the major role in developing the college into a first-rate institution.

He has touched the lives of all his students, often providing support far beyond what is normally expected of a classroom professor. A teacher, a scholar, and a gentleman, Dean Mundell is held in high esteem by his students, colleagues, and all who have the privilege of knowing and working with him.

He was born January 6, in Jamesport, Missouri and graduated with a BS with Honor in Commerce (Accounting) from UW in 1928. He obtained the MS degree in Business Administration from UW in 1939 and has done further advanced graduate work. He obtained the C.P.A. certificate in Wyoming in 1949.

From 1935 to 1949 he progressed through the academic ranks of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and professor. He was promoted to dean of the College of Commerce and Industry in 1949 and was named Dean Emeritus upon his retirement in 1971.

It was during his tenure as Dean that the facility that now houses the College of Commerce and Industry was constructed.

While at the University as a student, Mundell was active in Phi Kappa Phi (an honor society in economics), and was president of the Commerce Club. The Commerce Club later became Alpha Kappa Psi, a national fraternity in business, and Mundell was a charter member of its Beta Nu chapter.

He married Edith Elizabeth Morgan on September 5, 1927. She is also an alum of UW, graduating with a BA in 1928.

During World War II he volunteered for Navy service as an officer and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was assigned to the Bureau of Ships at Washington, D.C., and was recalled for his expertise during the Korean Conflict in 1951-52.

The list of his personal accomplishments and the achievements of the College of Commerce and Industry under his leadership is long and impressive. During his tenure as dean, student enrollment in the college tripled. Other accomplishments include:

—In cooperation with the C&I college faculty, he planned the present College of Commerce and Industry building. Plans were developed in 1959 and the facility was completed in 1962;

—He began the annual Recognition Dinner of the College of Commerce and Industry which recognizes student achievements, awards scholarships, presents a plaque for distinguished service to business in Wyoming and names distinguished alums of the college;

—He originated the Institute of Business Management Services which conducts research as requested by business and government and assists Wyoming organizations to solve current problems (Business and Government Consultant Program), supplements a student's formal education with practical work experience (Wyoming Development Student Intern Program), and provides management development seminars, workshops and conferences for managers throughout Wyoming;



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—The C&I Development Fund was initiated by Dean Mundell. It is a system for soliciting funds from alums and friends of the college for grants-in-aid to students, supplements for faculty projects and travel;

—The Air Force Minuteman Graduate Program at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne offered for the first time a program leading to a Master's degree in Business at an off-campus site;

—Dean Mundell organized the College Student Advisory Council which advises the Dean on improving communication among the administration, faculty and students.

In addition, Dean Mundell has been active in a variety of civic and community projects ranging from serving as chairman of the Salvation Army Board, a member of the elders and Board of Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church, to serving as director of the Laramie Chamber of Commerce.

He is a past president of the Western Bankers Association Managers composed of 13 western states, and a past chairman of the State Division of the American Bankers Association.

He has been on the Board of Directors of the First Interstate Bank of Laramie since 1964 and was named executive vice president of the Wyoming Bankers Association in 1972. Upon his retirement in July of this year, he was elected Honorary Vice President of the Wyoming Bankers Association.

The Wyoming Bankers Association is a trade association of which all banks in Wyoming are members. The Association now makes substantial contributions to education in Wyoming via scholarships to the University of Wyoming, discretionary funds to the C&I college, scholarships to the seven community colleges in the state and an annual contribution to the 4-H Foundation. All are a direct result of Dean Mundell's long association with the University.

Mundell has been active in the state's 4-H Foundation and has been honored as past chairman and for his organizational and promotional efforts, leadership and assistance to the 4-H in Wyoming.

It is a rare honor to receive the Medallion Service Award, and Clare Mundell is a rare individual. The University is proud of its graduate that stayed to teach and gave it so much.



James F. Neal, BS '52  
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"I came out to Wyoming from Tennessee on an athletic scholarship — I had to play football to go to school in Laramie," recalls attorney James F. Neal.

At the University of Wyoming, as a star blocking back, he further developed those qualities that go into making a winner — the ability to work hard and the courage to attempt the extraordinary.

