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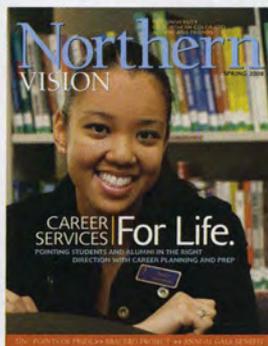
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UNC Senior Ashley Valvieja is photographed inside the UNC Career Resource Center. In addition to being a Sport and Exercise Science major, Ashley spends two days a week working for the Career Services office as a UNC career peer. Career peers like Ashley help both students and alumni polish resumes, practice interviewing skills and prepare for standardized testing. Ashley urges everyone to use the resources available through Career Services. And she is even taking her own advice and will be moving on to study for her doctorate in physical therapy this fall.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL SOLOWAY

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

INVITING A STRANGER into your home is one of the most intimate and selfless acts you can take as a human being. Maybe you volunteered to host a surprise social for a friend or shared Thanksgiving dinner with someone who would have



otherwise been alone on the holiday. You know how the experience made you feel. And for that stranger, little compares with the feeling of embrace that an unexpected welcome or an act of kindness evokes. This is one reason I take my new position as editor of *Northern Vision* so seriously—being invited into the Bear family is not an invitation given hastily, or lightly.

Personally, I've always felt most at home working in a nonprofit setting. For the better part of 14 years, I was lucky enough to work alongside colleagues who helped support vital, life-changing missions. Most recently, I was one of a handful of alumni department staff at The Potomac School, whose mission was to instill in its students a lifetime love of learning. Both my mother and grandmother were schoolteachers. My mother, a speech therapist for almost 30 years, worked with the most developmentally challenged students. I share that passion for education. I believe our mission at UNC is not just to educate, but to truly transform lives.

With *Northern Vision's* recent editorial success (see Page 4), I know expectations are high, but I'm excited about the challenges ahead. This is an important time in the UNC Foundation's history, and I feel honored to have the chance, through *Northern Vision*, to share UNC's

amazing student, faculty and alumni success stories. As evidenced by UNC's "Points of Pride" on Page 14, the University of Northern Colorado not only has the state's finest students and student-athletes, but some of the nation's brightest new leaders as well.

Speaking of new leaders, I also want to introduce Jerry DeWitt '77, UNC Alumni Association vice president of alumni and donor relations (see opposite page). If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Jerry, he brings a wealth of new ideas and extraordinary energy to the UNC Alumni Association and *Northern Vision* magazine. Although our main focus remains the same—to inform, enrich and inspire—I hope all of us here at *Northern Vision* can offer you a fresh perspective. Like UNC's own alumni and students, with each new issue, *Northern Vision* strives to stand out, not just fit in.

Please keep your comments and letters coming. It is through our collective vision that we continue to make *Northern Vision* better. I hope every time you receive the latest issue you feel even more connected to UNC and your UNC Foundation. We all know UNC provides a solid foundation for learning, but we also hope you agree that today's UNC Foundation provides a solid foundation for life.

Thanks again, UNC, for inviting me into your "home." I cherish the invitation. I wholeheartedly accept!

Once a Bear, Always a Bear,

Michael "Sully" Soloway, Editor

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# NEWS

## NORTHERN

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS AND IN THE NORTHERN COLORADO COMMUNITY

ADVOCACY

ALUMNI

### Got MLK? UNC Students Use Day Off to March On for Equality

FROM GREELEY'S OLD TRAIN DEPOT to the Greeley Recreation Center, more than 120 people braved the bitter cold on January 21 to march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Voices of all ages called from the crowd for compassion and an end to discrimination. Handmade signs of King's own words made perhaps the most



RIZA FALK, GREELEY TRIBUNE

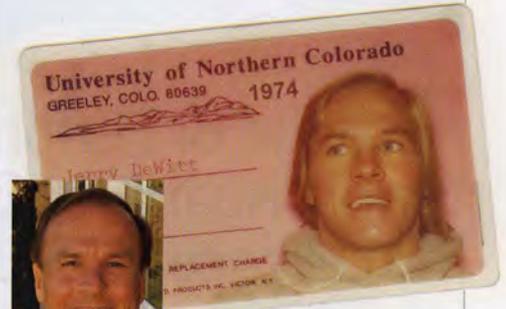
compelling cries for help and hope. "The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what's important," one read. University of Northern Colorado student Shane White said he was marching because there's still work to do for civil rights for all people, including blacks, Hispanics and those in the gay community across

America. "It's very personal for me," White said. "I feel inspired knowing things can get better, but there's still a long way to go." At the end of the route, in collaboration with the Human Relations Commission of Greeley, UNC invited marchers to gather for poetry readings and a performance by the Vision of Unity Gospel Choir

Despite freezing temperatures, University of Northern Colorado student Pateastis Waits, 18, is all smiles as he marches with others through Lincoln Park in Greeley to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

celebrating King's life and legacy. Glen Ochoa, master of ceremonies and a teacher in Brighton, said he was pleased to see so many young people taking up the cause of equality. Keynote speaker Rev. Alfred Davies, a Presbyterian minister, attended King's famous "I have a dream" speech in 1963. Davies said the fight for equality didn't end with King's assassination in 1968. "It's up to everyone to carry on King's dream," Davies said. Tobias Guzmán, executive director of

UNC Auxiliary Services, said he was proud of students' involvement in activities leading up to the march—creating banners and participating in the university's No Hate pledge drive. Guzmán said he was also impressed by the passion today's youth show for the issue of civil rights. "It was a truly memorable event," said Guzmán. "It's safe to say it was not just a day off, but a day on."



Jerry DeWitt '77, is the new UNC Foundation vice president of alumni and donor relations.

### BEARS WELCOME UNC ALUMNUS AS HEAD OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

JERRY DEWITT HAS COME HOME—quite literally. An ardent supporter and alumnus of the University of Northern Colorado, DeWitt was named vice president of alumni and donor relations in January. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from UNC in 1977. While a student, DeWitt served as vice president of the UNC student government (Associated Students), president of the UNC Student Exchange Program and associate president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. After graduating from UNC, DeWitt worked with ad agencies McCann-Erickson and D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles, and as vice president of marketing for First Data Corp. and General Electric. "UNC transformed my life and gave me the education, character and drive to build a successful career, and help transform the lives of others," said DeWitt. "I am very proud and excited about becoming part of the alumni association team at the UNC Foundation. Many of my best friendships were forged at UNC. I look forward to making many more."

AWARDS

### UNC Director Receives Native American Museum Award

SOLOMON LITTLE OWL, director of UNC's Native American Center and Native American Student Services, received the 2008 Denver Museum of Nature and Science Native American Student Award on March 18. The award was presented during the 13th Annual Buffalo Feast and Honoring Ceremony held at the museum.



## College of Performing and Visual Arts Chosen for Excellence in Educator Training

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO College of Performing and Visual Arts is one of only 24 university arts programs across the country profiled by the Dana Foundation, a private philanthropic organization focused on training artists to teach in public schools. A select committee chose UNC for publication in *Transforming Arts Teaching: The Role of Higher Education* for its exemplary training of arts educators. The Dana Foundation looked for higher education institutions that can better prepare students to teach the arts to young people, especially at a time when schools focus more on math and reading so students show improvement on standardized tests. The CPVA centers on student development in the study of music, theater, dance or the visual arts. In coordination with preservice teacher licensure programs in the arts, the college established the Center for Integrated Arts Education, which provides professional- and curriculum-development services for school districts and schools in Colorado. This allows CPVA students to relate personally to the issues facing arts educators at K-12 public schools. Data are currently being collected to study the potentially positive impact arts programs have on behavior, achievement and attendance. Andrew Jay Svedlow, dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, said training outstanding arts teachers has always been one of the college's primary purposes. "Our students have a passion for the arts, but we are also able to instill a passion to teach those arts. Our goal is to get more and more parents, principals and politicians back on the arts bandwagon. The research today is overwhelmingly in our favor. It's apparent now that cutting arts programs in public schools has actually led to lower test scores and more apathetic students."

## UNC EDUCATION DEAN NAMED TO LITERACY COUNCIL

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION Dwight D. Jones has named University of Northern Colorado College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Dean Eugene Sheehan to the Colorado Literacy Council. The council, which takes the place of the Reading Directorate, will advise the Colorado Department of Education on literacy initiatives, including systems for reviewing lit-



Eugene Sheehan

eracy content in teacher preparation programs, revision of the Program for Licensing Assessment for Colorado Educators (PLACE) exams, and topics for research forums and professional development with higher education. The

11-member council includes representatives from the Colorado Department of Education, the Colorado Council International Reading Association, K-12 rural literacy programs, colleges of education and community colleges, as well as a nationally recognized literacy expert.

## MONFORT COLLEGE

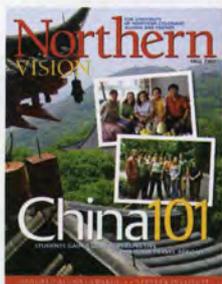
### Cessna Donates \$75,000 to Monfort College of Business

CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO. has committed \$75,000 to UNC's Monfort College of Business to sponsor a classroom in Kepner Hall.

"It's my pleasure to be part of this gift," said Mike Shonka '69, executive vice president and chief financial officer for Cessna. "I attribute a lot of my success to the time I spent sitting in the college's classrooms." Shonka is a member of the Dean's Leadership Council, a group of alumni and business leaders who recommend strategies to accomplish the college's mission of delivering an excellent undergraduate business program.



## NORTHERN VISION WINS GOLD AWARD AT CASE® ANNUAL CONFERENCE



THE UNC FOUNDATION and John Hall Design Group received a Gold Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education® during its annual District VI conference in Denver this past January. The *Northern Vision* Fall 2007 cover, which featured "China 101," was recognized for *Excellence in Graphic Design—Cover, Four or More Colors*. CASE advances and supports educational institutions around the world by enhancing the effectiveness of professionals in alumni relations, communications, marketing, and fundraising. The CASE District VI competition includes Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS PRESENTED

NORTHERN COLORADO FACULTY, administrators and colleges were presented with Academic Excellence Awards by the Provost's Office on March 24. The following 2007–08 recipients were nominated by their peers based on having a thorough knowledge of their field, creating a positive learning environment, and showing a genuine respect and concern for their students:

- **Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Education:** (2 awardees) Gayle Johnson Bohrer, School of Nursing, and Lorie Sauble-Otto, School of Modern Language & Cultural Studies
- **Teaching Excellence in Graduate Education:** Katrina Rodriguez, School of Educational Research, Leadership and Technology
- **Excellence in Faculty Service:** Paul Nutter, School of Chemistry, Earth Science & Physics
- **Excellence in Faculty Advisement:** Jennifer Clarke, School of Biological Sciences
- **School/Program Excellence in Teaching:** Hispanic Studies, School of Modern Language & Cultural Studies
- **School/Program Excellence in Service:** School of Psychological Sciences, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- **Excellence Through Performance Assessment:** K-12 Physical Education area of Sport and Exercise Science, School of Sport and Exercise Science
- **Academic Leadership Excellence:** Allen McConnell, School of Accounting and CIS



## West Campus Housing Project Construction Underway

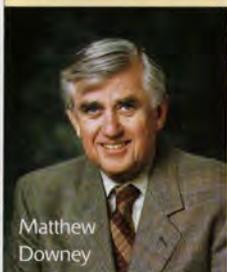
IF YOU BUILD IT . . . The most ambitious building project in UNC's history is well underway along 11th Avenue. Once complete, the West Campus Residence Hall Complex will accommodate 721 students in a state-of-the-art facility with improved natural light, suite-style rooms, private baths and 24-hour security. The complex will also feature multimedia meeting rooms and 40 new study areas. Funded entirely through bond money, the first phase of the project will open this fall, while the second phase will replace McCowen Hall and is scheduled to open in fall 2009. For many alumni, seeing McCowen Hall razed has been an emotional experience. Over the past 45 years, more than 30,000 students have called McCowen Hall home. Tobias Guzmán, executive director of UNC Auxiliary Services, understands the attachment to the old building by so many former UNC students. "Whenever you replace a landmark like McCowen Hall there's going to be people who feel like a piece of them is being torn down with it," said Guzmán. "But we're confident this brand new facility will help attract the best and brightest to UNC. In time, the new residence hall will become yet another recognized UNC landmark. It will provide lasting memories for new UNC students, and memories you can never take away." To view real-time construction progress, visit [www.unco.edu/housing/ConstructionCam.html](http://www.unco.edu/housing/ConstructionCam.html).

