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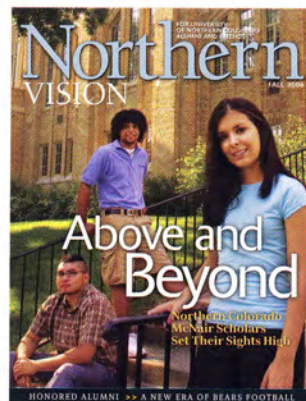
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Northern Colorado McNair Scholars gathered in front of Gunter Hall for a photo shoot this past summer. From left are Alonzo Barron, Joe Hamm and Mariana Felix. Hamm and Felix were both on campus working with the new student summer orientation program, while Barron spent the summer working at a family health clinic in Greeley. Turn to Page 10 to learn more about these scholars and the McNair Program at the University of Northern Colorado.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ADAM WELCH

Bear Pride

WE VERY MUCH ENJOYED reading the spring issue of *Northern Vision*. As a professor emeritus of UNC, I am very proud of the accomplishments of Joe Alexander and the Monfort College of Business, as well as Dana Landry and the School of Music. My wife, Martha, and I fondly recall the many excellent productions of the School of Theatre Arts and Dance that we were privileged to see during our 16-plus years in Greeley. Elena Batman (MM-87) studied with Charmaine Coppom, one of our best friends in the School of Music. W.D. Farr is without question one of the most extraordinary human beings we've ever met. So, you can see that this issue really was like "old home week" for us. Congratulations on a job well done!

Rob Hallquist, faculty emeritus
Pleasant City, N.C.

On W.D. Farr

OH MY, I must write you a note to tell you my reaction to the picture of W.D. Farr on Page 20 of the spring issue of *Northern Vision*. I am astounded about how much Mr. Farr and I look alike. He's 100, and I'm 86, but our hairlines, eyes,

nose and even smile are the same. Back in 1941-42, I sold ads for the *Greeley Journal*, the summer *Mirror* and the football game program. Mr. Farr always bought ads and he treated me ever so friendly. Thanks for the article that brought back many fond memories.

Louis Inglehart (BA-42, MA-47)
Muncie, Ind.

Frasier Error

I WAS ONE OF ABOUT SEVEN students that graduated from Colorado State College of Education on March 31, 1945. At that time in his private office, Dr. Frasier signed and presented to me my diploma and a life teaching certificate for Colorado. I couldn't believe that the whole article on Page 23 of the spring issue of *Northern Vision* had every instance of *Frasier* misspelled. Or maybe I am missing something and the spelling of the name was changed?

Glenice Fablinger (BA-45)
Merritt Island, Fla.

Note: No, the spelling of President Emeritus George Frasier's name has not been changed. We regret this error and will work hard to ensure that it is not repeated in the future.

We'd love to hear from you. Send letters to northernvision@unco.edu or *Northern Vision*, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639.

Our New Look

THIS YEAR, the University of Northern Colorado enters a new era. As the Bears embark upon a higher level of athletic competition in the Big Sky conference, the university raises the bar with a commitment to continually improving the student and alumni experience at Northern Colorado.

With this issue of *Northern Vision*, we join this effort by introducing a new design that more accurately reflects our vibrant campus and alumni community. The look is clean and modern, designed to help the reader better navigate the pages. We have also added more color, illustration and great photography to make the magazine more dynamic and fun to read. We hope you'll enjoy the improved "Northern News" and "Class Notes" sections, both of which help tell the story of our accomplished community.

The Northern Colorado alumni network is more than 90,000 strong and growing, and this publication is just one way we strive to keep you engaged in the life of the university. We'd love to hear from you with comments, article ideas or alumni profile suggestions. Thanks for reading.

—Danyel Barnard, Editor

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

ART EXHIBIT

Visual Stories Of the Earth

Kori Guy, MA '94, a Native American (Navajo and Cherokee) painter and potter, is the featured artist in the 2006 Homecoming Art Exhibit. Guy feels that the purpose of her artwork is to celebrate the beauty of life. She works in the media of pottery, oil painting and watercolor and is inspired by Native American traditions and by the scenic Colorado mountains where she lives. Guy calls her pottery and paintings "story pots and story paintings" because each unique piece has a traditional story or current story that she shares with her audience.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, from 4 pm-6 pm.

The Mari Michener Art Gallery is supported by the Friends of the UNC Libraries, and hosts shows by locally and nationally known artists and often displays the work of alumni, faculty and staff. Located on the first floor of the James A. Michener Library, the gallery is open during regular library hours. Call 970.351.2601 for further information or visit www.unco.edu/library/michgallery.htm.

Visual Stories of the Earth

At the Mari Michener Art Gallery
Oct. 5–Nov. 8, 2006



JOHN BLAKE

Angelou Shines on UNC

MAYA ANGELOU, HAILED AS ONE OF THE GREAT VOICES of contemporary literature, brought her legendary wisdom to the university this past spring. A poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright and civil-rights activist, Angelou spoke to a sold-out crowd of more than 1,000 students, faculty, alumni, parents and friends at the University Center.

Angelou's message was rooted in the idea of finding hope during hard times. "I came to talk about rainbows in the clouds," Angelou said. "If the rainbow is put into the clouds that means that even in the worst of times there is hope." She then talked about people in her own life who had been her rainbows in the clouds. She joked with the audience, prompting hearty waves of laughter, read poetry, sang hymns and shared knowledge unique to her experience.

She also challenged the audience members to be rainbows in the clouds for others. "How many of us look at a child who looks lost and psychologically broken?" she asked. "How many dare to shine on that child's path?" She then brought the message full circle, "Somebody's going to help us find our way out of this racism," she said. "Who's to say one of these little boys or girls won't be a lecturer at the University of Northern Colorado...so it behooves us to smile on somebody."

Angelou has authored 12 best-selling books including, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. In January 1993, she became only the second poet in U.S. history to have the honor of writing and reciting original work at the Presidential Inauguration.

FACULTY

PROFESSOR RECEIVES HARRISON AWARD

PROFESSOR GEORGE BETTS received this year's M. Lucile Harrison Award for Professional Excellence, UNC's top faculty honor that recognizes excellence in teaching, professional activity and service. Betts, who has been a faculty member for nearly 30 years, is a professor in the School of Special Education and director of the Center for the Education and Study of the Gifted, Talented and Creative. The author of two popular textbooks, Betts was selected by the National Association for Gifted Children as one of the top 50 most influential leaders in the history of gifted education.

Many Thanks to Dean Jean

AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE to the University of Northern Colorado, Dean of Students **Jean Schober Morrell** retired this past July. While her accomplishments and contributions are many, Morrell says that above all she takes pride in making a difference in the lives of students.

"My main goal has always been to help students achieve success at the university and to help them go on to be even more successful in life," Morrell says. "The

relationships with the students, helping them develop and grow, is what the job is all about."

Over the years, she was also responsible for a variety of areas on campus. Two of Morrell's proudest achievements include her involvement in developing the University Honor Code and in the restructuring of the student government. Some of the most challenging aspects of her job included disciplining students and dealing with student tragedies.

Off campus, Morrell has been extremely active in the Greeley community, serving as the founding president of the local safe house for battered women and their children. Her volunteer work has also included serving as the first female president of the Centennial Rotary Club,

as president and campaign chair of United Way, and as president of the American Cancer Society in Greeley. A breast cancer survivor, Morrell is frequently asked to speak about her experience fighting and conquering the disease.

Morrell's plans include consulting, spending more time with family, and maintaining her involvement in the community and a variety of nonprofit organizations. Above all, she wants to continue what she is best known for—a life of helping others.

Visit Dean Jean's online scrapbook at www.celebratelife.com/schober.



FOUNDATION

UNC FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT

Virgil A. Scott Jr. was appointed president and CEO of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation after a national search. Scott, formerly the president and CEO of the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association in Hays, Kan., began his new job on July 1. At Fort Hays State, Scott spearheaded the Centennial Campaign, a \$36 million capital campaign that surpassed its goal of \$30 million. He also led efforts to raise \$5.6 million for the Robbins Alumni and Endowment Center. During his tenure, the association's assets grew from \$15 million to \$42 million, while \$31 million was distributed to the university for scholarships and programming. Scott's wife, Diane, received her PhD in College Student Personnel Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1995.



Target Corp. Funds Advertising Class

THE TARGET CORP., a Fortune 50 company, committed funds to support students at the University of Northern Colorado's Monfort College of Business. Students in the advertising campaigns course received \$2,000 to fund their entrance into a national advertising campaign competition.

"Student teams from the Monfort College of Business have competed in the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition for more than 35 years," said Vish Iyer, professor for the advertising campaigns course. "Target's support of the class demonstrates the company's confidence in our students, who have garnered first, second and third places in the district consistently over the past 10 years."

The interdisciplinary course brings together students from the marketing, graphic design, and journalism and mass communication emphasis areas. This year's client for the advertising campaign is the Postal-Vault Co., a Texas-based business that manufactures locking mailboxes for homes to deter identity theft. Past clients have included Yahoo!, Toyota Motor Co., *The New York Times* and Bank of America.

Target previously committed \$5,000 to the college's advertising and promotion course, providing scholarship money to student teams that assemble winning integrated marketing communications plans for Target's designer clothing lines.



JOHN LABBE/GETTY IMAGES



KEVIN MOLONEY

UNC Trustee Graces Commencement

CARLOTTA LANIER '68 first made history as the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine, the nine African-American students who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Today, in addition to running her own real estate firm, she gives back to her alma mater in many ways. LaNier was appointed to the UNC Board of Trustees for this year and was also the keynote speaker at the spring commencement ceremonies. LaNier is the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for her role in developing the Little Rock Nine Foundation, was awarded the prestigious Spingarn Medal by the NAACP in 1958, and was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2004.

JAZZ FEST 2006

THE LARGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION, the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival brings together internationally recognized artists, jazz lovers, award-winning clinicians, and more than 300 college, high school and middle school big bands, combos and jazz vocal groups. Each year, more than 7,000 participants enjoy the main stage concerts, after-hours sessions, daytime performances and many educational workshop sessions. The festival is a noncompetitive educational and cultural facet of the UNC Jazz Studies Program that furthers the university's mission of lifelong learning.