An attorney once described by the late Teamster official Jimmy Hoffa as "the most vicious prosecutor who ever lived," Neal is today senior partner in the law firm of Neal and Harwell in Nashville. The successful prosecution of Jimmy Hoffa, which no one had ever accomplished before him, is just one of his extraordinary achievements.

James Foster Neal began life on September 7, 1929, in Sumner County, Tennessee. During his academic career at the University of Wyoming, he achieved fame as a star blocking back under coach Bowden Wyatt, another Tennessean. As many alumni can recall, Bowden Wyatt's teams initiated a football renaissance at the University of Wyoming under the leadership of the late President G.D. Humphrey.

Neal graduated with a BS degree in education in 1952. Following graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Korean conflict. He rose to the rank of Captain with the Marines and after discharge, applied for admission to the College of Law of Vanderbilt University.

He received his L.L.B. degree from Vanderbilt in 1957, after a distinguished academic career that included being editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review and graduating at the very top of his class.

After several years of private practice in Washington, D.C., he served under Robert Kennedy as Special Assistant to the Attorney General from 1961 to 1964. It was during this period that Neal successfully prosecuted Jimmy Hoffa.

Following the prosecution of Hoffa, Neal became United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee and served in that position until 1966, when he re-entered the private practice of law.

He has been in the private practice of law from 1966 to the present, although he again served the government in 1973 and 1974 as Associate Special Prosecutor, Watergate Prosecution Force. That case ended in the convictions of Haldeman and Erlichmann.

Neal went on to represent Ford Motor Co. in the controversial reckless homicide case involving their Pinto auto-



# Alums for 1984



**Margaret Coe, BA '39**  
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mobile. With a substantial private practice, he has also represented General Motors, Volkswagen of America, Sperry Rand Corporation, the Nashville Banner, and the country-western singer Johnny Cash.

He is a member of the Nashville, Tennessee, Federal and American Bar Associations. He has been named a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American Bar Foundation. He has served as Director of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and on the Tennessee Commission for Civil Rights.

Neal has two children, James, Jr., and Julie Ellen.

Other recognition of his outstanding achievements include the Golden Plate award of the American Academy of Achievement, Founders Medal of the Vanderbilt School of Law, Order of the Coif, and the Distinguished American Award of the National Football Foundation.

"I'm very happy to accept the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wyoming," Neal said. "I still have some very close ties in the state and many good friends."

## **Margaret Coe, BA '39**

A quiet humility underlies all the activities in which Margeret "Peg" Coe has been involved.

"I was quite surprised to be informed that I had been named a Distinguished Alum, she related. "I had been working on the nominations of some others for the award."

Since her graduation from the University of Wyoming in 1939 with a BA in psychology/philosophy, Mrs. Coe has dedicated her life to improving the quality of life and culture in Wyoming.

Born December 25, 1917 in Cody, she is the daughter of Ernest F. and Effic A. Shaw. Her father was the editor and owner of the Cody Enterprise. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and after graduation worked as a reporter and bookkeeper for the Cody Enterprise and for the Australian Procurement in Washington, D.C. She was also on the National War Labor Board in San Francisco.

In 1943 she married Henry Coe, son of the industrialist-philanthropist William R. Coe, in San Francisco where Henry was in the Navy. When discharged, they returned to live in Cody.

The William R. Coe Library on the campus of the University of Wyoming and the Coe Foundation, of which Peg Coe is an important part, were named for Mr. Coe. The Coe Foundation founded and continues to support, the American Studies Program at UW and on other campuses



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around the country.

The Coe Foundation and Mrs. Coe contributed generously to the building of the Cathedral Home for Children north of Laramie and have continued to support the facility. Mrs. Coe has served on its advisory committee.

The greatest and most outstanding achievement of Peg, for Cody and the state of Wyoming, involves her work with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. She was elected to the board in 1966 and in 1974 became Chairman of the Board, in which capacity she still serves. Under her leadership, the center has grown from a museum of Buffalo Bill to include the Whitney Gallery of Western Art (one of the outstanding museums of western art in the world), the Winchester Arms Collection which contains the most comprehensive collection of firearms in the world, the Harold McCracken Library, the Frederick Remington Studio, the Plains Indian Museum, and the Boon & Crocket Club's collection of "Heads and Horns."