## FACULTY

### UNC Social Science Faculty Receive \$160,000 Grant

A TEAM OF FACULTY led by Social Science Professor Matthew Downey received \$160,000 in funding from the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The 2007–08 No Child Left Behind Grant will support the first year of the group's project, "Reading in the Social Studies Project: Teaching Reading in Civics, Economics, Geography and History." The project was one of seven across the state selected for funding by CDHE. It will create a partnership with elementary schools in Denver Public Schools to teach reading in the core social studies disciplines in grades 3–5. DPS and UNC content specialists will collaborate to review DPS social studies curriculum for how adequately it includes civics, economics, geography and history. The group will also identify and select grade-appropriate reading mate-

rial for the subjects. Instruction on content-area reading will be provided for teachers from 13 DPS pilot schools. Downey coordinates the social science major at UNC, directs the interdisciplinary studies liberal arts major and is also director of the William E. Hewitt Institute for History and Social Science Education. Downey, the lead principal investigator, is joined on the project by co-principal investigators Robert Brunswig, director of the School of Social Sciences, and Alexander Sidorkin, director of the School for Teacher Education. "This grant is vital to our work with Colorado's elementary school children," said Downey. Other UNC faculty involved in the project include Christiane Olivo, assistant professor of political science and director of the Center for Civic Education; David Aske, associate professor of economics and director of the Center for Economics Education; Phil Klein, associate professor of geography and co-coordinator of the Colorado Geographic Alliance; and Susan Thompson, coordinator, Early Childhood Education.



Matthew Downey

# Management Guru Peter Senge Brings Message of 'Sustainability' on Valentine's Day

REGARDED BY MANY as one of the most influential business strategists of the past 100 years, Peter Senge addressed a Business Plus Valentine's Day audience of more than 700 at the University Center to discuss, "Collective Wisdom for Profound Innovation and Change." Senge, a senior lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of the best-selling book, *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of The Learning Organization*, attracted business leaders from across the region focused on the difficult decisions that must be made to manage world resources. Senge said



how these resources are managed will determine global fate and that we are essentially at a cultural fork in the road, with a collective choice to take either the high or low road. "The first step is for people to admit the truth about the predicament and then to work together for change. When all is said and done, we dig holes in the ground, and we burn stuff," Senge said. He said America's youth are well aware of

the problems and cited a new national poll that concluded 80 percent of American high school students feel very or quite negative about the future. "Even the kids see the problems. The global industrialization process has no future and the next generation can see that," he said. "Well, we kind of figured, you drank your juice and then you drank ours." He stated taking the low road for so long has produced an American

Renowned business strategist Peter Senge answers questions during the UNC Business Plus Speaker Series.

population that requires "one ton of raw materials per person, per day to support our lifestyle. If we want to take the high road instead we must all embrace fair trade, green building and waste reductions." Senge said some U.S. corporations are paying more attention to fair-trade values that pay farmers livable wages and have reduced-waste production practices. Senge ended by saying

leadership has to come from everyone. Senge himself is founding chair of the Society of Organizational Learning, a global community of corporations, researchers and consultants dedicated to the "interdependent development of people and their institutions." "The key to all of this is you've got to eliminate waste in the whole system," Senge said. "Time will tell, but I think people really do care."

## UNC PROFESSOR RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST AWARD

MARY SEAN O'HALLORAN, professor of counseling psychology and director of the Psychology Services Clinic at UNC, has been selected for a Fulbright Senior Specialist project in Thailand by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. At Burapha University

near Bangkok, O'Halloran will provide workshops on psychological trauma to counselors and health care professionals, and consult on developing a psychological services clinic at the university along with developing graduate programs in



counseling and psychology. O'Halloran is one of more than 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. The program, created in 2000 to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, provides two-to-six-week academic opportunities to prominent U.S. faculty and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at colleges and universities worldwide.

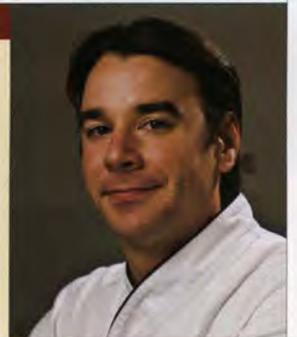
O'Halloran has worked at UNC since 1990. She holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in counseling from the University of California, and a PhD in psychology from UC Santa Barbara, and is also a licensed psychologist. UNC's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences plans to develop a student exchange program in Teacher Education with Burapha University as part of a continuing partnership. For more information about the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, visit [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org).

Professor Mary Sean O'Halloran is named a Fulbright Senior Specialist.

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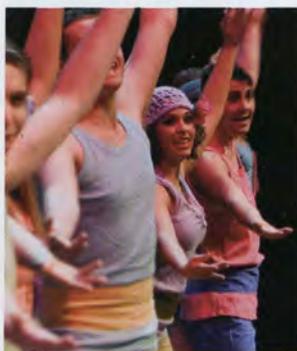
### Essig Earns Culinary Award

CHEF ARAN ESSIG, UNC executive chef for Dining Services/Catering, was recently honored with the Culinarians' Code Award from the American Culinary Federation Colorado Chefs Association. The award is one of the most prestigious given by the American Culinary Federation. "Chef Aran has an outstanding combination of talent and professionalism," said Joan Brewster, executive director of the Colorado association. "He generously gives of his time and energy to promote others in the pursuit of culinary excellence through education."



## Let the Games Begin!

FROM JAZZ TO ORCHESTRA, trombones to timpani, visual artists to actors, the Gala has become the University of Northern Colorado's grand showcase. In its 26th year of inspired performances, the UNC showcase in February featured the incredible talent of more than 500 students from the UNC College of Performing and Visual Arts. This year's pageantry paid homage to the upcoming 2008 Summer Games in Beijing with a Gala-style look at the Olympics. Gold-medal-caliber actors, dancers and music ensembles filled the Monfort Concert Hall at Greeley's Union Colony Civic Center, while top-rated visual artists covered the walls of the Tointon Gallery. Andrew Jay Svedlow, PhD, dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, said the Gala performance has evolved its own unique style over the years. "It's fun, it's funny, and there are moments that will move you," said Svedlow. "It is always immensely entertaining and a thrill to see our students shine each and every year." UNC President Kay Norton praised the performances as the best I've seen yet, but also applauded the Community Advisory Board for the Performing and Visual Arts and its enthusiastic group of volunteers, who work 12 months a year to ensure the Gala's success.



PHOTOS BY JOSEPH HAEFELI

## UNC Chemistry Professor Honored

THE COLORADO SECTION of the American Chemical Society presented UNC Chemistry Professor Loretta Jones with the Local Section Award on January 23 during her presentation of "Different Visions: What Chemistry Students and Instructors Find in the Same Molecular Visualizations." Jones earned a bachelor's degree in honors chemistry at Loyola University and a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Chicago. For nine years, she worked at Argonne National Laboratory and in industry. She earned her PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Illinois at Chicago. At the same time, she earned a DA in chemistry, a preparation for teaching and educational research and development at the college level. She taught general chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 13 years and has been at UNC since 1992. Jones' research area is chemical education. She is currently conducting research on how students learn from animations. She was co-principal investigator of the Rocky Mountain Teacher Education Collaborative, a coalition of six Colorado schools involved in improving the education of mathematics and science teachers. She was also the principal investigator of ChemDiscovery: Chemistry for the Information Age, a National Science Foundation-funded project for the development of a web/CD-ROM hybrid learning environment for high school chemistry.



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## PROFESSOR AWARDED NEH SUMMER STIPEND

UNC HISTORY PROFESSOR JOAN CLINEFELTER has been awarded a 2008 Summer Stipend by the National Endowment for the Humanities under **We the People**, an initiative established on Constitution Day 2002 to explore significant events and themes in our nation's history, and to share these lessons with all Americans. The \$6,000 award will fund Clinefelter's research, "Radio in the American Sector (RIAS), 1946-1963: A German-American Partnership in the Cold War." Clinefelter will work on the project over the summer at the George C. Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Va., and at the National Archives in College Park, Md. Clinefelter, who has been at UNC since 1995, specializes in modern Germany, teaches German history and has published a book about Nazi Germany, *Artists for the Reich: Culture and Race from Weimar to Nazi Germany*.



# 'Lucky We've Got Each Other'

## UNC women's basketball team overcomes a season of adversity to reach the Big Sky Championship

By Anne Cumming Rice

BEFORE ITS SEASON STARTED this past November, the UNC women's basketball team was picked to finish last in the Big Sky Conference. With a head coach in her second year and half the team comprised of freshmen, the young team was going to have to overcome some major obstacles if it wanted to be competitive in the Big Sky Conference. So much for predictions!

The team would ultimately face more adversity than anyone could have anticipated yet still secured the No. 5 seed in its first-ever Big Sky Championship in March. Although the team lost to Portland State in the first round, Head Coach Jaime White said she didn't want one game to take away from what the team did this year. "I felt like we had to play our best game to beat Portland State," said Coach White. "They've been hot lately, and we didn't hit on all cylinders. I'm proud of our kids for not giving up. We kept coming back and

Even after a season of adversity, the UNC women's basketball team was the No. 5 seed at this year's Big Sky Championship in March and finished 14-16 overall.

coming back. It wasn't anything we wanted [to lose], but it was a great year."

The team finished the regular season 14-16 overall and 8-9 in Big Sky play—quite a contrast to

the 2006-07 campaign, which saw them finish 5-22 overall and 2-12 in the Big Sky. Early in the season, the team lost junior guard Whitley Cox to a torn knee ligament, then sopho-



more forward Alisa Christopherson to tendonitis in her knee. The biggest adversity of the year came when Coach White was diagnosed with uterine cancer and had to take two short leaves of absence to undergo surgery and treatment. White, who was an assistant coach at the universities of Wyoming and Utah and head coach at Snow College in Utah, had battled thyroid cancer two years earlier. The team took the news of White's cancer hard.

"I think the adversity made us trust ourselves more," said junior guard Jamie Schroeder. "We couldn't just roll over and quit. We all had to look within ourselves and find out who we were."

Freshmen Courtney Stoermer and Kate Kevorken stepped up and devel-

oped more quickly than the coaching staff anticipated, White said. Schroeder and senior center Danielle Hagen, who went through a season of adversity of her own the previous year, became leaders on the team. Hagen sat out six months of the 2006-07 season after she suffered a partially collapsed lung and a blood clot in her lung during preseason conditioning. She was later diagnosed with a genetic disorder that increases her risk of blood clotting.

Going into the Big Sky Championship, Hagen had started a school record 112 games, was closing in on 1,000 career points and ranked fourth in career rebounds with 785. With a 4.0 grade-point average, she was also named to ESPN's Academic All-District VII Second-Team.

## WRESTLING

### HOPKIN RECORDS 100TH WIN AT WRESTLING NATIONALS

SENIOR REECE HOPKIN became only the fourth wrestler in UNC history to record 100 career



victories. It happened during the 2008 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis. Hopkin defeated Zach Sheaffer of Pittsburgh 2-0 in consolation round three.

Although Hopkin eventually lost to 18th-ranked John Wise of Illinois in consolation

round four, he ended his wrestling career with a 100-32 overall record. In other action, 125-pound sophomore Tony Mustari fell in consolation round three, 5-4, to Eric Morrill of Edinboro. Mustari ended his sophomore season with a 32-8 record, and is now 55-18 for his career.

Hagen surpassed 1,000 points during the Big Sky Championship when she tied a school record with 37 points against Portland State.

During White's leaves of absence this season, Assistant Coach Paige Sauer took over. On road trips, the players always wanted to call White to include her in what they were doing, Sauer said.

"I was just the cheerleader," Sauer said. "I think the team really played for Coach White. They wanted to win for her."

White downplays what she went through this season, wanting instead for her players to get the attention she says they deserve.

"Everyone has gone through some-

thing hard in their lives where they have to ask, 'OK, what's next?'" White said. "Are you going to quit everything and sit on the couch? I knew I couldn't do that."

