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# HALL OF FAME



## We Are Proud To Announce The 2008-2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

**Fritz Brennecke**, Football/Baseball, 1934  
Brennecke was a two-sport athlete who played on the 1934 team that defeated the University of Colorado. He was also a standout catcher for the baseball team and won the regional Amateur Athletic Association Middleweight Boxing Championship in 1934-35. He went on to coach football at the Colorado School of Mines from 1947-69 and was the Oregiggers Director of Athletics from 1947-76. He was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 1980, the Colorado School of Mines Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2001, Brennecke was also honored with a Congressional Tribute after his service to the country during World War II. *(Inducted posthumously)*

**Jules Doubenmier**, Faculty/Staff, 1925-61  
Doubenmier was the men's basketball coach from 1937 to 1940 and served on the University faculty from 1925 to 1961, holding several different positions including professor of health education, intramural sports director and swimming coach. As a basketball coach, he compiled a record of 33-24 and won one conference title. He was also elected to the National Basketball Officials Hall of Fame in 1957. *(Inducted posthumously)*

**Pat Haggerty**, Baseball/Basketball, 1951  
Haggerty was a two-sport athlete for the Bears, playing both baseball and basketball. Upon his graduation, he played professional baseball in the Detroit Tigers organization, then became a teacher and coach in the Denver Public Schools. He was also an official in the National Football League from 1965-92 and is currently listed as a nominee for the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a contributor. He refereed three Super Bowl games and after retiring, continued to work in the league as a monitor for officials. He was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. *(Inducted posthumously)*

**Gary Harper**, Baseball, 1961-63  
Harper was a three-year starter for the Bears at third-base, helping lead the team to Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Regional titles all three seasons, as well as College World Series berths in both 1961 and 1962. Under legendary coach and Hall of Fame member Pete Butler, Harper had a career .360 batting average, earning all-RMAC honors in 1961 after hitting .390. *(Inducted posthumously)*

**Joe Lindahl**, Faculty/Staff, 1954-82  
Lindahl came to Northern Colorado in 1954 as the head football coach of the Bears, posting a career record of 35-44-4 in nine seasons before moving into administration. He was an assistant athletic director under Hall of Famer John Hancock and served as the director of athletics from 1975-1982. Prior to joining UNC, Lindahl played professional football for the New York Giants in 1945. He is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame after playing for Wayne State (1937-40) where he earned All-America honors three times. *(Inducted posthumously)*.

**Dr. Robert Heiny**, Faculty/Staff, 1967-present

Heiny has been a member of the faculty at Northern Colorado since 1967. He was the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative from 1983 to 2006 and was also the interim Athletic Director in 2004. During his time as FAR he served on the NCAA Financial Aid and Amateurism Committee, was President of the North Central Conference in 1986 and 1996 and was chair of the UNC Board of Athletic Control. He is still a member of the faculty as a professor of mathematical sciences.

**Jim Hruska**, Basketball, 1956-60

Hruska was a three-time all-conference pick, twice earning honorable mention honors and getting chosen to the All-Rocky Mountain second-team after his junior season. As a senior, he averaged 16.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game, shooting almost 44 percent from the field, finishing his career as the school's career leader in scoring with 1,330 points. He still ranks among the all-time leaders in scoring (1,330), rebounds (754), field goals made (479) and free throws made (420) in Northern Colorado history. In his last two seasons, he ranked among the top five in scoring in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

**Rick Petri**, Golf, 1976-79

Petri was a two-time winner of individual stroke average in the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Golf Association (RMIGA), earning three all-conference awards. As a senior he was a member of the team that defeated Colorado and led the team to its first appearance in the NCAA Division II Championships, where he finished 17th overall after being tied for the lead at the conclusion of day one. He became the first-ever golfer to win First-Team All-American honors and set the school record for stroke average as a senior at 72.7.

**Jeff Potts**, Golf, 1977-81

As a freshman, Potts earned second-team all-conference honors and was a three-time first-team selection. He was an honorable mention All-American as a junior and a First-Team pick as a senior. In his final year he finished third at the NCAA Division II Championships and placed second at the North Central Conference Championship in both his junior and senior season. As a sophomore in 1978-79, he helped lead the team to a 12th place finish at the national championships.

**Aaron Smith**, Football, 1994-98

A member of the Pittsburgh Steelers for 10 seasons, Smith was a four-year letterwinner for the Bears in 1994-98, leading the team in sacks in each year. Against South Dakota State on Nov. 8, 1997, Smith established the school single-game record with 4.5 sacks and he is still the career leader with 44 sacks. He helped lead Northern Colorado to back-to-back National Championship titles in 1996 and 1997 and was drafted in the fourth round by the Steelers in 1998. Smith was selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in 2004 and was a member of the 2006 Super Bowl Champions.

**Andrea Wallace**, Tennis, 1991-94

A three-time All-American for Northern Colorado, Wallace earned the honors in doubles in 1992 and singles in 1993 and 1994. She played number-one singles all four seasons, winning North Central Conference titles in both singles and doubles all four years. In 1992, she was the recipient of the ITA Arthur Ashe Collegiate Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship in NCAA Division II. In 1992 and 1993 she ranked among the top 10 in the nation in singles and she and Kim Ponis were ranked third in the country as doubles players in 1992.

**Trish Williamson**, Basketball, 1987-91

Williamson is the only first-team All-American in women's basketball history, earning the honor in 1991. She was the all-time leading scorer at and rebounder at the conclusion of her career and still holds the rebounds record. She also ranks second in scoring, third in steals and third in free throws made. She was a three-time NCC Player of the Week Selection as well as all-conference in 1989 and 1991. In 1991 she ranked 12th in the nation in scoring, averaging 21.9 points per game.

**1992 Women's Tennis Team**

Head Coach: Rosemary Fri  
The 1992 team finished fourth in the nation at the NCAA Division II Championships, won the North Central Conference title and had four All-American selections. The NCC crown started a run of 11 straight league titles for the Bears. Andrea Wallace, Kim Ponis, Tia Frazier, IB Hur, Krisinda Ibarra and Amber Colglazier swept play at the conference championship, winning all singles and doubles positions. Wallace, Ponis, Frazier and Hur were also named All-Americans in doubles play after both teams finished fourth at the NCAA Championship.

**Team Members:** Amber Colglazie, IB Hur, Krisinda Ibarra *(Inducted posthumously)*, Tia Frazier, Kim Ponis, Andrea Wallace.

**1965-66 Men's Basketball Team**

Head Coach: George Sage  
The team posted a 21-5 overall record, including an 11-1 mark in Rocky Mountain Conference play en route to the title. The Bears received a berth to the NCAA Small College Regional Tournament, marking the third straight trip to the tournament. The team topped the 100-point scoring mark in six games and entered the NCAA Tournament on an 11-game winning streak. Both Dennis Colson and Don Meyer were named All-American after the conclusion of the season and six different players averaged in double figures in scoring. The 21 wins also set the program record for most wins, a number that still ranks second today.

**Team Members:** Daryl Brumley, Dennis Colson, Willie Cross, Mike Deutcher, Carleton Floyd, Del Japp, Jim Massick, Dennis Meinke, Don Meyer, Chuck Simms, Bob Smith, Don Zile

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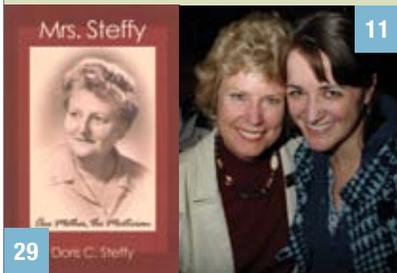
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## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Inspiration can take many forms, strike at any moment and come from any number of people, places or things in our daily life. There are inspirational messages in our literature, in philosophy and math, in a well-written, well-delivered speech or in just one key word or phrase. Inspiration can be seen in art or through the eyes of the artist. It can come from our teachers, our friends and our colleagues, and especially our families—through our parents' guidance, a supportive mate or the smile only a child can smile. Inspiration in its purest form knows no limits, makes no excuses, has no substitutes and speaks the strongest from one individual to another. True inspiration passes inspiration on, going on to inspire something in someone else. It can change a life or create a life—it can transform a life in the process.

