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**On the Cover:** Legend has it that the make-believe ghost of Edith, perhaps the most popular among campus ghost stories that persist, haunts two residence halls. Jamie Mills, a School of Theatre Arts and Dance student at UNC, served as a model as photographer Barry Gutierrez used his imagination to create scenes of Edith flitting about in this timed exposure.

Gutierrez is a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist in Denver whose work has been published by the likes of the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* (Sunday front page), *Sports Illustrated*, *Newsweek*, *Time* and *People*.

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**UNC BLOSSOMS:** The campus came alive in fall with more than 12,000 new and returning students reporting on the first day of fall classes Aug. 23.

Photo by Jim Rydbom

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## UNC Fall Opening By the Numbers

What goes into the start of a new academic year? Some facts and figures to consider:

- 1.1 million:** Square feet of housing space cleaned Aug. 2-18 in preparation for 3,000 students moving into 17 residence halls, six university-owned houses and 98 apartments
- 1 in 3:** Undergraduate students living on campus
- 450:** People helped students move in to campus housing during the Aug. 19 Move-In Day
- 1,500:** Dollars spent on products given to residence hall students to hang decorations in their rooms without causing wall damage
- 100:** Residence hall staff took a break from training Aug. 16 for the annual "Day of Service" in the community
- 2,000:** Diners fed by Dining Services in 2.5 hours during the first meal of the new semester
- 1,050:** Ice cream cones consumed during the first lunch of the semester
- 3,500:** Pounds of fresh produce served every Friday for meals
- 23,000:** Dirty dishes washed on the first day of fall semester
- 430:** New computers installed in student computer labs
- 1,200:** Computers in labs and classrooms that received software updates
- 190:** Labs and classrooms containing the computers that needed updates
- 9,000:** Average number of calls a day handled by the university's phone system
- 4,000:** Requests for help submitted to the Technical Support Center the first week
- 2,500:** UNC ID cards produced the first week

## Trustees Discuss Budget at Annual Planning Session

During the board's annual planning session, UNC trustees discussed multiyear university planning. That included a proposal, as prescribed in Senate Bill 3, to issue a placeholder with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to request tuition adjustments above the 9 percent window, if ultimately needed, based on the uncertainty of the state's investment in higher education and federal stimulus funds ending at the start of the next fiscal year.

As a result, the university is planning for a \$10.5 million reduction in state funding next year. To address the drop in state funding, the focus is on revenue generation, reserves, cost savings and budget reductions. A reserve of \$9.9 million has been set aside that will be used to smooth out the funding decrease over three years. Half of the \$10.5 million reduction will be addressed with revenue growth. That means the goal for cost savings will be \$5 million over the next three years. The campus community is in the process of identifying sustainable cost savings.

UNC President Kay Norton also spoke about a planning framework that focuses on three key areas, presented as overlapping circles: students and academic programs, research and creative works, and community building. The framework will help develop priorities, with the intersection among the three areas being the sweet spot, Norton said.

For more on financial matters, visit [www.unco.edu/pres/](http://www.unco.edu/pres/) and click on the "Financial Matters" link.

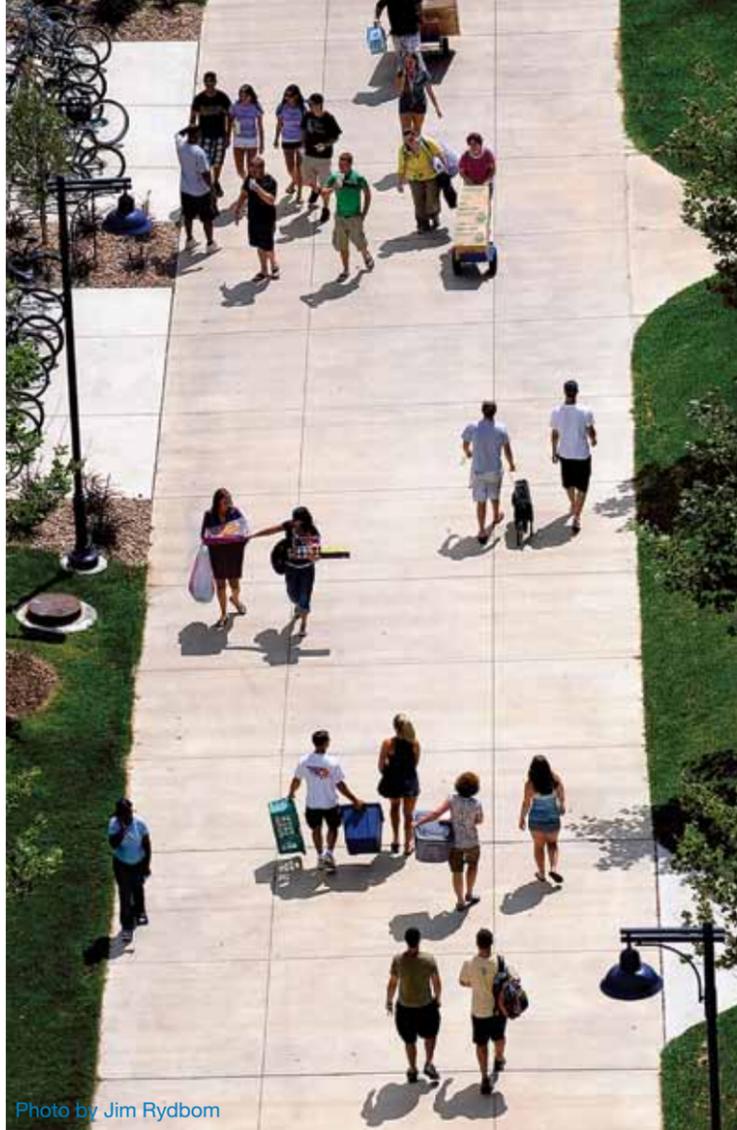


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**BIRD'S-EYE VIEW:** From atop Lawrenson Hall, University of Northern Colorado students haul their belongings into west campus residence halls during Move-In Day. More than 3,000 students, or about one in three undergraduates, are housed on campus this year.

## Fall Enrollment Numbers Show Growth

Enrollment numbers for the 2010 fall semester have been confirmed after the course add/drop deadline. The census figures reflect increases compared with the prior fall semester in:

- Total enrollment: 12,358 (up 2 percent, or 210 students)
- Undergraduate enrollment: 10,090 (up 1 percent, or 112 students)
- Graduate enrollment: 2,268 (up 4 percent, or 98 students)
- Transfer students: 835 (up 13 percent, or 94 students)
- Credit hours: Up 3,110, or 2 percent. On average, full-time undergraduate students are taking 14.3 credits.

Also, of incoming freshmen, 38 percent are first-generation students and 28 percent self-identify with an ethnic minority group (20 percent of all students do). The number of new freshmen (2,247 students) has grown by 6 percent over the past three years.

## Hispanic Honor Society Receives National Award for Third Consecutive Year

UNC's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, was named an Honor Chapter for its outstanding activities in 2009-10, marking the third consecutive year the local chapter has received the recognition.

Each year, approximately 10 of the society's 575 chapters nationally are recognized for the caliber of chapter projects that reflect the Sigma Delta Pi mission of honoring excellence in the study of the Spanish language, contributing to cultural understanding and upholding the goals of the society.

UNC's chapter also received the prestigious Octavio Paz Award that was granted to only six chapters nationwide for maintaining Honor Chapter status for three consecutive years.

In announcing the honors, national society officers noted that the UNC chapter's advisor, assistant professor of Hispanic Studies Efraín Garza, was instrumental in earning the national honor.

## Residence Hall Association Earns Two National Awards

UNC's Residence Hall Association received the National Association of College and University Residence Halls' School of the Year and Commitment to Diversity awards at the association's annual conference, June 21-24 in San Diego.

In choosing the recipient of the School of the Year Award, a selection committee evaluated educational institutions' residence hall associations in a number of areas that included organizational structure and growth, progress toward stated goals, community service activities and perceived student benefits from residence hall governance.

UNC's residence hall association also earned the national school of the year award in 1987 and has been named regional school of the year seven times.

The Commitment to Diversity Award, which UNC also won in 2008, is given to a school that involves a student-directed, yearlong, campuswide commitment to awareness and education of residential students concerning diversity issues.

During the presentation of the award, UNC was referred to as "a national model for diversity," according to Chris Mullen, who serves as UNC Residence Hall Association advisor.

"These awards are highly coveted by institutions across the nation," Mullen said. "While RHA submitted the bids for these awards, they're based on our institution as a whole."

### Help Improve the Alumni Magazine

A *Northern Vision* readership survey was sent in October to a random selection of alumni e-mail addresses. Recipients of the survey are questioned about *Northern Vision* to help improve the magazine's effectiveness and better meet needs. If you'd like to participate, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/27bqx4g>

## Residence Halls Renovated



Photo by Barry LaPoint

Renovations over the summer in Turner and Harrison Halls will help UNC continue meeting the needs of today's students.

Turner Hall improvements completed before fall semester's start included a remodeled lobby that provides additional meeting space, a kitchen facility and a student lounge and game room with TVs and table games. Additional student lounges and laundry facilities were created on residence floors of the 13-story building.

During the first phase in summer 2009, 180 student rooms in Turner Hall were renovated and reconfigured into suites with private bedrooms, as part of the \$58 million bond-funded West Campus Housing Project that also created the north and south halls, a complex that houses 723 students in suite-style rooms.

In adjacent Harrison Hall, renovations of student rooms in the south wing over the summer included repainting and replacing built-in furniture with new modular desks, dressers, bookcases, chairs and draperies. Tile flooring was replaced with carpeting and new lighting fixtures were installed. New room doors include high-security, card-controlled locks.

"Today's students demand more privacy, more flexibility and more convenient options and amenities in their on-campus living environments," said Brad Shade, UNC's director of Housing Operations. "We reduced capacity in Turner Hall by converting rooms into suites, but students highly value the additional privacy and the flexibility that suites with single-occupancy bedrooms offer."

The reduced occupancy of Turner from 612 to 330 was made up by the additional capacity provided by the North and South Halls, which replaced the 45-year-old McCowen Hall, and the conversion of Bond Hall from faculty apartments to additional student housing.

A renovation of Harrison's lobby area scheduled for completion in October will include a kitchen facility and a game room.

Rooms in Harrison's north wing will be renovated next summer as part of the two-year, \$2.1 million project funded by an allocation from repair and maintenance funds used to maintain the functionality and appearance of the university.

# Key Administrative Positions Filled

## Gorrell to Lead Development, Alumni Relations Efforts



Victoria "Vicki" Gorrell has been named vice president for development and alumni relations following a national search. She began work at UNC in mid-October.

At UNC, she will lead the university's fundraising and alumni relations programs. Among her responsibilities will be overseeing gift giving and managing campaign initiatives.

Gorrell spent the past four years as vice president for college advancement at Kalamazoo (Mich.) College, where she led the alumni relations, development and communication programs. Before that, she served as vice president for university relations and executive director of the foundation at Weber State University in Utah. Prior to that, she was director of development at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va.

Gorrell's position at UNC is part of the strategic reorganization to fully integrate development and alumni relations into the university. Previously, those areas were housed in UNC's Foundation, an external nonprofit organization that supports UNC. Having fundraising and alumni functions reporting to the university is expected to enhance university-wide coordination of critical fundraising efforts.

## Satriana Named General Counsel, Board Secretary

Denver labor and employment attorney Daniel R. Satriana Jr. was named vice president and general counsel, and secretary to the Board of Trustees in August.

Satriana previously practiced law in Colorado for more than 30 years, including 12 years of law firm management in Denver, first at Hall & Evans and for the past six years at Clisham, Satriana & Biscan.



He graduated with a bachelor's degree in History in 1976 from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. He earned his law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 1979. He's been a licensed Colorado attorney since 1979.

Satriana replaces Ronald Lambden, who retired in June after serving at UNC since 1999.

## Fleming-Rife Appointed Special Assistant to the President for Equity and Diversity

Anita Fleming-Rife was appointed special assistant to the president for equity and diversity at UNC this past spring. Fleming-Rife is a UNC alumna and visiting professor in Africana Studies and Journalism.



As a member of the president's executive team, Fleming-Rife is helping connect diversity and community-building efforts across the university, building on work already under way, and identifying new opportunities for UNC. She also represents the university in discussions about diversity, climate and equity in the broader community.

She previously served on Penn State's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity and its task forces for academics and for assessing the university system's framework for diversity. The interactive video-teleconference she produced to recruit African-American students to Southern Illinois University's graduate programs in mass communication earned International Radio Television's Silver Award.

## Quinn Appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Michelle Farrar Quinn was appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer in February, replacing Randal Haack, who served at UNC since 2006 and left to care for a family member.

Quinn has 22 years of financial and leadership experience. She came to UNC in 1999 to be the university's budget director and has served in several financial roles at the university, most recently as associate vice president of finance.

Before coming to UNC, she was comptroller and then dean of administration at Garrett Community College in Maryland for five years, and previously worked in public accounting and corporate finance. She earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership from West Virginia University and a bachelor's degree in Accounting, with highest distinction, from George Mason University.

## UNC Scholar Earns National Science Foundation Award

Yeni Violeta García, a second-year UNC graduate student pursuing her doctorate in Biological Education with a minor in Statistics, was awarded a prestigious graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation. She will receive \$40,000 annually for each of the next three years. She's one of about 2,000 students in the country offered the fellowship and the only scholar studying Biological Education. García is the first UNC student to earn the award.

García, a former secondary teacher, will focus on blending her research on stream ecology with interdisciplinary approaches to teaching biology with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning in middle school. Her faculty advisor is Assistant Professor of Biology Richard Jurin.

# MCB Adds Master of Accounting Degree

The Monfort College of Business' School of Accounting and Computer Information Systems began offering a master's degree in Accounting this fall that will satisfy the 150 hours of coursework required by most states, and anticipated in Colorado, for licensing as a certified public accountant. The program, which was approved by the UNC Board of Trustees, is expected to attract 30-35 students each year.

"Many entering accounting students want to come to a university and have a seamless completion of the 150 hours required for sitting for the CPA exam," said Karen Turner, director of Accounting and CIS. "By offering this advanced degree, we will no doubt attract even more quality students, who, along with many employers, see the master's degree as necessary to enhance their career opportunities."

The degree will develop students' applied accounting research skills, communications skills, problem-solving capabilities and other skills and knowledge required to be a successful professional accountant in public accounting, business or government.

## UNC Awarded Energy Grant by Governor's Office

UNC is one of two state universities that received a grant this spring from the Governor's Energy Office to study energy efficiency among campus buildings.

UNC was awarded \$31,000 to pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in the Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance category. The certification for existing buildings emphasizes aspects such as green landscapes, custodial practices, additional recycling, energy conservation measures, renewable energy, sustainable purchasing practices and air quality.

Campus feasibility studies will be conducted to determine whether upgrades, maintenance and other operations to make buildings more sustainable and environmentally friendly will result in certification for select buildings.

The addition to Butler-Hancock Hall, which was finished this summer, is UNC's first LEED-certified building.

## Provost Appointed to Higher Ed Advisory Committee



UNC Senior Vice President and Provost Abe Harraf was appointed to the advisory committee for the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Harraf will serve as the academic affairs representative and joins other representatives from state institutions who serve on the committee. In his role, he participates in monthly CCHE meetings. Harraf has served as UNC's provost since 2007.



Photo by Barry LaPoint

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE UNC TRADITION?

Whether it's singing the fight song at home football games, participating in the activities for homecoming or Academic Excellence Week, or attending fall welcome activities that include convocation and the Taste of UNC (pictured). Tell us what your favorite UNC tradition is by sending an e-mail to [northernvision@unco.edu](mailto:northernvision@unco.edu). We'll consider responses for an upcoming story this spring on UNC traditions.

## UNC Students Perform With International Opera Stars in Europe

Twenty-one voice students and one piano student from UNC's College of Performing and Visual Arts spent seven weeks of summer break in Germany and France as members of a professional European opera company.

Students auditioned to participate in the program, which was arranged by UNC voice faculty William Wilson, in association with Opera Classica Europa and the International Opera School in Bad Schwalbach, Germany.

Following two weeks of intensive on-campus preparations of chorus and comprimari parts to Verdi's "Otello," Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," von Weber's "Der Freischütz" and Puccini's "Tosca," the group flew to Germany on June 16, returning to the U.S. on Aug. 9.