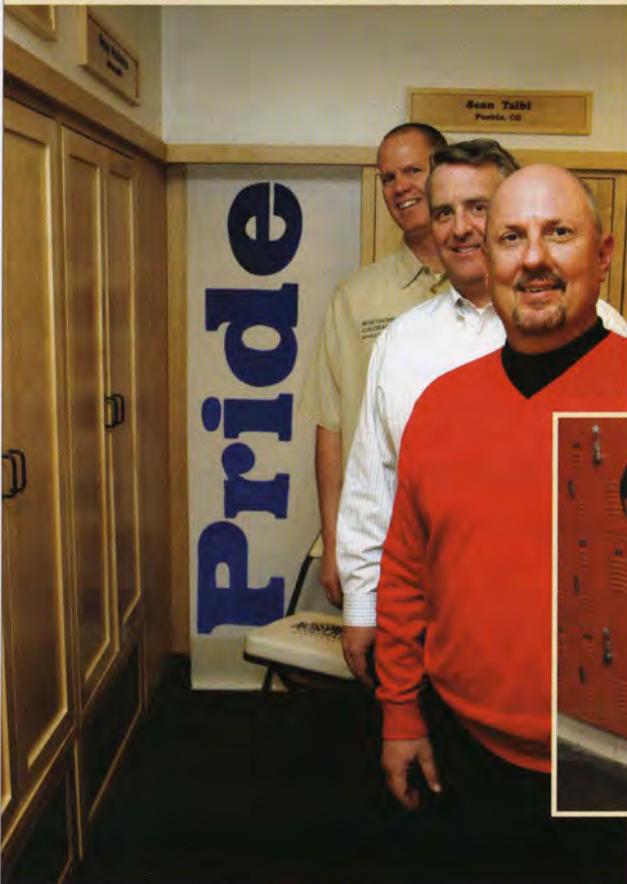
White's prognosis is good, and the team's future looks bright after this season's tremendous success.

"It will make us better to have gone through what we did this year," White said. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to go through this year with. How lucky are we when we've got each other?"

*Anne Cumming Rice is a freelance writer in Highlands Ranch, Colo.*

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Advantage Bank Makes Strong Statement to UNC Basketball



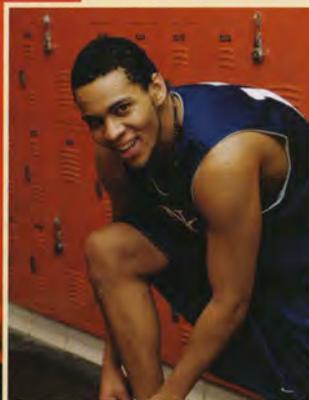
DURING A RECENT ROUNDBALL CLUB LUNCHEON, the University of Northern Colorado basketball program unveiled locker room improvements that will help the coaching staff attract the best and brightest players to UNC.

The recent renovations were made possible through a \$20,000 gift from Advantage Bank. "We believe in the University of Northern Colorado and what Coach Boyle is bringing to the community," said Mike Bond, president of Advantage Bank in Greeley. UNC Men's Basketball Coach Tad Boyle believes there already is a tremendous amount of pride at Northern Colorado, but that local gifts inspire others to take notice. "Belief is contagious," Boyle said. "Our goal, as it is each and every season, is to put a team on the floor people can get excited

about. Gifts like these help build programs, but more importantly, they build relationships. All of us at UNC are thankful to Advantage Bank for their gift and commitment to the Greeley community." Financial support is needed now more than ever if the Bears are going to reach their goal of not only being competitive in Division I basketball, but winning the Big Sky Conference. The Roundball Club currently supports men's basketball programs at UNC. Your generosity helps transform the lives of UNC's student-athletes. If you would like more information on how you, too,

can help the Roundball Club, or the women's Rebounder Club, please contact Jack Maughan at [jack.maughan@unco.edu](mailto:jack.maughan@unco.edu).

Advantage Bank donated \$20,000 to make locker room improvements inside Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion. Pictured from front are Jeff Kinkaid of Advantage Bank, Advantage Bank President Mike Bond, and UNC Men's Head Basketball Coach Tad Boyle. Inset: UNC men's basketball junior guard Robert Palacios laces up before practice.



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## CAREER SERVICES

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each year, commencement signifies a conclusion—the culmination of years of study, sacrifice, examination and reflection. But commencement also means a beginning or new start. With new chapters come excitement, anticipation, and the exhilaration that dreamers can finally go out into the world and realize their dreams.

But with excitement and expectation can also come hesitation, indecision and sometimes fear; it's the difference between eager and anxious. No matter what your age, where do you turn when you have questions about your future? Family, friends and the Internet all offer their own advice and opinions. But Marlane Mowitz, PhD, director of UNC Career Services, believes she has the perfect answer.

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Although it tends to be the last place people in need look, Mowitz says Career Services at the University of Northern Colorado provides a full-service, client-centered approach to academic major selection, career decision-making, internship and job search assistance, and testing services

as possible to promote our career fairs and the many other benefits of just being a UNC student. We never want students or alumni to feel intimidated to come see us. Every person is different, which makes

## EVERY PERSON IS DIFFERENT, WHICH MAKES THEIR NEEDS UNIQUE, EVEN WITHIN THE SAME MAJORS OR CAREER PATHS.

for students and alumni wishing to pursue postgraduate employment and graduate school opportunities. Mowitz says Career Services' main mission is to educate, counsel and prepare UNC students and alumni to make effective decisions regarding lifelong career development. "Finding meaningful, professional employment in today's rapidly changing, global economy can be intimidating. But we're here to help everyone succeed. It's our commitment to all students the moment they enroll at the university . . . and it's our commitment to them, for life."

UNC Career Services offers an array of traditional tools, such as career guides that include lists of potential job titles, general descriptions of career fields, job-related responsibilities, and contact information for companies and organizations across the country. Students and alumni can also find helpful information about graduate and professional school preparation, including updated graduate program descriptions, financing opportunities, and advice about writing graduate admissions essays and taking standardized tests, such as the GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MAT, MCAT, Praxis Series and TOEFL.

UNC Career Services' largest, and arguably, most high-profile program is its series of six job and internship fairs throughout the academic year—the Fall and Spring Job and Internship Fairs, Natural and Health Sciences Job and Internship Fair, Camp Day, Criminal Justice Job and Internship Fair, and the Annual Teacher Employment Days bring together well-qualified teachers with school districts in Greeley and as far away as Alaska.

If you're confused or overwhelmed at the prospect of finding the right career path, writing a résumé or preparing for an interview, Sarah Trzeciak, MS, assistant director of Career Services, says the **UNC Career Resource Center** is a great place to start your journey. Whether you have freshman orientation questions, need advice selecting a major or face a career change in the midstream of life, the staff at the resource center can help UNC students and alumni in many aspects of career development. They can give you sample résumés, cover letters and a wealth of interviewing tips. Or you can drop off your résumé for review by one of the UNC career peers, the lifeblood of the resource center.

"We serve about 30 students and alumni a day," Trzeciak says. "We're trying to get into as many classrooms

their needs unique, even within the same majors or career paths."

Trzeciak says it's never too early for students to begin career planning. She encourages both freshmen and sophomores to stop by the UNC Career Resource Center to start a dialogue. "We want to first have a conversation with someone," she says. "It's important to know a person's likes and dislikes. Interests and personal convictions drive career choice. Without them, dissatisfaction can set in." Trzeciak cites five steps all students should attempt to follow as they go through their college years:

### STEP ONE—GET TO KNOW YOURSELF

- What are my interests, values and abilities?
- What is my personality type?

### STEP TWO—CHOOSE A CAREER/MAJOR

- How do I make decisions about my major and career?
- How can Discover help me?
- How can the HESA 173 class help me?

### STEP THREE—THE INTERNSHIP SEARCH

- Where are internship opportunities that match my career choices?
- How do I obtain an internship?
- How do I obtain academic credit for an internship?

### STEP FOUR—THE JOB SEARCH

- Where are job opportunities that match my career choices?
- How do I write a résumé?
- How do I interview successfully?

### STEP FIVE—CONSIDER GRADUATE SCHOOL

- What are my reasons for attending graduate school?
- How will graduate school help me accomplish my long-term goals?
- What qualifications do I need for graduate school?
- How will I pay for graduate school?

Nathan Cape, a recent business administration graduate of UNC, says it's important to take full advantage of the resources that Career Services makes available to mold you



UNC nursing student Brooke Greenberg attends UNC Career Services annual Natural and Health Sciences Job and Internship Fair.



into the best candidate that you can be for a potential employer. "Practice makes perfect," says Cape. "In order to become perfect at the job and internship process, you must develop your résumé, interview skills and professionalism through practice with the staff at Career Services."

in the Career Services office. She is currently applying to physical therapy graduate programs. "I urge everyone to take advantage of the resources," says Valvieja. "The staff helped me present myself better. . . . They'll help you succeed in every way."

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" We've all heard that question since grade school. But what happens

## ASKING FOR HELP IS NOT A WEAKNESS. IT'S BEING PROACTIVE . . . IT'S JUST BEING RESOURCEFUL.

Cape's own early preparation has paid off. He will be graduating a year ahead of schedule and already has a job lined up with Target Corporation as an executive team leader. "Since my first semester at UNC, I have immersed myself in the opportunities available with career development. In my first semester, I became a member of the professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi and attended the Backpack to Briefcase workshop organized by Career Services. The workshop helped me improve my résumé and interview skills, and helped me land opportunities as a resident assistant at UNC and an executive intern with Target Corporation."

Psychology major Scott Branson uses UNC career fairs to meet recruiters and network.

As a student who just went through the entire process, Cape says he would encourage others to get involved in campus-sponsored clubs and organizations. "A good GPA will only get you so far," he continues. "An employer wants to see what you have done beyond studying for an exam . . . to interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences, rather than a bubble sheet."

Ashley Valvieja is a senior who works as a career peer

when you get to that point in life when you must suddenly answer it? Zach Scully, MEd, one of the Career Services career counselors, says alumni are actually the largest group of the UNC family he serves. As a result, he wanted to create something special to help connect alumni and employers. That's how the UNC Career Mentor Program was born.

The new Career Mentor Program is designed to connect students, alumni and employers online. Career Mentors are alumni of UNC and/or employers who provide information to UNC students about careers, graduate studies, regional, professional and community resources, job-shadow opportunities, and personalized résumé critiques. The Career Mentor Program is intended to help students gain insight and begin their professional networks. "A great number of alumni began asking if we had a list of contacts to help them network. The mentorship program evolved because I wanted to give UNC alumni a tool to make networking more personal and direct."

It's a fact of life—people's needs change as they gain more life and career experience. Whether you have changed your mind about your career direction or are still trying to determine the best career for you, there is a wealth of

## CAREER SERVICES AT A GLANCE



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- Find an internship
- Obtain a full-time job
- Apply to graduate schools

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**Drop by for a 15-minute career counselor help session**, 3 pm–5 pm, Tuesday through Thursday

**Address**—University Center, second Floor, Campus Box 58, Greeley, CO 80639

**Office Hours**—8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

**Numbers**—Call 970.351.2127 or fax 970.351.1182

**Email**—[career.services@unco.edu](mailto:career.services@unco.edu)

**Web**—[www.unco.edu/careers](http://www.unco.edu/careers), [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (search: UNC Career Services)

**To become a mentor**, email Zach Scully at [zach.scully@unco.edu](mailto:zach.scully@unco.edu), or call Career Services at 970.351.2127.



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PURSUE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND DREAMS TODAY! Sign up at [www.unco.edu/careers](http://www.unco.edu/careers) to post your résumé and access the Career Services employer referral service, with full-time job postings in all career fields. Interview for internships and full-time jobs conducted on campus with local, regional and national organizations. Create a professional online file for your résumé, reference letters and transcripts. And now UNC Career Services is on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and join "UNC Career Services" to receive important news, job and résumé links, photos, videos, and tons of free stuff.

free resources offering information as well as inspiration to make life-changing decisions.

Although you can still open your local newspaper's Sunday classifieds section and find a large list of professional job opportunities, the Internet gives jobseekers an instant, easily accessible way to not only look for jobs, but apply and post résumés at the same time. UNC has its own online resource in Folio 21, a secure online portfolio in which students and alumni can share their work with potential employers by posting résumés, writing samples, designs and even video clips. UNC Career Services also offers Discover, an Internet site with research-based assessments of career-relevant interests, abilities and job values, which helps individu-

als consider career options that are a good match for them.

Even with new and innovative online resources available to students and alumni, Trzeciak and the entire Career Services team make special efforts to encourage people to come in and meet face to face. "Our services shouldn't be seen as a last resort," she says. "Asking for help is not a weakness. It's being proactive . . . it's just being resourceful."

