

## Recipients of Distinguished Service Medals

**ROY ARMSTRONG '26**, during the more than 50 years since he first came to Chapel Hill as a student from Spencer, has become the personification of this University community.

The Yackety Yack for his graduation year of 1926 called special attention to the all-around friendliness of "just plain Roy."

Three times in his career he has left Chapel Hill, only to return to serve alma mater in increasingly significant roles—as Director of the Student Survey, Director of Pre-College Guidance, and later as Director of Admissions. Thousands of Carolina alumni, including the returning World War II veterans, gratefully remember him as the understanding man who made it possible for them to enroll at Carolina. Roy Armstrong clearly comprehended their needs. He was one of them—having served with distinction in both the Navy and the Army.

It was almost inevitable then, that in 1958 the Morehead Foundation would choose him for continuing service in "admissions"—to administer its all-important scholarships and fellowships program. Roy Armstrong was the Executive Director of the Morehead Foundation from 1958 until his retirement in 1972. Throughout those years and since, he has been an unparalleled ambassador-at-large for the University, serving on countless occasions as speaker at alumni meetings and other functions. An important member of his "team" has been his wife and high school classmate, Mae Stoudemire Armstrong. Both of their children are alumni of this University.

Roy Armstrong also has served his community and his profession in many ways—as President of the Kiwanis Club, as Boy Scout Council President, as a Methodist layman, and as a folksy and friendly toastmaster for all kinds of public occasions.

If it is for Carolina, Roy Armstrong is for it himself and gives completely of his time, talents, and energy.

It is for these reasons and more that the General Alumni Association of the nation's first state university takes pride in presenting to Roy Armstrong its Distinguished Service Medal.