This past spring, the 36th annual event featured the Grammy Award-winning Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra, New York Voices with the USAF Falconaires, Northern Colorado Voices, the university's award-winning ensemble jazz vocal group, and the Jazz Festival All-Stars, UNC's ensemble-in-residence. The 37th Annual UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival will be held April 19-21, 2007. For more information on jazz at UNC, visit www.arts.unco.edu/uncjazz.



STEPHANIE BURCHETT

Larry Engstrom, director of the University of Nevada, Reno School of the Arts, performed with UNC's ensemble-in-residence, the Jazz Festival All-Stars, at this year's festival.

College Holds Inaugural Monfort Institute

MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD winners and researchers from across the United States convened for a summit meeting in Colorado this summer to address the question, "How do we catapult ourselves to the next level of performance?"

Participants at the invitation-only summit meeting, sponsored by the Monfort Institute, attempted to answer the question by initially agreeing on a research agenda focusing on areas such as leadership, creativity and innovation, organizational culture, and performance metrics. Baldrige recipients and researchers will collaborate on the agenda—the academics performing research and the organizations providing data and resources.

"The Monfort Institute will be the facilitator of the research process," said John Latham, director of the Monfort Institute, which is affiliated with the Monfort College of Business at the University of Northern Colorado. "Our plan is to help high-performing organizations get the information they need to sustain their gain in a changing and increasingly global environment, and move their organizations to even higher levels of performance."

Baldrige recipients represented at the summit included Ritz-Carlton, Boeing Logistics Support Systems, Boeing Global Mobility Systems, Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., Sunny-Fresh Foods and Operations Management International Inc., among others.

WRC Honors Inspiring Women

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER held a reception this past spring to honor faculty, staff and students nominated for its annual Inspiring Women Awards. This year's winners were:

- **Elizabeth Franklin**, director of the School of Modern Languages & Cultural Studies and professor of Hispanic Studies
- **Diane Christiansen**, administrative assistant, School of Professional Psychology
- **Lisa Gathje**, UNC student

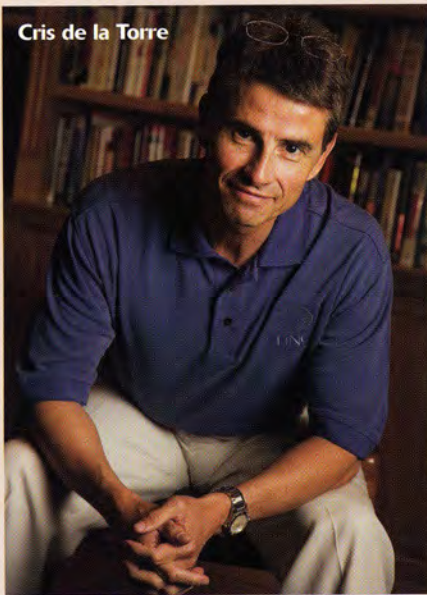
FACULTY

Students Pick Professors of the Year

EACH YEAR STUDENTS at the University of Northern Colorado's Monfort College of Business pick their favorite professors and honor them at the college's annual student-sponsored picnic. This year's professors of the year are:

- Garth Allen**—General Business
- Vish Iyer and James Reardon**—Marketing
- Allen McConnell**—Accounting
- Rick Turley**—Computer Information Systems
- Cris de la Torre**—Finance
- David Thomas**—Management
- David Thomas**—Monfort College of Business Professor of the Year

Cris de la Torre



ERIC STENBAKKEN



SPRING COMMENCEMENT

This past spring, more than 1,100 undergraduate students received their degrees during commencement exercises at Nottingham Field. The featured speaker was Carlotta LaNier '68, recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for her role in developing the Little Rock Nine Foundation (See story on Page 5).

The same weekend, nearly 290 graduate students received their master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees during a ceremony at Butler-Hancock Hall featuring speaker Monte Moses, superintendent of the Cherry Creek School District.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEVIN MOLONEY

Graduate Experiences Commencement After 63 Years



WHEN AL SAGER WAS POISED to graduate from college in 1943, he was called to serve his country and never got to participate in a commencement ceremony. Sixty-three years later, he finally had the chance to experience commencement. This past spring, Sager was one of more than 1,000 graduates who participated in the 2006 commencement ceremony at the University of Northern Colorado. Sager sat on the stage with university administration as the president read a small biography about his experiences and then presented him with the diploma. "When I got my diploma, the whole student body stood up and applauded for me," Sager said. "I've never had anything like that ever happen to me before. It was pretty cool."



FRANKLIN HAMMOND/GETTY IMAGES

Students Take Second Place in National Marketing Competition

A DIRECT MARKETING CAMPAIGN for the U.S. Postal Service, developed by a student team at the University of Northern Colorado's Monfort College of Business, claimed second place at the Direct Marketing Educational Foundation's annual Leonard J. Raymond Collegiate ECHO Competition. The team's campaign was one of 120 student campaigns entered in the nationwide competition.

The award-winning entry, titled "It Starts Here," targeted leading marketing and advertising professionals with the objective of creating a brand identity for direct mail on behalf of the U.S. Postal Service. Entries were judged by U.S. Postal Service senior marketing team members, experienced direct and interactive marketing professionals, and officers and members of the foundation's Board of Trustees. This marks the eighth time a direct marketing team from Northern Colorado has placed in the top three in the national competition.

"Such high praise for our team's direct marketing campaign gives our students and the Monfort College of Business much deserved national recognition," said Denny McCorkle, professor of marketing and faculty advisor for the campaign. "This award reveals the depth of talent we have in our marketing students who were competing against the best nationwide."

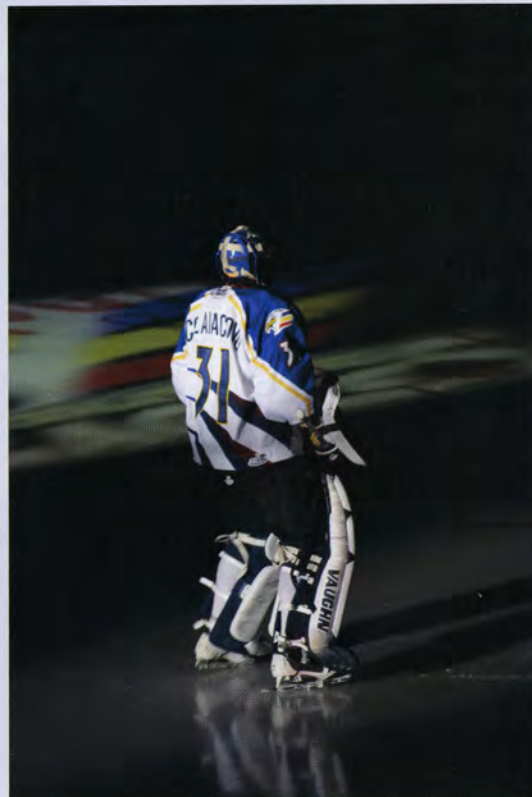
First place in the undergraduate student competition went to the State University of New York (SUNY) Plattsburgh, and the University of Wisconsin Whitewater claimed third place.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS INTERN WITH THE EAGLES

University of Northern Colorado photography students spent nine months interning for the Colorado Eagles Hockey team at games and benefit events. The students used this opportunity to get professional-level experience and build their portfolios.

Emily Hanna, art director for the Eagles, mentored graduate students Allison Dyer (BA-03) and Stephanie Burchett (BA-05), and two undergraduates, Kelley Laehr (BA-06) and senior Kelsey Leonard, who is majoring in art education.



PHOTOGRAPH BY KELSEY LEONARD,
COLORADO EAGLES

Bears in the Sky

Northern Colorado Officially Joins the Big Sky

THE BIG SKY CONFERENCE officially became a nine-team league on July 1 with the addition of the University of Northern Colorado. Northern Colorado joins league members Eastern Washington University, Idaho State University, The University of Montana, Montana State University, Northern Arizona University, Sacramento State, Portland State University and Weber State University. "The entire Big Sky Conference is thrilled to officially welcome the University of Northern Colorado," says Big Sky Conference Commissioner Doug Fullerton. "We look forward to a long and successful relationship."

Northern Colorado will play complete Big Sky Conference schedules in all sports during the 2006-07 season. However, because Northern Colorado is still in a transition phase following a move from Division II to Division I, the Bears will be ineligible to compete in NCAA Championships, with the exception of volleyball (and wrestling, which is not a Big Sky-sponsored sport). "We have made a great many changes within our department in response to



membership requirements and are very proud of our accomplishments," says Athletics Director Jay Hinrichs.

The University of Northern Colorado is near completion on several facility upgrades that were funded

by a \$16 million student referendum passed in April 2005. Upgrades include a renovated Jackson Soccer Complex, synthetic turf on the athletic fields, and chair back seating and a new sound system in the basketball arena. Pictures of the renovation progress can be found at www.uncbears.com.

Northern Colorado will also enter its first year in the Big Sky with a new football coach (Scott Downing), a new men's basketball coach (Tad Boyle), a new women's basketball coach (Jaime White), and a new women's golf coach (Brandon White). In addition, the Athletics Department will be adding men's cross country, and men's and women's indoor track and field.

See all Big Sky games online at www.bigskytv.org

"The Big Sky Conference is thrilled to officially welcome the University of Northern Colorado."
—DOUG FULLERTON, BIG SKY CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER



HALL OF FAME

Announcing the 2006 Inductees

SEVEN INDIVIDUALS AND ONE TEAM will be inducted into Northern Colorado's Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. The 2006 class features the 1996 Bears football team, which won the Division II National Championship, the first national title in the program's history. Head Coach Joe Glenn (1987-99) is also one of the individual inductees. Glenn is joined by Denver radio/TV personality Irv Brown (baseball/basketball, 1954-57), minor league hitting coach Dave Keller (baseball/basketball, 1979-82), Shelley (Lindstrom) Johnson (basketball, 1988-92), Jim Lochner (baseball, 1959-62), Tatjana (Smith) Sanders (volleyball, 1993-95) and Nancy (Weber) Sylvester (track and field, 1994-97). Northern Colorado's Athletic Hall of Fame, which began in 1994, includes 89 individuals and 11 teams. The 2006 Hall of Fame banquet will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, at the University Center Ballrooms. The inductees will also be honored at halftime during the Bears football game with Montana on Saturday, Nov. 11. For more information, visit www.uncbears.com.

Football coach Joe Glenn will be inducted this fall.