But it's not only about Career Services' personal service, but a passion for the students and alumni it serves. That's one reason more than 97 percent of UNC graduates are employed or attending graduate school. "I've been a 'helper' since I was born," Trzeciak says. "If we're not helping, we're not doing our job." **NV**



Hi, I'm Zach Scully, a career counselor with UNC Career Services. Don't forget to post your résumé online at [www.unco.edu/careers](http://www.unco.edu/careers) and check us out on [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com).

# Talking Points of Pride

BY JASON WEBB '97, '06

## TRANSFORMING LIVES OF UNC STUDENTS FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO AWARD-WINNING PERFORMING ARTS

### *“You had me at hello.”*

IT HAS BEEN NEARLY 12 YEARS since its big screen debut, yet the most famous line from Dorothy, in the movie *Jerry Maguire*, is still considered a pop culture phenomenon, and to many, a widely accepted substitute for “say

no more.” As I look back at my own time as a University of Northern Colorado journalism student, I can’t help but think of that line myself—especially now, as I sit down with UNC’s *Points of Pride* for the first time.

If you’re not already familiar with UNC’s *Points of Pride*, you’re not alone. As a UNC graduate (twice) myself, I had no idea about all of the university’s honors and prestige or the true breadth of its annual accomplishments. Admittedly, students are each drawn to a university for different reasons. Some of them initially choose a school based on its location, size, professors or variety of programs. But in the end, students choose a college based on its reputation and results. From business to education to sciences to the arts, UNC has award-winning programs for everyone. For example, the UNC Jazz Band has been rated No. 1 in the nation two years in a row and the Monfort College of Business won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2004. While recognitions like these help build UNC’s longstanding reputation of excellence, it’s the university’s faculty, staff and

Founded in 1889 as a teaching college, one-third of the Colorado Teacher of the Year awards have gone to Northern Colorado graduates.



*The Monfort College of Business is the first  
and only business program to receive the*

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*from the Office of the President of the United States (2004).*

alumni who impact the quality of life of not only UNC students, but people across the nation and around the globe. Each one of UNC's colleges can boast several different *Points of Pride* that help the university shine.

At the **College of Education and Behavioral Sciences** sits an incredible resource for schools and universities across the country—the National Center for Severe and Sensory Disabilities (NCSSD), formerly the National Center on Low-Incidence Disabilities. Launched in 2001 by Kay Ferrell, John Luckner and Lewis Jackson, the NCSSD serves as an information source for families, teachers and school

The Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute is the only comprehensive cancer rehabilitation facility in the country focused on treating the debilitating side effects of chemotherapy and radiation.

districts. "The first year we were designated a program of excellence and won the Best Practice Award for the Innovative Use of Technology," says Ferrell, who is the executive director. During that first year, the center also won four other awards, and subsequent years brought more recognition. In fact, UNC President Kay

Norton has called the NCSSD "a jewel in the crown." For Ferrell, though, it isn't about winning awards, but cooperating and offering resources to help improve special education programs nationwide. With the primary goal of providing parents of children with sensory disabilities the tools they need to effectively ensure their children are given the education they deserve, the NCSSD is also committed to research. "The research we gather helps schools and administrators," says Ferrell. "It's secondary research where we compile data from other sources. It's the kind of work school districts can't always do."

Another *Point of Pride* at UNC is the **College of Performing and Visual Arts**, home to the Center for Integrated Arts Education (CIAE), a resource that acts as a professional development program to help schools keep up with trends in art education. "The university has a history and a role in prepping teachers," says Andrew Svedlow, dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts. Last year, in the CIAE's inaugural year, its mission was written to act as the lead in planning arts policy, curriculum and professional collaborative efforts. Sved-

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800 TEACHERS PER YEAR**  
—placing the program among the  
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low says arts education research is key to examining the impact programs have on student outcomes. In just the short amount of time that the CIAE has been operating, the College of Performing and Visual Arts has become one of only 24 colleges and universities recognized nationwide by the Dana Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports arts education. As a result, the state of Colorado has contracted with the CIAE to start an Artist in Education program for the state. "It's a partnership with Think360 to create an AIE program by developing a database that matches professional artists with schools," says Svedlow.

The **College of Natural and Health Sciences** is home to the Student Research Initiative, a plan to encourage and



assist students within the college who wish to participate in faculty-mentored research. Out of the initiative came the Student Research Fund, which was established to assist undergraduate and graduate students by awarding them grants to help cover research and research-related travel expenses. Douglas Marshall, associate dean for the College of Natural and Health Sciences, believes the fund greatly benefits the students who apply for the grants. "It gives students the experience of writing grant proposals and conducting scientific research projects," says Marshall. When these students finish their degrees, they already have practical experience performing vital job

## The nursing education PhD program is one of

**ONLY SIX IN THE NATION**

and the online PhD program is  
one of only three in the nation.

functions many of them will need as they enter the workforce. In order to receive grants, students write proposals and submit them to a faculty committee for approval. An average of 16 students are awarded grants annually, and each one has a faculty mentor to guide them through



the process. "It provides a wonderful opportunity to get hands-on experience on a research project," says Marshall. While students are important beneficiaries of the fund, their research results also help advance our overall understanding of the natural and health sciences. Currently, funding for the grants comes from the college. "We're building an endowment through the foundation," says Marshall. "We eventually hope to fund the grants through the endowment. We're very pleased that many faculty and staff members personally donate to the endowment fund."

Each year on the UNC campus, the Rosenberry Writers' Conference invites well-known authors from around the country for a free festival that inspires students and community members alike. Sponsored by the School of English Language and Literature in the **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**, the Writers' Conference doesn't bring in only the literary elite, but organizers attract well-rounded authors who appeal to a broad group of people. Mary Angeline, director of the Writers' Conference, says, "It's a great vehicle to show off our commitment to the community and a wonderful opportunity for students." Each year, the conference focuses on a theme, and the writers' works reflect that theme.

Angeline says the 2008 conference focused on a poignant and timely topic—the environment. This year's list of guests included David Quammen, Kirk Johnson, Sneed B. Collard III, Mark Lechliter, Lisa Zimmerman and the former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass. "We try to bring in writers who will interest everyone," says Angeline. The conference, supported by donations from the Rosenberry family, the Provost's Office and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, also has corporate sponsors in Barnes & Noble and the Greeley Tribune. Some of the funding also goes to awarding student authors cash prizes for their own submissions. Awards are given for fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry. Not only does the conference allow students a chance to showcase their work to the university and local community, it also allows people to discuss the literary works. "We're dedicated to promoting cultural cre-

ativity and diversity through public readings," says Angeline.

All of these *Points of Pride* showcase different aspects of the university, its students and their service to the community. In the **Monfort College of Business (MCB)**, one of the major *Points of Pride* is built on student performance. Each year, graduating seniors are required to take the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Major Field Test in Business, a test of core business

UNC is one of six universities nationwide to receive an Indian Education Demonstration grant for Indian children from the U.S. Department of Education.

## The Stryker Institute for Leadership Development

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knowledge. It helps the college learn exactly how effective its teaching methods are. According to Tim Jares, interim dean of MCB, "test scores have consistently risen compared with the national average."

The Cumbres Program trains bilingual teachers and maintains a stellar placement rate for bilingual education graduates.

Over the past four years, the college's results have been in the top 10 percent, and according to Jares, roughly 600 institutions take the exam. In fact, UNC business majors do very well when compared with the rest of the nation.

"Consistently, 83 percent [of MCB students] test at or above the national mean," says Jares. "Thirty percent individually scored in the top 10 percent." These impressive numbers mean that the college is getting results. In part, Jares believes that is due to the "high-touch" philosophy of keeping class sizes small. "It keeps the students from falling through the cracks," says Jares. The bottom line is MCB is making an impact not only by winning awards, but by changing students' lives, giving them the tools they need to succeed in their careers. As further evidence of how well UNC has done, the ETS has asked Jares to give webinars and seminars for the exam, essentially using the MCB as a role model for success. "It builds the reputation of the college and the university," he says.

While UNC may not yet have the same name recognition as some of the other major colleges in Colorado, the fact remains—throughout its history, there have been numerous *Points of Pride* that have truly set the University of Northern Colorado apart from the others. This is what UNC alumni can look back on and smile. In some cases, these *Points of Pride* are what drew them to want to be a Bear in the first place.

These are my *Points of Pride*, but they belong to all of us; you may even have some of your own. I hope you pass them on. I will continue to do my share whenever I can. After all, UNC, you had me at "hello." Need I say more? **NV**

Additional information can be found regarding each of these *Points of Pride* at their respective web sites. For the National

Center on Severe and Sensory Disabilities, visit [www.unco.edu/ncssd/](http://www.unco.edu/ncssd/). The Center for Integrated Arts Education's web site is [www.arts.unco.edu/ciae/index.html](http://www.arts.unco.edu/ciae/index.html). To learn more about the College of Natural and Health Sciences' Student Research Initiative, visit [www.unco.edu/nhs/sri/student\\_research\\_initiative.html](http://www.unco.edu/nhs/sri/student_research_initiative.html), and to learn more about the Student Research Fund, see [www.unco.edu/nhs/highlights/srf\\_awards.html](http://www.unco.edu/nhs/highlights/srf_awards.html).

The Rosenberry Writers' Conference has a web site at [www.unco.edu/writersconference/](http://www.unco.edu/writersconference/). To see a graphic representation of student performance on the ETS Major Field Test in Business, the Monfort College of Business has set up a web site at [www.mcb.unco.edu/About/Charts/](http://www.mcb.unco.edu/About/Charts/). Information on the Major Field Test can be found at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).



*Northern Colorado music  
faculty and alumni hold*

**TWO GRAMMY AWARDS**

*and four Grammy nominations.*

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Pictured from left, Ruben and Maria Ramirez of Johnstown talk about his four years as a bracero and share family photos with Priscilla Falcon, UNC director of Mexican-American Studies.

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RETRACE AND RECORD  
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*Eyes* may be the windows to the soul, but it's a person's hands that truly tell their story.

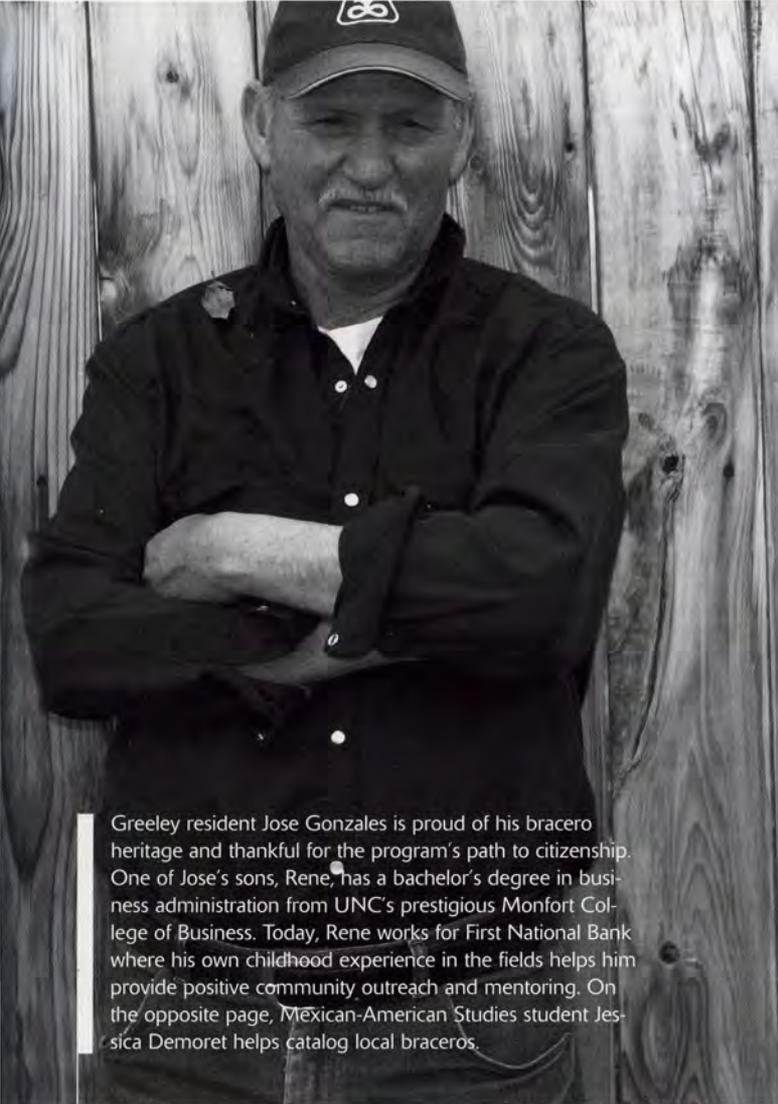
Jessica Demoret sits quietly in the basement of the Greeley History Museum, a faithfully restored brick building downtown that was once home to the Greeley Tribune. Today, like most Tuesdays and Thursdays this semester, the UNC senior's hands are covered by white gloves. The gloves protect the yellowing letters, and black and white photos she moves into piles on the reference li-



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brary's oversized wooden desks. Demoret is a Mexican-American Studies major. She relishes the opportunity to uncover and catalog local braceros—or farm workers—who migrated to northern Colorado through the Bracero program, the 20th century's largest guest worker program.