At the University of Northern Colorado, inspiration and the transforming of lives is everywhere—from the beauty of our campus to the wisdom of our professors to the dreams and aspirations of our students. Each moment at UNC our students are inspired; inspired by their majors, by professors that share their passions and by interacting with each other. It is the one instance when something so common can also be considered so unique.

Storytelling still has the greatest capacity to inspire and transform us and move us to action. Like students today, many of our alumni were first inspired here at UNC. They have taken that inspiration and turned it into careers as successful business people, activists and advocates. Their own stories of inspiration continue to inspire others today.

On our cover this issue, Tim Jorstad gained a great amount of inspiration

from Professor McConnell, a man he is still friends with today, more than 30 years after Jorstad himself left Greeley to pursue his dreams. Today, Jorstad is "Accountant to the Rock Stars," with clients that have included Carlos Santana, the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane. He is proof that with a little inspiration, anyone can create their own instrumental; a beautiful score to live their life that can transform others. (See his story on page 10.)

UNC alumna Sharon Lee Parker is inspiration embodied. Not only is her story inspirational, but her spirit empowering and positive; her attitude and selflessness beyond compare. Her own battle against multiple cancers is well-documented in her book, *Look Out Cancer, Here I Come!* Now, fully recovered, Parker is a cancer patient advocate, motivational speaker and a light of hope for every person who is lucky enough to meet her. (See page 18.)

And whether a Democrat, Republican or None of the Above, you cannot deny our own country's inspirational spirit, as the nation inaugurated its first African American President. There is an inescapable magnitude in this historic event, a magnitude certainly not lost on Carlotta LaNier '68, a member of the Little Rock Nine, a group of black students who integrated Central High School in 1957. Hers is a case where inspiration comes out of courage. (See page 28.)

Inspiration, whether you keep it in your heart or pass it on, can take us on an incredible journey. And, if we're lucky, it will even take our breath away when we least expect it.

Each of us have the ability to inspire and transform lives, one life at a time.

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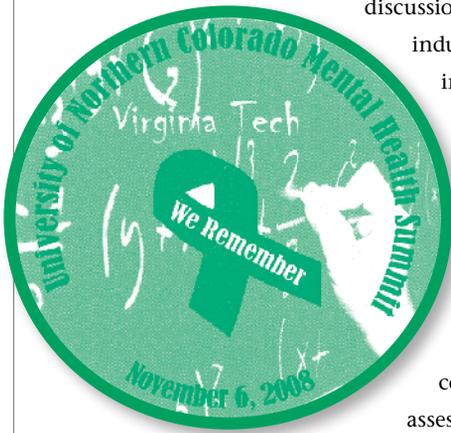
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FACULTY AWARDS

# UNC Hosts Second Annual Mental Health Summit

Grief still grips the Virginia Tech campus, nearly two years after a student killed 32 people there, said Christopher Flynn, director of the Virginia Tech counseling center. Flynn was on the University of Northern Colorado campus in November as keynote speaker of the Second Annual Mental Health Summit at UNC. The summit also featured Colorado first lady and UNC alumna Jeannie Ritter, as well as a panel discussion on campus safety. Flynn talked about industry trends, confidentiality laws and the implementation of threat assessment teams on college campuses. Flynn said mental health issues tend to hit campuses because most disorders develop in people by the time they are college age. Flynn cited a study that found 28 percent to 30 percent of adults at any given time suffer from a mental health disorder. Colleges across the country, including UNC, have launched threat assessment teams that work to defuse problems.



UNC has five full-time counselors and has received accreditation from the International Association of Counseling Services. UNC supports its counseling center with a psychological services clinic in the School of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education. This fall, UNC also launched a mass-notification system that, in an emergency, sends alerts to student cell phones. Kim Wilcox, interim director of UNC's counseling center, said parents ask a lot about safety today. "They talk about Virginia Tech," she said. "What do you have in place?"

## Clinefelter Receives Harrison Award

Joan Clinefelter, professor of history, has received the 2008 M. Lucile Harrison Award, which is UNC's top faculty honor. Recipients of the Harrison Award are recognized for their



lifelong achievement in teaching, scholarship and service. Clinefelter, a well-respected scholar who specializes in European history, has been a member of the UNC faculty since 1995. During that time she has received both the International Professor of the Year and Favorite Professor Awards. Clinefelter published a book about Nazi Germany in 2005 and recently received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct research at the George C. Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Va., and the National Archives in College Park, Md. In addition, she is past president of the Faculty Senate and also served as the faculty trustee for the UNC Board of Trustees for two terms.

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## Solar Panels on McKee Latest Conservation Effort



In recognition of its ongoing commitment to conservation, the University of Northern Colorado has received a \$10,000 grant from the Governor's Energy Office to help pay for a \$100,000 project that will use solar panels atop McKee Hall to generate a portion of the building's energy needs. It's expected the pilot project — the first time solar panels have been installed on a campus building

— will pay for itself through the use of renewable energy. Remaining funding for the project will come from annual utility savings from previous conservation measures, such as installation of energy efficient lighting and equipment at Michener Library.

Crews began installing 70 feet of solar panels on McKee Hall's roof in September. It's expected the panels will be operational by the end of November 2009. While the panels won't supply all of McKee's energy needs, their contribution will be significant: They're capable of supplying 9.6 kWh, or enough power to meet the monthly demands of an average U.S. household. "UNC is dedicated to energy conservation," said Dave Nalley, UNC manager of utility systems/resource conservation. "We're actively pursuing ways to implement conservation measures including renewable energy as fast as possible when they become available." The university was named one of four recipients of the city of Greeley's first Environmental Stewardship Award, which recognize individuals and businesses for outstanding efforts and strategies for protecting the environment. Examples of other UNC conservation measures include increasing its recycling of paper, cardboard and other items from 103,000 pounds annually to more than 521,000 pounds; cutting natural gas and electricity consumption by more than 15 percent since 2002 through the use of energy-efficient equipment and energy-conservation practices; refitting more than 2,000 faucets and shower heads on campus with low-flow fixtures; and building automation systems allow adjustments to be made remotely to lighting, some using motion sensing, and to thermostats for optimal efficiency.

Solar panels similar to these will be installed on the roof of McKee Hall to generate a portion of the building's energy needs.

### HONORS

## Falcon Honored by City of Greeley Museums

Priscilla Falcon, professor of Hispanic Studies, was awarded the 2008 Community Award in Education from the Latino Advisory Committee of the City of Greeley Museums. Falcon was honored at a reception on Nov. 13, at the Greeley History Museum. Falcon is currently working on the Colorado Oral History and Migratory Labor Project, a program that has three major components—to document the Bracero history in northern Colorado, research the recent impact of immigration raids on families and to develop archival material, curriculum and research about migration and the impact of this migration on children. If you would like more information about the Colorado Oral History and Migratory Labor Project, contact Priscilla Falcon at 970.351.1267.