SIGNINGS

Bears Sign With the Big Leagues

REED DOUGHTY, A SAFETY from the University of Northern Colorado, was signed by the Washington Redskins in the sixth round. In his rookie year with the Redskins, Doughty is expected to compete for a backup job at free safety and play a role on special teams. At Northern Colorado, Doughty started 46 out of a possible 47 games and finished third in school history in total tackles (466), fifth in career interceptions (14) and eighth in career fumble recoveries (6). Among his many accolades, Doughty received the most votes in the nation for first-team Academic All-American honors and was one of 16 finalists for the Draddy Trophy (known as the Academic Heisman).



Junior pitcher Brennan Garr was drafted in the ninth round of this year's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft (No. 268 overall) and signed a contract with the Texas Rangers. Garr will join the Spokane Indians of the Northwest League.

He was the 17th Northern Colorado baseball player selected in the draft while enrolled at Northern Colorado and the seventh Northern Colorado player selected in the Top 10 rounds. A two-time Division I All-Independent selection, Garr was the Bears closer the past two years and is the program's all-time leader in saves (12).

Reed Doughty was signed to the Redskins.

Rangers. Garr will join the Spokane Indians of the Northwest League.

WRESTLING

Formation of Conference Announced



Junior Reece Hopkin ranked 20th nationally this past year.

SEVEN INTERCOLLEGIATE institutions, including Northern Colorado, have announced the formation of the Western Wrestling Conference (WWC). The NCAA Division I wrestling-only alliance will begin competition in the 2006-07 season. Charter members of the Western Wrestling Conference include: the University of Northern Colorado, the United States Air Force Academy, North Dakota State University, the University of Northern Iowa, South Dakota State University, Utah Valley State College and the University of Wyoming.

"It's great to have a home," said Northern Colorado Head Wrestling Coach Jack Maughan. "This will enhance our scheduling for events, and it gives our student-athletes more recognition. I think it's going to strengthen the West region and enhance everyone's chance to get to the national tournament. I'm happy for our student-athletes that we finally have a conference."

The 2007 NCAA West Regional will still serve as the NCAA qualifying tournament and will be hosted by the University of Northern Iowa. The goal of the league is to replace the West Regional with the conference tournament, which would then serve as the NCAA qualifier. Colonel William Walker of the United States Air Force Academy will serve as the conference commissioner, while Colin McDonough of UNI will serve as the WWC media relations director.

GOLF

Golf Fares Well at Championships

THE NORTHERN COLORADO MEN'S GOLF team pulled away from Francis Marion and held off South Dakota State to claim the 2006 Division I Independent Men's Golf Championship this past spring. Northern Colorado trailed Francis Marion by five strokes after day one, was one stroke up after day two and ended up winning the event by eight strokes over South Dakota State, who had a

Junior Katie Avery placed second at the D-I Independent Championship.

tournament low score of 282 on Sunday to finish second. Francis Marion slipped back to third, three strokes behind South Dakota State.

At the 2006 Division I Independent Women's Golf Championship, Northern Colorado finished second in both team and individual categories. UC Davis claimed the medalist titles.



BY ANNE CUMMING RICE

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ADAM WELCH



ABOVE AND BEYOND

NORTHERN COLORADO MCNAIR SCHOLARS

SET THEIR SIGHTS ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

WHEN RONALD ERWIN MCNAIR WAS KILLED IN THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER EXPLOSION

in January 1986, he left behind more than a nation that mourned for the loss of him and six other astronauts. Today, thousands of undergraduate students across the country conduct graduate-level research, present their findings and attend graduate school, all in honor of McNair, the son of an auto mechanic who persevered through poverty and prejudice to earn a PhD in physics, join NASA and become the second African-American in space.

After McNair died, Congress approved funding for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, or the McNair Scholars Program. The program provides a paid six-week internship to undergraduates nationwide who complete graduate-level research projects and receive help in ap-

Pictured above is Ronald McNair, the second African-American in space, for whom the McNair Scholars Program is named.

plying for graduate school. The point of the program is to diversify those who pursue post-graduate degrees, which is why McNair students are either first-generation college students and meet federal low-income guidelines; or they come from underrepresented groups in graduate pro-

grams. The University of Northern Colorado received its first McNair grant in 1995 and each year 30 UNC students—15 juniors and 15 seniors—become McNair Scholars. Here are just a few of their stories.



A FATHER'S WISDOM

"I WOULD LIKE TO BE HALF THE MAN my dad is someday," says 20-year-old Alonzo Barron, a senior majoring in Chicano Studies and English. "I don't have half the brains he does and he has gained all his knowledge through life and experience." Barron's parents, originally from Mexico, never attended high school. Genaro and Irma Barron immigrated to California as teenagers and their four children were born in Los Angeles. When Alonzo was 12, his parents moved the family to the Denver area. "Los Angeles is a tough city, especially for children from poor backgrounds," Barron says. "So we moved to Colorado and started from scratch."

Barron's father works two jobs to make ends meet for his family. He gets up early to work in a silver- and gold-plating factory in Denver and in the evenings he works in the gift shop and as a van driver at a Red Lion Hotel. That's also where Barron's mother works. "My parents always did so much for us," Barron says. "They showed us we could have a dignified life if we worked hard." His parents also encouraged him to go to college. When he was a freshman at UNC, a friend and mentor told him about the benefits of the McNair Scholars Program.

When Barron started college, he wanted to be an Eng-

lish teacher. But his goals have evolved and he added another major, Chicano Studies. Barron now aspires to be a college professor and help citizens of developing countries with human rights and social justice issues. This fits in perfectly with being a McNair Scholar because in order to join the program, students' career goals must include graduate school. "Just saying you think it would be neat to get a master's or a PhD isn't enough," says Kim Black, who directed the McNair program for five years

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before becoming UNC's interim director of assessment this past July. "There has to be a definite reason to go to graduate school."

Barron's mother wants him to stay close to home for graduate school, and he, too, feels torn about the possibility of leaving Colorado and his younger siblings. But his dad has told him to go where he needs to go. "All my dad's words of wisdom have paid off," Barron says. "When I get my degree next year, it will be as much his as it is mine."

Barron aspires to help citizens of developing countries with human rights issues.





A PROFESSOR'S INFLUENCE

ONE DAY IN JOSEPH HAMM'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLASS, four students stormed into the room and doused the teacher, Assistant Professor of Psychology Doug Woody, with giant water guns. Directly after the incident, Woody asked students in the class to describe what happened, and most of them gave an inaccurate account. The exer-

cise was a creative classroom experiment in eyewitness psychology—and Hamm was hooked.

Based on his academic interests, Hamm later asked Woody to be his faculty mentor for the McNair Scholars Program. In addition to conducting a yearlong research project, McNair students choose a faculty member to help guide their research. The students must carefully choose their mentors because the relationship has to be a good fit for both the student and the professor, much like a faculty-to-student relationship in graduate school. "I consider myself a tour guide," says Thomas Dunn, an associate professor of psy-

Hamm's research project focused on jury decision-making.

"WORKING WITH PROFESSOR WOODY CHANGED MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER TEACHERS. I REALIZED I CAN APPROACH THEM AS MENTORS."

chology who has mentored several McNair Scholars. "I point to a destination, and it's the student's job to take the journey. I'm just along for the ride."

Hamm, 21, chose a research project on jury decision-making, a subject that fascinated him and is one of Woody's areas of expertise. Woody has researched how a defendant's age affects a jury's decision, and Hamm took it a step further by looking at how a defendant's competency—whether he or she understands the judicial process and can communicate with an attorney—affects verdicts.

Currently a senior majoring in criminal justice and psychology, Hamm hopes to earn a PhD in social psychology and to become a trial consultant or a college professor someday. He's also considering law school. In addition to presenting his research project at the national McNair conference at the University of Tennessee this past summer, Hamm may present his findings at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association conference next year. "Working with Professor Woody changed my relationships with other teachers," Hamm says. "I realized I can talk to them and approach them as mentors, not just professors."

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM FACTS

STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE A GRADE-POINT AVERAGE of 3.0 or greater to apply for the program. They must also be first-generation college students and meet federal low-income guidelines; or come from underrepresented groups in graduate programs, including Hispanic, African-American, Native American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

180 STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED from the UNC McNair program since it started in 1995.

55 PERCENT HAVE COMPLETED or are currently enrolled in graduate school.

20 PERCENT ARE ENROLLED in or have completed doctoral programs.

THE FIRST UNC MCNAIR scholar to earn a PhD will do so in Dec. 2006 from UNC's school psychology program.

SCHOLARS HAVE GONE ON to attend graduate school at universities including Cornell, New York University, Pepperdine, George Washington University, Penn State and the University of Wisconsin.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THE UNC MCNAIR PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT from the 178 other McNair programs across the country because it requires students to take four credits of research-methods courses in the fall and spring of their junior year. Scholars start research during the school year, and then complete it and write up their findings during a six-week summer research internship that provides a \$2,800 stipend plus living expenses.

The internship is followed by a trip to a national McNair conference, where students present their research findings to other scholars from across the country. During the second year, students also receive help preparing their applications to graduate school and preparing for standardized tests, such as the Graduate Record Exam.

A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE

COLORADO WEATHER MADE QUITE AN IMPRESSION on Mariana Felix after she left her native Brazil. During afternoon thunderstorms at her home near Denver International Airport, Felix would wait for her mom to come home from work while television and radio broadcasters warned of tornadoes and hail. Instead of taking cover, Felix would poke her head out the door to take a closer look at what was happening. "It's summer all year round in Brazil," Felix explains. "We don't have anything like the crazy thunderstorms and snow in Colorado." Felix, 22, is now a senior studying meteorology and telecommunications at UNC. She hopes to become a professor at some point in the future.

When Felix was 11 years old, she came to the United States with her mother and sister. Her parents divorced when she was young, and her father and stepmother still live in Brazil. Felix, her mom and sister moved to Aurora

FELIX'S GOALS INCLUDE TEACHING

AND CONDUCTING COOPERATIVE

METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH

WITH UNIVERSITIES IN BRAZIL.

at the encouragement of Felix's aunt, who had come to the states about 10 years before. The aunt had encouraged Felix's mother to make the change to give her daughters an opportunity to pursue a secondary education in the United States and maybe even attend college. Felix, whose native language is Portuguese, learned English in just one year and entered a mainstream classroom at East Middle School in Aurora.