The group performed in numerous venues, including Kloster Eberbach, Domplatz Limburg, Burg Falkenstein, Donnersberg and the historic Kurhaus in Bad Schwalbach, Germany.

The students had master classes with artists and performed with some of the world's best-known opera stars, including Eduardo Villa (Metropolitan Opera), John Treleaven (Bavarian State Opera, London) and Rosa Maria Hernandez (Zurich Opera). The students also performed the world premiere of a mass by well-known composer Carl Witzel in historic Kloster Eberbach.

Wilson sang the roles of Alfio in "Cavalleria Rusticana," Amonasro in "Aida," Ottokar in "Der Freischütz" and the baritone solos in the Witzel Mass. Prior to his position at UNC, Wilson was a career opera singer in Germany and Switzerland.

## Entrepreneurial Challenge Returns for Second Year

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the second Entrepreneurial Challenge will double the prize money to \$36,000.

There are two categories of competition: Start-Up Ventures and Existing Businesses, the latter for companies wishing to move their business to the next level. There will be three award winners in each category: \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second and \$3,000 for third.

"We believe it's our responsibility to the business community to provide opportunities for growth, education and success," said Monfort College of Business Dean Don Gudmundson. "There are a lot of people out there with great ideas who just need a little incentive to get motivated."

For more details, including registration information, visit [www.mcb-echallenge.com](http://www.mcb-echallenge.com). Proposals are due by Nov. 29.

## Thumbs Up for UNC Center on Interpreter Training

UNC's DO IT (Distance Opportunities for Interpreter Training) Center continues to gain global attention for its prominent programs and role as a leading authority in the field of American Sign Language-English interpreter training and practices.

Earlier this year, the center was one of three U.S. sites and the only public university visited by representatives from Japanese universities looking to implement and improve interpreter training programs in their country.

According to center director Leilani Johnson, the center recently granted permission to the group to translate and use selected center materials in Japan.

"We're always glad to share our experience and expertise with others," said Johnson, noting that the center is unique in that it offers degree and professional development programs in ASL-English Interpretation through a combination of online learning and intensive summer onsite training.

In addition, assistant director Anna Witter-Merithew led a team of educators from six universities in a three-year, federally funded national effort to define the competencies and best practices of ASL-English interpreters working in legal settings. The resulting publication has been widely acclaimed, not only by ASL-English interpreters and organizations, but also by other legal and spoken language interpreter organizations.

"We're seen as leaders in the field of legal interpreting," Witter-Merithew said. "We're the only university in the country with a bachelor's degree program in ASL-English Interpretation in the legal system."



### ENTER THE UNC TRIVIA CONTEST

The cornerstone laying ceremony for the first building at Colorado State Normal School (pictured) drew more than 600 distinguished guests. Which Colorado governor attended?

E-mail your answer to [northernvision@unco.edu](mailto:northernvision@unco.edu) by 5 p.m. Nov. 30. We'll randomly draw the names of five people who submit the correct answer and send each of them a signed copy of *University of Northern Colorado*, a pictorial history of UNC's first 100 years published by Mark Anderson, a UNC reference librarian, and Jay Trask, head of University Libraries' Archival Services. Be sure to include your mailing address with your answer so we can mail your book to you if your name is drawn.

## UNC Well Represented at National Journalism Conference

UNC alumnus Wellington Webb, trustee and alumna Carlotta LaNier and Hispanic Studies professor Priscilla Falcon were part of a panel discussion titled "History-Makers, Race, Politics and Media" on the first day of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's annual national conference Aug. 4-7 in Denver.

Webb was Denver's first black mayor, LaNier was one of the students known as the "Little Rock Nine" who desegregated Central High School in 1957 and Falcon was an activist in the Chicano civil rights movement of the 1960s.

UNC journalism majors Katie Owston and Benjamin Welch were part of a group of university students who gained real-life experience by using offices at *The Denver Post* to produce the conference's newspaper and provide online coverage.

UNC professor Lynn Klyde-Silverstein was among the journalism faculty and media professionals who supervised the students.

UNC was also represented on the event's host planning committee by Journalism faculty members Lee Anne Peck and Wayne Melanson, and Anita Fleming-Rife, special assistant to UNC president Kay Norton on equity and diversity.

Fleming-Rife, previously a visiting professor in Journalism and Africana Studies at the school, was also on a panel that discussed student engagement in health issues.

## Pulitzer Prize-Winning Scientist Speaks at UNC



A Harvard professor emeritus of Biology who's won two Pulitzer Prizes and was named one of the century's 100 most influential environmentalists by *Time* magazine spoke at UNC in September.

Edward O. Wilson, an evolutionary biologist hailed by author Thomas Wolfe as the "new Darwin," based his talk, part of the Provost Colloquium Speaker Series, on his 2006 book, *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, written in the form

of an impassioned letter that includes the argument that science and religion must join forces regardless of our beliefs since earth's destruction affects us all, no matter what we believe about its origins.

Wilson toured UNC's biology and environmental studies programs. The tour included a stop in Ross Hall to visit bats being studied by Biological Sciences Professor Rick Adams ahead of Wilson's public presentation, which drew nearly 1,000 people to the University Center.



Right: Wilson handing a baby brown bat during his UNC visit.

## New Business Speaker Series Features National Names

The Monfort College of Business launched its new Building Business Excellence Speaker Series in a luncheon format, with respected national business leaders and experts. Ben & Jerry's co-founder Jerry Greenfield kicked off the series on Sept. 15 in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts with a rousing tribute to America's entrepreneurial spirit.

Other speakers in the series include author and organizational consultant Joseph Michelli on Nov. 11 in the University Center ballrooms on the UNC campus, best-selling author and personal finance columnist Jane Bryant Quinn on Jan. 19 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt April 13 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland.

Tickets for individual sessions are \$40 per person, \$35 per person per event for two or more events. Lunch is included. For additional information about the series, visit [www.mcb.unco.edu/Speakers/BBE](http://www.mcb.unco.edu/Speakers/BBE) or call 970-351-2551.

### UNC News

Visit the UNC News website for all the latest news releases, feature stories and campus headlines at [www.unco.edu/news](http://www.unco.edu/news).



## On Staroyevreyska Street

College of Performing and Visual Arts Dean Andrew Svedlow served this past spring as a Fulbright scholar in Ukraine, where he spent two months living on Vulitska Staroyevreyska (English translation: "Old Jewish Street") in the historic city L'viv, Ukraine. He shared this photo of life on the cobblestone streets in the city with a population of 800,000.

Svedlow taught graduate-level courses on arts administration, cultural management and creative leadership at the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture and the L'viv National Academy of Arts. He also served as an advisor in helping the academies create graduate programs in arts management.

In 2007, Svedlow was selected for a Fulbright scholar grant and traveled to numerous institutions in Japan to provide expertise on effective models of arts administration. Other two-time Fulbright grant recipients at UNC include David Caldwell, dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Gary Swanson, Mildred Hansen Journalist in Residence.

## Students Aid in Hurricane Relief Efforts

Two UNC students participated in relief efforts in July in Monterrey, Mexico, in the aftermath of Hurricane Alex.

Andrew Corliss and Kimlynn Huynh, both juniors, were studying as part of an eight-week exchange program at the University of Monterrey when the hurricane struck.

Students were scheduled to conduct community service outside the city as part of the program but instead remained in Monterrey to help with relief efforts that included collecting food and essentials for residents trying to cope without utilities, food or money after their homes suffered extensive damage.

By Anne Cumming Rice

## Food Safety on His Plate

### Associate Dean's Research Focuses on Eating Hazards

When foodborne illnesses occur — the Salmonella outbreak caused by consumption of tainted eggs earlier this year or contaminated peanut butter in 2009 — they may seem like rare and isolated incidents.

“They are among the leading causes of illness, second only to the common cold,” says Douglas Marshall, associate dean of the UNC College of Natural and Health Sciences and professor of Public Health. “The vast majority of people don’t know they have a foodborne illness when they have fever, diarrhea and vomiting. They call it the stomach flu, but the influenza virus has nothing to do with it.”

An estimated 76 million cases of foodborne disease, also commonly referred to as food poisoning, occur each year in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths related to foodborne diseases each year.

The diseases are caused by bacteria and viruses, the most common among them E.coli, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Norovirus, Listeria and Shigella. They usually manifest as acute gastrointestinal issues, but can also lead to secondary long-term illnesses, including kidney failure, chronic infections and meningitis.

Marshall, a regular speaker and consultant on food safety issues to private industry and international governments, collaborated with 41 scientists from 18 countries to write a book for the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The book, *Exposure Assessment of Microbiological Hazards: Guidelines*, was published in 2008 and was commissioned due to concern over the worldwide increase in foodborne diseases.

Marshall, who has been at UNC since 2007, has spent his career researching methods to detect and control hazards in foods. He says one of the public’s biggest misconceptions about food safety is that controlling disease is best done by testing foods.

“There are some inherent problems with this,” he says. “It costs a lot, it’s not always accurate, and it’s ultimately wasteful of the food.”

It’s also one reason the food industry started developing canned, frozen and otherwise processed foods. Processing helps ensure that the food going out to the public is safe.

But with increased concerns about the nutritional value of processed foods, many have touted the benefits of raw, unprocessed foods, which are the source of most foodborne diseases.

This year, according to [foodsafetynews.com](http://foodsafetynews.com), foodborne illnesses have been linked to eggs from two Iowa farms, fresh produce from a farmer’s market in Iowa, raw goat’s milk from a dairy in Longmont, egg whites in North Carolina and meat made from the head of a pig in British Columbia. Earlier this year, the CDC reported that about one in 25 outbreaks of foodborne illness in restaurants and delis can be traced to contaminated, freshly made salsa or guacamole.



Photo by Stephanie Burchett

With meat, produce and dairy products, the best way to ensure safety is to obtain the foods from a trusted source. “This reduces risk, but mistakes can and do occur,” Marshall says. “This is why we have government regulatory agencies to ensure the food is as safe as it can possibly be.”

In fact, when foodborne disease outbreaks do occur, the biggest manufacturers are the best proponents of such regulations — even at the risk to their bottom line. Salmonella-infected spinach in 2007, for example, resulted in consumers avoiding all brands of spinach, not just the spinach at the source of the outbreak.

“From a business standpoint, it’s not in your best interest to make your customer sick,” Marshall says. “Regulations on food safety help you protect your name brand.”

Many foodborne illnesses can be traced to food contamination in restaurants or in people’s homes. Douglas Marshall, associate dean of UNC’s College of Natural and Health Sciences, offers the following tips for food safety:

#### Restaurants/food vendors

- Take note of the restaurant inspection scores of local food establishments, usually available online through county health department websites. Eat at the restaurants that consistently score well.
- Do a common-sense visual check of the cleanliness of the restaurant. If the restrooms or dining room are dirty, what does that say about the cleanliness of the kitchen?
- Avoid buying food from risky places like street vendors. Ask yourself, “Is there access here to water and soap? Is there appropriate temperature control available here?”

#### At home

- Wash your hands frequently, especially between preparation of meat and produce.
- Use clean cutting boards and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between different types of food.
- When picnicking or barbecuing during the summer, use different plates to transport raw and cooked meat to and from the grill. Also make sure you adequately refrigerate picnic foods that need to be kept cold.
- For holiday meals, allow enough time to thaw a turkey in the refrigerator or cold water, and don’t thaw a turkey at room temperature. Leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking. When preparing holiday meals, wash your hands in between handling raw meat and preparing produce and other types of food.

By Anne Cumming Rice

## Research Briefs

### Professor Developing National Teacher Assessment Model in History, Civics

Led by History Professor Michael Welsh, UNC’s Presidential Academy in American History and Civics Education is one of two national grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to improve teacher quality and performance in these disciplines. UNC has trained 100 teachers from the Four Corners area to integrate best practices and content knowledge into Navajo Nation classrooms. A recent additional award of \$440,000 by the Department of Education extends the project for two more years to help build a national assessment model that can be used across disciplines.

### Research on Noise Catching Attention

Graduate student Thea LaBere’s research on the noisy environment in which tree service workers operate was done by measuring the decibel levels of machinery while employees who volunteered for the project used them. The readings from the dosimeter proved that tree service workers are at increased risk for noise-induced hearing loss.

A national trade magazine asked LaBere and Professor Deanna Meinke to submit an article on the study’s finding, and the Tree Care Industry Association responded by creating a guide to help tree care companies implement OSHA-compliant hearing conservation programs.

### Molecular Research Focuses on Fighting West Nile

Susan Keenan, assistant professor of Biology, is researching how to treat West Nile and other mosquito-borne diseases.

The goal of Keenan’s research is to find small molecules that inhibit the function of an enzyme essential for the survival of the viruses. Those compounds can then be used as drugs to fight the illnesses. So far, she has discovered some compounds that keep the viruses from replicating.

Keenan received a portion of a \$1.4 million grant from the Rocky Mountain Regional Center of Excellence funded by the National Institutes of Health.

### UNC Professor to Help With Volcano Monitoring Project

Earth Sciences Professor Steven Anderson was part of a U.S. Geological Survey team assessing whether a laser ranging system can be used to help monitor an active Alaska volcano whose eruptions have disrupted travel at one of the world’s busiest airports in nearby Anchorage. The full-waveform LiDAR (light detection and ranging) laser system may help determine how much gas is present in the lava and the potential explosiveness of the volcano.

### UNC Lands \$1.2 Million National Teaching Grant in STEM Fields

As a national leader in the field of teacher education, UNC received a \$1.2 million, five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to support and prepare math and science teachers to serve in high-need school districts.

Scholarships of \$16,000 will be awarded to 22 qualified UNC upperclassmen who are majoring in STEM disciplines — science, technology, engineering or math — and completing UNC’s teacher preparation program.

The program will also provide \$16,000 scholarships to eight STEM professionals who return to complete the licensing qualifications for teaching science and math.

Each scholar will commit to teach at least two years in a high-need school for each year a scholarship is received. Upon graduation, scholars will be assigned experienced mentors at their schools and will attend focused seminars during their first year of teaching.

### Professor's Research Ties Bat Populations to Global Warming

Researchers in the School of Biological Sciences have shown that bat populations are highly susceptible to climate change in arid regions of western North America.

In a paper published in the prestigious journal *Ecology*, Professor Rick Adams compiled 13 years of data on bat populations in Colorado.

Comparing numbers of reproductive females captured each year to data on average summer high temperatures, precipitation and stream flow rates, he found that female reproduction declined in years of drought.

### UNC Professors Lead Archaeological Survey at Rocky Mountain National Park

Anthropology Professor Robert Brunswig and Geography Professor David Diggs collaborated on a project at Rocky Mountain National Park using predictive modeling technology to identify aboveground sacred sites once used by Native Americans.

Since 1998, Brunswig has identified 1,100 sacred and cultural sites — more than 500 of them prehistoric — across 38,000 acres in Rocky Mountain National Park.

## Ask the Expert: What's Happening to Bats?

Professor Rick Adams published in the prestigious journal *Ecology* an article based on more than a dozen years researching bats. In the article, he explained why the populations are highly susceptible to climate change in regions of western North America. Adams answers questions about that research and another threat to bat populations that grabbed headlines this fall.

**NV:** What is the current status of bat populations in western North America?

**Adams:** Bats move long distances, fly at night and roost during the day hidden in dark crevices or attics. Thus, unlike birds, they are very difficult to track and their colonies are hard to find. Most of the roost sites along the Front Range we monitor have been occupied yearly. Our recent analysis of the populations has shown years of very little reproductive success in females. Luckily, thus far, these drought years have been followed by wetter and cooler years allowing for normal reproduction. Because bats in our area have only one young a year, and most of these do not make it to their second year due to predation or lack of time to prepare for their first overwintering period, it will not take many consecutive years of low reproduction to start populations on a precipitous decline.

**NV:** What relationship does your research show between severe periods of drought and bat populations?

**Adams:** Water availability is key for female bats to produce milk to feed their offspring after birth. Female bats either abort, or abandon, young if they cannot produce milk for them. This is related to loss of water sources near nursery roosts. The majority of roosts are in rock crevices on cliffs near a water source. We found that lactating females, that can lose up to 31 percent of their body mass from evaporative water loss, visit to drink from water holes 13 times more than adult females that are not reproductive.