## UNC Professor Honored for Contributions

UNC School of Sport and Exercise Science Professor Carole Schneider has been named an Outstanding Woman of Weld County by Friends of A



Woman's Place, which provides assistance to battered women and children. Schneider, a cancer survivor herself, is director of UNC's Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Center and was one of only five women honored for their contributions during the organization's 15th Annual Celebrating Women Gala on Oct. 25, 2008.

### FACILITIES

## UNC Receives \$3.5 Million for Regional Center

The University of Northern Colorado received a five-year, \$3.5 million Technical Assistance and Continuing Education grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish one of the nation's 10



regional centers for vocational rehabilitation services. The Region VIII TACE project is a joint effort with community leaders in disability support at the Center for Training and Technical Assistance, Denver Options, directed by Gayann Brandenburg. The Region VIII TACE Center at UNC will serve agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah through this unique partnership of academic, governmental and community expertise. To read more, visit <http://www.unco.edu/news/releases.asp?ID=692>.

## UNC Hosts Denver Public Schools Preview Day

The University of Northern Colorado hosted 300-plus juniors and seniors from the Denver Public Schools system on Tuesday, Oct. 28, during the first-ever DPS Preview Day. The inaugural, cooperative program is intended to introduce high schoolers to UNC, reveal the university's many Points of Pride and excite potential undergraduates about becoming Bears. Students from 12 different high schools attended an information fair and special presentations, toured the UNC campus and ate lunch in the school's dining halls. For additional information about future collaborations between UNC and the Denver Public Schools system, contact the Visitors Center at 970.351.2097.

## Equity and Diversity Council Launches Faculty Lecture Series

The first presentation in the Equity and Diversity Council faculty lecture series was held on Oct. 22 in the University Center Aspen rooms. Bob Brunswig, professor of Anthropology, presented, "The Grand Ditch and Japanese Historic Contributions to Weld County Irrigation and Agriculture." The presentation was based on archaeological research conducted by UNC faculty and students that documented the role Japanese immigrant laborers played in the growth and success of agriculture in Weld County and Greeley in the late 1800s and early 1900s, including their participation in the first efforts to irrigate Colorado's eastern plains. For information about future topics and faculty speakers, contact the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning at [cetl@unco.edu](mailto:cetl@unco.edu).



# Homecoming Weekend October 2008

In October, thousands of UNC alumni, friends and family returned to campus to celebrate Homecoming Weekend 2008. (Top) UNC football players inspire each other before the Homecoming Game. (Bottom, l-r) Homecoming Queen Alison Markovchick and Homecoming King Duncan Northern share a hug; 2008 Distinguished Alumni Service Award recipient Rhoda Rogers '88 joins the parade; Foundation VP of Development Mike Johnson fires up the crowd; and 50-Year Reunion attendees share memories: (l-r) Robert Smith '58, Susan Roushar '58, Marilyn Shouse '58, Margaret Thornburg '58, Paul Lind '58, Ada Allard '58 and J. June Saldana '58.

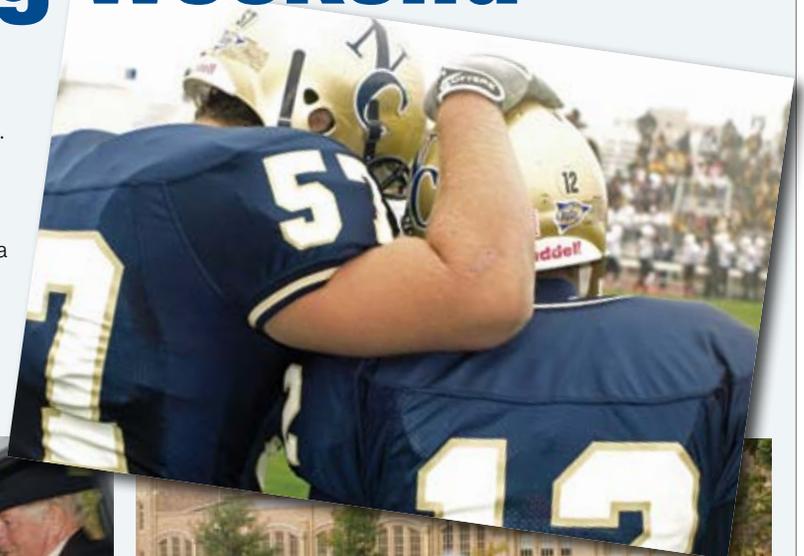


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## Mortar Board Wins National Awards

This past summer, the Gold Key chapter of Mortar Board at UNC was recognized as one of the most exemplary chapters in the nation by the 2008 Mortar Board National Conference in Columbus, OH. "We could not be more excited to receive these awards. But we're dedicated to work even harder to make sure that we earn these awards again and again and again,"

said Gold Key chapter president Charlene Bobet. The Gold Key chapter was originally established as a women's senior honor society, and it has been nationally recognized as a chapter since 1972. The chapter has consistently received either the Gold or Silver Torch Awards, along with the Project Excellence Award. "It is given to chapters who not only meet all of the national chapter minimum standards, but who truly go above and beyond and excel throughout the year," said Alicia Notestone, the Mortar Board national office editor and communications coordinator. "Chapters like the University of Northern Colorado take the exemplification of scholarship, leadership and service to a new level, and they really serve as great role models for our other chapters." The UNC chapter was one of 27 chapters nationwide to receive the Golden Torch Award. The chapter also won one of 36 total project excellence awards.

## Honor Society Earns National Award

The University of Northern Colorado chapter of Sigma Delta Pi—the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society—has been selected for the 2008 Ignacio and Sophie Galbis Award, presented annually to the society's most outstanding chapter. The award recognizes 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. Nationally there are 552 chapters of the honor society. In announcing the award, the society's national office cited faculty adviser Efraín E. Garza as instrumental in the local chapter's selection for the award. Garza, an assistant professor of Hispanic Studies at UNC, last year was selected as the most outstanding chapter adviser in the nation.

### UNIVERSITY

## University Names New Marketing Team

**Chuck Leonhardt** joined the University of Northern Colorado in September 2008, with nearly 20 years of marketing and communications experience in both academic and corporate environments. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Utah State University and pursued graduate work in communication and leadership at Gonzaga University. At UNC, Leonhardt oversees the university's external relations activities, including community relations, commencement, institutional identity development, marketing, public and media relations, and electronic and print publications. He also



Chuck  
Leonhardt



Lisa  
Barkley

connects the university's marketing and communication efforts with those of the UNC Foundation. Between 2006 and 2008, Leonhardt served as assistant vice president of marketing and communications at Gonzaga University where he developed the institution's first comprehensive marketing program. Prior to his appointment at Gonzaga, Leonhardt served five years as director of marketing for Spillman Technologies Inc., in Logan, UT, and 11 years at Utah State University as director of marketing and communications, marketing manager, director of trademark licensing and a consultant. **Lisa Barkley** joined UNC in November 2008 with more than 17 years of experience in marketing communications, brand management, strategic planning and market research. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech communication and a master's degree in journalism, both from the University of Nevada-Reno. At UNC, Barkley is responsible for brand identity, print design, advertising and promotion, market research and marketing publications. Before coming to UNC, Barkley worked in marketing for Gannett Co. Inc., in Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado, and was most recently market development director for the Fort Collins Coloradoan.

## UNC Enrollment Increases in Key Areas

Numbers for new graduate students, out-of-state students and transfer students are up at the University of Northern Colorado, according to enrollment estimates from the first day of fall classes.

New non-resident undergraduates (new freshmen and transfers from other institutions) are up 22 percent, with more than 700 transferring from other institutions. About 400 new undergraduate students from out-of-state are enrolled. Non-resident enrollment is up about 3 percent.