Felix is currently in the process of researching graduate programs at Colorado State, Texas A&M and the University of Alabama-Huntsville, among others. She wants to teach

Felix came to the U.S. from Brazil when she was 11 years old. and do research at an American university and someday conduct cooperative meteorological research with universities in Brazil. Felix's mother now works

as a janitor, and she's saving her money to retire and return to Brazil. "She hasn't been able to become fluent in English

because of a hearing problem she has," Felix says. "It's been hard for her here."

Still, Felix says her mom is glad she brought her children to the United States a decade ago. If they hadn't left, Felix would have never known the thrill of watching a dark Colorado sky exploding with lightning, hail and tornadoes. "My mom wants to go back to Brazil, but she's glad I want to stay," Felix says. "She's 100 percent supportive of what I want to do."

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EXCELLENCE

EACH YEAR AT HOMECOMING, the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni whose service and achievements embody the university's tradition of excellence. We are proud to announce the 2006 Honored Alumni Award recipients, selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

RODGER BYBEE '66, MA '69



The executive director of one of the world's most influential science education organizations, Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS), Rodger Bybee endeavors to improve all students' understanding of science and technology by developing curricular materials, supporting their effective use, and conducting research and evaluation studies. At BSCS, he has been the principal investigator for four new National Science Foundation programs and 25 major funded research projects.

Prior to joining BSCS, Bybee was executive director of the National Research Council's Center for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education in Washington and chaired the curriculum and instruction study panel for the National Center for Improving Science Education. Over the years, Bybee has been highly recognized for his national and international leadership in science education. He was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is a current nominee for the National Science Teachers Association's Robert H. Carlson Award for National Leadership in Science Education.

Bybee's career began teaching secondary and elementary education in Greeley. He has been a faculty member at four universities and colleges (including Northern Colorado), the longest stint being at Northfield, Minn.-based Carleton College (1973-85) where he was the chair of the Department of Education for five years. In addition to his two degrees from Northern Colorado, he holds a PhD in Science Education and Psychology from New York University.

Bybee is also dedicated to his work on global science literacy. He is a major force internationally in bringing together diverse cultures and economies to consider the role commonalities in science, mathematics and engineering education might play in global education. This distinguished alumnus' career has spanned from the Sputnik era to global science literacy, encompassing important elements of human history of the 20th century—and is seminal work for what lies ahead in the 21st century.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

KENNETH COOK '80, MBA '84

Over the years, Ken Cook has demonstrated unwavering commitment and loyalty to the university while maintaining a



stellar reputation as a Greeley business leader as a vice president of State Farm Insurance.

A member of the Monfort College Dean's Leadership Council, Cook has been vital in transforming the college

into one of the best undergraduate business programs in the country. Based on Cook's many contributions, Dean Joe Alexander asked him to travel to Washington, D.C., for Vice President Dick Cheney's presentation of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in July 2005.

While Cook has personally supported many university initiatives, he also plays a key role in maintaining the strong 40-year partnership between UNC and State Farm. More than 200 current and past employees of the company are UNC alumni, making the partnership a natural fit. State Farm has been a sponsor of various campus programs, internships and scholarships over the years.

Cook exhibits great passion for the university. He visits campus frequently to speak to students, providing inspirational testimony about how to achieve success by working hard and truly caring about your customers. He also asks students to take pride in their school and to look for ways to give back.

Cook joined State Farm in 1980 as an underwriter and was promoted to his current position in 1998. He is president of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association Board and a member of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation Board. He is also a Little League coach and considers his best days ones spent with family. Cook represents the best of UNC and is a role model for students and members of the community.

CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MILES ISHIGAKI '78

Miles Ishigaki is known by his students to be a committed, caring professor and mentor. He is currently a professor of music at California State University, Fresno, where he has taught applied clarinet and music theory since 1987. His talented single-reed students have won awards in international clarinet competitions and have been participants in prestigious regional and national honor wind ensemble festivals. Since 1989, Ishigaki has also served as state chair for the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors.

Ishigaki himself is an experienced orchestral and chamber musician, and has performed with groups such as the Fresno Philharmonic, Oklahoma Symphony, Fresno Lyric Opera, Orpheus Chamber Ensemble, Fort Collins Symphony and the Greeley Philharmonic. His enthusiasm for the solo and chamber repertoire of the clarinet has also resulted in numerous concerts in England and Japan. Ishigaki graduated from Northern Colorado with degrees in music education and music performance, holds a master's in music performance from the University of Arizona and a Doctor of Music Arts in performance from the University of Oklahoma.

The founder of the West Coast Clarinet Congress, Ishigaki serves as both a Yamaha Artist Clinician and a Rico International Artist. The West Coast Clarinet Congress is an organization devoted to the enhancement of creative thinking and discussion of musical ideas through concerts, clinics, master classes, exhibits and workshops.

Ishigaki is also the co-founder of a music recommendation search engine, ZuKool Inc., the chairman and Chief Operating Officer of F&I Enterprises Inc. (a company that focuses on telecommunication services with an emphasis on providing technology to rural and underdeveloped communities) and CEO of the San Joaquin Valley Education Foundation.



*Ishigaki is known
by his students
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and mentor.*

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Mark your calendars now to attend the Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet on **FRIDAY** evening, Oct. 13.

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DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

STEVE FORNESS '63, MA '64

Steve Forness has established himself as an outstanding leader in the field of special education. He is internationally known for his work in the areas of depression, psychopharmacology, early intervention and mental retardation, and as a continual



advocate for children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral disorders.

A distinguished professor emeritus of psychiatry and bio-behavioral sciences at UCLA, he served for 35 years on the faculty of the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital where he was also principal of its

hospital school and chief of educational psychology services. During his tenure at UCLA, Forness was credited with the expansion of the hospital school to incorporate children and adolescents with mental retardation who were hospitalized for treatment.

From 1985 to 1992, Forness took on additional duties as director of a federally funded program in developmental disabilities. He was awarded the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders' Leadership Award in 1995 and was the recipient of the Wallin Award from the Council of Exceptional Children and the Berman Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Forness initially attended the U.S. Naval Academy, but received his BA and MA from the University of Northern Colorado. He earned a doctoral degree in education from UCLA and was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Portugal in 1976. Demonstrating his commitment to the university, Forness is a regular contributor to the Bresnahan-Halstead-Kephart Special Education Symposia. As one of the nation's most recognized scholars in his area, Forness is honored for his significant contributions to the field of innovative intervention programs for children with emotional and behavioral challenges.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

CHERYL DECONDE JOHNSON MA'76, EdD '82



As a supervisor with the Exceptional Student Services Unit of the Colorado Department of Education, Cheryl DeConde Johnson oversees educational audiology services for children with low-incidence disabilities, including those who are deaf and hard of hearing. Under her leadership, Colorado has become a model state for its deaf education and educational audiology services.

Prior to working at the Department of Education full time, Johnson was an educational audiologist and hearing consultant in the Greeley-Evans School District for 22 years. This experience forged her skills for uniting teachers, parents, administrators and nurses into a collaborative team working for the benefit of students.

Through her consulting practice, Johnson also works with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as a regional Colorado Hearing Resource Coordinator to facilitate services to infants, toddlers and young children with hearing loss. Drawing upon her own experiences of raising a daughter with hearing loss, she is highly motivated to assist families as they face similar issues and challenges.

Johnson's special interests include pediatric hearing, infant/toddler home intervention and family services, and management of children's hearing needs in education settings. An example of one of her creative solutions was colored children's hearing aids. In the early '80s, these devices were not yet available, so Johnson convinced manufacturers that children should be given the opportunity to express themselves in a positive way by choosing the color of their device.

She is a co-author of the *Educational Audiology Handbook* and has frequently presented nationally and internationally on topics related to educational audiology. Johnson received the 2000 Professional Achievement Award from the American Academy of Audiology and most recently received the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Academy of Audiology.

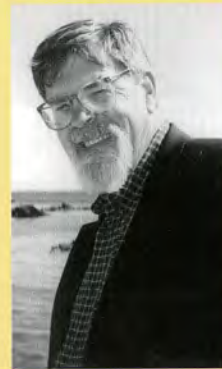
Johnson has also excelled as a teacher. "Her commitment to the highest level of service and quality for all hearing-impaired children is a tenant that she has instilled in her students," says Deanna Meinke, who interned under Johnson and is now a professor of audiology and speech-language sciences at UNC. A visionary in her field, Johnson has truly had a positive influence on every deaf and hearing-impaired child in Colorado, and her reputation has opened tremendous opportunity to begin extending these same benefits to children worldwide.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

DAVID NEWTON '64

Honored posthumously, David Newton (1941-2003) was a futurist who recognized that sophisticated information systems could help to meet daunting national challenges. He was also a pioneer in the integration of the emerging fields of environmental protection and information technology. Throughout his career, Newton served as a consultant for the



federal government supporting the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Labor, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers. Examples of his contributions include working with the EPA to design the country's national tracking system for hazardous waste (one of the largest environmental programs in the nation's history) and working with the Department of Transportation to monitor the movement of hazardous cargo on our nation's highways, ports and pipelines.

He co-founded the Marasco Newton Group, which grew to be a \$50 million employee-owned environmental consulting firm. His contributions to the development of the nation's Superfund program, which was created to eliminate the health and environmental threats posed by hazardous waste sites, were fundamental to the success of the company. His practical knowledge, inquisitive mind and uncanny ability to hone in on the core of a problem are the backbone of many of our national systems.

A philanthropist, Newton leveraged his leadership position in the business community to help others. He donated 5 percent of the company's net annual income to community service and established a scholarship fund at UNC in honor of his parents and his commitment to support higher education in Colorado.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

GERALD SHADWICK, RETIRED PROFESSOR

Gerald Shadwick is well known for his contributions as associate dean and director of the Monfort Executive Professor Program at the Monfort College of Business. He is also credited as an influential leader in the successful pursuit of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, recognizing the intrinsic value of the application process to building an organizational culture of continuous improvement. The Monfort College is the first and only business school to achieve this prestigious national recognition, and according to many, it would not have happened without Shadwick's dogged persistence in selling the college's administration on the idea of applying and in the many, many hours of hard work he spent directing and preparing the college's submission.