**NV:** Why are bats especially susceptible to climate change?

**Adams:** It appears their susceptibility is due mostly to physics. They are small-bodied and thus have a large surface area relative to volume. And if you add in the surface area of their wings, this makes it very difficult for them to control evaporative water loss both when they are sleeping and when they are flying. This is likely why, out of the now estimated 1,237 species of bats worldwide, composing 22 percent of all living mammal species, 90 percent of bats reside only in tropical regions.

**NV:** What does their decline in numbers suggest for other living species, including humans?

**Adams:** What happens to bats will affect all other life on earth. Bats occur in every ecosystem except the cold ice deserts of Antarctica and the north Arctic. Because a bat's metabolism is 1,200 heartbeats per minute (20 beats per second!), a bat must consume large quantities of food. For insectivorous bats, this means eating from one-half to their entire weight in insects in one night. This would be like a 100-pound person eating 50-100 pounds of meat for dinner. Bats pull billions of metric tons of insects out of the air each night across the globe. Because many of the insects they eat are agricultural pests, the cost to our food industry will be billions of dollars if bats disappear. Many species of bats eat fruit and pollinate hundreds of fruits and vegetables that humans consume, including bananas, avocado, mango, dozens of species of figs, papaya and agave. These are just



a few of the plant species that humans use for food or other means, such as balsa wood, also pollinated by bats.

**NV:** It seems bats might be dealt a double-whammy with White Nose Syndrome, another threat to their survival. Can you explain what that is?

**Adams:** Cavers first discovered WNS in dead bats in an underground cavern in 2004 in New York. The hibernating bats had a white fungus growing on their noses and faces. The syndrome also includes pathological outcomes such as emaciated and dying bats as well as the large numbers of dead bats overcome by the fungus. To date, it is estimated that millions of bats have been killed by WNS, which continues to spread throughout the United States and Canada.

**NV:** You've said that bats are largely misunderstood and get a bad rap. What are some common misconceptions?

**Adams:** Bats are shrouded in mystery and misperceived due to mythology and associations with evil and disease. Here are a few facts:

- All bats see quite well, especially in low light, and some species see in color as we do.
- Bats give live birth to their young and won't lay eggs in your hair.
- Bats and humans can coexist. The Congress Avenue Bridge that spans the Colorado River in Austin, Texas, houses more than one million Mexican free-tailed bats. For the past decade, this area has drawn thousands of tourists who turn out each night to watch the outflight of this large colony. They watch from the top of the bridge, from below and under the bridge, and even on ferries around the bridge. There's never been any bites, attacks or diseases.

**NV:** How will continued declines in bat populations affect the ecosystem?

**Adams:** Bats are the most important organisms when it comes to driving cave, mine and karst ecosystems, some of which house the most unique species and overall biodiversity on earth. Because sunlight does not enter these underground lairs, the only energy that enters these systems are brought in by winged organisms from the outside. Bats form large colonies and their guano is the main energy and nutrient sources that are the foundations of these ecosystems. Indeed, without bats, these ecosystems would not exist. In some studies, where bats have been exterminated from caves, a once diverse ecosystem housing dozens of species that occur nowhere else on earth quickly became extinct as well. We humans would do well to learn more about the natural world and all it has to offer. It is estimated that there are 30 million species on Earth, of which we are one. We need to make sure that the other 30 million species have space, energy and time to grow and thrive. Without them, we are like the cave organisms after the bats have left.

## High Hopes for Higher Learning



Photo by Stephanie Burchett

*Editor's Note: A little more than two years ago, first-year UNC student Tyler Cobb and her mother were living in their car. They found themselves homeless after her mother's fiancé, who had been supporting them, suffered a serious brain injury in Iraq and ultimately was no longer part of their lives. Tyler persevered through the hard times to complete high school. Here, she shares some thoughts about her journey from homelessness to higher education.*

Being accepted after my second time applying to the University of Northern Colorado was a spectacular feeling. What made it so was that I took a chance reapplying instead of just trying a different school.

I knew from the moment I stepped foot on the university campus that this was where I wanted to continue my education. There are so many things about UNC that I found exceptionally unique and that could better me as a student as well as an individual.

But could someone like me who has been through so many obstacles attend such an incredible university? Absolutely, or so I thought, until my application was denied. I immediately began to panic because I had not applied anywhere else, and I saw higher education as my only way toward a better life.

My college advisor at Thomas Jefferson High School suggested community college, and I simply told her, "That just won't do." After explaining to her my fall into temporary homelessness, academic

struggles during that span and loss of a loved one in the war in Iraq, she suggested I reapply.

I retook the ACT test, wrote a letter of reconsideration and had a sit-down meeting with Office of Admissions staff explaining my extenuating circumstances all in hopes of being admitted.

Later that day, after the meeting, I got a call from my college advisor telling me that I had been admitted! From that point on, I began to pave my road toward success. I did so by becoming an honorable mention senior, speaking at graduation, being awarded the Denver Scholarship, writing an article for *The Denver Post*, doing a commercial for the Denver Scholarship Foundation, becoming a UNC cheerleader and so on.

Needless to say, I am more than happy to be attending UNC. It's all because I had the courage and perseverance to reapply.

### Independent Youth at UNC

A total of 70 (40 are new students) UNC students are considered independent youth who come from one of a number of backgrounds, including homeless or foster care situations or who have no custodial parent. A UNC program connects them to a wide range of services, including academic, financial aid and social/cultural programs that develop a collaborative model to support independent youth.



## Butler-Hancock Hall Renovations Complete

A recently completed 15-month renovation of Butler-Hancock Hall has helped elevate athletics and academics. Here are highlights of the \$13.5 million project, funded mostly by bonds issued by the state through Certificates of Participation:

- New, multifunctional classrooms, meeting spaces and a video center will be used by the School of Sport and Exercise Science for sport activity, athletic training and K-12 PE classes.
- The hall is the new home of UNC's Athletic Training Teaching Center, which includes the Dan Libera Athletic Training Room, named for the founder of the athletic training program.
- Renovations have improved locker rooms for teams housed at Butler-Hancock and second-floor offices.
- The entrance to the building was reconfigured.
- Additions include a center for strength and conditioning, and team rooms for softball and wrestling.
- The sustainable design addition is expected to reduce the building's water use by 44 percent with low-flow fixtures, reduce heat associated with urban settings by using reflective materials around the building and improve indoor air quality with increased ventilation. The building has qualified for the "LEED Gold" rating.

Butler-Hancock, first opened in 1974, has now undergone two major renovations in the past decade. In 2005, students voted to fund a \$16.1 million plan that added chair-back seats in the gym — among other improvements.



# Water World

## UNC Swimmer Follows Up Crossing English Channel With "Party" at Lake Tahoe

Tatum Boehnke may be one of the few people on Earth who would talk about a swim across Lake Tahoe like it was a party.

Lake Tahoe is 22 miles across. The water is less than 60 degrees. It took her nine hours to cross it.

That's a pretty tough ordeal for anyone, even Boehnke, a sophomore who swims for the University of Northern Colorado. Heck, that would be tough for Michael Phelps.

But maybe you'd understand Boehnke's perspective more if you knew her. She loves longer swims the same way some runners love marathons. She swims the mile, for instance, for UNC, when even Phelps doesn't swim a race longer than 400 meters.

And when you consider what Boehnke did last year, well, maybe swimming Tahoe IS a party.

Boehnke and a lifelong friend, Ryan Hogan, crossed the English Channel.

If Tahoe was cold, the English Channel was colder, barely above 50 degrees, and the federation that records successful crossings won't allow wetsuits. She couldn't stand ice baths at that temperature to help soothe her muscles, and yet she was in that water for hours (by the end, Hogan suffered from a touch of hypothermia after his final two-hour shift).

If Tahoe was long, the Channel was longer, even if it was shorter. Just Boehnke and Hogan tackled that 21 miles, meaning she swam at least 10. To put that in perspective, an Ironman-distance triathlon, one of the toughest events in the world, has a 2.4-mile swim. She not only had Hogan to help her across Tahoe, she had four other friends.

And most importantly, swimming the Channel became an event in her hometown of Carson City, Nev., with so much support from the residents and her parents, Becki and Bill, that she fretted about letting them down. Tahoe? Tahoe was not an event. Tahoe was just for fun.

Tahoe was a party.

It started as it always does, with Hogan wanting to do a big swim with her. Hogan was the one who suggested they do the Channel together. She was still dripping wet from a 3-mile Escape From Alcatraz swim when Hogan brought it up, and after she expressed a bit of interest — meaning she didn't say he was crazy — he researched it all night on the Internet and left about 20 phone messages with her.

This time, Hogan told Boehnke to find a swim, and Tahoe was already in the back of her mind. They both weren't ready to swim the whole lake in tandem, as that takes a lot of training. But they were ready to swim in 20-minute shifts with more friends, and word got around. They hired a pilot in a boat so they could ride when they weren't in the water. They even celebrated with a barbecue after the event. They celebrated after the English Channel swim by calling their parents and shivering in their hotel rooms.



UNC swimmer Tatum Boehnke, left, and Ryan Hogan, right, pose with Chris Osmond, their English Channel crossing boat pilot and observer, following the duo's successful relay crossing last year. The two friends conquered Lake Tahoe over the summer. Below: Boehnke swimming at Tahoe. Photos courtesy of Tatum Boehnke.

In Lake Tahoe, Boehnke wound up swimming four to five miles. That's not too shabby. Most swimmers would tell you that's at least equivalent to running a half marathon.

"When we swam the English Channel, there was this shock, like I couldn't believe we did it," she says "and honestly there was just relief there. This was definitely a lot more relaxed. It was fun."

Boehnke doesn't need Hogan to push her into the longer swims as she gets older. There's always some she wants to do, in the same way mountain climbers are always planning their next peak.

"But it's hard to find something I don't have to specifically train for," she says. "College is my first priority, and I don't have the time and resources to train for something like that. I'm pretty good at knowing my limits."

Training in UNC's clean, 80-degree pool, for instance, is not exactly an open water session she would need to log for something like crossing the English Channel solo, which, as you might guess, she does want to do one day.

Exactly when she does that, however, will be determined later in her life. She, just like any other college student, might need a few more parties first.

"The nice thing about swimming is it's a lifetime sport," she says. "I'm not in any rush to achieve some of these lifetime goals."

By Dan England



# Life-Changing Experience

By Fiza Johari

## Wildlife sanctuaries in South Africa inspire UNC documentary, student producer

It is not often when one can say that a vacation or trip abroad is life-changing. However, when it happens, regardless of where that destination and what the trip's purpose, it's a rewarding and enriching experience.

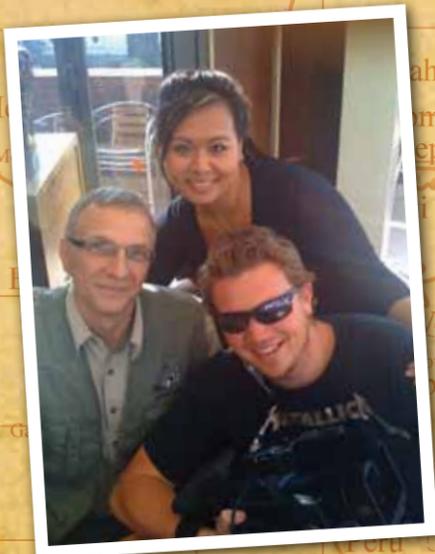
For me, that destination was Plettenberg Bay, South Africa, where Monkeyland and Birds of Eden are located. Even though they are two different sanctuaries, they share a common goal of caring for rehabilitated primates and birds that were previously living in captivity.

Being in free-roaming sanctuaries, the primates and birds move about the forest without fearing for their safety. It was definitely endearing to see the different animal species interact with each other, all in their natural habitat. Even during the first visit, I had the feeling of being in someone's home, in this case one occupied by monkeys and birds, and wanting to respect their environment.

Having grown so attached to Monkeyland and Birds of Eden, I found it difficult to leave on the day of our departure. I have traveled to many different places, and each time when a trip comes to an end, I normally cannot wait to go home. However, I had a heavy, indescribable feeling that somehow made me sad to leave the primates and birds.

I feel very thankful for individuals like Tony Bignaut and Lara Mostert for doing their part in creating and running Monkeyland and Birds of Eden. We live on the same planet Earth and we should never stop respecting all living things. No single species is superior to another and that thought will always resonate within me.

Fiza Johari is a senior majoring in criminal justice and minoring in philosophy and media studies.



From left to right: Professor Gary Swanson, myself and Ryan Workman at Fu.Shi Restaurant after interviewing friends of Monkeyland and Birds of Eden. In addition to doing interviews and capturing footage for the documentary, we made lasting friendships along the way.

1. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
2. Saint Lucia
3. Saint Kitts and Nevis
4. Antigua and Barbuda
5. Dominica
6. Grenada

The in-flight tracking map, showing where we were on our flight to Amsterdam, which was our first stopover.



The stadium where some of the World Cup matches were held in Cape Town, South Africa.

### Overview

Classmate Ryan Workman and I were selected by Emmy Award-winning Professor Gary Swanson to be part of the on-location documentary production crew over the summer. We were able to film all the necessary footage to bring back to Swanson's documentary film and TV class for post-production. Swanson's class will put together the documentary this fall and screen it upon completion in December.

Cape Town, South Africa

# Life-Changing Experience



A structure that pinpoints the direction of places all around the world with distances in relation to Cape Town. It reminded me of how far away we were and that no matter how vast the world is, we are all somehow interconnected.



The view when we were driving on the Du Toitskloof Pass on the way from Cape Town to Plettenberg Bay.



The suspension bridge at Birds of Eden along the walking path.



The different species of birds living harmoniously in the world's largest free-flight aviary.



The wire mesh that protects various species in a natural habitat.



A Capuchin at a feeding station at Monkeyland. Capuchins are New World Monkeys, and they use their tails as a fifth hand.



The view of Birds of Eden and part of Monkeyland from the helicopter we were in while Ryan was shooting footage for the documentary. Even though it was only a 40-minute ride, my outlook and perspective regarding respect for all living things were reinforced.



The sign directing hikers at the sanctuary. Tony Blignaut and Lara Mostert have done wonders by creating these two sanctuaries, turning sad stories into happy endings for both primates and birds.



A ringtail lemur strolling in Monkeyland. The rings on these lemurs' tails give them their name.



The small squirrel monkey with a distinctive yellow color. During mating season, alpha male squirrel monkeys will bulk up and grow in size in preparation for mating.

## Fast Facts About the Sanctuaries

Tony Blignaut, who founded the sanctuaries, also manages the day-to-day operations. His partner, Lara Mostert, manages marketing campaigns for the sanctuaries.