Traditional new graduate students to campus increased 18 percent. About 2,100 are enrolled in graduate programs, up 4 percent. Total numbers for graduate students in online and off-campus programs are not yet available because some classes have not started.

As of Sept. 1, about 2,840 are living in the residence halls.

Overall, total enrollment is 11,925, which is somewhat better than predicted. New freshmen account for about half of the 2 percent decline. There are 2,114 new freshmen enrolled, about 130 fewer than last year.

"We're beginning to see the results of very intentional recruiting as we become more strategic in how we reach out to prospective students," said UNC President Kay Norton.

In addition, more than 20 percent of students who lived in the residence halls last year returned to live on campus this semester. About 2,860 students are living in residence halls.

## Professor Basu Driving Force Behind New Biodiesel Source

If UNC professor Chhandak Basu is successful with his latest research, an inexpensive and abundant alternative to gasoline may soon be available. Basu, assistant professor of biological sciences, has received a \$49,643 grant from the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade to conduct research on a tropical tree known as the "diesel tree."



Funding from the grant, along with matching funds from UNC, will support Basu's research on developing diesel fuel from the copaiba tree. Native to South America, the copaiba tree produces a resin extract that can be converted into fuel. Because the tree only thrives in tropical climates, Basu is attempting to identify the genes in the tree that produce the resin. Basu plans to clone those genes then transfer them to algae and native Colorado weeds. If he is successful, he intends to share the plant with academic and nonprofit organizations. He hopes to have the first genetically modified plants ready within a year.

"It's an ideal time to work on a biodiesel project to find a solution to rising fuel costs," Basu said. "It's affecting all people—from rich to poor."

According to Basu, biofuels created from the copaiba tree may eventually provide a cheaper alternative to gasoline and help reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil. The next step would be to determine the economic viability of this biodiesel. "This is a homegrown product," Basu said. "This could be a cash crop for farmers."

Some experts say the demand for food-based ethanol demand for biofuels is outpacing supply, which translates to more expensive food. Since 2001, corn grown to produce ethanol in the United States has increased by 300 percent. Biofuels faced other criticism this year. Two studies published in the journal *Science* argue that biofuels release significant greenhouse gases because of the energy expended tearing up the land. This is the reason Basu is conducting his research with algae.

UNC Professor Chhandak Basu experiments with the "diesel tree" to find alternative, cheaper biofuel sources.

## NURSING

### Nursing Students Elected To Association Board

Four students from the UNC Student Nurses Association have been elected to the board of directors of the Colorado Student Nurses' Association. The students and their positions on the board are: Kellie White, president-elect; Tamara Dobson, secretary; Erica Middleton, Breakthrough to Nursing director; and Trisha Erickson, legislative/education director. For more information, visit [www.unco.edu/sna/](http://www.unco.edu/sna/).



## UNC to Share \$5 Million Mathematics Grant

The University of Northern Colorado, University of Wyoming (UW) Science and Mathematics Teaching Center (SMTC) and UW Department of Mathematics recently received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation's Math-Science Partnership Program. The grant will fund a joint Mathematics Teacher Leadership Center with two major goals—to create a virtual master's degree program targeting teachers already in the classroom and establish a program to train and support mathematics educators who wish to become professional development providers. SMTC Director Robert Mayes says the program is in response to reports issued by the NSF and other organizations indicating the need to engage more students in mathematics disciplines. "It specifically targets leaders in mathematics education," says Mayes. "It will examine how to create good professional development that is sustainable, how to become a leader in mathematics education and how to conduct workshops. Students can take courses from either institution and have them accepted at in-state tuition from the university that offers it and is accepted by either university." The program's first students will begin this summer. Courses taught on-site at UW and UNC and video-streamed to the other site will be part of the inaugural semester. Web-based courses also will be offered by both universities during the academic year. Initially, the program will be open only to Wyoming and Colorado residents. Regional and national expansion is possible as the program develops. For more information, visit the UW Science and Mathematics Teaching Center website at <http://smtc.uwyo.edu>, email [smtc@uwyo.edu](mailto:smtc@uwyo.edu) or call 307.766.6381.

## 'Cans to Candelaria' Pound-for-Pound the Best Food Drive

In an effort to help the Weld Food Bank keep cans of food on its shelves, the University of Northern Colorado School of Communication hosted the third annual Cans to Candelaria food drive and collected more than 25,000 pounds of food.



Students from the senior public relations techniques class, along with guidance from Assistant Professor of Journalism Lee Anne Peck, worked on the food drive to sign up student and faculty groups, promote the food drive, organize the logistics and, most of all, set the goal of 10,000 pounds of food, cash or a combination of the two. "We set our goals and objectives and accomplished them," journalism student Paris Mackey said. "We exceeded not only how many

groups we needed to sign up, but the amount of pounds as well." During homecoming week, the 81 groups that were officially signed up to participate were asked to collect as much canned or non-perishable food and money as possible. Groups were given the chance to challenge another group to see who could collect the most, and the group that collected the most overall won the coveted Cans to Candelaria trophy. On Oct. 9, when the food drive concluded, the groups brought all of their food and money to one of five drop-off points in Greeley. The on-campus drop-offs were in the parking lot west of Candelaria Hall and the north side of Kepner Hall. The Student Dietetic Association once again won the trophy followed closely by the School of Communication and University Libraries. Residence Life helped by collecting an additional \$504 and 138 cans at the Homecoming Formal. By Oct. 14, including pounds of food and cash, UNC collected over 28,000 pounds of donations.

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"I'm pleased we were able to help the Weld Food Bank as much as we did and I know they were pleased too," Peck said. In 2006, Cans to Candelaria collected almost 4,000 pounds of food, and then almost 8,000 pounds in 2007. This was the first year money was collected in the food drive. According to the Weld Food Bank, in these economic times the money donated actually goes further than a can of food. One dollar equals six pounds of food, retail. "I hope that each year we can do better for the Weld Food Bank," Peck said.

by Robbie Clarke '09

### PANELS

## President Norton Elected to National Leadership Board, Selected to Serve on Immigration Panel

UNC President Kay Norton will serve a one-year term on the board of directors for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities at the organization's annual meeting in Williamsburg, Va. AASCU is the leadership association of 430 public colleges and universities with common commitments to provide educational access, affordability and opportunity. Norton was also recently selected to join a University of Denver panel that will use input from local and national experts and opinion leaders from all parts of the nation and all sides of the immigration issue to build a post-partisan policy framework for state and national immigration reform. The panel is part of DU's Strategic Issues Program, which examines issues with strategic significance to the future of Colorado, have reached a critical stage in citizen concern and that are in need of reasonable recommendations. To follow the progress of the 2009 Immigration Panel, visit [www.du.edu/issues](http://www.du.edu/issues).

# State Farm Insurance Donates \$95,000 to UNC

State Farm Insurance Co. in Greeley has donated \$95,000 to the university. The donation includes \$90,000 to the Monfort College of Business and \$5,000 to the Cumbres program. The donation to Monfort



provides scholarships for 30 students and support for three programs, including the college's advertising and promotions class; Avanza, which encourages and promotes bilingual business majors; and the Monfort component of the First-Year Experience, a UNC class aimed at helping students stay in school. The \$5,000 donation supports the

State Farm recognizes the value of higher education as today's students inevitably become tomorrow's leaders

university's Cumbres program, a teacher-preparation program for students committed to working with Hispanic school children, language minority students and children of poverty in public schools. "Once again we're proud to support the Monfort College of

Business and UNC," said Ken Cook '80, '84, vice president-operations for State Farm in Greeley, board chair of the UNC Foundation and State Farm recognizes the value of higher education as today's students inevitably become tomorrow's leaders member of the Monfort Dean's Leadership Council. "State Farm recognizes the value of higher education as today's students inevitably become tomorrow's leaders."