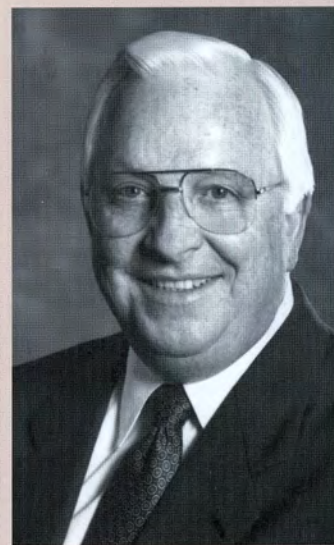
Shadwick has also been a major force in strengthening ties between the university and the Greeley community. He exemplifies the civic engagement that the university strives to instill in its students. "Shad," as he is known, joined the Monfort College of Business in 1995 after a distinguished career in government and banking. He brought his extensive experience in management to the classroom and

presented coursework in such a way that he was nominated four times as the Management Professor of the Year by his students and was awarded the College of Business Teaching Recognition Award by the faculty.

A longtime supporter of the Monfort College of Business, his active backing started in the 1980s when he was president of Greeley National Bank. Later, when Shadwick became CEO of the Northern Colorado branches of Bank One, that organization, too, became a supporter of the college and the university.

Shadwick has been a member of countless boards and committees, and currently serves on the Kansas State University Foundation Board of Trustees, the UNC Business Dean's Leadership Council, the Greeley/Weld Community Foundation

Investment Committee and the Colorado Performance Excellence Advisory Board. Joe Alexander, dean of the Monfort College of Business, credits him with "almost single-handedly building the Dean's Leadership Council into a world-class team of business professionals focused on improving the quality of business education at the University of Northern Colorado."



Shadwick is credited as an influential leader in the successful pursuit of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

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NOMINATIONS

DO YOU KNOW ALUMNI WHO ARE DOING GREAT THINGS? Alumni who are distinguished humanitarians or professionals? Alumni who should be considered for a Northern Colorado Alumni Association Honored Alumni Award? If so, we want to know.

The Northern Colorado Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Honored Alumni Awards to be held at Homecoming in October 2007. Nominate your favorite alumni, faculty or friends today. Nominees should embody the university's tradition of excellence through service and achievement. For nomination forms and more information, visit www.uncalumni.org or contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu.

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Head Coach Scott Downing
Ushers the Bears
Into the Big Sky

DOWN



THIS FALL, first-year head coach Scott Downing will lead the University of Northern Colorado NCAA Division I-AA football team into its inaugural season in the Big Sky Conference. Downing spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Nebraska. During his 26-year career, Downing has also coached at Purdue, Wyoming and at Sterling College in Kansas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and was inducted into the school's

WINNING

SNAPSHOT

Name: Scott Downing

Age: 49

Title: Head coach, football, University of Northern Colorado

Education: Bachelor's degree in history from Sterling (Kan.) College

Playing experience: Lettered four years as an offensive lineman at Sterling College. He was team co-captain as a junior and senior when he earned honorable mention All-America honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Coaching experience: 2003-05: University of Nebraska, assistant coach (tight ends/kicking specialists/recruiting coordinator); 1997-2002: Purdue University, assistant coach/assistant head coach (running backs/special teams); 1987-96: University of Wyoming, assistant coach/assistant head coach (linebackers/defensive coordinator/running backs/special teams); 1984-86: Nebraska, graduate assistant and freshman head coach; 1980-83: Sterling (Kan.) College, assistant coach and head coach.

Notables: Teams he's coached have made 15 bowl appearances and won seven bowl championships and four conference championships. He coached current Cincinnati Bengals punter Kyle Larson, a first-team All-America selection at Nebraska, and Purdue's Travis Dorsch, who earned the 2001 Ray Guy Award given to the nation's top punter. Downing led his alma mater to its first top 20 NAIA ranking in school history as head coach.

Personal: A native of Kansas City, Mo., Downing and his wife, Karen, have three sons: Matthew (19), Andrew (16) and Zachary (13).



Athletic Hall of Fame. Downing became the 15th head coach in Northern Colorado history this past December. Here are some thoughts on his experience, the upcoming season and building a winning program.

Northern Vision: What attracted you to Northern Colorado?

Scott Downing: The same thing that attracts me to a great recruit—Northern Colorado has unlimited potential.

NV: Has there been much of an off-season since you started?

SD: Not one bit. It has been seven days a week, particularly through the spring semester. At times it has felt like trying to take a sip of water from a fire hose. But it's been fun.

NV: What is the key to successful recruiting?

SD: I firmly believe in recruiting people to win championships. At the top of my list are people with character who I

When things go wrong, we have to decide how to react—and if we react in a positive way, we will overcome the obstacles in our path.

can count on to make good decisions on and off the field. The next thing I look for is intelligence. Smart people figure out a way to get the job done. The last thing I look for is athletic ability. However, I will take less ability to get more of the first two. You can never discount these qualities. Smart guys with character are winners.

NV: You've worked with the likes of Bill Callahan and Tom Osborne at Nebraska and Joe Tiller at Purdue. How have they influenced you professionally?

SD: One of the big lessons I learned from Coach Osborne was to be consistent. Coach Tiller taught me the value of being patient. And Coach Callahan, because of his extensive experience in the NFL, taught me the value of organization and having the right people in the right place. I was also influenced by Paul Roach who was the head coach when I was at

From left are Andre Wilson, Jacob Thornbrue, Coach Downing, John Pryor and Sirwestly Williams.

Wyoming. He was such an upbeat, positive guy, and I saw how the demeanor of a head coach could carry a team.

NV: Nebraska's football program is one of the most storied in college sports. Are there any similarities between the Cornhuskers and the Bears?

SD: Like Nebraska, at Northern Colorado we can look back across the years and see great teams and even strings of great teams. Northern Colorado won back-to-back national championships in 1996 and 1997, and Nebraska won a national championship in 1997. And there have been down periods at both places as well. Nebraska had to ratchet up its game the past few years to meet a new level of competition in the Big 12. That's what we need to do at Northern Colorado as we move from Division II to Division I and into the Big Sky.

NV: Are there new recruits who could make an immediate impact on the team?

SD: Dominic Breazeale, a junior college quarterback, comes in with great physical presence (6-foot-6, 245 pounds), but he also brings experience. We also added David Dyches, a kicker transferring from the University of Nebraska. He'll stir up confidence in our kicking game. Finally there's Brian Barmann who transferred from the University of Missouri. He holds Missouri state high school records for receptions and receiving yards.

NV: Which starters from last year's team should Bears fans watch for?

SD: With a solid season, Andre Wilson becomes the leading rusher in Northern Colorado history and Andy Birkel has a chance to be a big-time gamebreaker for us. I think you're going to see some good things out of running backs Patrick Ealy

and Jahir Waterman. Defensively, Vinny Pallone always impresses me with his work ethic and enthusiasm. We need that, particularly in a defensive tackle. I've also been impressed with defensive tackle Jake Carlson, a quiet, strong guy who is respected by his teammates. And Joe Kenney, Aaron Henderson and Sirwestly Williams all had a really good spring.

NV: What kind of offense can we expect?

SD: It's going to be very similar to some of the offensive teams we put on the field at Purdue and Wyoming. Certainly we'll have a mix of the Nebraska West Coast offense in there. We'll primarily be a one-back set, but you'll also see some two-back and even see us line up with no backs in the backfield. If I had to characterize it, it's a spread-type offense that will utilize three, four and sometimes even five wide receivers. We can run our entire offense out of any formation we want.

NV: What would you like the team to accomplish in its first season of Big Sky play?

SD: The simple goal is to have a winning season at the I-AA level. We'd like to credibly establish ourselves within the Big Sky Conference and start to make a name for Northern Colorado.

NV: What is your philosophy for creating a winning program?

SD: I tell our team that regardless of what happens, we are only truly in control of three things, and these three things will determine our destiny. First, we control our effort. Great effort ensures success. Second is execution. We can only do what we are supposed to do. If we get beat physically, then we get beat physically. Finally, we can control our response to adversity. When things go wrong, we have to decide how to react—and if we react in a positive way, we will overcome obstacles in our path.

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Howard Skinner Roast Planned

SINCE 1963, Howard Skinner's service to the University of Northern Colorado has included responsibilities as dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and Interim President of the University, among others. He has also served as music director and conductor of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra. What is most remarkable about these accomplishments is how Skinner has performed each duty with exceptional effectiveness, dedication and distinction.

In honor of Skinner's contributions to the arts at UNC and in the Greeley community, the university and the Greeley Philharmonic have partnered to host the "Skinner for Dinner Benefit Roast" on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the University Center Ballrooms. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Howard M. Skinner Endowment for the School of Music. For more information about the event or how to contribute to the endowment, contact Valerie Hunt, associate director of development for the College of Performing and Visual Arts at 970.351.2304 or valerie.hunt@unco.edu.

UNC Receives Cancer Society Grant

REID HAYWARD, associate professor in the School of Sport and Exercise Science and a researcher for the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute at UNC, received funding from the

Inspiring Women Awards Ceremony



Rhonda Stryker (fourth from right) joins students at the 11th Annual Women's Recognition Reception and Inspiring Women Awards. In conjunction with the UNC Women's Resource Center, The Stryker Institute for Leadership Development was launched in 2001 through the support of the Rhonda E. Stryker and William D. Johnston Foundation.

American Cancer Society to study the effects of exercise on the cardiac toxicity associated with the chemotherapeutic drug doxorubicin (DOX).

DOX is one of the most potent anti-neoplastic agents used in the treatment of malignancies and tumors. However, a toxic effect of DOX on the heart prevents its use at maximum doses during the most critical time of cancer development. Ultimately, in patients receiving DOX, the likelihood of cure can be compromised by the cumulative dose that can be tolerated by the heart. Results of Hayward's studies have shown that if exercise training is performed before or during DOX treatment, there is a profound improvement in cardiac

function. To date, the results from these studies have been extremely promising. The data point to a significant positive effect of exercise in the animals treated with DOX when compared to animals that remained sedentary.

Create a Lasting Legacy

THE UNIVERSITY of Northern Colorado Foundation and Alumni Association finally have a permanent home at the Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center. To help raise the balance of the funds for the renovations, supporters of the university now have an opportunity to help "set in stone" the final vision for the center. For a designated contribution, a limited number of engraved stone tiles on the Alumni Terrace of the center will be made available exclusively to alumni and friends. If you would like to leave a legacy, honor someone special, or create a memorial through a tile, contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu.