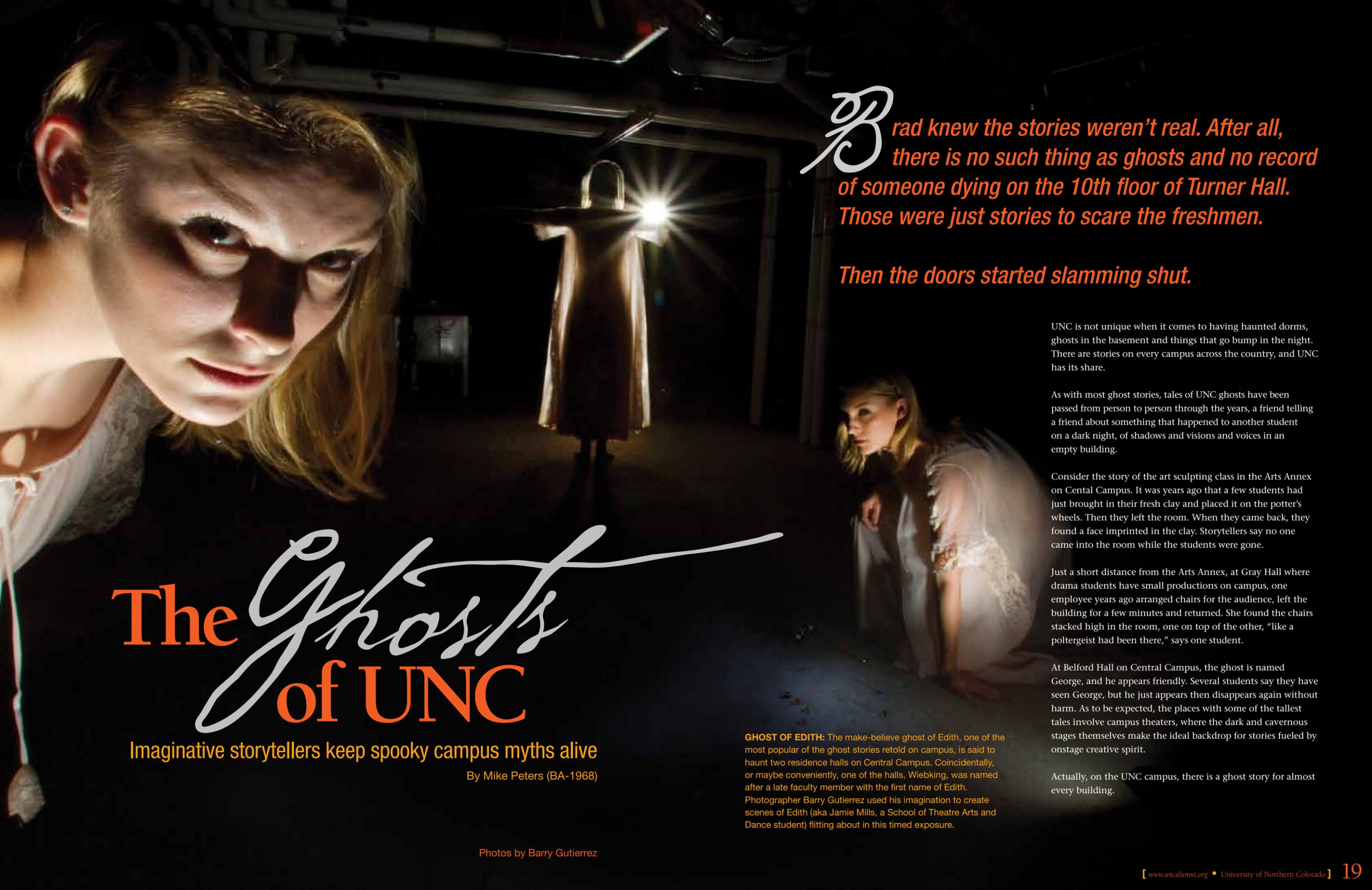
**Location:**  
Plettenberg Bay, South Africa.

**Inhabitants:**  
Around 400 primates of 15 species and 3,000 birds of 280 different species.

**Size:**  
29 acres (Monkeyland) and 7 acres (Birds of Eden) with 69 acres as a green belt for surrounding wild animals.

**Cost to run the sanctuaries per day:**  
Average of R25,000 (South African Rand), which is approximately \$3,500.

Johari's blog of the South Africa documentary trip:  
[www.fizajohari.com](http://www.fizajohari.com)



# The Ghosts of UNC

Imaginative storytellers keep spooky campus myths alive

By Mike Peters (BA-1968)

Photos by Barry Gutierrez

*Brad knew the stories weren't real. After all, there is no such thing as ghosts and no record of someone dying on the 10th floor of Turner Hall. Those were just stories to scare the freshmen.*

*Then the doors started slamming shut.*

UNC is not unique when it comes to having haunted dorms, ghosts in the basement and things that go bump in the night. There are stories on every campus across the country, and UNC has its share.

As with most ghost stories, tales of UNC ghosts have been passed from person to person through the years, a friend telling a friend about something that happened to another student on a dark night, of shadows and visions and voices in an empty building.

Consider the story of the art sculpting class in the Arts Annex on Central Campus. It was years ago that a few students had just brought in their fresh clay and placed it on the potter's wheels. Then they left the room. When they came back, they found a face imprinted in the clay. Storytellers say no one came into the room while the students were gone.

Just a short distance from the Arts Annex, at Gray Hall where drama students have small productions on campus, one employee years ago arranged chairs for the audience, left the building for a few minutes and returned. She found the chairs stacked high in the room, one on top of the other, "like a poltergeist had been there," says one student.

At Belford Hall on Central Campus, the ghost is named George, and he appears friendly. Several students say they have seen George, but he just appears then disappears again without harm. As to be expected, the places with some of the tallest tales involve campus theaters, where the dark and cavernous stages themselves make the ideal backdrop for stories fueled by onstage creative spirit.

Actually, on the UNC campus, there is a ghost story for almost every building.

**GHOST OF EDITH:** The make-believe ghost of Edith, one of the most popular of the ghost stories retold on campus, is said to haunt two residence halls on Central Campus. Coincidentally, or maybe conveniently, one of the halls, Wiebking, was named after a late faculty member with the first name of Edith. Photographer Barry Gutierrez used his imagination to create scenes of Edith (aka Jamie Mills, a School of Theatre Arts and Dance student) flitting about in this timed exposure.

**STONEY GHOSTY:** Recounted in the book *Haunted Halls: Ghostlore of American College Campuses*, the story of Stoney Ghosty was created for a folklore class by a UNC student seeking to explain the inexplicable odor coming from the 11th floor of Turner Hall.

## Turner Hall

For Brad Shade, now the director of UNC Housing Operations, it was the slamming doors that made him think again about the ghost. It was May 1988, and Shade was a summer assistant at Turner Hall. His job was to check the rooms on every floor to make sure the students were gone for the summer.

It was nearly midnight, and Shade was on the 10th floor, alone. “While inside Room 1005,” Shade says, “one of the other apartment doors slammed shut.” He stepped into the hallway to check. “I called out to see if anyone was there. No one was present.”

As he stepped back into Room 1005, Shade heard five more doors slam shut: “Bam-bam-bam-bam-bam!” He checked again. No one was there. The windows on the floor weren’t open, so there was no wind to slam the doors. There was just no reason five doors would slam shut, one after the other.

“With the hairs on my neck raised and goose bumps on my arms,” Shade says, “I called it a night and immediately left the floor.” Shade insists to this day that he doesn’t believe in ghosts. But he still can’t explain what happened at midnight on the 10th floor of Turner Hall.

Stories that circulate connect the Turner ghost to departed unnamed students and some mention a fire that never happened.

Perhaps the oddest story is told about a room one floor up, on the 11th floor of Turner: Stoney Ghosty may just be a good excuse. Do you smell that strange, sweet-tobacco odor coming from the room in Turner Hall? Could it be marijuana?

No, according to some students, it’s the spirit of Stoney Ghosty, a student who died from drugs long ago, and left behind the odor.

Stoney Ghosty is recounted in the book *Haunted Halls* by Elizabeth Tucker. Former UNC Professor Rosemary Hathaway had a student who wrote about Stoney Ghosty in her folklore class several years ago. It was that story that made it into the *Haunted Halls* book. Now, Stoney Ghosty has gained a wide audience.

The student interviewed others who could smell the burning marijuana in the room, although they claimed nothing was happening there. Now that the room is a student lounge, the walls and furniture replaced, the odor has vanished. Yet for some, the smell of marijuana coming from a dorm room could mean something else. “It sounds like a good excuse,” says a resident assistant at Turner.

## Haunted Harrison

Because of its janitor-in-the-basement story, Harrison Hall hosts a haunted house every Halloween.

The story of the janitor hasn’t been proven, although students believe it. The janitor was working in the basement one night. He went to the trash bin that sits at the end of a long trash chute that extends to all the floors of the building.

As the janitor was leaning over the trash bin, a student dropped a brick into the chute from one of the high floors. It hit the janitor in the head, killing him. And that’s why the janitor’s ghost still lingers in the basement of Harrison.

Last year, says resident assistant Charlie Charbonneau, one of the students took a Ouija Board down there and tried to contact the ghost.

With the other students present and their hands on the Ouija board, they asked the ghost:

“Are you the dead janitor?”

“Y-e-s,” came the answer.

Another question: “Do you have a message for us?”

Answer: “OUT!”

The students left.

The trash chute at Harrison has been closed down now, “but not because of ghost stories,” says Shade. “It just became too dangerous for the students to use.”

**HAUNTED HARRISON:** The story is a fictional account of a janitor meeting his fate in the basement of the residence hall after being struck by a brick sent down a trash chute. Consequently, Harrison Hall hosts a haunted house each year.

## Edith

She’s probably the most famous ghost on campus, maybe because she haunts two dormitories: Wiebking and Wilson.

Storytellers created Edith and cast her as a shy, awkward resident assistant who became the butt of many jokes at the dorm. One April Fools’ Day, the students removed all the furniture from her room. It was devastating for Edith.

Legend has it that for some reason she would go into the attic and play with marbles, dropping and rolling them across the floor. During spring break, when all of the students were gone, Edith became more depressed and she went to the attic and hanged herself, so the story goes.

There is no proof of the death of an RA named Edith, but students say they hear the marbles, that she changes the channels on their TV sets and that she moves their furniture while they sleep.

Katy Harris, a student living at Wiebking, has heard “something in the ceiling ... it sounds sort of like marbles.”

Another student at Wiebking, Hilare Ashworth, hasn’t heard the marbles, but she’s seen suspicious shadows in her room. “I can feel a presence there sometimes,” she says. “Something you can’t see, but you can feel is there.”

For the record, Wiebking Hall was named for an Edith. Edith Gale Wiebking was an emeritus faculty member, associate dean of women, and director of student housing, who died in 1968. She never lived in Wiebking or Wilson and was never an RA. The ghost was named Edith by someone, years ago, and every student in Wiebking and Wilson knows of Edith.

## Dr. Sabin’s Picture

Just to the north of Wiebking, at Sabin Hall, another ghost supposedly lingers and leaves students wondering about the namesake for the hall.

As long as the painting of Dr. Florence Sabin hung in the dormitory, all was well. Then, one day when nobody noticed, the painting disappeared. And the hauntings began.

Dr. Sabin never taught at UNC, but received an honorary doctorate because of her contributions to medicine. She was the first woman to graduate from Johns Hopkins University. Her medical research gained her nationwide fame, and she received numerous national awards. A statue of her resides in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

Christina Pilz, a 1989 graduate of UNC, now lives in Longmont, but for two years she lived in Sabin Hall. She recalls hearing about the supposed ghost, along with hearing noises during the night that included creaking and rattling doors opening.

“I remember one night there was a football player visiting, and we all heard the noises downstairs,” Pilz says. “So the football player took a baseball bat and said he’d take care of the problem. We never found what was making the noises.”



**POLTERTAILOR:** Every theater is replete with ghosts. Frasier Hall's includes the costume shop, where "Poltertailor," a ghost who enjoys sewing, plies the craft in the basement.

There is also a name for the main ghost at Frasier, but he has a definite origin. Lloyd Norton admits to inventing "Oliver" for an English paper he was writing as a student in the 1950s at Colorado State College (now UNC).

"I had to write an essay for my English professor," Norton says. "So I made up a ghost story and named him Oliver A.B. Twiddle."

That was the beginning.

Norton, an emeritus faculty member at UNC, taught more than 40 years at the university. Norton Theatre in Gray Hall was named in his honor. He and his wife live in Greeley.

And Norton laughs when he talks about Oliver.

After he wrote the story and handed it in, the professor had an accident and broke his ankle. Norton joked that it was Oliver who caused it.

"After I graduated in 1955, I went away to the Army," Norton says. "When I came back to the college, Oliver was everywhere in the theater."

All those things that go bump in the night, the doors swinging open, and the lights turning off and on, all were attributed to the ghost.

"Oliver took on an ectoplasmic life of his own," Norton says. "Anything that happened, someone would say, 'It must be Oliver.'"

Norton contends that theaters promote their own ghosts, because of the actors, the imagination and the theater life. "If someone asks us how the show was, we tell them 'We killed,' or if the show was bad, we say it was a 'turkey,' which indicates a dead, belly-up bird. Our language promotes that type of thinking."

Norton enjoys hearing the stories of Oliver and the mischief his ghost has brought to Frasier Hall.

"You know how theater people are," Norton says, "If they didn't have a ghost in the theater, they'd create one."

## Frasier's Ghosts

Maybe it's the high, dark ceilings above the stage that create the ghostly atmosphere in theaters. Maybe it's the heavy, shadowy curtains that close on the stage. Or maybe it's the active and creative imaginations of actors. Regardless of the origin, every theater has some type of spirit.

And Frasier Hall may have more than one ghostly presence.

In the basement of the building, where the costume creators can be found and thousands of articles of clothing await their turn on stage, Patty Cleary has worked for 24 years.

"We have a ghost who stays down here," Cleary says with a slight smile. "We call him 'Poltertailor,' like a poltergeist who sews. Every once in a while, a sewing machine down here will just start up, sewing, all by itself."

There are also stories of a longtime drama faculty member who has been seen in the theater from time to time, but he is considered a "friendly" ghost.

"There are strange noises in this building all the time," says Cleary. "Whether it's a ghost or not, who can tell? When you have the personalities of people whose spirit was here all those years when they were alive, who knows if they left something behind?"

Andi Davis, a musical theater major at UNC, says possibly the play or presentation might determine the presence of a spirit. "I was in 'Elephant Man,' which has an odd sense about it anyway, when I'd feel the cold," Davis says. "It was just as I would wait to come on stage, it would suddenly get very cold. I couldn't explain that."

## Tobey-Kendel

There are stories of a murder in this Central Campus dining hall, a building where thousands of students have dined through the years.

The "murder" was supposed to have taken place in the basement, although there are no historical records of such a deed.

Students have said there was blood on the floor of the building, and it couldn't be washed off or painted over. That was before the late 1990s, when the building was completely remodeled. There is no blood there now, and some have said it was only red paint in the first place.

Tobey-Kendel was built in 1936, the same year as Wilson and Wiebking halls. And now, 74 years later, all three are supposedly haunted.

Some say the old TK building just creaks and moans from its age; others say the dishwashers and other kitchen appliances make the odd noises. And yet that doesn't mean there isn't a ghostly presence.

"Maybe I'm the ghost," jokes Director of UNC Dining Services Hal Brown, who's been at TK for 23 years. "But when things get quiet, and we're alone in the building at night, there are an amazing number of noises. Sometimes, when we're sure the building is empty, we can hear the noises upstairs, and it sounds like a big party is going on. When we go up, there's nobody there."

There are others on this campus, other spirits of the night, such as the child's whispering voice counting numbers at Crabbe Hall or the moving, dark shadows and noises that custodian DeAnn Oliver sees and hears while she works at Michener Library late at night, alone in the building.

There are supposedly ghosts at Gunter Hall, at the outside Garden Theater, among the red bricks at Kepner, in the halls of Guggenheim, even in the steam tunnels under the old campus.

Isn't it odd, that wherever you find the ghosts, you'll find the students?

**MEMORABLE LEGENDS:** Folklore expert and UNC Anthropology Professor Sally McBeth (top right) says a legend like the ghost of Edith (imagined here by photographer Barry Gutierrez) gains traction by using specific details, such as a name, personality, tragic event and campus location.

## UNC Folklore Expert on Legends

Legend formation and transmission have existed from time immemorial and continue to operate today. There is really no guarantee of what resonates



with the "folk" that make some legends memorable and others less tenacious — that is the beauty of this unpredictable verbal art.

Legends are a part of the category of folk narratives that — unlike fairy tales — are believed or at least believable and set in the recent past.

Legends gain credibility from specific details in time and place and may be rooted in some partial truth. For example, the story of Edith is believable and memorable because she has a name, a personality, a tragic death and fixed locations on UNC's campus.

Additionally, generations of students have added details to the story (hearing marbles, furniture mysteriously relocated), which adds not only to its plausibility but also to the legacy of the story as it continues to be told and retold, expanded and magnified. Folklore is believed to reflect the main concerns, values, tensions and anxieties of a given time frame; therefore, the timeless themes of loneliness, exclusion, jealousy, vindictiveness and the like seem to have the strongest hold on students' imaginations.

One of the great mysteries of folklore research is where oral traditions originate and who invents them — unbounded human invention and creativity create these fascinating and unique traditions that we love to listen to and retell.