# Looking in *The Mirror*: Campus Newspaper Marks 90<sup>th</sup> Year

Its campus debut was nothing flashy—four pages, no pictures and one advertisement promoting a basketball game between the faculty and the seniors. Yet those four primitive newsprint pages ushered in a new era of journalism at the university.

On Feb. 28, 1919, *The Mirror* marked the first time a publication appeared on campus with the intention of covering only school news and events. With its birth came detailed information about how the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority initiated its nine new members, among other timely news. Nearly 90 years since the then-weekly newspaper provided a near play-by-play account of the men's basketball team's 26-22 loss to Colorado School of Mines, *The Mirror* has continued to deliver news to the campus and the city of Greeley. The newspaper, which is completely student-run, except for the general manager and bookkeeper, now publishes three days a week and maintains a daily presence on the web at [www.uncmirror.com](http://www.uncmirror.com).



The paper has come a long way since 1919 when Colorado State Teachers College student Ralph Bennett penned its name and was inspirational in creating a new source that varied from the school's literary magazine, *The Crucible*. On page 2 of the inaugural edition of *The Mirror*, the editorial staff wrote this explanation: "Beginning with this issue of *The Mirror* is a radical change in the heretofore policy of C.S.T.C. publications. We are uniting the old system of the monthly or bimonthly *Crucible* with last year's weekly newspaper plan, endeavoring to give the students twice as much as formerly. *The Mirror* is a weekly digest of school news, a concentrated sheet of congealed pep and ginger. We make no apologies for its size as we expect to make up in the quality of our work what is lacking in quantity."

**To honor all the hardworking people who have made the newspaper the leading campus source it is today, as well as commemorate the newspaper's 90th anniversary, the current *Mirror* staff invites all former employees to an open house at noon on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, at 823 16th St. in Greeley. The current staff will be on hand to give visitors a tour of the building and to show how the paper is produced.**

If you are interested in attending the event, contact *Mirror* General Manager Kurt Hinkle at 970.392.9286 or by email at [khinkle@uncmirror.com](mailto:khinkle@uncmirror.com).

By Kurt Hinkle '98  
Mirror General Manager

Former *Mirror* employees Open House: noon on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, at 823 16th Street in Greeley.

STAFF PROFILE

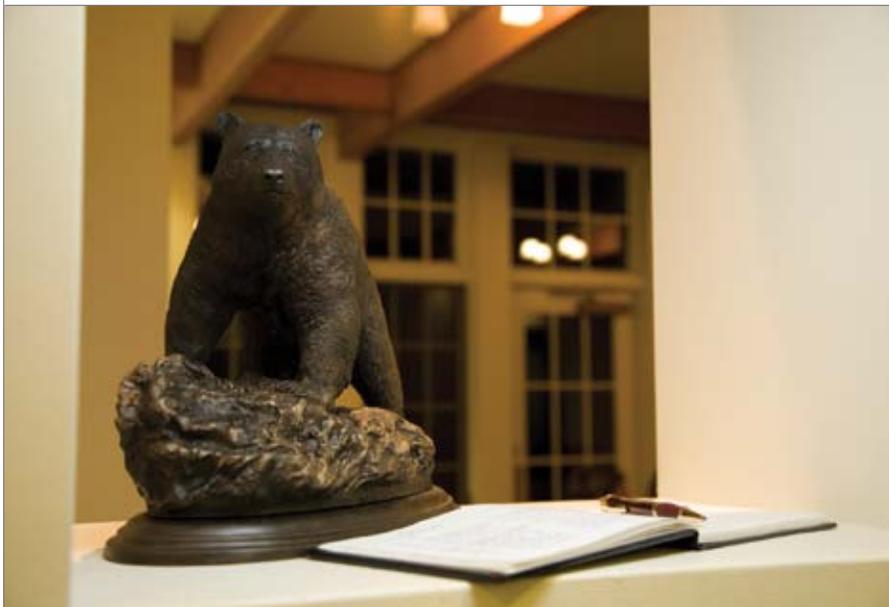
**Andrew Dame**  
*Director of Annual Giving*

The average annual gift to UNC is less than \$100. What impact can \$100 make? Well, it's not what one, \$100 gift can do—**it's what 6,000, \$100 gifts can do!**

*Hello, my name is Andrew Dame and I'm the director of annual giving at the University of Northern Colorado Foundation. When people ask me, "So, what do you do?" I usually give them the short answer—I help raise money for UNC scholarships, programs and building projects. The long answer—I'm responsible for the acquisition and management of nearly 90 percent of the donors and gifts to UNC each year through direct mail, telephone, web and even face-to-face solicitations. Through the Annual Giving Programs, **every gift of every size makes an impact.** I believe everyone with the desire to earn a degree should have the opportunity. Every donor who supports our students should know that gifts of any size are appreciated and needed and truly make a difference in the lives of our students.*



Andrew Dame



**1. Are you worried the ongoing financial crisis will effect giving levels?**

Well, I think it's a natural concern, but we have a very loyal donor family who understand the importance of our mission to help UNC transform lives. Total contributions to the UNC Foundation are actually up 39 percent over this time last year. According to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, seven in 10 plan to give the same or more than they did in the previous year.

**2. What do you do when people say they simply can't give right now?**

Giving is about building strong, long-term relationships. Even the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported that giving is recession-proof. That being said, if a donor comes to us

with concerns in this unpredictable market, we tend to offer solutions. Meaningful giving is more about looking out and meeting the horizon rather than the moment. For example, if a donor has pledged a sizable gift we may suggest spreading out the payment schedule over a longer period of time. Or if a donor traditionally gives \$100, we may suggest they give \$50 instead. Remember, every gift of every size makes an impact.

**3. How do you stay so positive in these trying economic times?**

It's actually pretty easy to stay positive when you walk around campus everyday and see the students' lives that are being transformed thanks to our generous donors. After all, *Once a Bear. Always a Bear.*

If you would like to help transform a UNC student's life through a donation to the Annual Fund or a wide range of academic scholarships at UNC, visit [www.give2unc.org](http://www.give2unc.org).

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## Annual Scholarship Reception Joins Donors and Students

Funding a college scholarship, whether academic or athletic, is the ultimate personal sacrifice—the ultimate show of support and the most tangible way people that are passionate about education can truly transform lives. In November, the University of Northern Colorado, in partnership with the UNC Foundation, hosted its annual scholarship reception. UNC donors came together with their scholarship recipients, who offered their thanks and talked about their college experiences. Until this event, many students had never met their supporters face to face. This academic year, the UNC Foundation provided more



Allison Vasquez takes a moment to thank two of her personal UNC donors, Frank and Betty Ottesen.



Blue & Gold supporter Joan Tennesen is delighted to meet one of her scholarship recipients, Kaylah Woody, for the first time.

than \$7.7 million to the university in overall support, of which \$2.3 million was for scholarships awarded to 1,187 recipients. “A University of Northern Colorado degree is more than just books and knowledge,” said UNC President Kay Norton. “UNC is about cultivating the heart, seeing potential in the unknown and preparing to give back to society.” UNC Foundation President Virgil Scott went on to say, “Because of the public nature of so many of UNC’s programs, graduates don’t simply set out to make a name for themselves, they set out to make a difference. Whether these students choose to pursue careers as artists, educators, business leaders, or any other chosen field or pursuit, they

will play an important part in improving their communities and impacting the quality of life around them. Without scholarship support, many would not have an opportunity to attend college or further their own education.”

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## 2008–2009

### By the Numbers

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- Scholarships awarded totaled \$2.3 million.
- 1,187 UNC students received scholarships this year.