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A HERITAGE OF GIVING

THE FRASIER SOCIETY was created to acknowledge individuals who have made planned gifts to the University of Northern Colorado. The society is named in honor of one of the university's longest serving presidents, George W. Frasier, who exemplified the commitment to excellence in education that remains the hallmark of the University of Northern Colorado. Becoming a member of the Frasier Society is as simple as including the university in your estate or trust planning. For more information, contact Kevin Bean, vice president of development at the UNC Foundation at 970.351.1380 or kevin.bean@unco.edu.

Coming to Your City

THE UNIVERSITY of Northern Colorado Alumni Association is taking the show on the road. Fall events will be held throughout Colorado in Colorado Springs, Denver, Boulder, Fort Collins and Greeley. Outside of Colorado,

we'll be in Portland, Ore., for a Bears football game and tailgate on Sept. 9, in Sacramento, Calif., for football and a tailgate on Oct. 28, in Las Vegas Nov. 3 and 4, and in Washington, D.C. (date TBD). Check the Alumni Event Calendar (Page 32) or visit us online for more event details.

Bears challenge Eastern Washington at Nottingham Field. Reservations are required for most events, so contact the Alumni Association today to participate in Homecoming 2006.

EVENT

Alumni Association Announces Pregame Parties

A NEW GAME PLAN kicks off this football season with pregame parties at the recently remodeled Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center just north of Nottingham Field. Two hours prior to kickoff of each home game, Alumni Association members, donors, volunteers and invited guests will rally on the Alumni Terrace with a bird's-eye view of the stadium—a beautiful setting that will ignite your Bear spirit and pride. Make plans now to join us for a delicious meal, beverages and camaraderie that you won't want to miss. The cost is \$8 for all Alumni Association members, \$10 for guests and \$4 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required by the Wednesday before each home game.

Come Back for Homecoming Weekend

ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS are invited to Homecoming Weekend 2006 on Oct. 13-14. The Alumni Association will kick off Friday's festivities with a red-carpet welcome and social gathering at Centennial Hall for all reunion guests and the Class of '56 (to be honored by the 50-Year Society). Next, see what has changed and what remains the same during the Bear Bus Tour, a guided tour of the campus and community. After the tour, guests will enjoy lunch with President Kay Norton and the 50-Year Induction Ceremony for the Class of '56. In the evening, come support fellow alumni at the formal Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet (see story on Page 14) in the University Center Ballrooms. And don't miss the traditional Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning. Finally, take in some fall football as the

Meet Us in Las Vegas

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a rendezvous with fellow Northern Colorado alumni and friends as the Tourin' Bears head to Las Vegas on Nov. 3 and 4. Join the UNC Alumni Association to see past Honored Alumni Award recipient Elena Batman (MM '87) in the role of Carlotta in *Phantom of the Opera* at The Venetian hotel. After the show, alumni and friends will enjoy an exclusive backstage tour hosted by Batman. Saturday morning we'll play golf at the Black Mountain Golf and Country Club and then tour The Venetian's Guggenheim Museum with Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts Andrew Svedlow. Saturday evening UNC President Kay Norton and UNC Foundation President Virgil Scott Jr. will host dinner at Canaletto's restaurant at The Venetian.

For more information or to RSVP for any of the events mentioned above, contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu. Visit us at www.uncalumni.org for details about events and alumni benefits.



MEMBERSHIP

RENEW YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is valuable to the University of Northern Colorado. Gifts of \$40 or more to the Alumni Association or Foundation qualify you as a member of the Alumni Association for one year. Members receive numerous benefits including event invitations and discounts at more than 50 partner businesses. If you are already a member, check your membership card to see if it's time to renew. To become a member of the Northern Colorado Alumni Association or to renew your membership, visit www.uncalumni.org or contact the Alumni Association.



International Evolution

One Alumnus Takes a Chance to Expand his Worldview

THIS PAST YEAR, Donald Groves (BA-67, MA-70, EdD-82) and his wife went mountain gorilla trekking in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Uganda, took a safari along the Nile River and visited Stone Town on the island of Zanzibar in Tanzania. And these adventures are just three of the items on Jan (MA-88) and Donald's Top 10 experiences list for 2005.

Having spent the majority of his life in Colorado, Groves says he got a late start on adventure. "At 50, I looked at my life and I knew that I had a limited perception of the world," Groves says. While he had accomplished what he had set out to accomplish in life (he was principal at one of the best high schools in the state), Groves decided he wanted to experience the world beyond Colorado.

"People thought that it was a midlife crisis, but I knew I needed to follow my heart and listen to the voice inside that was pushing me to grow and evolve as a person. I listened to that voice and it was the best decision I ever made," says Groves. "Jan had lived in Greece before and was very supportive of the idea. We married four days before we left!"

The couple's first foray into international teaching was from 1995-97 in Bogota, Colombia, where Donald was a high school principal and Jan was a science teacher. From 1997-2000, Donald moved on to become superintendent of the American School of Tegucigalpa in Honduras while Jan served as a science teacher and International Baccalaureate coordinator. The couple then moved to Africa, the continent they now call home. After living in Ghana for four years,



Donald is now the head of school at The International School of Uganda in East Africa and Jan is dean of studies there.

"For me, UNC provided the springboard for the many unanticipated professional opportunities that I have been fortunate to have had so far. I also credit the positive attitude instilled in me by my mother and grandmother—the attitude that you can do whatever you want to do," Groves says.

When asked about the most rewarding aspects of his job, Groves says: "I feel that our work in international education is developing the future leaders of the

world. That might sound superficial, but we really are. We have kids from 50 countries in three International Baccalaureate programs. Our approach is inquiry-based—all about stimulating a higher level of thought."

Donald Groves (above center) helps develop future world leaders through his work in international education.

Groves says that one of the main day-to-day challenges is how people struggle with cultural perceptions of one another. "Culture has so many nuances that it can be challenging to get people to work together. Kids do pretty well, but the adults have very different ideas about education, childcare and politics," he says. "But the positive about an international school is that most people want to understand. We have moved from tolerance to appreciation to reverence of each other's differences."

"I genuinely believe that I am the luckiest man alive," Groves says. "I just evolved as a human being. Who would have thought I would be in all these places? I have truly become a world citizen with a worldview."



ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

Name: Donald Groves
UNC Degrees: BA-67, MA-70, EdD-82
Hometown: Greeley, Colo.
Current home: Kampala, Uganda
Title: Head of School at The International School of Uganda
Giving back: Served on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for six years and as president from 1982-83.

class

NOTES

1940s

Ray Moorhead (BA-48, MA-53), Thornton, taught art for six years in public schools, 10 years at Southern State College in Springfield, S.D., 12 years at Pennsylvania State University and four years at Marshall University in West Virginia. Before retiring, he developed a master's program in art therapy at Marshall University.

1950s

George Sage (BA-55, MA-57), Greeley, was inducted into the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's Hall of Fame at the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

1960s

Carla (Nelson) Falkofske (BA-60), Springfield, Va., retired in 2003 after a teaching career in Colorado, Maine and Virginia. Carla and her husband, Burton, have three sons.



William Heller (EdD-64), St. Petersburg, Fla., received the Council for Exceptional Children's Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the council and to the field of special education.

Alumna Art Exhibit

Conny Martin (attended 1943-45), Lubbock, Texas, will have her art featured in a retrospective art exhibition at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts in September and October 2006. During her career, Conny has had 35 solo shows and her artwork is included in the collections of two major universities and three museums. Many of Conny's paintings are of foreign locations from her extensive travel with her husband.



Conny Martin's self-portrait

Wesley Cook (BS-61), Dundee, Ore., retired from George Fox University after 19 years as head coach of cross country and track and field. He was inducted into the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame in January and was twice named Women's Cross Country National Coach of the Year.

Leo Haberlack (MA-61), Flagstaff, Ariz., coached cross country and track and field and taught at Minot State University in North Dakota and at Northern Arizona University, where he was six times named Big Sky Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Northern Arizona University Hall of Fame. A recipient of NAU's Distinguished Service Award and Distinguished Faculty Award, Leo is past chairperson of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and former associate dean of the College of Health Professions at NAU.

Dorothy (Newman) Okeson (BA-61), Atwood, Kan., has worked on behalf of the mentally retarded

since 1957. She was recognized by the Kansas Special Olympics at the 2006 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her service to people with developmental disabilities.

Donald Perez (BA-61), Washington, Utah, retired after 34 years as a college professor teaching in Nebraska, California and Mexico.

Floyd (Jerry) Travis (MA-64), Sun City West, Ariz., has published his fourth novel, *Life in the Arbor*, a children's book about a rabbit and his friends in search of a better life.

Larry Middleton (MA-66) and **Elizabeth Middleton** (MA-66), Ames, Iowa, have both retired from Ames Community Schools.

Don Park (EdD-66), Muncie, Ind., retired from Ball State University in July after serving as vice president for advancement. Park Hall, a residence hall at Ball State, was named for Don and

the Park family in honor of their significant contributions to the university.

John Dinsmore (MA-68), Kearney, Neb., retired from the University of Nebraska at Kearney after 38 years as a professor of art and art history and eight years as department chair.

Stella (Trenholm) Satern (MA-68), Vancouver, Wash., has published her fifth book, *The Nehalem River Valley: Settling the Big Timberland*, a history of the Oregon pioneers.

Sandra Tanamachi (BA-68), Lake Jackson, Texas, has received the National Japanese American Citizens League's Edison Uno Civil Rights Award for her efforts to change several discriminatory road names in her home state of Texas. She is also a newly elected member of the board of directors of the National Japanese American Historical Society. A teacher for 23 years, Sandra has received numerous awards and is a

mentor teacher, grade-level chairperson and math tournament coordinator at Brazosport Independent School District.

1970s

Diane Elliott-Lee (BS-72), Colorado Springs, is a faculty member at Beth-El College of Nursing at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She and her husband, Gus, have co-authored a book, *Courage: The Backbone of Leadership*, which was published in March.

Teva Scheer (BA-72), Highlands Ranch, worked in human resources for the federal government for nearly 30 years. She also published a book, *Governor Lady: The Life and Times of Nellie Tayloe Ross*, a biography of the nation's first female state governor.

Carolyn Brink (MA-75), Denver, is a former administrator at Em-

ily Griffith Opportunity School. She has written a book, *Class Acts: Stories from Emily Griffith Opportunity School*, to celebrate the school's 90th anniversary and to highlight some of its success stories.