*UNC Professor Sally McBeth, chair of the Anthropology department and specialist in folklore, enjoys retelling the legend of the curse put on Candelaria Hall by Anthropology faculty and students in the 1980s following changes made to the discipline.*

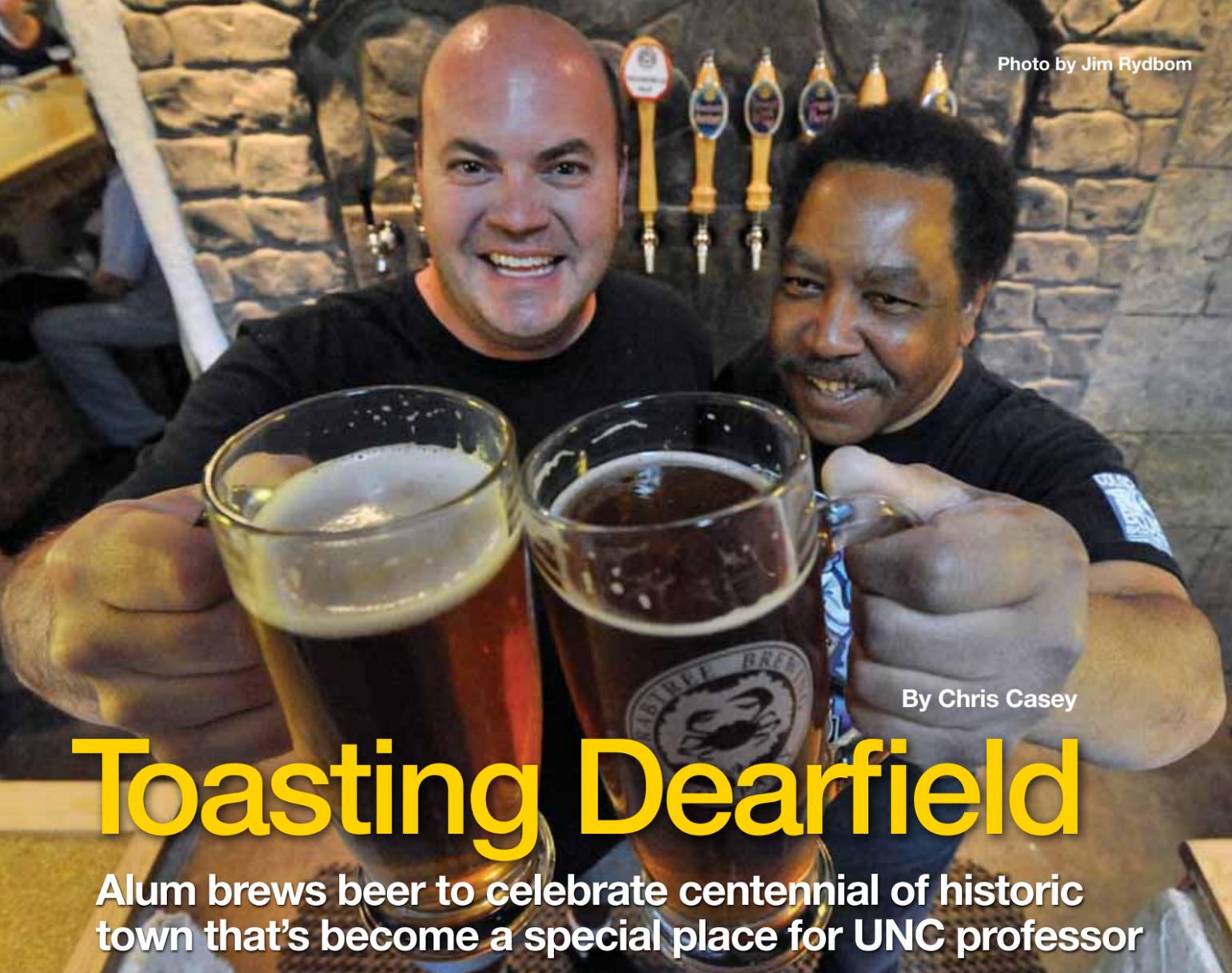


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By Chris Casey

# Toasting Dearfield

Alum brews beer to celebrate centennial of historic town that's become a special place for UNC professor

George Junne, an Africana Studies professor at the University of Northern Colorado, is such an aficionado of all things Dearfield that you could say he lives and breathes the Weld County ghost town.

Now, thanks to his own vision and fondness for microbrews, he drinks it, too.

As the 100th anniversary of Dearfield, a once-thriving black farming community 30 miles east of Greeley, approached, Junne suggested to local craft brewer Jeff Crabtree (BA-05) that he brew up a special ale in Dearfield's honor.

"I expected him to say no," Junne says. "Then I explained Dearfield to him and the philosophy of Booker T. Washington about how black people should own their own businesses. And when I got done with

my little spiel, he said, 'We're going to do it.'"

The two talked more about Dearfield and the crops of strawberries, melons, hay and alfalfa that were raised in the town. They chatted about its unlikely founding in May 1910 by entrepreneur Oliver Toussaint "O.T." Jackson, who was an avid follower of Washington's philosophy. The persistence of the town's founders — Dearfield grew to between 300 and 700 residents and had a cluster of homes and businesses until it was wiped out by the Dust Bowl in the 1930s — sparked Crabtree's imagination.

"What I'm trying to do is scratch out a living making beer. It's a struggle, but [the Dearfield story] gave me confidence that, no matter how bad it can get, try starting in Dearfield," Crabtree says. "Go through the

tribulations that the community residents of Dearfield endured for something as elementary as ownership of property and land, and then look at the problems you have. They're minuscule."

Crabtree says he experimented with a couple versions of Dearfield Ale, with the first batch "needing something else" and the second featuring a hint of melon. The third version offered soft tones of strawberry and unmalted barley, keeping true to Dearfield's roots, since malting wasn't available back then. Crabtree calls the final version of the seasonal ale "outstanding," and Junne, his beer taster every step of the way, gushes that it's delicious.

Crabtree is producing a limited quantity of Dearfield Ale, putting the golden blonde brew into 22-ounce bottles. Each features

a specialized label showing a group of Dearfield residents, including founder Jackson, standing outside a small store. Crabtree got help with the composite image from Peggy Ford-Waldo of Greeley Museums, as well as the artist he uses for work on other Crabtree products.

The Dearfield Ale label includes a paragraph on Dearfield's history, including its prominence nationally as an agricultural community.

"That's what moved me on this project," Crabtree says. "It's a history lesson on a bottle. Well, it's a teaser. It gets you to go, 'What?'"

The concept has his two flatland distributors in Nebraska and Kansas completely sold as well, the brewer says. They put dibs on half of the Dearfield Ale inventory before a single bottle got capped.

"There's a real good reason behind this beer," Crabtree says. "It's not just another seasonal release. There's a story behind the product."

A percentage of the profits will go to the Dearfield Preservation Project.

The site has received historic designation, and many volunteers, including from UNC, Weld County and the Black American West Museum in Denver, are working to restore some buildings at the site. Volunteers installed a monument for the town's 100th anniversary celebration in September.

Basic sustenance was important to settlers in Dearfield, but there was more at stake in this community along what would become U.S. Route 34.

"They came there because they saw this as their dream to have something for themselves and their families. And they went all out," Junne says. "[The residents] could say, 'See, if black people have the opportunity, this is what they can do. Take a look at Dearfield.'"

It turns out that beer and Dearfield go hand in mug. When the town began to falter amid the agricultural slump, Jackson tried valiantly to revive the community.

"One thing he was doing was selling homemade alcoholic beverages out of his store, which, of course, was illegal," Junne says. "Apparently they were very good, and the local people nicknamed the town, instead of Dearfield, Beerfield."

Crabtree says that his research into Weld County showed that some enclaves in Greeley didn't allow black residents in the early 20th century.

"That's the history that killed me about [Dearfield]," he says. "The entrepreneurial spirit, the drive for independence and equal rights, as well as just the history. I mean, it's in our back yard."

And now it's also in 22-ounce bottles.

## Celebrating the Centennial

Dearfield burst back to life on Sept. 26 during the town's 100th anniversary celebration.

"I'm just happy the people can give it support and make this thing a reality," says Jim "Dr. Daddio" Walker, a Denver talk-radio host who remembered Dearfield as a town with a few "fading" buildings when he moved to Colorado 50 years ago.

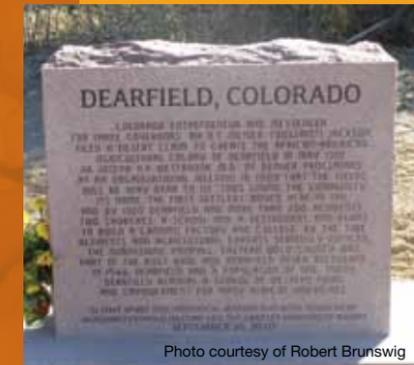


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Walker was among about 250 people who attended the celebration, which included tours and the unveiling of an elegant stone monument, off a lonely stretch of U.S. Route 34 under a cloudless sky.

Oliver Toussaint "O.T." Jackson submitted the paperwork that incorporated the black farming community in May 1910, but the anniversary celebration in September allowed UNC students and other community members to be involved.

"It wouldn't have been successful without UNC and the leadership of the city of Greeley," says Greeley City Councilwoman Donna Sapienza (MA-79).

Adds Leonard Sapienza (BA-59): "It's been a successful university-community effort."

Mostly, the centenary party and efforts to preserve this slice of Western history from tumbleweed-strewn oblivion wouldn't have transpired without the work of Weld County Commissioner Bill Garcia, who attended UNC from 1990-92 and developed a hobby of visiting old town sites and ghost towns.

"I came here and said, 'Wow, I bet there's a neat story here,'" Garcia says of Dearfield. "Being a good UNC student, I went to the Michener Library and studied about it. It was a great story. So this [event] is a culmination of all of us working together, and we're happy you're here," he told the crowd from the porch of the town's still-standing gas station.

Among those Garcia thanked: UNC Africana Studies Professor George Junne, a main organizer for the celebration; Jeff (BA-05) and Stephanie Crabtree, who donated 25 percent of all proceeds from sales of Crabtree Brewing Co.'s specially brewed Dearfield Ale to the preservation effort; Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which underwrote the celebration and paid for the stone monument that sits in front of the old diner and tells the story of Dearfield; and Greeley Monument Works, which crafted the monument. Also on hand was UNC Professor Robert Brunswig, who talked about the anthropological significance of the area, where he and a group of UNC students plan to perform an archaeological survey next summer.

Donations to an Adopt-a-Lot program, which will help fund land maintenance, coupled with the ongoing work of the Garcia-formed Dearfield Preservation Committee, give Dearfield renewed life as it begins its second 100 years of history on Colorado's high plains.

By Chris Casey

# Honoring OUR OWN

Seven University of Northern Colorado graduates were recognized as Honored Alumni during this year's Homecoming festivities, Sept. 26-Oct. 3. Each year, the Alumni Association honors graduates who have made significant contributions both in their personal and professional lives.

## The 2010 Honored Alumni and their Awards are:



### Mark Nuccio

#### Creative Achievement Award

Nuccio, a current faculty member at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Instrumental Performance from UNC in 1985. Nuccio is the associate principal and clarinet soloist for the New York Philharmonic.

He has performed at the Grammys and has

been featured as a studio musician on several well-known movie soundtracks, including "Failure to Launch," "The Rookie" and "Hitch."



### Dana Landry

#### Creative Achievement Award

Landry, professor of Music at UNC, is heavily involved with UNC's jazz program. He is also the director of Northern Colorado Voices, UNC's top student vocal jazz group. Under his influence, the jazz program in the past five years has earned four *DownBeat Magazine* Student Music Awards — two as "Best Big

College Band." Landry earned his Master of Music degree in Theory and Composition from UNC in 1994.



### Laura Adams

#### Distinguished Alumni Award

As president and CEO of the Rhode Island Quality Institute and a second-generation UNC graduate, Adams is nationally recognized for bringing improvements in information technology and patient care to her state's health care system. She was also among the first to bring the principles of health care quality

improvement to the Middle East. Adams earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from UNC in 1978.



### Masoud Shirazi

#### Distinguished Alumni Award

Shirazi moved from Iran to the United States to enroll at UNC in 1970. In 1976, he started Shirazi and Associates Inc., an award-winning private insurance and consulting firm in Greeley. He's a tireless volunteer, earning the 2006 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award.

Shirazi earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Management in 1974 and a Master of Arts degree in Management in 1975.



### Sumate Yamnoon

#### Distinguished Alumni Award

As the current Secretary-General of the Commission on Higher Education in Thailand, Yamnoon has made many high-quality improvements to the Thai higher education system. Through his consistent support over the past three decades, Thai higher education institutions have enhanced their positions

in the global higher education community. Yamnoon received his Masters and Ph.D. in Applied Statistics and Research Methods from the University of Northern Colorado in 1980 and 1984.



### Kenneth G. Evans

#### Distinguished Emeritus Award

Evans is a nationally recognized performer, instructor and advocate for music education. Evans was inducted into the Music Educator's Hall of Fame and is founder of the Breckenridge Music Institute. He continues to perform in various ensembles and teach oboe students. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and Master

of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from UNC in 1955 and 1956. From 1962-90, Evans was a professor of the oboe at UNC.



### S. Kato Crews

#### Young Alumni Award

As a partner at Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP in Denver and Colorado Springs, S. Kato Crews specializes in labor and employment law in areas representing management. He volunteers on the executive committee of the Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training Program and serves on the board of directors

for the Urban League of the Pikes Peak region. Crews earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations from UNC in 1997.

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## At Home on Campus

### Alumna Who Grew Up at UNC Establishes Gift



Harley F. Glidden, 1949

"We lived first in an apartment on Cranford," Jerome says. "I remember the air raids and blackouts during World War II."

Honoring his obligation to serve during the war, her father spoke with George Frasier, CSC president at the time. Glidden told Frasier he could join the military immediately and become an officer, or he could wait to be drafted. Frasier told him to go and his job would be there when he returned, Jerome says.

"President Frasier arranged for my mother to be a girls' dormitory director, so my mother and I lived in the dorm with the girls while my father served in the Navy," she remembers.

Male and female students were separated in those days, she says. "We lived in Tobey-Kendel and Belford halls, and the boys were all the way across campus."

When her father returned from the war, he wanted to build a home in Greeley and pursue a doctorate. So while the home was under construction, the family continued to live on campus, this time in Snyder Hall, where her parents were hall directors.

Quarters were small, she remembers, "so I had my own room, Room 106. We lived there until the folks got the house built."

Her father earned his doctorate at the University of Nebraska, where Jerome says she was invited to attend "anytime I wanted." Instead, she chose the place that felt like home — CSC in Greeley. She graduated from College High School on campus in 1956 and enrolled at CSC, where she graduated 50 years ago with a business education degree.

Jerome went on to teach three years in Haysville, Kan. In 1963, she married John "Jack" Jerome, owner of the Jerome Co., a Greeley wholesale distribution business.

Few University of Northern Colorado alumni feel more at home on campus than Janet (Glidden) Jerome. When reminiscing about her first Greeley homes, she recalls living in campus residence halls from the time she was 4 years old and UNC was called Colorado State College of Education.

Jerome's father, Harley F. Glidden, taught science at the university after moving his family from Fairbury, Neb., in the early 1940s.

"We lived first in an apartment on Cranford," Jerome says. "I remember the air raids and blackouts during World War II."

by Mary Sasaki



Photo by Stephanie Burchett

"We lived in Tobey-Kendel and Belford halls, and the boys were all the way across campus."

"I married the business," says the mother of three daughters and grandmother of three boys. "Jack told me, 'With your degree, you can work for me.' It worked out well. I kept the company's books."

The longtime Greeley resident continues to work for the company, even after completing its sale, which her late husband had started before his death in June 1999.

To give back to the university that means more to her than just classrooms or textbooks, Jerome has made a five-year financial commitment to the James O. "Jim" Schreck Distinguished Professorship to honor the professor her father hired when he chaired the science program. Her family knew the Schreck family well, Jerome says. She and Mrs. Schreck belonged to the same ladies' groups and their children attended school together. Glidden retired in 1971, and Schreck retired this year.

Jerome's major gift to Northern Colorado is a bequest valued at approximately \$300,000 through the UNC Foundation. The gift is designated to the Harley F. Glidden Research Fund, which her father established to support research in the Chemistry and Biochemistry program. Jerome gives to the sciences, she says, because people in the college were always supportive of her and her family.

When asked how she would advise alumni and friends contemplating a gift to the university, she says, "Follow your heart, follow your interest and do the research."