UNC awards scholarships based on a range of criteria that usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the scholarship. Categories typically include merit, need, sociological, institutional and general awards. If you would like to help transform a UNC student’s life through a donation to the Annual Fund or a wide range of academic scholarships at UNC, visit [www.give2unc.org](http://www.give2unc.org).



Jean Schober Morrell

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# Making the Right Call

## UNC Football Safety Mike Van Portfliet Donates Bone Marrow so a Stranger May Live

While many college students were partying on beaches in exotic locales from Florida to Mexico over Spring Break last year, Mike Van Portfliet, a sophomore safety on the University of Northern Colorado football team, was saving a life.

As a way to honor former teammate Sam Safken, who died of cancer on Sept. 19, 2006, the Bears football team took part in a drive in 2006 that swabbed students for DNA samples in order to become potential bone marrow donors. A year after being swabbed, Van Portfliet was contacted by Bonfils Blood Center.

"(The call said) I was a potential match for an older male, so I went to North Colorado Medical Center and had my blood tested, and it turned out I wasn't the perfect match," Van Portfliet said.

But just a few weeks later, Van Portfliet was contacted again and told he was a potential match, this time for a 25-year-old female, whose name has been kept private. This time he was a match. "People wait on the

donor list for 10 to 20 years and it's funny how he was called twice," Ann Van Portfliet, Mike's mother, said.

"UNC has some of the best and brightest student-athletes in the country."

After agreeing to donate, Mike went to Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver over Spring Break for the procedure, which was not invasive, to extract his stem cells, which were then given to his recipient where they would develop into new bone marrow for her. "When you normally hear about (donating) bone marrow, you hear about drilling in the hip and sucking the bone marrow out, but (this was) a new way of doing it," Mike said.



Mike was given 10 injections of a drug that increased his count and sped up his production of white blood cells and stem cells.

Five days later, he had blood extracted in the same fashion as a blood donation, but his blood was sent through a centrifuge that extracted the stem cells from his blood, the rest of which was pumped back into him.

"It was five hours of just lying there," Mike said about having an IV in each arm. The volume of marrow extracted from Van Portfliet exceeded the amount needed for his recipient. "Since he's so athletic and fit, (the doctors) were excited to see what kind of volume they could get from him," Ann Van Portfliet said.

Bears head coach Scott Downing lauded Mike for his generosity and character. "Mike Van Portfliet is the epitome of an unselfish person," Downing said. Downing

also said that the decision to donate his bone marrow was just one example of his character.

"You'd be really happy to have Mike Van Portfliet as a son," Downing said. "Also, girls, if you're looking for a date, he's a pretty good catch."

The candidate could not be identified to Van Portfliet and his family until a year had passed, Mike did say he has received updates on her condition. "I got a one month update, and she's doing well, my stem cells are dividing in her," Mike Van Portfliet said. "I'll get a six month update soon, and then a year update."

### CONTACT

If you would like information or would like to sign up for the National Marrow Donor Program, call 800.MARROW2 (800.627.7692) or visit [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)



## UNC TEAMS GO GLOBAL

The University of Northern Colorado prides itself on celebrating diversity, especially when attracting new students to the school. In recent years, the international flavor of the college has grown—perhaps nowhere more apparent than in Athletics. Today, at least eight foreign student-athletes call UNC home. They are: junior guard Lizzie Cooper, from Queensland, Australia; sophomore golfer Alberto Dell'Anna, from Platja d'Aro, Spain; sophomore outfielder Courtney Maihi, from Hamilton, New Zealand; junior infielder Jessica McNabb, from Saskatchewan, Canada; senior guard Robert Palacios, from Caracas, Venezuela; senior tennis player Manuela Santos, from Itajaí, Brazil; freshman tennis player Jennifer Whateley, from Farnham, Surrey, UK; and junior tennis player Luiza Xavier, from Florianópolis, Brazil.

## UNC to Host Wrestling Regional

The Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion will welcome the NCAA Western Wrestling Conference 2009 Regional on March 7. Along with UNC's outstanding wrestling squad, other top wrestlers in the nation will be competing on the UNC campus. Participation in the WWC Regionals is by invitation only and wrestlers must place in their individual weight class in order to advance to the NCAA WWC Championships in St. Louis. "To host a conference regional, on the way to the National Championship, is a special honor for our student-athletes, the school and the Greeley community," said UNC Wrestling Head Coach and Foundation Development Director Jack Maughan.

## UNCBears.com Gets Facelift

A new-and-improved UNCBears.com launched this past fall, bringing with it just one more indication of where the Bears' athletic program is headed as it continues to make a name for itself at the NCAA Division I level.

Heather Kennedy, Northern Colorado's director of media relations, did most of the legwork of the transition and was more than pleased when the new site went live in early October. The site's previous design had become outdated when compared to other athletic department sites, and it lacked the visual attractiveness that Kennedy hopes Bears fans will enjoy and Northern Colorado coaches are able to use to their advantage in the recruiting process.

"It was definitely time for a change," Kennedy said. "We really feel that a lot of good things are happening in this department, and we needed a better platform from which to broadcast those events. I'm really proud of this new site, and the response we've received from



student-athletes and those in community make me think they are, too."

Improved features on the new site are plenty, but highlights include an improved user-friendly interface, an increased utilization of photography and other design elements, and a video portal, featuring highlight packages from Northern Colorado athletic events. The site also has the capability to maintain a "fresh" look with the addition of rotating team photos as well as rotating "top stories."

In all, Kennedy and her team drastically changed the face of Northern Colorado's athletic department.

"Ever since we began this transition to NCAA Division I, we've maintained a goal of bringing all areas of our department to the front of the class," Northern Colorado Director of Athletics Jay Hinrichs said. "This new site is just part of that process. Many things are going through renovations in this department: from our teams, to our buildings, and now to our website. UNCBears.com has become a destination site for our fans, as well as a tool that will clearly help our coaches attract top talent."

*by Scott Ward, Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations*



UNC alumnus Tim Jorstad '75, owner of Jorstad Inc., is accountant to the Rock Stars, with clients such as Journey, Carlos Santana, the Doobie Brothers and the Grateful Dead.

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# TOGETHER

WHEN TIM JORSTAD '75 TALKS ABOUT HIS CONNECTION TO CARLOS SANTANA, the Doobie Brothers, Jefferson Airplane or the Grateful Dead, he's not being boastful or pretentious. It's simply business as usual for the 1975 UNC School of Business graduate. These stars, and many others, comprise the client base of his San Rafael, Calif., business, Jorstad Inc.

How did a farmer's son from Bemidji, Minn., become business manager to rock 'n' roll megastars? Jorstad's answer is simple: hard work and good instincts.

ARTICLE BY MARY SASAKI

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROBIN FRYDAY

Jorstad's path to a star-studded clientele had humble beginnings. While on a cross-country trip with his young wife and son to California, Jorstad ran out of money in Greeley. He found himself on the kill floor of Greeley's Monfort meatpacking

Jorstad's path to UNC began with an Army draft notice at the age of 18. An avid skier, he was stationed in Germany, where he led ski patrol teams at Bavarian recreation areas popular with U.S. service people and their families. Upon his military discharge,

## THE FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE, JORSTAD WAS DETERMINED TO SUCCEED.

plant in June 1972. On his first day at work, Ken Monfort told Jorstad and other rookie workers they wouldn't last four hours on the kill floor. But Jorstad was determined to prove Monfort wrong. The 21-year old grew up hunting and fishing, and he had butchered deer, cattle and sheep. Besides, the \$6.50-per-hour job (good money in those days) was just the ticket to get back on his feet financially.