"My best time is spent at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center" she said. "It is not only an occupation but a hobby."

In 1968, after the death of her husband Henry in 1966, she and her brother, Dick Shaw, purchased the Cody Enterprise which her father had owned and published for many years prior to his death. They made the paper an outstanding publication in Wyoming and sold it to Sage Publishing in 1972.

She has served as a director of the Shoshone First National Bank, was president of the Cody Medical Center, has been active with the Park County Republican Committee in addition to numerous other civic activities.

Mrs. Coe has served as a trustee of the Millicent Rogers Foundation of Taos, New Mexico, and was Rocky Mountain Representative of the Board of the New York Metropolitan in the late 1970s.

She received the Westerner Award of the Old West Trail Foundation in 1980. She was the recipient of the National Secretary of State Gold Medallion Award for meritorious service, the first and only Wyoming person to be so recognized, and in 1983 was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, one of six women.

She has three married children: Anne Coe Hayes (Mrs. James Hayes), Henry H.R. Coe Jr., and Robert D. Coe II. She is also the proud grandmother of five.

Thanks to Margaret Coe's foresight, dedication and leadership what were once but dreams have become realities for the betterment of life in Wyoming and the country.

## **George T. Fowler, BA '39**

"That's been the story of my life, at it 18 hours a day," George T. Fowler says amusedly.

That was in reference to his extensive involvement in civic and community affairs in Coronado, California, in addition to his activity in the world of real estate.

Col. George T. Fowler has always been a very busy man, as the list of his accomplishments indicates. He has excelled in what can be thought of as three separate careers — in the military, as a University of Wyoming administrator and as one of the most successful real estate agents in Coronado.

He was born May 14, 1915 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, but was a student at Converse Grade School, McCormick Junior High; and graduated from Cheyenne Central High School in 1933.

At the University of Wyoming, he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, was the principal founder and organizer of Phi Epsilon Phi men's pep club in 1938-39, was elected most popular male student of 1937, received the President of UW Honors Book for graduating senior athlete of 1939 for his involvement for three years with the Varsity Track Team (pole vaulting), and graduated in 1939 with a BA in education.

Subsequently, he resigned his Army Reserve commission to accept an appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He served two years as Marine Officer aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Quincy and the battleship U.S.S. North Carolina, seeing action in the north and south Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. He was an Infantry Platoon Commander and a 5-inch gun battery Commander.

After World War II, he served with the late Count Barnadott as a United Nation's Truce Observer in the Palestine area in 1948. He served in the Korean conflict with the first Marine Division as Logistic Staff executive officer and worked in the Marine Corps Mobilization Planning office in Washington, D.C.

He has been head of the Marine Corps Logistical Plans and Operations branch, director of a Senior Foreign Officer course for amphibious warfare for the Navy, a commander of a Marine Corps Recruit Training regiment and assistant commandant at MCRD in San Diego.

He married Ila Ashenhurst on December 12, 1941 after obtaining special permission from the War Department to conduct the wedding ceremony aboard the battleship U.S.S. North Carolina.

After 26 years of service, Col. Fowler's second career began in 1965 when he took the position of Director of Personnel at the University of Wyoming. While in that position he developed a complete personnel program for the staff at UW and made many friends in the University community. He retired from the job in 1971.

He went on to assist the city manager of Coronado as interim personnel director and attended real estate courses in California. His third career has been as a successful real estate salesman and later a broker in Coronado. He is associated now with Strand-Crown Realtors and finds it "a challenging and satisfying career in every way!"

He has served as the director of the Coronado Board of Realtors and chairman of its ethics committee. He has been director of the California Association of Realtors and, while at UW as personnel director, was director of the Western Division of the College and University Personnel Association.

He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the UW Alumni Association, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Hospital Association, and Cheyenne AF&AM Masonic Lodge #1.

Col. Fowler's sincere dedication to the University of Wyoming and the ideals of our American heritage, coupled with his open friendliness and enthusiasm for life, make him an alum of which UW may be truly proud.