Margaret (Peterson) Hotchkiss (MA-75), Saratoga, Wyo., serves as the instructional support teacher at Navajo Middle School on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico.

Arthur Terrazas (BA-75, MA-77), Evans, was recently named professor emeritus by the board of trustees at Aims Community College.

Eugenia (Gorham) Trelfa (MA-75), Elizabeth, retired in 2005 after teaching for 26 years in Cherry Creek schools and three years in Douglas County schools. Eugenia was named 2004-05 Teacher of the Year at West Middle School.

Sally Uebelacker (MA-75), Albuquerque, N.M., was promoted to senior manager of safeguards and security at Sandia National Laboratories. She previously served as manager of ethics and business conduct. Her husband is **Robert Uebelacker** (MA-78).

Robert Liddy Jr. (MA-76), Albuquerque, N.M., retired as lieutenant colonel from the Air National Guard after 35 years. He most recently served as the equal opportunity manager and coordinator of diversity programs.

Daniel O'Brien (EdD-77), Brookfield, Conn., was named the 2006 Connecticut Counselor of the Year by the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling.

Donna (Nealy) Walker (BA-77), Raul, Idaho, is a freelance writer and is working on a novel.

Leon Wiley II (MA-77), Las Vegas, is co-owner of a search engine optimization business, Nevada Internet Marketing.



Beverly Ament (BA-72), Honolulu, has been appointed senior vice president of the underwriting services division of Island Insurance Companies. She was formerly the vice president and general manager of Island Insurance Companies' commercial insurance division and has more than 26 years of experience in the insurance industry.

Lynn Lashbrook (EdD-78), Greshen, Ore., founded Sports Management Worldwide, a company that offers online training courses for careers as sports agents, general managers, scouts and other sports-related sales and marketing positions. A professor for 35 years, Lynn continues to teach as an adjunct professor at Western Oregon University and teaches an online master's and doctorate sports management program for Northcentral University in Prescott, Ariz.

Doug Weller (BS-78), Salina, Kan., was named editor of *The Register*, the weekly newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Salina. He was previously an assistant editor of the *Salina Journal*. Doug and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Ian and Susanna.

Richard Moore (BA-79), Sloan, Iowa, serves as pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church and is the recipient of the 2006 Governor's Volunteer Award for Education for his volunteer service to schools.

1980s

Joseph Campbell (BA-80, MA-01), Castle Rock, is a learning and behavioral specialist at Plum Creek Academy and is actively involved with the athletic program at Ponderosa High School.

Brian Carlson (BA-80), Aurora, is a human performance improvement consultant. Brian worked for Public Service Co.



UNC grads Patty Goble (BA-83) and **Tamra Hayden** (BA-85) returned to Greeley this past spring to perform in the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra's Spring Pops Concert. Goble has performed in the cast of *Phantom of the Opera* and Hayden has appeared in *Les Miserables*. Pictured from left are Goble, Carl Gerbrandt, former director of the UNC Opera Program, and Hayden.

of Colorado (now Xcel Energy) from 1981-95.

Maureen Flanigan (BS-80), Littleton, works as a certified activity director at the Johnson Adult Day Program in Englewood, serving clients and families dealing with Alzheimer's disease. She and her husband of 33 years, Brad Buckner, are parents of Josh, a 2006 UNC graduate, and John, a CSU sophomore.

John Humphries (MS-80), Azle, Texas, retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1993 and owns and op-



David Svaldi (BA-70, MA-72), Alamosa, was named president of Alamosa State College in June. During his 20 years at ASC, he served as interim president, provost, vice president for academic affairs and associate professor of communications. David earned his PhD from Northwestern University and was honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2004 by Mesa State College, where he completed an associate of arts degree.

EVENT

A Successful First-Ever Bear Alumni Stampede



This past July, the Alumni Association hosted the first-ever comprehensive summer reunion, The Bear Alumni Stampede. The Alumni Association partnered with the Greeley Stampede (an 80-plus-year tradition) to provide a full weekend of festivities. The event engaged more than 500 alumni and friends, providing family fun and many opportunities to reconnect with old friends and classmates. Part of the event also honored retiring Dean of Students Jean Schober Morrell and President Emeritus Richard Bond (both pictured at upper left).



EVENT

Annual Scholarship Reception Unites Students and Donors



Donors and scholarship recipients gathered in the University Center Ballrooms to celebrate the nearly \$2 million that went to more than 1,500 scholarship recipients this past year. Pictured at top is UNC President Kay Norton (second from right) with recipients of Alumni Association Scholarships. Pictured at center are Alumni Association Board members Linda Davis (BS-93) (back row, left) and Arthur Terrazas (BA-75, MA-77) (back row, second from left) with more recipients of Alumni Association Scholarships. Pictured above is Reed Doughty (BA-06, second from right), with guests and Michael Johnson, vice president of Alumni Relations at far right.

erates Cowtown Cattlepen Maze in the historic Fort Worth stockyards. He is opening another maze, Mountain Maze Inc., at Funtrackers in Ruidoso, N.M.

Elinor Greenburg (EdD-81), Centennial, was elected treasurer of the Colorado Judicial Institute. She is associated with the Colorado Area Health Education Center System at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons in Denver.

Bruce Nolan (BS-82), Girard, Pa., is a certified therapeutic recreation specialist at Ashtabula County Medical Center's behavioral medicine unit. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Ashlee and Shane.

Virginia McCann (MA-83), Gulfport, Miss., received the 2005 Community Service Award from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work for her volunteer efforts with the Red Cross, FEMA and the Disabled American Veterans. Virginia was recognized for her commitment to society after sustaining damage to her own home during hurricane Katrina.

Robert Shamoon (BS-83), Westlake Village, Calif., owns a



Vale Rideout (BA-95), New York, performed at the American Traditions Competition at the Lucas Theatre in New York City in March. He took top honors, placing first out of six finalists.

packaging distribution company. He and his wife, the **Tory (Langley) Shamoon** (BA-84), have two children, Lauren and Greg.

John Martinez (BA-84), Colorado Springs, works for Qwest Communications as a senior account executive for the Southern Colorado region.

Chris Norton (MS-84), Alexandria, Va., competed in the Register's 2005 Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, a seven-day, 500-mile bike trip. A former professional cyclist, Chris participated in the competition on a tandem bicycle with a visually impaired partner. He works as an accountant for the Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency in Washington, D.C.

Mary (Haakenson) Perry (BA-84), Anchor Point, Alaska, retired after 21 years as a special education teacher. Mary published a book, *Onward Crispy Shoulders*, a story about her brother who has Down Syndrome, and her family's life on an Alaskan homestead.

Gail Shatz (MA-84), Greeley, is the executive director of Suicide Education and Support Services,



Ron Vigil (BA-89), Henderson, Nev., stars as "Shag Man" in commercials for Rocky's Autos in Denver and appeared in UNC's Little Theatre of the Rockies production of *Over the Tavern*.

EVENT

Alumni and Friends Night at the Sky Sox

THE COLORADO SPRINGS Alumni and Friends Chapter hosted its second annual Alumni Night at the Sky Sox in July at Security Service Field in Colorado Springs. More than 40 Northern Colorado alumni and friends enjoyed a barbecue, baseball game and fireworks display at this year's event. Pictured from left are Rob Wilson (BA-72), Terence Jackson (parent), Sox the Fox, Sherry Jackson (parent) and JJ Paolino (BA-59, MA-60).



a United Way agency. She has 22 years of counseling experience with Weld County Partners.

Nomie Ketterling (MA-85), Eaton, coordinates Colorado Prevention Partners grant funds that are administered through the Colorado Department of Public Health's ADAD Division. She is a trained restorative justice facilitator with nearly 23 years of experience as a lead counselor.

Julie Masters (MA-85), Omaha, Neb., has been selected to receive the Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Association.

Carol (Nizer) North (MA-87), Columbia, Tenn., retired in 2004 after 11 years with the State of Hawaii's Department of Labor. Carol returned to Tennessee to be near her children and grandchildren and began a new career as an in-home case manager with the Family Center, a nonprofit child abuse prevention agency.

Jack Maughan (MA-89), Windsor, was named College Coach



Brian Davidson, MD (BA-99), Denver, is the sole Republican candidate for the at-large University of Colorado regent seat. A graduate of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Brian is chief resident of the anesthesiology department at the CU Health Sciences Center.

of the Year by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Colorado Chapter for the fourth time in his career. Jack has been UNC's wrestling coach since 1987.

1990s

Linda (Roderick) Davis (BS-93), Fort Collins, was appointed great western zone auto process manager for State Farm Insurance. Linda is in her second term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, where she serves as chair of the programs and services team. Linda and her husband, T. Michael Davis, have four children.

Tara Gartrell (BA-93), Idaho Falls, Idaho, earned certification as a senior professional from Human Resource Certification Institute and serves as human resource director at North Wind Inc., Idaho Falls.

Heather (Kierstein) Dmytryshyn (BA-94), Highlands Ranch, is a design consultant for Richmond American Homes.

Sharon Bonaventure (MA-95), Wilmington, Del., has been named head coach of volleyball and senior women's administrator at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H. Sharon com-



Isaia Aricayos (BA-01), Greeley, and his wife, Krista, celebrated the birth of their first son in July 2005. Born nine weeks early, Keoni Kealohaokaeakua (Hawaiian for "John" and "Grace of God"), remained hospitalized for five weeks after his birth. Isaia serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and works as a claims representative at State Farm Insurance Co.

pleted five successful seasons as head coach at West Chester University and was twice named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

Martin Buinicki (BA-95, MA-97), Valparaiso, Ind., is an assistant professor of English at Valparaiso University. His book, *Negotiating Copyright: Authorship and the Discourse of Literary Property Rights in Nineteenth-Century America*, was published in January. Martin and his wife, Andrea, have two sons.

Patricia Collins (BA-95), Boston, is the production stage manager for the Boston Conservatory, working with students and productions of theatre, opera and dance.

Elizabeth Dore (EdD-95), Radford, Va., coordinates the middle school education program at Radford University. Elizabeth serves as president of the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education and the Virginia Middle School Association. Her book, *Diversity and Young Adolescents: More Than Color*, was published in 2004.

Trevor Smith (BA-95), Boise, Idaho, is the assistant program director at an all-sports radio station in Boise and has been published in the *Nevada Appeal* newspaper.