"Working on the Monfort kill floor was like being in hell," Jorstad remembers. "It was hot, wet, and smelled so bad I felt like throwing up every few minutes." Workers slaughtered 1,800 head of cattle or 2,400 sheep per day. They stripped hides and processed organs. "I wore rain gear, and I was covered with blood," Jorstad says. "But somehow I made it, and that job helped me go back to college without going into debt. I had my wife and son to support, and I needed to establish state residency for college."

He persevered at Monfort for six months and registered at UNC the next quarter. Many years later, Jorstad says, "Dick Monfort said I was one of the few people he'd run into who had done the dirty work," which the entire Monfort family also had done. Monfort and Jorstad had come full circle. "I contributed to the success of his business in my own small way," Jorstad says, and it's interesting that Monfort would make a sizable contribution to improve the School of Business that bears Monfort's name and prepared Jorstad for his successful business career.

Thanks to the late Ken Monfort's major gift, Jorstad witnessed enormous improvements at UNC's Monfort School of Business when he visited the UNC campus in April 2008 to address the spring banquet for Beta Alpha Psi, UNC's honorary accounting fraternity. Jorstad was impressed "to see sophisticated new equipment, observe finance students making a million dollars in live trades, and see accounting students doing more than we ever envisioned." By contrast, Jorstad remembers, "In the early 1970s, the first HP hand-held calculator was a major development."

Jorstad looked for colleges in Europe where he could use the GI Bill. The University of Maryland's German campus was the place to go, Jorstad says. However, he chose the American University at Barcelona. After a year, Barcelona's high cost of living forced the family back to the states and the cross-country trip that led to Greeley.

The first in his family to attend college, Jorstad was determined to succeed. "I had a mental block about college, and I didn't think college was for me," he admits. But with support and encouragement from his first wife, Susan, he was well on his way to a bachelor's degree when he entered his first UNC class at Kepner Hall in January 1973.

Enrolling as an economics major, Jorstad soon realized he needed a more practical major to prepare for a job immediately upon graduation. "Accounting offered that opportunity," he says. "By the second accounting class, I knew I'd found a home," he says, noting the Accounting Department's family atmosphere, small classes and many classes with the same professors who were willing to accommodate his busy schedule.

Although not a "joiner" in those days because of family obligations, Jorstad founded the UNC Accounting Club, managed a co-ed apartment building and tutored nonaccounting majors in basic accounting, while enrolled each quarter for 18 units of credit. He graduated summa cum laude in 1975 and continues his involvement at UNC by linking promising business graduates to employment interviews in the San Francisco Bay area.

After graduation, Jorstad finally finished his cross-country trek by accepting a position with a Big 8 accounting firm, Herdman & Cranston, in the San Francisco Bay area. Unhappy working in the audit department, the firm's mandatory first rung on the corporate ladder, he realized the tax law department offered the type of work he wanted to do. However, that department required a graduate degree, so he enrolled in night classes at Golden Gate University and earned a master's degree in business administration in 1981.



Jorstad went to work for a tax law firm specializing in service to technical and agricultural businesses. That job led him to the position of executive vice president and

By 1985, Jorstad realized that he and his partner had conflicting goals—his partner was happy with only rock bands as clients, but Jorstad believed a diversified client base would ensure the company's viability. "I was hesitant to tie my career to two

## WHAT I'M ABLE TO DO IS HELP MY CLIENTS HAVE A BETTER LIFE . . . I WANT TO RUN THE BEST SMALL CPA FIRM.

director for one of the firm's clients, Osterlund Enterprises. At Osterlund, Jorstad became acquainted with the world of high-profile sports and entertainment, beginning with the firm's North Carolina NASCAR company. "Dale Earnhardt drove for us in his freshman and sophomore years," Jorstad says, "and Dale and I became good friends."

Jorstad's introduction to rock 'n' roll clients came in 1982 when he bought half interest in a company with two clients, the bands Journey and Jefferson Starship. But because his

partner had no tax law experience, the firm was on the verge of losing Journey at a crucial time for the popular band, which was topping the charts, making millions of dollars and facing a myriad of domestic and international tax issues that demanded Jorstad's tax expertise. He saved the account, and he continues to handle all the band's business matters today.

rock 'n' roll groups," he says. Jorstad and the partner split, and he launched Jorstad Inc., which works with a variety of clients to receive revenue, pay bills, prepare budgets, help with investments, buy and sell real estate, and manage all business matters.

"You end up getting your finger into every aspect of their business and sometimes personal lives, including marital agreements, divorce settlements and counseling their children about money," Jorstad says. "Most of the clients come from humble beginnings, and they want their children to understand the responsibilities that come with money." The company also manages the estates of late entertainment giants, including Jimi Hendrix and the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia.

Jorstad shows off a Grammy for Lifetime Achievement Award for the Grateful Dead.

Asked if he was star-struck by all the glitter that accompanies fame, Jorstad shakes his head with a grin and says, "My partner



## UNC Professors Really Make The Grade

Tim Jorstad attributes much of his success at UNC to Professors Allen McConnell and Paul Bohrer, who both showed a keen interest in students and helped him prepare for the CPA exam. "They made a special effort to tie our academic studies to the exam," Jorstad remembers. Thanks to their efforts, he was able to pass every section of the CPA exam on his first attempt.

McConnell, a current UNC professor and faculty member since the School of Business opened, describes Jorstad as "a very serious, dedicated nontraditional student" who wore his Army fatigue jacket to class during the winter. "He was the type of student who wanted to learn, who wanted knowledge. He came in after class if he didn't understand something."

As a businessman, "Tim is dedicated to excellence," McConnell says. "He has a lot of drive and initiative." He cares about people and has high ethical standards, McConnell adds. "These are the types of things successful people believe in. He's very strong in these areas, and he has made the right connections for success."

McConnell says Jorstad's success reflects well on the College of Business. "He exemplifies the quality of students we have and the good rapport between faculty and students. I'm glad to have someone like Tim as a former student."

was the musician, and he was the star-struck one. I was never interested in the whole music scene, but I wanted to learn as much as I could about the music industry because musicians need a business manager who is clear-eyed and professional. I became that clear-eyed business manager, and I still am.”

Why do stars gravitate toward Jorstad Inc.? “It’s purely word of mouth,” Jorstad explains. “We never advertise. Sometimes clients lobby us to take on new business (for their friends), but anything new has to be finessed around existing business.” That’s difficult, he continues, “because clients who have been with me 25 years deserve my full attention.” Jorstad’s famous clients “are like a magnet” for business development. People are attracted by the platinum records and Grammys, and the electric guitars in his office signed by Carlos Santana.

“Most of my time has little to do with the practice of accounting and tax law,” Jorstad explains. “What I’m able to do is help my clients have a better life, and remove uncertainty and stress in their financial lives.” That means keeping his business small to allow a high level of personal service. For Jorstad, the ideal size is 10 CPAs. “A 25-person CPA firm is too big to be small and way too small to be big. The sweet spot for me is 15 or under. I want to run the best small CPA firm.”

The family-friendly character of Jorstad Inc. is no accident either. Lack of a close, family-friendly atmosphere drove Jorstad

away from Big 8 accounting firms. They never offered flexible hours or valued a balance between work and home. Jorstad was determined that his business would provide that balance. Deborah, Jorstad’s wife of 30 years, works as Jorstad Inc.’s office accountant. And thanks to their business success, the Jorstads have been able to educate their three children, even through a PhD program, without debt.

As for the perks of working with famous clients, Jorstad says he sometimes receives all-access passes to concerts, “including on-stage if I want.” He also receives “an amazing level of respect from clients not known for staying with people long-term.”