This is painstaking, delicate work, but Demoret is precise, careful and has a passion for history. A first-generation college student, she cites her involvement in this national research project as the inspiration for her to continue her education after she graduates from UNC this month. She wants to study immigration law in



Greeley resident Jose Gonzales is proud of his bracero heritage and thankful for the program's path to citizenship. One of Jose's sons, Rene, has a bachelor's degree in business administration from UNC's prestigious Monfort College of Business. Today, Rene works for First National Bank where his own childhood experience in the fields helps him provide positive community outreach and mentoring. On the opposite page, Mexican-American Studies student Jessica Demoret helps catalog local braceros.

the next few years. "I think the Chicano movement is an important part of American history," says Demoret. "It should be treated like any other civil rights movement. Their personal struggle has always been for better wages, better housing for their families and better education for their children."

*The Bracero program* was a "win-win" proposition established by the United States government in 1942 because of labor shortages caused by World War II. Mexico saw the program as a contribution to the war effort and Mexican peasants, desperate for cash, were willing to take jobs at wages scorned by most Americans. Although the program began as a temporary measure, it became a fixture of our country's agricultural landscape until it was finally terminated in 1964.

Participation in the bracero program was limited to agricultural workers. In all, more than 4.5 million contracts were granted during the 22 years the guest worker program existed. The braceros' presence had a significant effect on the business of farming, especially in Colorado, where the thriving sugar beet industry helped support the cattle industry.

Despite its necessity and good intentions, several groups concerned about the exploitation of bracero workers tried to repeal the program. Prospective braceros were often asked to

show their calloused hands to prove that they were experienced farm laborers. Braceros were taken to processing centers where they were searched for contraband and sprayed with DDT by Department of Agriculture personnel. Workers were fingerprinted as part of the processing procedure and forced to use short-handled hoes because farm owners believed it made workers more careful and kept crops from being damaged. Regardless of one's opinion, the Bracero program had a profound effect on Mexican-American migration that persists to this day.

Demoret thinks the program created nothing more than legal slave labor. "Nobody wanted to take responsibility for the failures of the Bracero program," she says. "The bottom line is, they were human beings. All anyone has to do is take the time to get to know Latinos, their culture and their traditions. It's OK to speak two languages . . . their 'American Dream' is not to work in our kitchens and fields. It's just that they want to feed their children and take care of their families. It's what we all want. It's as simple as that."

*Since 1956*, when photographer Leonard Nadel was hired to document the bracero working conditions, not much has been done to catalog the program's history. In a partner-

ship among George Mason University's Center for History and New Media, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, the University of Texas at El Paso and Brown University, the University of Northern Colorado will help develop the Bracero History Archive, which will include recordings and transcripts of interviews with program participants, photographs, documents and other files related to the Bracero program.

Priscilla Falcon, director of Mexican-American Studies at UNC, says there are three main goals of the new partnership—to go into the Greeley community to establish a “foundation of research,” to create a database of local braceros for inclusion at the Smithsonian, and to present gathered information and stories at a national convention with other scholars from across the country who are also studying bracero migratory patterns. “This is a special project for me,” says Falcon. “Both of my parents were migrant workers. I started helping in the fields when I was nine, picking peas all day and filling lard buckets. I did this for years, even throughout high school, working the potato crops each summer.”

Falcon points out that political debates surrounding immigration tend to move in cycles. “In 1915, there was no border policy,” she says. “Anyone could move back and forth across the border.” Falcon does not suggest that that would work today, but says like any race-related issues our country still faces, education and tolerance are key to understanding and change. Part of that education means educating today's youth about the past and sharing success stories of those who obeyed the rules and have created generations of thriving children and grandchildren.

Jose Gonzales' story begins in 1944, in Tepatitlan, Jalisco. One of 13 brothers and sisters, Gonzales lived on a small ranch in Mexico growing up. Soon after the second grade, Gonzales left school to help his father on their family farm. At just 6-years old, his main job was tending to weeds, which meant he became “very good with the hoe,” he says. As years went by and jobs became scarce, friends convinced him to move north. After one season harvesting cotton in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, a Letter of Certification would qualify him to become a bracero.

“We called the Bracero program, El Control [The Control],”

remembers Gonzales. “I joined the braceros out of necessity. We were paid about 50 cents an hour. When the patron [boss] would give us a check, we would buy some supplies and send the rest of the money back home. All of the braceros I worked with did the same. We all sent money home to help our families. I worked from sol to sol, or sunup to sundown. We all did.”

Today, Gonzales, 63, owns a home in Greeley and is a naturalized U.S. citizen thanks to the Bracero program and its path to citizenship. His family includes nine children, many of whom are first-generation college graduates, and University of Northern Colorado students and alumni. Son, Rene, is a small



business lender at First National Bank, formerly 1st Union Colony Bank in Greeley. A graduate of UNC's prestigious Monfort College of Business, Rene is currently pursuing his master's in business administration. Rene credits his sense of values and strong work ethic to his father. Growing up, Rene remembers working in the fields after school and during every summer vacation. “In the agricultural industry, it's a fairly simple equation—the more sacks you produce, the more money you make,” he says. “I also remember cleaning ditches on O street. In the distance you can see some of the UNC buildings on the horizon. That was always another constant reminder of where both my father and I wanted me to end up.”

As a member of the Latino Advisory Committee for Greeley Museums and Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center, Rene participates in a number of community outreach activities, mentoring youth throughout Greeley to make sure they stay on the right path. Admittedly, Rene says many Latino father figures show little emotion. “It takes a strong person to walk into a new culture, not know the language, and try to build a life. But little emotion does not mean caring little.”

The United States has often been called a nation of immigrants, and most families have stories about immigration and migration in their immediate or distant past. But the origins of immigrants to the United States and their experiences vary considerably. Many of their stories are filled with pain, but also hope. You can see it in their hands. And, if you take the time to look, you can also see it in their eyes. **NV**

## Links to the Past

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the Bracero and a pictorial history of the program, please visit the Smithsonian Institution on the web at [http://americanhistory.si.edu/ONTHEMOVE/themes/story\\_51\\_5.html](http://americanhistory.si.edu/ONTHEMOVE/themes/story_51_5.html).

For updates from all of the project's participating universities, please visit each school's web site at the following links:

**Brown University:** [www.brown.edu/Administration/News\\_Bureau/2006-07/06-149.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/News_Bureau/2006-07/06-149.html)

**George Mason University:** <http://chnm.gmu.edu/>

**University of Texas at El Paso:** <http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=20018>



## Income for Life: A Lasting Impression

Ellen Veed chooses a deferred gift annuity for herself and for others

THE PROMISE OF INCOME for life and a commitment to transform lives—those are the reasons Ellen Veed decided to invest in a deferred gift annuity, the University of Northern Colorado Foundation, and ultimately, UNC's students. Veed received her doctor of arts in mathematics from UNC. Having taught at the university level for 38 years, Veed understands the importance of higher education and the financial needs facing so many students today.

"When I wanted to make a gift, I wanted to do it in an endowed way," said Veed. "A deferred gift just made the most sense to me... I wanted to make a lasting impression."

The deferred payment charitable gift annuity is both a gift to the UNC Foundation as well as an annuity. Part of each future payment is a tax-free return of principal and part is ordinary income. The combination of partially tax-free income and the initial charitable deduction made this agreement attractive to Veed.

By deferring her payments for 10 years, Veed also earns a higher rate of return. She says it's nice to know she would have money if she needs it, but she says she didn't do it for the monthly income. "If I get 10 years down the road and I don't need it, I'll just donate it again."

### PHILANTHROPY

## Have You Considered a Charitable Gift Annuity?

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| Age | Gift Annuity Rate | Annuity Annual Payment |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------|
| 65  | 6.0 percent       | \$600                  |
| 70  | 6.5 percent       | \$650                  |
| 75  | 7.1 percent       | \$710                  |
| 80  | 8.0 percent       | \$800                  |
| 85  | 9.5 percent       | \$950                  |
| 90+ | 11.3 percent      | \$1,130                |

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## UNC Alum Stars With Bette Midler in *The Showgirl Must Go On*

UNC ALUMNA Aléna Watters is living the dream. Currently starring as a “Harlette” with The Divine Miss M. Bette Midler in

UNC Musical Theatre alumna Aléna Watters appears with Bette Midler in *The Showgirl Must Go On*, playing now at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

her newest creation, *The Showgirl Must Go On*, Watters feels lucky to be working and learning alongside a legend in the industry. “Working with Bette is, well, divine!” said Watters. “It’s been an

incredible experience to watch one of the most dynamic performers of our time work her magic on stage. I’m honored to

be one of her ‘girls.’” Playing exclusively for The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, and featuring a bevy of girls and gags, *The Showgirl Must Go On* is a repertoire of Midler’s favorite characters set against the backdrop of a glittering Broadway-style theatre. “I’ve been hoard-



stage by a 13-piece band, which includes a six-piece horn section from the Las Vegas band The Fat City Horns. *The Showgirl Must Go On* hits the stage five nights a

ing feathers and fans and sequins and rhinestones for the last 50 years... I’m throwing ‘em all on stage,” said Midler. Alongside her Harlettes, Midler is joined on

week at 7:30 p.m. (The show is “dark” on Monday and Thursday.) Visit <http://bette.aeglive.com> to get tickets to see Watters and Midler live.

## Born to Be a Bear

HAS YOUR BEAR CUB joined the “Born to Be a Bear” program yet? All children up to 2 years of age are eligible. Members of the Born to Be a Bear program will receive a gift pack of UNC Bear goodies suitable for young Bear fans. To enroll or learn more, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org).



“Born to Be a Bear” Diron Tappin shows it’s never too early to show your Bear pride.

### EVENT

## No Trade Claws (Once a Bear, Always a Bear!)

UNC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS gathered for another exciting weekend in Arizona this past March. Activities included a golf outing at Arizona National, a social hosted by alumni Dale and Julie Butcher, and two Rockies spring training games.



Clockwise from top left: Linda Schreiber; Colorado Rockies co-owner Charlie Monfort shows off the Rockies 2007 National League Championship trophy; Colorado Rockies Manager Clint Hurdle thanks fans after the game; Dale and Julie Butcher host the Bears Weekend in Arizona 19th Hole Party and celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

### AWARDS

## 2008 HONORED ALUMNI GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO TRANSFORM LIVES

EACH YEAR, the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni and friends whose service and achievements embody the university’s tradition of excellence and commitment to transform lives. Selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors, we are proud to announce the 2008 Honored Alumni Award recipients.

- **Distinguished Emeritus Award**  
Buddy Baker
- **Distinguished Emeritus Award**  
John Beel (posthumous)
- **Honorary Alumni Award**  
Tom and Nona Gordon
- **Creative Achievement Award**  
John Mendoza BA-61
- **Distinguished Alumni Service Award**  
Rhoda Rogers BS-88
- **Distinguished Alumni Award**  
Michael Shonka BS-69
- **Young Alumni Award**  
Patrick Varney BS-99

BY ROBBIE CLARKE '09

This profile was written through a partnership with Professor Lee Anne Peck's magazine writing class at UNC. To read more profiles of alumni and faculty authored by current UNC students, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org).

## A Slice of the Pie Schmuhl Brothers Put Pizzazz in Pizza

VINCE AND LARRY SCHMUHL hit the jackpot, literally, by creating a pizza empire known as Blackjack Pizza. University of Northern Colorado alumnus Vince Schmuhl (BA-81) is the founder of Blackjack Pizza and his brother, Larry Schmuhl (BA-81), also a UNC alumnus, is the vice president.