A planned gift strategy to benefit UNC can be tailored to fit any financial situation. UNC Foundation staff can guide you through the available choices and help you leave the legacy you choose. For more information, contact the foundation at 800-568-5213 or [foundation@uncalumni.org](mailto:foundation@uncalumni.org).

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# CLASS notes

## 1940s

**Laurel (Loos) Williams** (LC-44, BA-60), Fleming, received the Sterling Lions Club Logan County Pioneer Award. After 32 years in education, Laurel retired in 1982. Since 2007, she has traveled to all seven continents. She is a life member of the LeRoy United Methodist Church and a member of United Methodist Women, the Professional Education Organization, Tri LeRoy Club and Fleming Library Association. She has volunteered at the Sterling MedCenter for 28 years.

## 1950s

**Ken Schmoker** (BA-51), Bemidji, Minn., is a 2010 inductee in the Minnesota Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**Bob Blasi** (MA-57), Conifer, was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in April. Bob retired as football coach at the UNC in 1988 and holds the school record for career wins.

## 1960s

**Letha (Sager) Hummels** (BA-60, MA-85), Greeley, and her husband, Ken, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. Letha taught for 25 years at Centennial Elementary School in Evans. Letha and Ken have three sons and nine grandchildren.

**Richard Newman** (BA-66), Laurens, S.C., was named Presbyterian College (Clinton) Professor of the Year. He joined the faculty as a professor of Physical Education in 1997 and delivered the 2010 commencement address.

**Earl Waters** (MA-68), Lawrence, Kan., retired in 1996 after a 34-year teaching career. Earl taught English at Fort Morgan Junior High

School and Dodge City Community College. He retired from Haskell Indian Junior College where he taught English Composition and Introduction to Literature.

**Pam (Forman) Bone** (BA-69), Castle Rock, was an elementary, secondary and high school special needs teacher and a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines. She founded EAL Silverliners Denver chapter and the Air Force Academy Athletic Foundation. Pam is a member of the American Legion Post 103 Annual Banquet Board and has been secretary of her husband's business for 30 years. She has nearly 28 years of service in the Army and Air Force Reserves, with experience as a psychological operations specialist, interrogator, interrogation instructor, intelligence analyst, superintendent of Combined Intelligence Center (U.S. Space Command), special security office specialist (U.S. Northern Command), athletic events manager and women's dormitory supervisor (U.S. Air Force Academy).

**David Kennedy** (BA-69), Oskaloosa, Iowa, is a 20-year veteran of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Since October 2009, he has served as the acting assistant administrator for the National Ocean Service. A specialist in dealing with oil and chemical spills, David has provided scientific advice to the U.S. Coast Guard and has coordinated the federal and scientific response to more than 100 spills, including the Argo

Merchant, Amoco Cadiz, IXTOC I oil-well blowout, Presidente Rivera, World Prodigy and Exxon Valdez.

**Lon Vickers** (MA-69, PhD-76), Marietta, Ohio, retired in June as vice president for student affairs from Marietta College, capping a 42-year career in higher education. He worked at six colleges and universities, serving both as an administrator and faculty member. Lon plans to continue to teach part time, volunteer, read, play golf, fly fish and travel with his wife of 34 years, **Marke (Miller) Vickers** (BA-76).

## 1970s

**Gene Cisneros** (BA-70), Denver, celebrated 30 years as owner of Kinetic Fitness Studio in Cherry Creek. He coached track, basketball and cross country at East High School for 11 years before entering the fitness business.

**Sherief Fayeze** (MA-71), Kabul, Afghanistan, is the founding president of the American University of Afghanistan. Sherief was the Afghan minister of higher education from 2002–05 and also founded Kabul Education University and several other small institutions of higher education in Afghanistan.

**John Goatcher** (BA-72), Tuba City, Ariz., has been teaching Native American Studies for the past 37 years at Tuba City High School



**Jim Cantrell** (MA-65), Bardstovwn, Ky., won a first place Watercolor Award for his painting "Barn Near Murphy's Park" at the First Brush of Spring Plein Air Event in New Harmony, Ind. in April.

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**Lee DeYoung** (67-69), Redondo Beach, Calif., returned to campus over the summer for the first time in more than 40 years. DeYoung, a scholarship player on the Bears' tennis team and teaching pro who's worked with players like Lindsay Davenport, is a consultant in emerging markets overseas with Wilson Sporting Goods. He spends time with federations in the Asia-Pacific helping develop coaches and pros and bringing players onto the global stage.



on the Navajo Indian reservation. He has been the longtime head coach of the school's nationally recognized boys' cross country and track and field teams and was named the Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1988. His team also earned the Arizona High School Boys' Cross Country Team of the Century Award in 2000. John has no immediate retirement plans and continues to find inner reward by helping mold young lives and making a positive difference.

**Ronald Sloan** (BA-72, MA-73), Arvada, is the director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Ron has been involved in law enforcement since beginning his career as a student police officer at the UNC. Since 1974, he served in many capacities for the Aurora Police Department, retiring as division chief in 1994. He was chief of police in Arvada from 1994–2007. Ron has been involved with a number of boards and commissions during his career. He currently serves on the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Board and the Rocky Mountain Information Network Board.

**Richard Ward** (BA-72), Fishers, Ind., was appointed interim dean of University College at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Richard is a professor of Anthropology and has been on the faculty of IUPUI since 1985. He has served as associate dean of student affairs in the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI since 2003.

**Robert Wilson** (BA-72), Colorado Springs, accepted a teaching appointment to the English faculty of Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs campus).

He previously was an adjunct English instructor at Pikes Peak Community College.

**Jeran Akers** (MA-73), Plano, Texas, is president and CEO of the Celina (Texas) Chamber of Commerce. Jeran owned Akers & Associates and was a sales manager for Standard Oil of Ohio and a captain in the Air Force.

**Judy Giacomini** (BA-73, MA-81), Sterling, retired from Northeastern Junior College in August. During Judy's 29 years at NJC, she served as a counselor, the director of counseling and assessment services, the dean of students, and the vice president of student services. She also was interim president for the college from 2004–06.

**Gary Hughes** (BA-74, MA-78, EdD-89), Clovis, Calif., is a professor at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, the primary foreign language school of the Department of Defense.

**Gary Leach** (BS-74), Chandler, Ariz., is regional sales manager at S&W Seed Co., headquartered in the Central Valley of California. Prior to joining S&W, Gary served in sales and managerial positions

at Producers Choice Seed, MBS/PGI Seed and Novartis Seeds Inc.

**Deni (Richart) Plakke** (BS-74), Holland, Mich., retired after serving 25 years as training coordinator for Allegan Area Educational Services Agency at Michigan Public Schools.

**Susan (Saunders) Wardlow** (BA-75, MA-77), Coarsegold, Calif., was inducted into Cambridge Who's Who Executive, Professional and Entrepreneurial Registry. Susan teaches elementary students in Madera County and is affiliated with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She volunteers with organizations dedicated to preserving California's historic sites.

**Norma (Blair) Gilmore** (EdD-76), Hamilton, Mont., volunteers in a small school district to provide visual-gross motor exercises that enable children to learn from teachers. Norma celebrated her 86th birthday by going cross-country skiing with her son on the Idaho-Montana border.

**Nancy Shockley** (BA-76), Clawson, Mich., teaches history at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak. Nancy was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for the History and Commemoration: Legacies of the Pacific War symposium at the University of Hawaii in July. She was one of 25 national and 12 international college faculty selected for the program.

**James Larkin** (BS-77), Watertown, N.Y., works as a store associate for the Army and Air Force Exchange Services at Fort Drum, N.Y. He married Penny (Backus) in June 2008.

**Art Terrazas** (BA-75, MA-77), Evans, was appointed by Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter as a non-attorney member to the Judicial Performance Commission for the 19th Judicial District.



### What Legacy Will You Leave?

For many of us, there is a desire to make a difference — to leave a legacy. A will or bequest is the easiest and most tangible way to create a lasting impact on the people and programs most dear to us. To learn more about creating a will or bequest to benefit UNC, contact the UNC Alumni Association at 970-351-2551.



**Greg Anton** (BS-87), Littleton, was nominated as vice chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants board of directors, beginning October 2010. Greg's service on the AICPA's governing council includes a three-year term on the board of directors and chairmanship of its finance committee. He is slated to become chair of the AICPA beginning October 2011.

**Maggie Lopez** (BA-77), Colorado Springs, was named interim superintendent of the Pueblo City Schools in June. She previously served as an elementary teacher and principal and as the assistant superintendent for learning services at Academy School District 20 in Colorado Springs. Maggie earned a master's degree in Education at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1987 and a doctorate from the University of Colorado Denver in 2003.

**Sharon (Whittaker) Milito** (BA-78), Colorado Springs, was awarded the Earth Science Teacher of the Year for 2010 by the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists. A teacher for 25 years, Sharon has been published in *The Mountain Geologist* and runs an annual Earth Fair at Patrick Henry Elementary School. In her spare time, she shepherds the school garden and takes many field trips, which she uses to teach a rich and varied science curriculum.

**Debbie Salmon** (BS-78), Bossier City, La., transferred to Barksdale Air Force Base, where she is the deputy comptroller for the newly established Air Force Global Strike Command.

**Martie (Minneman) Sullivan** (BS-78), Scottsdale, Ariz., will celebrate the 18th anniversary of her business, Sweet Basil Gourmetware & Cooking School, in October 2010.

**Terry Vice** (BA-79), Madrid, is the facility manager for the U.S. Embassy in Madrid.

He also has regional facility manager responsibilities in Barcelona.

## 1980s

**Jeff Kicia** (BA-80), Centennial, works as a volunteer legal assistant for individuals who are indigent, misrepresented, disadvantaged, uneducated, handicapped or minority. This pro-bono legal criminal defense assistance has been instrumental in mitigating defendants pre- and post-disposition during court adjudication outside courtroom environments. Jeff has also volunteered as a mentor for teenagers at area high schools.

**Sally (Adams) Moos** (MA-80), Centennial, is the 2010 recipient of *The Denver Post* Dave Sanders Award. A physical education teacher at Cherry Creek, Sally is the volleyball and girls' track coach and has also coached girls' basketball. She is volleyball president for the Colorado High School Coaches Association.

**Donald Birdd** (EdD-81), West Falls, N.Y., was recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for his dedication, leadership and excellence in science education at all grade levels. Donald retired as professor emeritus after 43 years of field experience at Buffalo State College. He continues to present informal science instructional programs in costume as "Dr. 'B' — Suited for Science." He plans to research and write the history of Buffalo State College's science education, write a teaching manual in science and consult in science education.

**Marian Hesse** (BM-82), Greeley, traveled to New Zealand, Australia and Korea. While in Australia, she served on the Advisory Council for the International Horn Society. She performed with the Chestnut Brass Co. and served on the panel of judges for the horn and brass quintet competitions for the International Brass Competition in Korea.

**Othman Tawil** (EdD-82), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, retired in 2004 after serving 21 years as the general director of mental health in Saudi Arabia.

**Matthew Goodwin** (BA-83), Pueblo, is a psychiatrist with the U.S. Army at Fort Carson and served two tours in Iraq. Matthew and his wife of 27 years, **Betsy (Rasmussen) Goodwin** (BA-82), have three children.

**Carl Iwasaki** (BA-85), McKinney, Texas, was named the UNC's head baseball coach. Carl previously served as head baseball coach at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. He was named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2006 and 2007 after his team won the SCAC Tournament and advanced to the NCAA West Regional.

**Joanne Lepetit** (BAE-87) and **John Lepetit** (BA-92), Mosta, Malta, started a new international school in the small Mediterranean country. Joanne and John are retired public school educators and lived in Greeley for 30 years before moving to Malta.

**Jennifer (White) Preusse** (BAE-88), Berthoud, teaches kindergarten at Thompson School District's Stockwell Elementary. She has nine years of experience teaching elementary students in Texas and Colorado.

**Greg Finkbonner** (BAE-89), Lexington, Ky., works for the Kentucky Department of Education, overseeing the gifted program and other projects, such as the Teacher and Principal Effectiveness Instructional Supervisors Network. He is remarried, and between Greg and his wife, they have five children and are expecting another.

## 1990s

**J.T. Anderson** (BA-91), Centennial, graduated from Parker School of Chiropractic in 1994. J.T. served as the official chiropractor for several Denver sports teams — Denver Broncos (1999–2003), Colorado Crush (2003–08) and Denver Outlaws Lacrosse (2010–present).

**Michelle (Patton) Buchanan** (BAE-91), Grant, Neb., is the assistant volleyball coach at Perkins County Middle School in Grant. Michelle taught seventh and eighth grade math for eight years and has coached a total of seven years. She and her husband, Tobin, have three children — William, Beau and Ben. In her spare time, she teaches a weekly step aerobics class and enjoys running, golf and watching college football.

**Edward "Ted" Cassin** (BS-91), Chesapeake Beach, Md., is a medical service corps officer at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. He returned from a 2009 deployment in Afghanistan, where he mentored the Afghan National Police Surgeon General and 23 chiefs of police on drug prevention/interdiction efforts. Ted was selected as the U.S. Air Force Global Health Field Grade Officer of the Year for 2009 and was awarded the Bronze Star by the United States Army for completing a 77-day combat mission that included 129 convoy operations in distant and hostile provinces. Ted and his wife, **Jennifer Cassin** (BS-91), and their family are looking forward to his next assignment at Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska, where Ted will be the clinic administrator.

**Lance Ing** (BA-91) and **Nina (Edwards) Ing** (BA-93), Silver Spring, Md., celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in March. Lance is a TV photojournalist/producer for WTTG-TV FOX 5 in Washington, D.C. In June, he was presented with his 15th Emmy from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

**James Kallusky** (EdD-97), Ventura, Calif., is the executive director of Coach Across America, a new AmeriCorps program.



**Andy Nord** (BS-93), Indio, Calif., and his wife, Michelle, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in June by traveling to Maui, Hawaii.

Modeled after the highly successful Teach For America, the program places trained high school and college graduates in underserved neighborhoods to utilize sports programming to help solve the current childhood obesity and gang violence epidemics.

**David Champouillon** (DA-98), Johnson City, Tenn., is a Bach performing artist, professor of Trumpet and Jazz Studies, director of Jazz Studies, and faculty senate president at East Tennessee State University. David writes a quarterly jazz column in *The Brass Herald*, the world's leading brass magazine published in the United Kingdom.

**Jeff Gardella** (BAE-98), Lone Tree, is the athletic director at Douglas County High School. Jeff's teaching, coaching and administrative career took him to Florida and California before he returned to Colorado to become the dean of students and assistant principal at Valor Christian in Highlands Ranch.

**Marcia Oliveira** (MA-98), The Woodlands, Texas, is the head coach of the Grambling State University Lady Tigers soccer program. Marcia previously served six years as head women's soccer coach at Sam Houston State.

**Jennifer (Lawrence) Rice** (BA-98, MA-03), Dunedin, Fla., is a branch manager for Chase Bank. Her husband, Scott, is an electrical engineer with General Electric.

**John Davis** (DA-99), Boulder, is the director of Jazz Studies at the University of Colorado.

**Jared Evans** (BA-99), Canyon Country, Calif., is the managing editor of *Muscle & Fitness* magazine.

## 2000s

**Jenny Fellner** (BA-00), Forest Hills, N.Y., joined the cast of the Broadway production of "Wicked" in January in the role of Nessarose. Jenny previously appeared on Broadway in "Mama Mia!" and the revival of "Pal Joey."

**Joel Lindeman** (BA-00), Westminster, earned a doctorate in chiropractic in 2004 and opened Lindeman Chiropractic in Broomfield. He and his wife, **Sheri Greimann** (BA-00), have two sons.

**Sandra (Manchuca) Llanas** (BA-00), Greeley, works for the *Greeley Tribune*. Her husband, Francisco, is the information technology manager at JBS USA headquarters in Greeley.

**Stephanie Coon** (BA-01), College Park, Md., was promoted to archives specialist at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

**Dawn (Sheahan) Morris** (BA-01), Keller, Texas, is a certified academic language therapist. Dawn and her husband, Joel, announced the arrival of their first child, Madilynne Ruth, in April.

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**Autumn Hurlbert** (BA-02), Sammamish, Wash., was featured on a Flo TV commercial with sports broadcaster Jim Nantz and actor James Brown that aired during Super Bowl XLIV.