Joe Kraycik (MA-96), Douglassville, Pa., and his wife, Marcella, welcomed their son,

CLASS OF 2000

Alumnus Opens Dental Practice in Greeley

Corte McGuffey, DDS (BA-00), who was a member of the 1996 and 1997 national champion football teams and winner of the Harlon Hill Trophy in 1999, returns to Greeley with his wife, Laura, after completing his Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Nebraska. In August 2006, Corte opened his own dental practice called McGuffey Bear Tooth Dental in the St. Michaels subdivision in Greeley.



triplets, Ethan, Madison and Julia.

Karyn (Voulalas) Theis (BA-97), Fairfax, Va., was recognized as an honored member of Empire Who's Who of Executives and Professionals for teaching at George Mason University. Karyn married Michael Theis in February.

Jennifer (Thompson) Mearing (BA-98), Longmont, and her husband, James, announced the birth of their second daughter.

Megan Van De Hey (BA-99), Chicago, portrayed the lead character in UNC's Little Theatre of the Rockies' summer 2006 production, *Always...Patsy Cline*.

Andrew Yutzky (BA-99) and **Jody (Terpstra) Yutzky** (BS-98), Lakewood, announced the birth of their son, Tyler, in October 2005.

Lucien, born in November 2005. The Krayciks have two other children, Ethan and Andela.

Miranda (Sherman) Distel (BA-96), Papillion, Neb., is an office manager for a financial planner and has created an organization to provide classes to empower women with healthcare issues. She and her husband, Roger, have one son, Reid.

Ellen Paxton (MA-96), Oxford, Ohio, is the director of corporate relations for Miami University in Ohio. Ellen previously served as director of development and director of corporate and alumni relations for the College of Business at Indiana State University.

Steve Selders (BA-96), Jacksonville, Fla., works for Management Systems International in

Jacksonville. Steve and his wife, **Elaine (Davis) Selders** (BA-93), have two children, Chandler and Samantha.

Sara (Garner) Schlundt (BA-97) Cypress, Texas, completed her MBA in finance at Houston Baptist University and works for Shell Oil Co. She and her husband, **Joe Schlundt** (BS-97), who also works for Shell Oil Co., are parents of 3-year-old

2000s

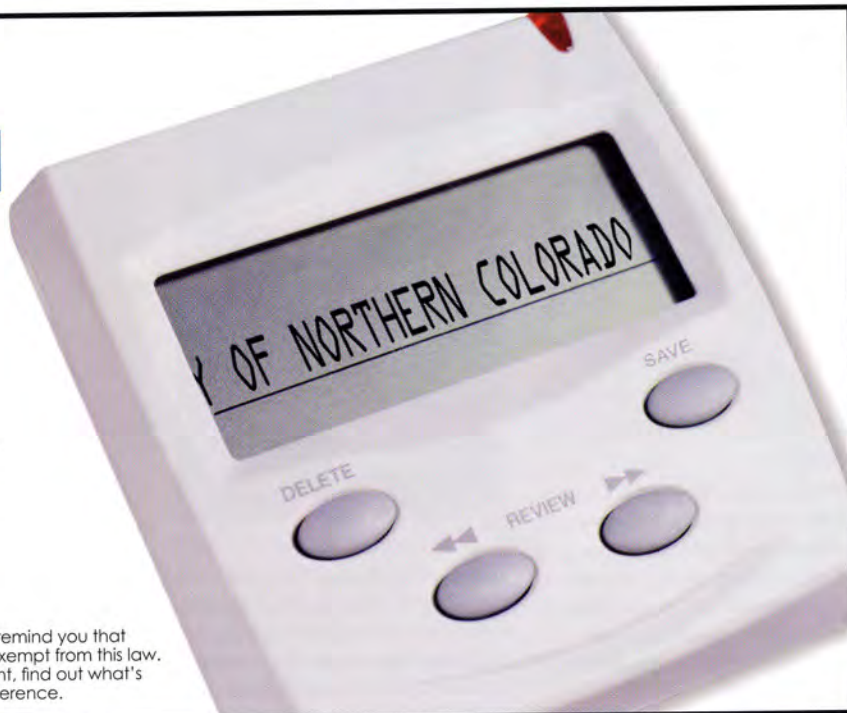
Casey Wagner (BS-00), Morrison, is a senior project manager and estimator for Colorado Fire and Flood, a disaster restoration firm in Denver.

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Timothy Brown (BA-01), Glendale, has recorded and released a CD, *Songs of Light, Songs of Shadows*. In January 2006, he was awarded the Lois Bailey Glenn Award for Teaching Excellence by the National Music Foundation.

Jade Day (BA-02), Austin, Texas, is a singer and songwriter touring the country to promote the release of his first album, *Chimera*. He is working on a concept album, which is set to debut in late 2006. Jade also tutors students on standardized tests and works as a substitute teacher.

Erik Peterson (BS-03), Centennial, completed a master's degree in computational physics at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Erik was commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in December 2005.

Ciandra Jackson (BA-04), Denver, serves as project assistant for Corona Research, a Denver-based market research and consulting firm.

Jeff Crabtree (BA-05), Greeley, opened The Crabtree Brewing Co. in Greeley in May. A graduate of the economics program and the Monfort College of Business, Jeff created his own flagship brews, "Downtown Nut Brown" and "Twisted Creek Wheat."

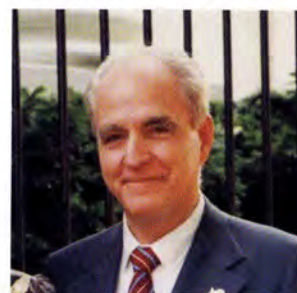
Andrew Jeffers (BA-05), Fort Collins, created a 1,686-square-foot mural at the new Greeley Family FunPlex pool area, which features a 16-foot shark, a surfer, dolphins and other sea life. Drew took several weeks off from his job working with troubled youth in the Utah wilderness to complete the project.

Kristin Shields (BS-05), Highlands Ranch, is researching the genetic causes of profound deafness at McLaughlin Research Group and has been accepted by the University of Colorado School of Medicine.



Patricia C. Tate (BA-85), professor of dance and theatre at the university from 1977-81, passed away May 11 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A Nebraska native, Tate received degrees from Oklahoma College for Women and the University of Oklahoma before coming to Greeley. She was the director of girls' athletics for the State of Colorado from 1974-77 and a professor of theatre and dance at the University of Wyoming until her retirement in 2003.

Orvell L. Trainer, professor of economics at the university from 1970-85, passed away May 10 in Wynnewood, Pa. Trainer served as a radio man in the Naval Air Force and received his degrees from the University of Colorado in Boulder and



a Fulbright scholarship for post-graduate study in Copenhagen, Denmark. A former public school teacher and principal in Niwot and Loveland, Trainer also taught at CU. During Trainer's years at UNC, he served as chair of the department of economics, dean of the School of Education and was active in numerous student and faculty groups. He was granted emeritus faculty status in 1985.

1930s

- Roberta (Holden) Dutton (BA-32)
- Esther (Scheibel) Banek (BA-33)
- Olive (Stephens) McNeal (LC-34, BA-37)
- Lewis C. Smith (AB-35, MA-38)
- Dorothy E. (Pierce) Knuppel (AB-39)

1940s

- Edward J. Getsch (AB-40)
- Philomene (Trotter) Liesen (AB-43, MA-48)
- Roberta (Noyce) Hermansen (BA-48)
- John L. Beynon (BA-49)

1950s

- H. James Dudley (MA-50)
- William K. O'Brien (BA-50, MA-56)
- Kenneth F. Ramsey (BA-52, MA-53)
- Joyce L. Wood (BA-54)
- Howard A. Tegtman (BA-57, MA-58)

1960s

- Robert A. Harken (MA-60)
- William C. Shreeve (EdD-67)

1970s

- R. Gail Bachand (MA-71)
- Horton L. Murray (BA-71, MA-75)
- Marilyn Krier (MA-73)
- Gladys Pierce (MA-73)
- Diane (Ault) Keilers (BA-77)

1980s

- Mark W. Felton (BS-84)

2000s

- Brian D. Berkenkotter (BS-04)

Friends/Emeritus Faculty

- James T. Nardin (Professor 1949-62)
- Mary Elizabeth (Rahjies) Nickolaus (Professor)
- James E. Walker
- E. Bonabel Davis



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calendar OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	21	Meet the Coaches Luncheon, 11:30 am social, 12 Noon lunch, Fort Collins Hilton
	23	Bears Football vs. Western Illinois (Friends & Family Weekend), 1:35 pm
OCTOBER	7	Bears Football vs. Idaho State, 1:35 pm
	10	Business Plus Luncheon featuring Michael J. Orlando, vice president, branch executive and economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 11:30 am social, 12 Noon lunch, University Center Panorama Room
	13-14	Homecoming Weekend (see Page 23 for details)
	14	Bears Football vs. Eastern Washington (Homecoming), 1:35 pm
	24	Bears Volleyball @ Air Force, 5:30 pm pregame party in Colorado Springs, 7 pm game
	28	Bears Football @ Sacramento State, 4 pm Alumni Association tailgate, 6 pm game
NOVEMBER	1	Skinner for Dinner Benefit Roast, 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner, University Center Ballrooms
	3-4	Tourin' Bears alumni trip to Las Vegas (see Page 23 for details)
	10	Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, 5:30 pm social, 6:30 pm dinner, University Center Ballrooms
	11	Bears Football vs. Montana, 12 Noon
	18	Bears Football vs. Northern Arizona, 12 Noon
DECEMBER	2	Men's Basketball @ University of Colorado, pregame party in Boulder (time TBD)
	6	Men's Basketball @ CSU in Fort Collins, 5 pm pregame party, 7:05 pm game

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FROM THE archives

Pride of the Rockies



The Pride of the Rockies marching band gained prominence under the direction of music faculty member Wayman Walker (1952-76). Over the years, the organization sported marching uniforms that reflected the changing names of the school.

Homecoming 2006

Come back to campus for
Bears Football and a Vegas-Themed Homecoming Celebration



Friday, Oct. 13

- * 50-Year Reunion Honoring the Class of 1956
- * Classes Taught by Honored Alumni
- * Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet

Saturday, Oct. 14

- * Homecoming Parade
- * Pregame Tailgate
- * Bears Football

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