Before coming to UNC, Vince worked for two years in construction. When Larry graduated high school, they both decided to go to UNC and get degrees in business. Coming from a family with seven children, a significant portion of the UNC college bill was Vince and Larry's to figure out on their own. To pay for their college expenses, Vince took a job at Domino's, which would later spark his interest in owning a pizza shop. Larry worked at the Greeley Holiday Inn.

"Our dad paid for as much as he could, then he told us the rest was our responsibility," Larry said.

After opening his first Blackjack restaurant in Federal Heights, Colo.,



in 1983, Vince was surprised to find the pizza joint was more successful than expected. Vince decided to open a second store in Greeley and generate some pizza competition by creating an affordable, high-quality pizza for one of the most predominant populations of Greeley: college students.

"It just seemed like Domino's had the monopoly in Greeley," Vince said. "There was no other pizza place that delivered. It seemed like a no-brainer."

With the success of his first stores, Vince continued to open one after another. He decided to offer franchising opportunities in 1988 because there were just too many stores to run on his own. It was not until 1992 while installing new computers in the stores that Larry, who had been working in insurance, decided to partner up with his brother.

Both Vince and Larry credit the UNC business school for its influential professors. Specifically mentioning classes such as marketing strategies with Joseph Clithero, finance with Phil Shade and management with Wilfred Jacques, the brothers praise the university for treating students as people, not numbers.

"The classes were smaller and more personalized," Larry said. "It is just more personable."

Vince and Larry are both married with children and are still very active in the daily happenings of each Blackjack Pizza. Since the first store opened its doors in 1983, more than 40 stores have been launched in five states with more on the way. **NV**

Larry Schmuhl '81 and Vince Schmuhl '81 have grown Blackjack Pizza to more than 40 stores since opening their first pizza shop in 1983.

### ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

**Name:** Vince Schmuhl

**Professional Title:** Founder, Blackjack Pizza

**UNC Degree:** BA, Business, 1981

**Hometown:** Denver

**Current Home:** Greeley

**Name:** Larry Schmuhl

**Professional Title:** Vice President, Blackjack Pizza

**UNC Degree:** BA, Business, 1981

**Hometown:** Denver

**Current Home:** Broomfield

# class NOTES

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## 1950s

**Robert Rose** (BA-50, MA-52), Branson, Mo., lives on Lake Taneycomo and is professor emeritus of marketing at the University of Central Missouri. Robert previously served as dean of two colleges of business, academic vice president of a liberal arts college and administrative dean of a state college.

**Shirley Brand** (BA-52, MA-63), Greeley, is the subject of *Doing My Part*, a book authored by her friend, Teresa Funke, about her experiences as a teenager working two summers in an Illinois factory during World War II. A retired Greeley elementary school teacher, Shirley volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Greeley Museum and the Greeley libraries.

**Don Jeffries** (BA-56, MA-60), Chula Vista, Calif., was an elementary school teacher and principal from 1956 to 1991 in Colorado, New Mexico and California, and a consultant for the National Association for Year-Round Education from 1991 to 2003.

**Lily Rosqueta-Rosales** (EdD-59), Quezon City, Philippines, was appointed by the president of the Philippines to the first Professional Regulatory Board in Guidance and Counseling. After being honored with the University of the Philippines Sigma Beta Sorority's Highest Achievement Award, Lily was invited to be a member of the Technical

**ATHLETICS**

## Hall of Fame Inductees



INTRODUCING THE 2007 Northern Colorado Athletics Hall of Fame Class:

- Karl Dodge**, Track & Field, 1988–93
- Ed Dyer**, Baseball, 1961–64
- Billy Holmes**, Football, 1994–97
- Jim Lord**, Contributor
- Mandy Nilsen**, Soccer, 1998–2002
- Stormie Wells**, Volleyball, 1993–96
- 1997 National Champion Football Team**

Committee of the Commission on Higher Education. Lily continues to stay active in national and international professional and civic organizations, and traveled to the United Arab Emirates and India in 2007.

## 1960s

**Valdon Cameron** (BA-60), Bishop, Calif., retired in 2000, after

40 years of teaching middle school science at Madison Science and Medical Careers Magnet School in North Hollywood. During Val's long career in education, he received the Madison Award, the Shiny Apple Award and United Teachers of Los Angeles Platinum Apple Award, and was chosen Teacher of the Year by Los Angeles School District Middle Schools. He and his wife, Betty, have a daughter and a son, and enjoy fishing and amateur radio.

**Ann (Barnhardt) Camy** (BA-63, MA-69), Morrison, published two children's books—a chapter book for 10-12 year olds, *Adventures on Wilderness Ranch*, and a picture book for readers ages 3-6, *Oreo*, which is the first in a series called "Playful Pets."

**Ronny Cline** (BA-65, MA-69), Ouray, retired in 2007 after teaching industrial arts for 42 years at Ouray High School.

**Pam (Forman) Bone** (BA-69), Castle Rock, retired after 27 years with the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Pam served as an event manager for five years at the Air Force Academy athletic department and was assigned to U.S. Northern Command at the time of her retirement.

**C. Lanny Munson** (BA-69), Omaha, Neb., retired in January after more than 30 years with the Union Pacific Railroad. After starting with UP in the Greeley and LaSalle area, he moved to Omaha in 1985 and was most recently a manager in the accounting department.



**William Hoffmann** (BA-63, MA-74), Kelliher, Minn., was featured in the 2008 Humana Active Outlook calendar. A runner since 1967, Bill has been an inline skater for the past six years and recently skated in a marathon (26.2 miles) in Duluth. Bill has also flown B-52 bombers and helicopters in Vietnam, managed and flew famine relief missions in Darfur, and transported logs by helicopter. He is a proud cancer survivor.

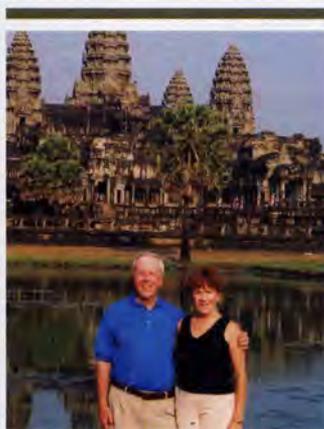
Prior to his career with Union Pacific, he taught math and history in Manzanola (Colo.) for nine years. Lanny enjoys flower gardening, leisure bicycling and politics, and has a lifelong passion for railroads and train-watching.

## 1970s

**Donna (Hatton) George** (BA-70), Chattanooga, Tenn., retired master sergeant, United States Army (2003), is continuing her teaching career in special education with Hamilton County Schools in Chattanooga. Prior to entering the military, Donna taught at Adams County School District 1 in Colorado for 13 years. Donna and her husband, Rodney, have been married for 37 years.

**Curtis Medalen** (MA-70), Minot, N.D., taught at the elementary level in North Dakota, earned a second master's degree and retired as an elementary school principal in 2000.

**Jean (Ramseier) Patton** (BA-70, MA-72), Boulder, is a program coordinator for The Nature Conservancy following a career



**Don Groves** (BA-67, MA-70, EdD-82) and **Jan Groves** (MA-82), Kampala, Uganda, traveled to Spain and Vietnam in 2007. They have lived in Africa for more than seven years, where Don serves as the head of the International School of Uganda, a nonprofit, coeducational day school.

in the Colorado ski industry as director of public relations at the Steamboat Ski Area. Jean is a contributing editor for *Ski Magazine* and independent public relations counsel for the ski industry.

**Virginia Stitt** (MA-70), Cedar City, Utah, was elected Music Educator of the Year for the state of Utah. Virginia has been a professor of music at Southern Utah University since 1977.

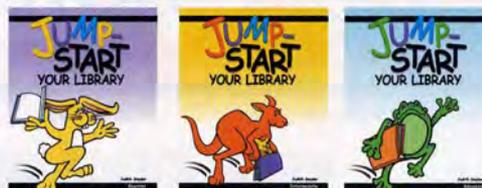
**Rick Hays** (BA-73), Helena, Mont., retired from Qwest in 2006 and was elected to the board of the American Federal Savings Bank in Helena.

**Susan Peterson** (BA-73), Schererville, Ind., is assistant principal of Boone Grove Middle School. She earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and administrative certification from Purdue University. Susan and her husband, Mark, and their two children, Cari and Jace, have lived in northwest Indiana since 1995. They look forward to travel and relocating to Arkansas in a few years.

**Ned Kitchel** (BA-74), Falmouth, Maine, owns his own company. Ned had worked in the catalog industry for L.L. Bean and Lands End since 1976. He and his wife, Charlene, have one daughter, Zoe.

**Peggy Cook** (BA-75, MA-91), Arvada, is a program assistant in the McBride Honors Program in Public Affairs for Engineers at Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

**Bruce Speck** (BA-75), Joplin, Mo., was named president of Missouri Southern State University. Bruce previously served as provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., and was a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of Memphis and Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.



**Judith (Pyatt) Snyder** (BA-72), Aurora, published *Jump-Start Your Library*, a series of three library skills books that offers hands-on activities for elementary school teachers and librarians. Judith is a professional storyteller, freelance writer and children's author.

**John Fluke** (BA-76), Centennial, is the founder and director of American Humane Center for Child Protective Services Research. John most recently was vice president of research for Walter R. McDonald & Associates Inc.

**Tim Carlson** (BA-77), Littleton, teaches ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> grade American history and government at Conifer High School. He is in his 30<sup>th</sup> year with Jefferson County Public Schools.

**Christine Ellis** (BA-77, MA-93), Parker, retired in June 2006, after teaching for 12 years in Gillette, Wyo. Christine also taught for three years in Strasburg, Colo., eight years in Elizabeth, Colo., and six years in Douglas County. She continues to substitute teach in Douglas and Summit Counties.

**Susan Twomey** (BA-77), Sleepy Hollow, Ill., is the executive director of the Buchanan Center for the Arts in Monmouth, Ill. Susan has created artwork and designed displays for Trader Joe's in the Chicago area. She has also worked as a professional caterer, kindergarten teacher, jewelry designer and director of the Champaign County Arts Council.

**Tracy Holland** (BA-78, MA-91), Edmond, Okla., was named head football coach at the University of Central Oklahoma. Tracy previously coached at Oklahoma Christian School, and Heritage Hall and in Europe.

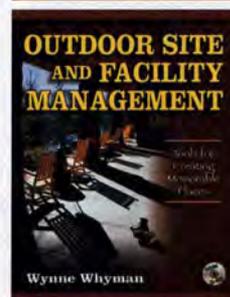
**Drew Hoovler** (BA-78), Houston, is the scene shop foreman at the University of Houston School of Theatre and Dance and master carpenter and scene

shop foreman at the Houston Shakespeare Festival/Children's Theatre Festival.

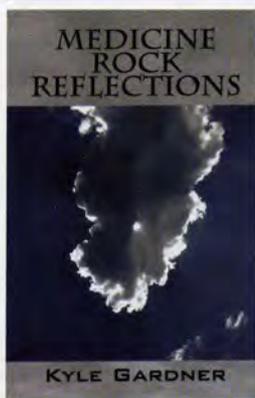
**Kikuko Satoh** (BA-78), Yokohama, Japan, teaches English to Japanese children.

**Patricia Heinzman** (BSN-79), Albuquerque, N.M., is the director of case management and social services at Kindred Hospital. A certified case manager for nine years, Patricia received board certification in nursing case management in October 2007.

**Mark Kling** (BA-79), Denver, is the executive director of the Family Resource Center Association, an association of 24 family resource centers promoting the well-being of children, families and communities across Colorado. Mark previously held the positions of vice president, general counsel and secretary for Space Imaging Inc., senior



**Wynne Whyman** (BA-83), Colorado Springs, has published *Outdoor Site and Facility Management: Tools for Creating Memorable Places*, a comprehensive resource for board members, administrators and staff with practical tools and worksheets to manage their outdoor properties.



**Kyle Gardner (BA-85), Carmichael, Calif., published *Medicine Rock Reflections* (Outskirts Press, 2007).**

attorney for Qwest, associate general counsel for Telseon Inc., and general attorney for Cyprus Amax Minerals Co. He has conducted business around the world, including in Canada, Latin America, China, Southeast Asia, Australia, Africa, Russia, the European Union and the Middle East. Mark worked for a member of Parliament and for a U.S. senator. He studied at the University of London. He obtained his JD degree from the University of Denver, where he also taught as an adjunct professor.