**Scott Shaffer** (BA-02), Greeley, portrayed Albert Peterson in "Bye Bye Birdie," the kick-off to the seventh season of Greeley's Union Colony Dinner Theatre in August and September.

**Emily O'Rourke** (BA-03) and **Kacey Garver** (BS-00), Thornton, were married in July 2009. Emily and Kacey both work for State Farm Insurance as fire claims representatives.

**Corrie Sears** (MS-03), Lincoln, Neb., is director of athletic marketing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Corrie interned with the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Avalanche and worked in sports management at Colorado State University before returning to Nebraska.

**Jennifer (Lee) Voeltz** (BA-03), Caldwell, Idaho, is a married stay-at-home mom with two children.

**Lua Wilkinson** (BA-03, BA-05), Denver, was awarded a Fulbright Graduate Fellowship and traveled to China in August to study infant feeding practices among migrant women.

**Gregg Akkerman** (DA-04), Spartanburg, S.C., is associate professor of Jazz Studies at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

**Dani Cervone** (BA-04), New York City, was cast in the Shakespeare & Co. (Lenox, Mass.) 2010 tour of "Julius Caesar."

**Jason Veasey** (BA-04), Colorado Springs, participated in the national tour of "Beauty and the Beast" as a member of the ensemble and was promoted to the position of understudy for the role of Scar.

**Molly Burich** (BA-05), Charlotte, N.C., completed a master's degree at DePaul

University and works for a health care consulting firm.

**Heather (Thomas) Esterdahl** (MA-05), Thornton, is a teacher of the deaf in the Jefferson County School District. She and her husband, Tim, have a son, Tyler, who was born in October 2009.

**George Krueger** (BS-05), Vancouver, Wash., manages employees and attorneys in high profile litigation cases in northern California. He and his wife have a 2-year-old daughter.

**Sheasa Lundy** (BS-05) and **Brad Szallar** (BS-06), Arvada, were married in August.

**Lara (VanDriel) Nield** (BA-05), Phoenix, completed her fifth year of teaching kindergarten in May. Her husband, Jonathon, is working on a master's degree in Aviation Management at Arizona State University and works in customer service at Southwest Airlines.

**Andrew Button** (MA-06), Lakewood, and Kerri Manhart were married in June. Andrew is a technology advisor for Apple Computers and Kerri works for Denta Tech Lab.

**Anthony Gioia** (BA-06), Fort Morgan, is deputy district attorney for the 13th Judicial District in Fort Morgan.

**Katie Shanahan** (BA-06), St. Louis, Mo., owns Paste, an arts and crafts supplies store in Souland, Mo. Katie hosted several charitable efforts to create hats and blankets for premature babies at St. Louis Children's Hospital, and scarves and hats for teens at a homeless shelter.

**Jediah Cummins** (BS-08), Lubbock, Texas, earned a master's degree in Higher Education Administration at Texas Tech University. He plans to continue to work in university student housing at Texas Tech while pursuing an MBA in Management Information Systems.

By Brittany Sarconi



## Grad Makes Most of Internet Stardom

**Elyse Porterfield**, who graduated this past spring from UNC's School of Theatre and Dance, is better known for her role as "Jenny" from the series of whiteboard images in which she tells her boss she is quitting in a very non-conventional way.

Of course, this turned out to be an elaborate gimmick concocted by a website, but it spread like wildfire and turned Porterfield into a celebrity overnight.

Porterfield received more attention than she ever expected from her whiteboard pictures. Once the hoax was revealed, attention shifted from "Jenny" to Elyse.

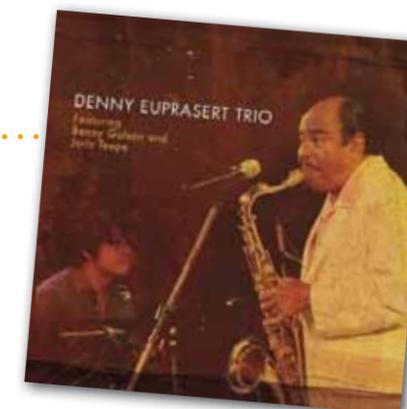
From attending post-E Emmy parties to signing with Affinity Artists Agency, Porterfield has been in overdrive since early August.

She's parlayed the fame into an endorsement deal with dry-erase board markers, a role in a short film that will be featured at Cannes and Sundance music festivals, and a photo shoot for an online T-shirt company.

Still in the works: an endorsement deal with a brand-name maker of sunglasses, a television show and a role alongside Michael Keaton in a feature film that's being developed.

Porterfield says that this experience has done more for her career than she could have imagined. She says she hopes these opportunities will lead to her dream job of doing more feature films.

**Denny Euprasert** (DA-04), Pathumthani, Thailand, released a new album titled "Denny Euprasert Trio," featuring Benny Golson and Joris Teepe. Denny is currently dean of Rangsit University Conservatory of Music and the director of the RSU Jazz Orchestra. He is the recipient of the Silapathom Contemporary Artist of the Year Award, one of Thailand's most prestigious honors.



**Jerod Dean** (BS-08), Bridgeport, Neb. was named the head football coach at Bridgeport High School after serving as the defensive coordinator for two years. He also teaches elementary physical education.

**Matthew Hicks** (BS-08) and **Kristen Debo** (BS-08), Evans, were married in August 2008 and announced the birth of a daughter in April. Matt works for Technographics in Fort Collins and Kristen works for the city of Evans Recreation Department and Weld County School District 6.

**Duane Niles** (DA-08), Sioux Falls, S.D., is the band director at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. Duane and his wife, Kathy, who is a substitute teacher, have one daughter, Kaitlin.

**Michelle Pilkington** (BA-08), Denver, married Chris Baszto on July 3 in Puerto Vallarta.

**Talia Liccardello** (BA-09), Highlands Ranch, appears in a regional television commercial for the Colorado Lottery.

**Elizabeth Bloss** (BA-10), Colorado Springs, is the sensory motor teacher in the special education department at Holyoke (Colo.) School District.

**Nathan Giska** (BS-10), Greeley, owns Blacklist, a store that sells skateboarding accessories.

**Jennifer Koops** (BA-10), Ulysses, Kan., teaches junior and senior high social studies at Holyoke (Colo.) School District.

**Elyse Porterfield** (BA-10), Glenwood Springs, has been cast in "Project X," the new Todd Phillips/Joel Silver feature film comedy for Warner Brothers.

**Vanessa Ramirez** (BA-10), Indian Hills, appeared in a documentary about the educational program "Los Patojos" ("The Little Ones"). Filmed in Guatemala, the documentary promotes education through social awareness, critical thinking, art integration and problem solving.

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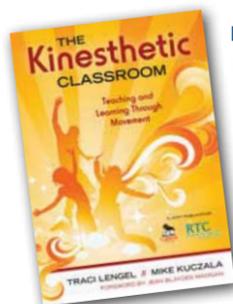
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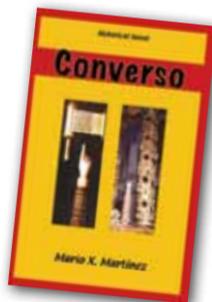
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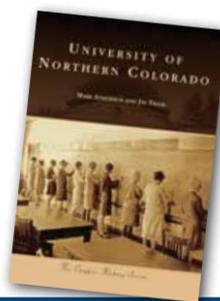
**Mike Kuczala** (MME-93), Missoula, Mont., is the assistant director of instruction for the Regional Training Center, an educational consulting firm that offers graduate courses for K-12 teachers and master's degree programs. One of Mike's course designs is now a book, *The Kinesthetic Classroom: Teaching and Learning Through Movement*. He has made presentations at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development conference in San Antonio and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Indianapolis.

*Converso*, a historical novel, was written by **Mario Martinez** (BA-74), Rio Rancho, N.M. The book draws from family stories about small-town life in northern New Mexico in the 1870s.

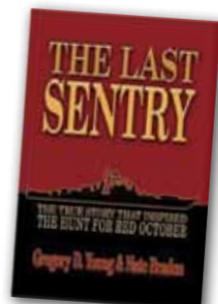


**Robert Ford** (BA-82), Jasper, Tenn., wrote *The Limited: Recollections of an Airlifter*, a collection of stories gathered across time from his first desire to fly to his last flight in the Hercules. After being commissioned into the United States Air Force, Bob spent 13 years in the service. For most of that time, he flew the Lockheed C-130H Hercules as a pilot, aircraft commander, and instructor and evaluator pilot. He logged more than 5,000 hours in the "Herc," including operations in Desert Storm.

University of Northern Colorado reference librarian **Mark Anderson** and **Jay Trask**, head of archival services, co-authored a pictorial that documents the history of the university from 1889-1989. The 128-page book is titled *University of Northern Colorado* and is available at the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore in Greeley.

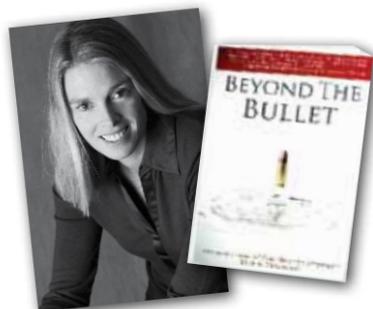


*The Last Sentry*, written by **Gregory Young**, former assistant professor of Political Science at UNC, tells the story behind Tom Clancy's book, *Hunt for Red October*. In May 2010, Greg was featured in a Smithsonian Channel docu-drama, "The Real Story: The Hunt for Red October."



Reading Professor **Michael Opitz** recently published a book that combines instruction in literacy with fitness exercises for elementary teachers to incorporate into their existing curriculum. Opitz, a former elementary teacher and fitness expert, teamed up with veteran teacher Jennifer Davis-Duerr, formerly a UNC doctoral candidate who is now an assistant professor at Rhode Island College, to write *Literacy Lessons to Help Kids Get Fit & Healthy*.

**Heidi Yewman** (BAE-92), Vancouver, Wash., wrote *Beyond the Bullet: Personal Stories of Gun Violence Aftermath*, a book about survivors, friends and family members who are directly affected by gun violence. Proceeds from the book are donated to Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims. Heidi is a presenter, media spokesperson and advocate working to reduce gun violence.



**Chuck West** (BM-71), Mechanicsville, Va., published *The Woodwind Player's Cookbook*, a collection of shared knowledge and experiences written by woodwind players and pedagogues. Chuck earned a doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1975 and has taught at Grinnell College, New Mexico State University, University of Arizona and Virginia Commonwealth University. In Virginos, he was the

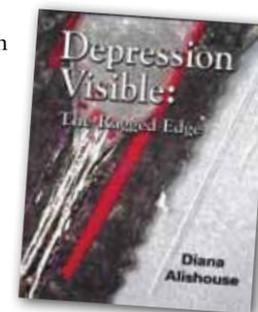
conductor of the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra and, for the past seven years, he has been conductor of the Youth Orchestra of Charlottesville-Albemarle. He is past president of the International Clarinet Association.



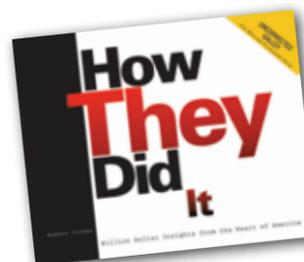
**Daphne Stroh** (BA-08), Craig, published *Life's Other Realm*, a fantasy novel about a 17-year-old girl who is accidentally transported to a land that has more of a history in her life than she knows. Daphne, a special education teacher at Moffat County High School, is working on a master's degree through Ashford University's online program. She teaches Bible school and enjoys baking, hiking and walking.



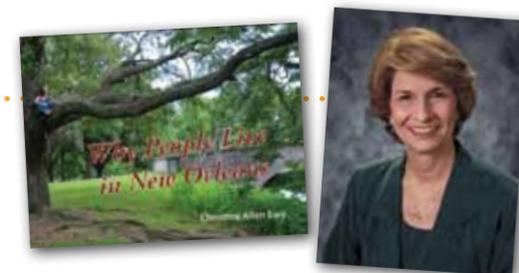
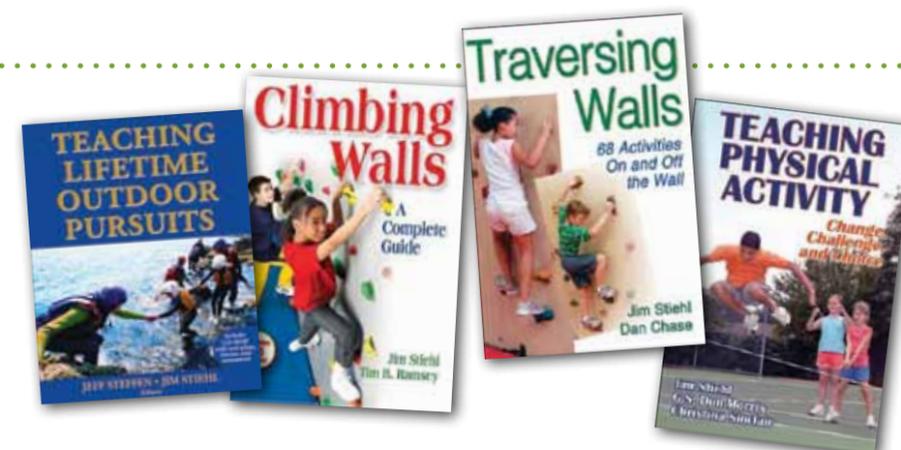
**Diana (Stewart) Alishouse** (BA-64), Cañon City, is the author of *Depression Visible: The Ragged Edge*, a book that shows and tells what depressive illness is like. The book is illustrated with color photos of the nationally recognized "Ragged Edge" series of art quilts that Diana has created. Her artwork is shown at The Artists Gallery in Cañon City.



**Phil Soran** (BA-78), Edina, Minn., is featured in an upcoming book, *How They Did it: Billion Dollar Insights From the Heart of America*, a compilation of stories of entrepreneurs who launched successful companies. Phil co-founded XIO-tech in 1995 and Compellent Technologies in 2002.

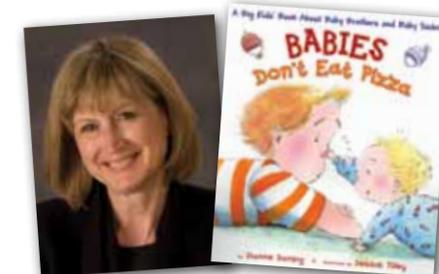


**Jim Stiehl**, professor in the School of Sport and Exercise Science, co-authored *Teaching Lifetime Outdoor Pursuits*, a reference for physical educators, physical education professors and preprofessional physical education students. Other books co-authored by Jim include *Climbing Walls*, *Traversing Walls* and *Teaching Physical Activity*.



**Christine (Allen) Ewy** (MA-75), Metairie, La., wrote *Why People Live in New Orleans* to answer a persistent question about a region critically affected by two historic disasters within the past five years. Research, resident interviews, a discussion of environmental issues and 200 photographs reveal insights about Christine's hometown and its importance. Author of *Teaching With Visual Frameworks* and other educational works, Christine retired from education in 2006. She enjoys speaking about the New Orleans area to visiting groups and schools. Christine also gives walking tours of the French Quarter with her husband, **Bob Ewy** (BA-65, MA-72), as a volunteer for the Friends of the Cabildo to support the Louisiana State Museum. Visit Christine's website at [www.christineallenewy.com](http://www.christineallenewy.com).

*Babies Don't Eat Pizza — A Big Kids' Book About Baby Brothers and Baby Sisters* was written by **Dianne (McGregor) Danzig** (BS-75). Chosen for the California Reader's 2010 California Collection, the kid-friendly book nurtures and informs children ages 4-8 about new babies joining their families. Dianne and her husband, **Daniel Danzig** (BA-75), have two sons and live in the San Francisco Bay area.



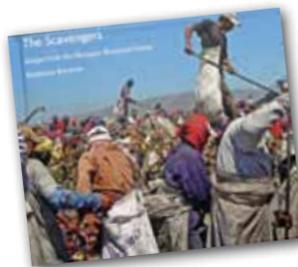
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**Ken Vincent** (EdD-73), Houston, has written more than 150 publications in psychology and religion. His works in print include *Visions of God From the Near Death Experience* (also translated into French), *The Magi: From Zoroaster to the "Three Wise Men"* and *The Golden Thread: God's Promise of Universal Salvation*. Early in Ken's career, he focused on the assessment, development and theory of human personality and wrote two books on psychological testing, which are now out of print. About 20 years ago, Ken changed the focus of his research to the psychology of religious experience. His most recent peer-reviewed publication is *The Search for God and Afterlife in the Age of Science*.