## 1980s

**Brian Bettger (BME-80), Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.,** is the principal of Vernon Middle School in Montclair. He continues to stay active as a performer, composer, writer, clinician and adjudicator in Southern California.

**Bill Burnett (BA-80), Libertyville, Ill.,** is an independent consultant, specializing in managing innovation talent within medium to large companies. Bill received his international business degree in South Carolina. He has worked in financial services most of his career, including 17 years with Diners Club International, which allowed him to travel to 65 countries.

**Lawrence Minks (EdD-80), Claremore, Okla.,** was named executive vice president for academic

affairs at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Lawrence has 33 years of higher education administrative/teaching experience at SOSU, Rogers State University (Oklahoma), Ohio Northern University, Longwood College (Virginia) and Brescia College (Kentucky).

**Dan King (EdD-81), San Bernardino, Calif.,** published *Hands Off*, an adventure tale set in the American West. In 2008, Dan and his wife, Linda, plan to move to Montana, where portions of his book take place.

**John Yurik (BS-81), Henderson, Nev.,** owns and operates Signs West Inc. in Las Vegas. He and his wife have four children.

**James Haddican (BS-82), Richfield, Minn.,** is chief financial officer with Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul. James earned an MBA from the University of Southern Colorado and is a first-degree black belt in Kenpo Karate.

**Claude Walz (MA-82), Zachary, La.,** retired in June 2007 after 39 years with the Union Pacific Railroad as the director of operations support for the Livonia Service Unit covering the state of Louisiana. He started a consulting firm, Quality Application, specializing in ISO9001/ISO14001 management systems auditing, and is a certified RABQSA lead auditor. Claude and his wife, Kyong, have two daughters, Anglique and Katelin, and look forward to traveling in the future.

**Lynn Acker (BA-83), Lakewood,** is a certified payroll professional. She has two children and one granddaughter.

**Beth Sayers (BS-83), Colorado Springs,** has worked in the insurance industry for 20 years. She was previously an assistant marketing director for shopping centers and has lived in New Mexico, Denver, San Diego and Sacramento, Calif. A member of the Fine Art Center, Beth is also active in New Life singles, her lo-

cal ministry and a book club. She enjoys golfing, home decorating, hiking and traveling. She has two children and a grandson.

**John Allen (BS-84), Barrington, Ill.,** is head of commercial risk at Sears Holdings, after working for General Electric for a number of years.

**Patrick Allen (BA-84), Aurora,** teaches elementary school in Douglas County and is also a staff developer for the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition. Patrick co-authored *Put Thinking to the Test* (Stenhouse Publishers) with Missy Matthews and UNC graduates, **Cheryl (Murphy) Zimmerman (BA-84)** and **Lori Conrad (BA-84)**. Patrick's wife, the former **Susan Thompson (BA-85)**, taught preschool and is a stay-at-home mom with their four children.

**Juan Carlos Alvarado (BS-84), Merida, Venezuela,** works as a

human relations consultant in the government-owned PDVSA.

**Lisa (Mahan) Barrett (BA-84), Durango,** is coordinator of academic services and an instructor at Pueblo Community College in Durango. She and her husband, **Patrick Barrett (BS-85)**, have two daughters, Caitlin and Megan.

**Drew Overholser (BA-85, MA-86), Lakewood,** is a fitness and personal coach.

**Elizabeth (McMain) Curran (BAE-86), Chesapeake, Va.,** works for Aflac insurance. Elizabeth and her husband, Tom, have lived in many areas of the country and now enjoy being near her niece and family.

**Sandra Elliott (BAE-86), Grand Junction,** was inducted into the Colorado Tennis Association's Hall of Fame in January. She serves as head tennis coach of Grand Junction's junior varsity

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teams, coaches singles players on the varsity boys and girls teams, and gives lessons to adult beginners.

**Wes Kufeld** (BA-87), Estes Park, was named Estes Park chief of police. Wes holds two associate degrees in criminal justice and is in the process of earning a master's degree in executive police leadership from the University of Colorado-Denver.

**Jerome Orosz** (BA-89), Lemon Grove, Calif., is a professor of astronomy at San Diego State University. Jerome and his team are studying a stellar black hole in the binary system, which has a mass almost 16 times that of the sun and could be the most massive black hole known to astronomers. Jerome's observations were published in the October 2007 issue of the journal, *Nature*.

## 1990s

**Nik DeVore** (BS-92), Philadelphia, was named the University of Pennsylvania's head tennis coach in August. Nik previously coached at Idaho's Boise State University, Kentucky's Morehead



**Melia Heimbeck** (BS-93), Broomfield, is executive director of the Credit Union Foundation of Colorado and Wyoming and director of credit union development for the Credit Union Associations of Colorado and Wyoming. Melia earned a master's degree in business finance from Regis University.

State University and California's Loyola Marymount University.

**Kent Solt** (BA-92), Loveland, was elected to the Loveland City Council and continues to work full time as an attorney for LexisNexis Legal Publishing Corp. Kent and his wife, the former **Jennifer Watson** (BA-93), have three children, Elijah, Lincoln and Amelia. Jennifer took a hiatus from teaching in the public schools to work as the director of children's education at their church.

**Ronald Martin** (MA-93), Odessa, Texas, has been in private practice for 13 years.

**Aaron Cizon** (BA-94), Greenville, S.C., earned an MBA in 2006 from the University of Colorado.

**Jennifer (Frischia) Mansanares** (BA-94), Littleton, has been an audiologist for seven years and works for Denver Ear Associates in Englewood. She is married and has one son.

**David Oliver** (BA-94), Gonzales, La., is head football coach at St. Amant High School.

**Kirstan (Vanzant) Morris** (BA-95, MA-01), Fort Collins, taught junior high language arts for nearly 10 years and is now a stay-at-home mom with her son and daughter.

**Vale Rideout** (BA-95), Bronx, N.Y., sings opera and classical music in New York City.

**David Hoffman** (BA-96), Wesley Chapel, Fla., is in his 11<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the ninth largest sheriff's office in the country. David was a member of the special incident response team and a field training officer.

**Conny Seay** (MA-96), Big Bear Lake, Calif., is an office manager for YMCA Metropolitan Los Angeles Camp Whittle, after working in the nonprofit sector in Boulder for 12 years. She managed two senior assisted liv-

ing communities, served as the community relations director for Senior Housing Options and was a senior resource advisor, advocate and personal assistant for private clients in her own business. Conny is a committee member for a Boulder County health and education advocacy program for gay and lesbian seniors.

**Jennifer (Harris) Torres** (BA-96, MA-99), Highlands Ranch, practices audiology in Englewood and is on the board of directors at The Listen Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps deaf and hard-of-hearing children in Colorado. Jennifer has one daughter, Addison, born in July 2006.

**Rita Vreeland** (BA-96), Chicago, works as an Actors' Equity Association stage manager and has worked with Northlight Theatre. Rita's recent stage management credits include 18 productions for Apple Tree Theatre, including "Bubbly Black Girl," "A Man of No

Importance" and "Uncle Vanya," all directed by Mark Lococo; "Cats," "Grease," "Oklahoma" and "The Sound of Music" at Theatre at the Center; the world premier of "Court Martial at Fort Devens," among others, for the Tony Award-winning Victory Gardens Theatre; and "Once Upon a Time in New Jersey" and "Into the Woods" at Marriott Lincolnshire.

**Joe LaRue** (BA-98), Santa Monica, Calif., is a field producer for Echo Entertainment, where he organizes, directs and creates content for a show about aromatherapy that is broadcast nationwide on the Veria Network. After earning an MFA in acting from the University of Florida, Joe spent six years in New York as the artistic director of Tobacco Bar Theatre Co., producing and directing nine off-Broadway plays, two of which have been published. During his time in New York, Joe was an equity actor, starring in a LORT regional tour of "M. Butterfly."

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**E. Andrew Yoesting** (BA-98), Lakewood, teaches physical education at Deane Elementary and coaches varsity football at Bear Creek High School.

**Amy Shute** (BA-99), West Hollywood, Calif., performed in an off-Broadway production, "Evil Dead: The Musical."

## 2000s

**Kimberly (Waegle) Avila** (MA-00), Fairfax, Va., announced the birth of her second daughter, Abigail Grace, on Oct. 16, 2007.

**Isaac Phillip Brown** (BA-00), North Hollywood, Calif., directed "Much Ado About Nothing" in October and November at the Two Roads Theatre in Studio City. The producer of the performance, Still Chasing Productions, committed 5 percent of ticket sales to the Life Through Art Foundation, to support educational opportunities in the arts for young students and artists unable to finance such endeavors.

**Misti Burmeister** (BA-00, MA-02), Fairfax, Va., is featured in the

book, *Millennial Leaders: Success Stories from Today's Most Brilliant Generation Y Leaders*. The CEO of Inspirion Inc., Misti is an expert on coaching and empowering Generations X and Y in their professional careers through individual and corporate coaching, speaking and seminars. She has been awarded the eWomen Network's International Femtor Award for Emerging Leaders and was named a fellow at the Foundation for Community Leadership for her insight about intergenerational teams and leaders.

**Ernest Castro** (BA-00), Lakewood, has joined New West Physicians' Denver West Family Practice in Golden. Castro earned a medical degree at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver and completed his residency at North Colorado Medical Center.

**Nathan Combs** (BA-00), Chicago, is a project manager at Chicago Scenic Studios where he works with companies such as Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. and Harpo Productions. He is married and has a daughter.



**Norma Bailey** (EdD-96), Mount Pleasant, Mich., was named the 2007 Michigan Professor of the Year during a CASE-sponsored celebration in Washington, D.C. Norma is a professor of teacher education and professional development at Central Michigan University.

**Nancy (Huey) Hill** (BS-00), Colorado Springs, works for College Pharmacy. Nancy married Jeffrey Hill in September 2007.

**Shawn Hagler** (BA-01), Platteville, won the Colorado State Championship Auctioneer title in January and will complete at the national level this summer.

An auctioneer for six years, Shawn works in the Denver-Colorado Springs auto auction market and also rides as a team roper on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit.

**Berkley Holston** (BA-01, MA-03), Lynchburg, Va., is the general sales manager of Clear Channel

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**Tim Kalke** (BA-01), Gillette, Wyo., owns Mat-Su Expeditions and River Guides, a south central Alaska-based sport fishing guide service that focuses on wilderness fishing adventures.

**Jamie Otis** (BA-01), Wellington, is a neurodiagnostic technologist at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins.

**Heather (Evangelatos) Robertson** (BA-01), Arvada, works from home for UnitedHealthcare as a sales proposal editor. Heather and her husband, Joshua, welcomed their first child, Zada Jean, in February 2007.

**Bryan Scott** (BS-01) and **Susan Nissen** (BA-00, MA-02), Loveland, were married in October. Bryan owns Altitude Painting Co. in Loveland and Susan is the community relations manager for the American Cancer Society in Greeley.

**Brett Siclair** (BA-01), Ocean

Springs, Miss., works as a special projects manager at Global Financial Aid Services Inc. and is earning an MBA with emphasis on accounting and finance. He and his wife relocated from Virginia in November and expect their first child in spring 2008.

**Chris Allen-Shinn** (BA-03), Newport News, Va., is an outreach education instructor at Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia that administers two museums, the Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center. He presents hands-on programs to inform students and community groups about life in 17th and 18th century Virginia. In spring 2009, Chris plans to enroll in Christopher Newport University's master of arts teaching program.

**Jabin Chartrand** (BA-03), Chicago, is a master electrician with Lookingglass Theatre Co.

**Chad Cummins** (BA-03) and **Neeley Patton** (BA-03), Greeley, were married in September 2007.

**Keith Peter** (BA-03), San Diego,

is a private equity analyst with Yorkville Advisors.

**Lesley Reno** (BA-03), Colorado Springs, earned an Emmy Award for her work as a producer on the KMGH 7News morning show. Lesley began her television career at KRDO Channel 13 in Colorado Springs, where she was awarded Best Morning Newscast by the Associated Press. She has worked for KMGH since 2005.

**Callie (Whitlock) Shoenherr** (BS-03), Windsor, works as an occupational therapist in Fort Collins. Callie and her husband, **Tom Shoenherr** (BA-00), have two children, Tori and Tyson.

**Christina Shepard** (BA-04), Rock Springs, Wyo., inspires others to have an interest in history as the exhibit coordinator at the Rock Springs Historical Museum.

**Briana Hovendick** (BA-05), Denver, is a graduate student in the library and information science program at the University of Denver.

**Kacey (Christman) Diede** (BS-06), Greeley, works at State Farm

Insurance as a life and health underwriter. Kacey and her husband, Doug, announced the birth of their son, Tanner John, in January.

**Shelley Harris** (BS-06), Fair Oaks, Calif., moved to California to pursue her teaching career.

**Allison Moldenhauer** (BA-06), Greeley, joined the Greeley office of Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

**Jessica Shepherd** (BS-06), Greeley, has been promoted from senior marketing coordinator to project manager at 90octane, a Denver-based interactive marketing agency.

**Jason Battista** (BS-07), Aurora, is earning an MBA at the University of Colorado.

**Brian Casey** (DA-07) Fillmore, N.Y., is an assistant professor of conducting and horn, and director of orchestral studies at Houghton College, a liberal arts Christian college in western New York.

## IN MEMORY

### EMERITUS FACULTY/FRIENDS

Longtime UNC chemistry professor and former associate dean of arts and sciences **John A. Beel** passed away in January. Beel joined the faculty in 1949 as its only chemistry professor and chaired the chemistry and biochemistry department until 1971. He led the chemistry and biochemistry program to national certification, initiated UNC's chemistry and biochemistry master's and doctoral programs, and helped start the university's medical program and School of Nursing. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1984. Memorial gifts may be made to the Dr. John A. Beel Scholarship, c/o UNC Foundation.

**George Febinger** passed away in June. Febinger served as a medic in the 3rd Army Medical Corps in the European Theater. He began teaching in Denver Public Schools and was assistant professor of education at CSU before completing his career in education at UNC, where he was professor and supervisor of student teachers from 1969-83. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1983.

Former library science professor **Andrew H. "Andy" "Hoot" Gibbons Jr.** (EdD-77) passed away in October in Utah. Gibbons taught at UNC from 1971-87, with emeritus faculty status granted in 1987. He served on the USS Hancock during World War II and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State University.

**Virgil Y. "Joe" Lindahl** (MA-49), former UNC athletic director, professor and coach, passed away in January, in Sun City, Ariz. Born in Tilden, Neb., Lindahl attended Wayne State College from 1937-41, competing in three sports. He was selected to the All-Nebraska first team in football four straight years, and in 1973, was the first collegiate athlete elected to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Lindahl received his master's degree from UNC in 1949. In 1953, he returned to his alma mater to work as an assistant coach under then head coach John Hancock. The following season Lindahl took over as head coach and led the football team until 1964. During his career, Lindahl was elected to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 1961, as well as the Wayne State College Hall of Fame in 1978. He also served in the Air Force from 1941-44 and played for the New York Giants for one year. His daughter, Jane Knight, said that although her father didn't have a lot of "winning" seasons as a football coach, he helped UNC win more than just games by securing athletic scholarships for student-athletes. Knight said her father was also an early advocate of Title IX, which helped put women athletes on an even playing field with their male counterparts. "My father was calm and laid back. He didn't rant and rave like a lot of coaches," said Knight. "He was more concerned with building character, teaching and sharing values." Nebraska State Sen. Tom Carlson said of

Coach Lindahl, "He took a chance on me when I was playing for him. His confidence in me, even when I didn't see it, affects me to this day." Lindahl is survived by his daughter, Jane Knight; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1982.

UNC Professor Emeritus **Hal McKain** funded a wooden bench on the Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa) campus, to honor his late wife, **Rozie McKain** (BA-68, MA-70). Rozie, also professor emeritus who taught at UNC from 1966–89, lost her battle with cancer in 2001.



**Robert A. "Bob" Montgomery** (EdD-61) passed away in November. Montgomery served as dean of health, physical education and recreation at UNC and was named emeritus faculty in 1987. During his tenure, he was also head golf coach at UNC and was instrumental in negotiating the deal to bring the Denver Broncos to Greeley for their annual summer training camp.



**Arthur "Art" Partridge**, former UNC professor from 1959–89, passed away in February. While at UNC, Partridge was chairman of the Department of Education Administration, dean of the College of Education and head of the Educational Planning Service. He received the M. Lucile Harrison Outstanding Teacher Award in 1975 and emeritus faculty status was granted in 1989. Memorial gifts may be made to the Arthur Partridge UNC Education Leadership Scholarship, c/o UNC Foundation.

### 1930s

**Edna (Romans) McCormick** (BA-31) passed away in October. An active member of the Arvada community and a physical education teacher for 42 years, McCormick was instrumental in organizing the North Jeffco Park & Recreation District, which now has a room named for her in the Apex Center. Named Arvada's "Woman of the Year," McCormick is listed in the Vail Ski Hall of Fame and played 18 holes of golf, three times a week until she turned 95.

**Carrie Ruckman Massie** (LC-34, BA-42)

**Donald R. Best** (LC-37)

**Franklin Mercer** (BA-39)

### 1940s

**Homer D. Henley** (MA-42)

**Zenobia Powell Perry** (MA-45)

**Paul G. Bethke** (BA-46, MA-48) passed away in 1993. The Poudre School District Board of Education named a new elementary school in Timnath, Colo., after Bethke, a longtime teacher and superintendent in the Timnath and Laporte areas. Bethke was a staunch school consolidation advocate and a driving force behind Colorado's first modern school finance and budget acts.

**Marie Mockford** (BA-48)

**Janelle (Haworth) Munn** (BA-48)

### 1950s

**Shirley (Kahl) Balding** (MA-51)

**William Bohlender** (BA-51)

**Mary Frances Greenly** (BA-51)

**Gerald Narramore** (BA-51, MA-54)

**Frank N. Bales** (BA-53)

**Martin Schmidt** (BA-53)

**Ortis Bucher** (BA-54)

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**Fern Ellen Stanton** (BA-56)

**Maudra (Ellis) Mencer** (MA-57)

**Auriel (Oram) Sandstead** (BA-57, MA-61)

**Anne Glavan** (BA-59)

### 1960s

**Robert F. Bailey** (MA-60)

**Margaret Laughlin** (BA-61)

**Gerald E. Mott** (MA-62)

**John Frederick Schmelzer** (MA-63)

**Bernard D. Martinez** (BA-64)

**Bonnie (Barber) Swick** (BA-64)

**Robert L. Asbury** (BA-66)

**Richard G. Levad** (BA-67, MA-70)

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**Elizabeth Murray** (BA-68)

**James M. Williams** (MA-68)

**Gary Sibigroth** (BA-69)

**Marlene M. Sprenger** (MA-69)

### 1970s

**Barry E. Parr** (BA-70)

**David A. Scruggs** (BS-70)

**Nancy Chapman** (MA-72)

**Lawrence L. Lloyd** (BA-73)

**Robert L. Major** (EdD-73)

**Rayward B. Dunnell** (MA-74)

**Kay (Kenny) Fenton** (MA-74)

**Bruce E. Rebok** (MA-75)

**Charlotte M. Sellers** (MA-77)

**Timothy L. Sharp** (BS-78)

**Barry E. Beggs** (BS-79)

**Charlene Lafleur** (MA-79, EdD-80)

### 1980s

**Audrey Riggs** (BA-80)

**Virginia Craig** (BA-81)

**Deborah (McBride) Schmidt** (BS-82)

**M. Karen Olsen** (MA-83)

### 1990s

**William F. Dodd** (MA-91)

**Nancy Moss** (MS-93)

**Melody Baird** (BA-97)

**Duane Murakami** (BA-97)

### 2000s

**Daniel Finnerty** (MA-04)

# calendar OF EVENTS

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| <b>MAY</b>       | 15 | School of Art & Design Alumni and Friends Reunion, Loveland Museum/Gallery, 5:30–7:30 pm  |
| <b>JUNE</b>      | 16 | 34th Annual Roland C. Waterman Accounting Memorial Golf & Alumni Day, Vista Ridge, Erie, 8 am, Cost: \$125                              |
|                  | 21 | Alumni Day, Elitch Gardens, Denver  |
| <b>JULY</b>      | 8  | Boulder Brass, Garden Theatre, 7:30 pm  |
|                  | 15 | UNC Alumni Concert Band, Garden Theatre, 7:30 pm  |
|                  | 22 | Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Garden Theatre, 7:30 pm  |
|                  | 25 | Colorado Springs Sky Sox Picnic & Fireworks Game, Security Service Field, 6 pm, Cost: \$22 Adults/\$15 Children 12 & Under              |
|                  | 29 | Colorado Jazz Orchestra, Garden Theatre, 7:30 pm  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    | 18 | Blue & Gold Golf Outing, TBD  |
|                  | 21 | First National Bank Sports Kickoff, Nottingham Field, 5 pm, Complimentary BBQ   |
|                  | 23 | Colorado Rockies Alumni Night at the Game, Rockies vs. Cincinnati Reds, Pregame Party at 4:30 pm at Jackson's, Cost: \$20 with Cash Bar |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | 6  | UNC Football @ Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind., Time TBD   |
|                  | 20 | Texas State @ UNC Football, Nottingham Field, 1:30 pm   |
|                  | 27 | Northern Arizona University @ UNC Football, Nottingham Field, 1:30 pm   |

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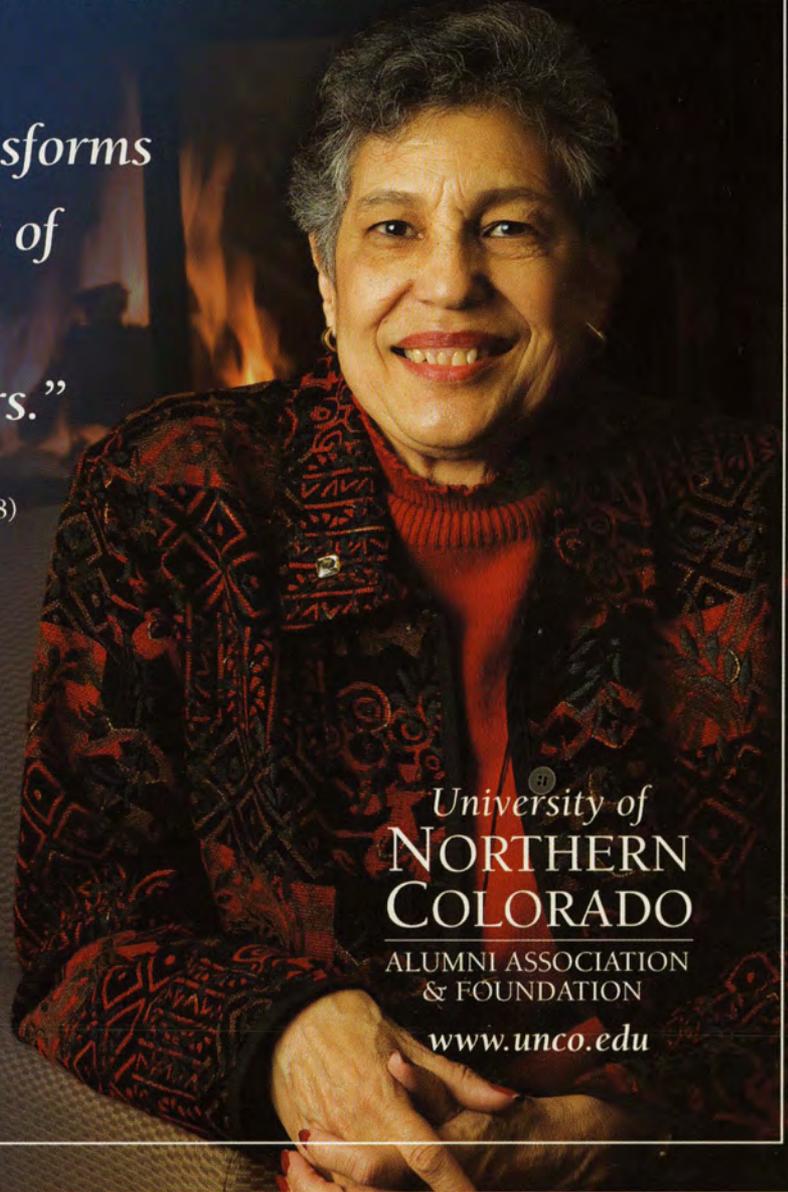


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