**Howie Russell** (BA-70), Myrtle Beach, S.C., is the senior pastor at The Father's House in Myrtle Beach and celebrated 30 years in the ministry in June. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force in 2003 and has published his first book, *The Wind-Driven Church*, and is working on his second, which will be titled *Faith Has a Voice — A Voice of Victory*.



Graduate student **Stephanie Burchett** published *The Scavengers: Images From the Managua Municipal Dump*, chronicling the deplorable conditions at La Chureca, a Nicaraguan dump where impoverished residents live and work.

**Alison Taimanglo Cuasay** (BA-02) published her first children's book, *Tasi & Matina: The Story of the First Clown Fish*.



Alumni authors are invited to contribute to **Book Notes** c/o Northern Vision Class Notes. See page 33. (Submit book covers electronically 300 dpi or greater.)



Photo by Katie Owston

**A GIFT OF MUSIC:** Stephen Luttmann head of Skinner Music Library, skims through one of the thousands of pieces of sheet music donated to UNC this fall. The widow of late UNC alumnus **Ronald Grosswiler**, (BA-59, MA-64) donated what may be the largest collection of sheet music in the state — 20 filing cabinets of songbooks, guitar music and piano music that will be shared with UNC music students and the community. Read more about the collection at [www.unco.edu/news/spotlights.asp?ID=519](http://www.unco.edu/news/spotlights.asp?ID=519).

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# Alumni News

The Greeley City Council appointed several UNC alumni to city boards. **Mary Doty** (BA-84) was named to the Union Colony Civic Center Advisory Board. **Julianne Haefeli** (MA-54) and **Kelly Imus** (BS-94) will serve on the Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center Advisory Board. **Diane Miller** (MA-94) was named to the Museum Board, and **Kathleen Stewart** (BA-78) will serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Four UNC alumni returned to Greeley for the 76th season of Little Theatre of the Rockies. **Beth Malone** (BA-96), Sherman Oaks, Calif., directed and choreographed "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Beth played June Carter Cash in the original Broadway production of "Ring of Fire" and was cast in off-Broadway productions of "The Marvelous Wonderettes" and "Bingo." She appeared on TV's "Judging Amy" and "Reno 911" and more than 20 regional theater productions. **Megan Van De Hey** (BA-99), Denver, portrayed M'Lynn Eatenton in LTR's "Steel Magnolias." Megan was Luisa in "Nine" at the Arvada Center and has spent seven years performing in the Chicago area. She was nominated three times for that area's equivalent of the Tony Award. **McKayla Marso** (BA-08), Pierre, S.D., portrayed Velma, and **Ashley Hagler** (BA-10), Gainesville, Ga., played the part of Roxie Hart in LTR's "Chicago." McKayla performed for four months on a cruise ship off the coast of South America.

Wide Eyed Productions, a New York City-based collective of artists, is in its third theatrical season. Founded by **Kristin Hoffman** (BA-04), Astoria, N.Y., **Liz White** (BA-04), Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sky Seals, Astoria, N.Y., Wide Eyed Productions presented William Shakespeare's "Henry VI Part III" in July, its 11th full-length production. Wide Eyed was named a 2009 Person of the Year by [nytheatre.com](http://nytheatre.com).

## UNC Scholarship to Honor Colorado Teachers of the Year

The UNC is collaborating with past winners of the Colorado Teacher of the Year Award to establish a scholarship to honor graduates who have received the prestigious award.

Since the award's inception in 1963, a third of the recipients have been UNC graduates.

The Aspiring Teachers Scholarship recognizes the teachers' accomplishments and aims to build on the university's legacy of preparing outstanding educators.

Once enough is raised to establish a permanent fund, an annual scholarship will be awarded to UNC students who have been accepted into the Professional Teacher Education Program. The scholarship reflects the contributions to the field of education by



## PVA Students Visit Alumn's LA Studio

While attending the fourth annual Las Angeles Showcase in May, School of Theatre Arts and Dance students visited **Steve Eastin** (BA-70) at his studio. Steve opened the Steve Eastin Studio in 1999, but has taught students for more than 20 years. While the studio is top priority, Steve continues to have a successful acting career and has been featured in films such as "Up in the Air," "Catch Me if You Can," "Field of Dreams" and "Con-Air."

*Side note:* The LA Showcase generated nearly 80 callbacks and auditions, with nearly all of UNC's 30 participants receiving agent calls, auditions and interviews. The auditions included several Broadway productions, national tours, and film and television projects.

the following Colorado Teacher of the Year (CTOY) winners who are UNC alums and who are providing financial support for this scholarship:

- Bill McBride — 1966 CTOY, Poudre High School
- Sally Ogden — 1977 CTOY, Dunstan Junior High
- Beverly Haley — 1979 CTOY, Fort Morgan High School
- Paul Schmidt — 1992 CTOY, Westgate Elementary School
- Marjorie West — 1994 CTOY, Glennon Heights Elementary School
- Pam Schmidt — 1997 CTOY, Thunder Ridge Middle School
- Sharon Ivie — 1999 CTOY, Eastridge Community Elementary School
- Joan Kniss — 2001 CTOY, Brighton High School
- Justin Darnell — 2010 CTOY, Bryant Webster Elementary School

Contributions to support the scholarship can be made online at [www.uncofoundation.org](http://www.uncofoundation.org). For more contact Michael Muskin at 970-351-1408 or [michael.muskin@unco.edu](mailto:michael.muskin@unco.edu).

# Faculty News

**Carl Gerbrandt**, professor emeritus from the School of Music, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Opera Association. Gerbrandt directed UNC's opera theatre program for 21 years and served 20 years as the conductor and music director of the Greeley Chorale. He teaches voice part time and continues to direct opera around the country.

University of Northern Colorado Professor of Music **Diane Bolden Taylor** was selected to join the faculty of the seventh annual Beverly Hills International Music Festival in August as a voice teacher and performer.

Associate Professor of Audiology **Deanna Meinke** earned the National Hearing Conservation Association's Michael Beall Threadgill Award for outstanding service and work in the field.

**Karen Barton**, assistant professor of Geography at the University of Northern Colorado, was awarded a Fulbright-Hays grant by the U.S. Department of Education. Barton traveled to Kuwait, Qatar and United Arab Emirates to conduct research and develop a curriculum project on the consequences of marine development in the Persian Gulf.

**David Grapes**, director of Theatre Arts and Dance at the University of Northern Colorado, was selected to receive the Glenville (W.V.) State College Alumnus of the Year Award.

Assistant Professor of History **Steven Seegel** received one of five international fellowships to the American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Philip Reichel**, professor of Criminal Justice and director of the School of Sociology and Criminal Justice, represented the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences at the 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Salvador, Brazil, in April.

**Connie Stewart**, assistant professor of Art History and Art Education, has named the 2010 Pacific Region Higher Education Art Educator of the Year. Stewart is also executive director of the university's Center for Integrated Arts Education and supervises a practicum in the public schools.

UNC's assistant vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, **Robbyn Wacker**, was recognized as one of the 2010 dean's award recipients by the Colorado School of Public Health.

**Eugene Sheehan**, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, accepted an invitation from the Colorado Department of

## Biology Professor Receives National Mentoring Award



**Chhandak Basu**, a faculty member in the University of Northern Colorado's School of Biological Sciences, is the recipient of the first Biology Mentor Award given to an assistant professor by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

The award recognizes Basu's outstanding contributions as a student mentor and as an excellent role model for other mentors of undergraduate research students nationally. He is noted for involving minority, first-generation and nontraditional undergraduate students in his research projects studying the molecular and genomic aspects of plant stress response due to environmental change.

The ultimate goal of his research is the production of genetically engineered, stress-tolerant plants that can increase crop production and potentially ease world hunger and food crises, especially in developing countries.

His research also includes studying a tropical tree that produces a diesel-like fuel. He is working on transferring the genes that produce oleoresin in the copaiba tree to other plants and algae with hopes of producing a model for a biodiesel alternative in automobiles.

Basu's accomplishments as a mentor were also acknowledged as the recipient of the College of Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award in 2007.

Education to serve on a subcommittee that will develop a replacement for the Colorado Student Assessment Program.

**Dianna Gray**, professor of Sport and Exercise Science, earned the 2010 Garth Paton Distinguished Service Award from the North American Society for Sport Management. Gray has served NASSM since 1998 in a variety of roles and initiated the first NASSM teaching fair, a successful program that continues today.

For more faculty accomplishments, check out newsletters posted at [www.unco.edu/provost](http://www.unco.edu/provost)

# IN MEMORY

## 1930s

Reba (Adair) Gleeson (LCM-33, BA-34)  
Gunhild (Gustafson) Swanson (BA-35, MA-52)  
Helen (Cottingham) Wright (BA-35)  
Virgil I. Hoff (BA-36, MA-71)  
Madeline (Fagerberg) Paulsen (LC-37, BA-62)  
Myrtle (Knister) Telep (BA-37)

## 1940s

Darle (Pearson) Ramsey (BA-41)  
Lillian (James) Heist (LC-42, BA-58)  
Elsie (Richards) Bartholomew (BA-43)  
Victoria (Gustafson) Nelson (BA-43)  
Margaret Rehmer-Taylor (BA-45, MS-48)  
Donald R. Fine (BA-46)  
Marshall Minister (BA-47)  
Jacqueline (Rosling) Westberg (BA-48, MA-52)  
Paula (Hubert) Fessenden (BA-49)  
Paul L. Groeger (BA-49)  
Wallace A. Osmon (MA-49)

## 1950s

James L. Blue (BA-50)  
Walter J. Katnich (BA-50)  
Edmund L. Kinney (BA-50)  
Donald W. Lindstrom (BA-50)  
Robert L. Young (BA-52)  
Mildred Bevan (MA-53)  
J. Lane Brown (BA-53, MA-60)  
M. Frank Creason (MA-54, EdD-64)  
Donald D. Dahlin (MA-54)  
Elmer J. Zulauf (BA-54)  
Ardell Aarstad (MA-55)  
Jane Aarstad (MA-55)  
Mary (Gallagher) Reiff (MA-56)  
Donald D. Kurth (BA-57, MA-62)  
James A. Aston (BA-58, EdS-61)

Irmel (Williams) Fagan (MS-58)  
Robert H. Kula (MA-58, EdS-66)  
Merritt C. Schumann (MA-58)  
James F. Walton (BA-58)  
William A. Carlson (MA-59)  
Jack Coffey (MA-59, PhD-71)  
Ronald L. Grosswiler (BA-59, MA-64)  
Barbara (Orvedahl) Johnson (BA-59)  
Sharon (Hall) Yabe (BA-59)

## 1960s

John L. Lionberger (MA-60)  
Lester L. Piper Sr. (BA-60, MS-74)  
Ronald W. Schulz (MA-61)  
Rosa (Roberto) Carter (MA-62)  
Bruce Dobson (BA-62, MA-66)  
Janet (Bursch) Wall (BA-62)  
Robert D. Weldy (MA-62)  
Robert C. Wilson (BA-62)  
Deanna (Hampton) Berg (BA-63)  
Eleanor (Johnson) Anderson (BA-65)  
Edward W. Horn (MA-65)  
Glen D. Nielsen (BA-65)  
Lewis P. Ward Jr. (BA-65, MA-68)  
John E. Caine (EdD-66)  
Edward P. Rumpf (BA-66)  
Billy C. Swanson (MA-66)  
Berta (Taylor) Kuster (BA-67)  
Walter G. Turner (EdD-67)  
Cora (Steen) Schieferstein (MA-68)

## 1970s

Paul F. Bentley (MA-70)  
Hal W. Grayum (BA-71)  
Jeffrey K. Adams (BA-73, MA-75)  
Jerome G. Downing (EdD-73)  
Betty Hammond (EdD-73)  
Rita (Regier) Himmel (BA-73)  
Pamela Kinkade (MA-73)  
Barbara A. Reifler (BS-73)  
Tony Vaughan (BA-73)

Robert M. Scalabrini (BS-74)  
Elvear (Allen) Johnson (MA-75)  
James L. Sullivan (BA-75)  
Karen (Bennett) Wendorff (BA-75)  
Michael B. Estes (BS-76)  
Evelyn "Jean" Gill (BA-76)  
Esther T.C. Liu (EdD-76)  
Franklin A. Maltese (EdS-76)  
Sharon (Brockunier) McCurdy (MA-76)  
Roger J. Moon (MA-76)  
John Davis (BS-77, MS-78)  
Kimberly (Grunwald) Dye (BA-78)  
Larry D. Morris (BS-78)  
Francis Funa (MS-79)  
Mark S. Phelps (MA-79)  
Nancy Talbott (BS-79)

## 1980s

Muriel K. Hanna (MA-80)  
Sandra K. Abell (MA-81)  
Robert E. Jordan (EdD-81)  
John F. "J.R." Rodgers (BA-82)

## 1990s

George K. Orr (BA-90)  
Lorraine Young (BS-93)  
John F. "Jack" Davis (BA-95)  
Travis L. Quick (BA-96)  
Patricia (Ianni) Stanis (PhD-96)  
Joseph M. Hintz (MA-98)

## 2000s

Travis P. Goodman (BS-00)

# EMERITUS FACULTY & FRIENDS

**Helen Wattenberg Lewis**, friend of UNC, passed away June 2, in Denver. Helen's legacy continues through the Helen Wattenberg Lewis Scholarship for Nursing, which she established at the UNC Foundation in 2005 to support nursing students from Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco and Grand Counties in Colorado.

**Lelloine Gunning**, former UNC faculty member, passed away in June. Lelloine earned a master's degree at Eastern New Mexico University and taught at Northern Colorado from 1961-83. She was a member of the Pakistan Project in Bangladesh and also taught at Haile Selassie University in Ethiopia.

**Carl O. Erickson** (BA-54, MA-55), former UNC faculty member, passed away in May. Carl taught English at Greeley Central High School, was an elementary principal at Akron, Colo. and supervised student teachers at the College of Education & Behavioral Sciences from 1970-83. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1983.

**Robert C. Richardson**, former UNC professor, passed away in July. Bob taught mathematics and coached at the junior high school level for 14 years before working with student field experience departments at the University of Pennsylvania, Southern Illinois University and Northern Colorado (1967-88). He was a department chair at Northern Colorado, and emeritus faculty status was granted in 1988.

Memorial funds have been established by the families and friends of loved ones listed below:

- John Beel** (*founder of UNC's chemistry department*)
- Tom Benich** (*longtime track and field coach at UNC*)
- Bud Best** (*longtime UNC football, baseball and swimming coach*)
- Bernie Blach** (*friend of UNC and respected Colorado realtor*)
- John Bromley** (*Monfort College of Business professor and President's Leadership Program director*)
- Sandy Davenport** (*35-year employee at UNC*)
- Dale Dykins** (*35-year piano, music and composition professor at UNC*)
- John Haley** (*friend of UNC*)
- Richard Hall** (*former president of the UNC Foundation*)
- William Harmon** (*longtime UNC biology professor*)
- Linnea (Erikson) Heiny** (*UNC professor and community volunteer*)
- Zahi Kamal** (*longtime UNC sociology professor*)
- Emma Lubbers** (*longtime elementary school teacher*)
- Toni May** (*longtime employee at UNC*)
- Teresa Rodriguez** (*Spanish and literature professor at UNC*)
- Vinnie Scalia** (*longtime professor of Human Sciences and dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences*)
- Walter Schenkman** (*longtime professor of Piano at UNC*)
- Allen W. Straight** (*friend of UNC athletics*)
- Nancy Turner** (*UNC minister and staff psychologist*)
- Sue Varvel** (*friend of performing and visual arts at UNC*)
- Welby Wolfe** (*Little Theatre of the Rockies executive director and professor in the College Performing and Visual Arts*)

*If your life has been touched by any of these individuals, please consider making a memorial gift in his or her name to the UNC Foundation, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639.*

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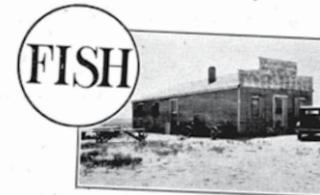


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