A more rewarding aspect of his business is watching some of his famous clients become involved in social and political causes. “Carlos Santana is becoming a Shaman,” he says, with the goal of “spreading spirituality and enlightenment.” Santana built a medical clinic and cultural center in his small Jalisco, Mexico, hometown, which has a poor, indigenous population. “Watching Carlos give back to his hometown was one of the best things I’ve been involved in,” Jorstad says.

Jorstad enjoys giving back, too. “What I give is meager compared with what I get back,” he says. “If you want to be blessed with fortune, you have to continue to give.”

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Jorstad Inc., based in San Rafael, Calif., is home to many Grammy awards, guitars and Gold Records. It’s simply business as usual for the 1975 UNC School of Business graduate.



# GREELEY COLLEGE COACH KEPT HIS 'BOYS' UPDATED WITH POPULAR 'GANG' LETTERS DURING WORLD WAR II

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL SOLOWAY

As it should be, Around the World With "Dobby," or *Dobby's Letters*, as they are affectionately known, have been bound into a thick volume for safe keeping, and live in the basement of the James A. Michener Library, preserved in the UNC Archives like an archaeological treasure might be. Today, they are the true history books—records of the past that not only detail historical events, but capture people—their lives told in their own words, and how friends, families, fiancées, dealt with the stresses of world war.

The late coach J.S. "Dobby" Doubenmier, professor at Colorado State College of Education and College High School (now UNC and University High) from 1925-61, created *Around the World With "Dobby"* gang letters in order to keep his "boys" up to date while they were on Army bases, and eventually, away at war. The letters actually began in 1941, before the United States entered World War II, when three of the boys Dobby coached wrote to him asking about "what was happening at CSCE?" Later, in 1944, college President George W. Frasier called the letters "the best communication the college could have with their former students." Before the war ended more than 1,600 men and women serving in the Armed Forces received Dobby's Letters. And as Dobby-coached students passed the updates around the barracks or onboard naval ships, the audience grew and grew.

On February 27, 2009 "Dobby" will be inducted posthumously into the UNC Athletics Hall of Fame.

(See inside front cover.)

...ND DICKEY, 37322000, BASE WEATHER STATION, HILL FIELD, UTAH, 7-30-44  
...KANTY BUSY OVER THIS WAY. SEVERAL OF THE BIG TOP BRASS  
...HOUSE AT THE FIELD AND EVERY TYPE (AIGHT) OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON DICK  
...T. DICKEY, HERE ON THE FIELD. HE WAS FROM MASS. AND HAD SEEN MY NAME ON  
...AS ONE OF HIS RELATIVES. \*\* IF SHY OR SPACE, DOBBY, I SUGGEST YOU USE  
...C LETTERS SUCH AS MINE AN OTHER IN THE STATED AS "SPARE FILLER". BUT  
...\*\* OK, RAY, THANKS FOR LETTER AND SUGGESTION. WE'LL KEEP 'EM IN L.I.N.  
...MIAMI, FLA., 7-27-44. \*\* BEEN HAVING THE BEST TIME SINCE BETTING INTO THE  
...MY CORRESPONDENCE HAS SUFFERED. I'LL BE HERE ABOUT TWO MORE WEEKS AND  
...WHAT HARVEY ANDERSON'S ONE NIGHT. \*\* MARJORIE IS QUITE A GOOD. \*\* AND WE  
...\*\* WE'VE SEEN THEM AS THEY ARE ON THE MOVE. THIS IS IT. \*\* FOR NOW \*\*  
...DOLL. \*\* OK, DOLL, WE ALL WERE WANDERING IF YOU HAD  
...\*\* HOPE WE GET TO SEE YOU ON A SHORT LEAVE WHEN YOU  
...\*\* WELL, GIVE US A BUZZ IF YOU GET OUT COLORADO WAY.  
...\*\* (NO DATE GIVEN). \*\* MAY SAY THERE CHAPS HERE. I AM  
...NICE SPOT. HIT IS, TOO. I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THE  
...EXPERIENCES ON THE CROSSING WERE VERY MUCH OK SINCE  
...I WAS SURE GLAD TO GET THE LETTER AND KNOW HOW WONDERFUL  
...GLAD TO HEAR OF THE ZIMMERMAN AND ARMENTROUT DEALS. TELL  
...THEIR ADDRESSES. GUESS I'LL SOON GET MY CHANCE AT JERRY  
...TO BE SEEING ALL OF YOU SOON. \*\* RISS. \*\* OK, FELLAR, IT  
...I GO FOREIGN ON ME TOO FAST. \*\* AG T HAVE A MICK OF A TIME  
...\*\* COME IN AGAIN WHEN YOU HAVE THE TIME. \*\* ALSO ADD. CHANGE.  
...\*\* 44. \*\* I'M UNABLE TO SAY AS MUCH ABOUT MY WHEREABOUTS AS  
...\*\* LATER ON. MY TRIP OVER HERE WAS ENJOYABLE AND QUITE FAST  
...\*\* FINALLY. TELLING THAT I'LL WRITE SOON. \*\* HAD A LETTER  
...\*\* YOUR HAVING SOME FUN. \*\* BY REGARDS TO ALL THE GANG, THE COASTIE  
...\*\* HOPE THE LAST TWO EDITIONS FOLLOW YOU "SPEED". KEEP IN TOUCH.  
...\*\* INF. APO, 412, CAMP SHELLEY, MISS. 7-30-44. \*\* HAVE SPENT TWO  
...\*\* THAT IS SOME TOWN. I THINK GENE KRAEHER IS NEAR HERE. TELL  
...\*\* TO GO TO THE PARA-TROOPS SOON. \*\* TESTS OK. I THINK WALKING  
...\*\* LONGER POLICING THE AREA AT DREW. ALSO CONGRATS ON THE T/SGT.  
...\*\* AT TAMPA. WE HAVE LEFT DREW FIELD FOR DOYLE MC LAUGHLIN TO  
...\*\* SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL TO ME. I'LL MAKE IT HOME ON MY REGULAR  
...\*\* IN MY NEW FIELD SELECTED TO GET THE WINGS. TELL BIG BROTHERS  
...\*\* AN ADDRESS. \*\* THAT I'D WRITE TO HIM. GUESS THIS IS IT. \*\* BYE NOW. \*\*  
...\*\* OF SOME OF YOUR PLANS. \*\* BEEN WONDERING IF YOU WOULD BE HOME ON  
...\*\* WHEN YOU HIT THE "ROOKIES". BE SURE AND GIVE ME A BUZZ.  
...\*\* LUCKY. \*\* STIERS, BUT STILL HAVE HOPED THAT HE'LL SHOW BEFORE 2350.  
...\*\* ME THAT WE ARE UP TO DATE ON THE LETTERS AT HAND. \*\* SO GUESS \*\*  
...\*\* NING. \*\* GOOD. \*\* NIGHT FOR THIS BITTING AND WE'LL BE BACK ABOUT THURS.  
...\*\* BLES. \*\* FOUR DAYS SINCE WE LAST CHATTED. \*\* BUT THIS FINDS ME ALL SET  
...\*\* TO ROLL WITH YOU FOR THE DAY. \*\* MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. \*\* GO  
...\*\* FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER I SIGNED OFF LAST TUESDAY, "CHUCK" STIERS  
...\*\* ME HIS APPEARANCE AND FOR MANY MINUTES THE "FIRE-WORKS"  
...\*\* HINDING LT. GRAHAM MAKING IMPROVEMENT AND FEELING BETTER. THAT THEY HAD  
...\*\* AND "PULLING" THROUGH EDITION "41". \*\* BOB'S PRESENT ADDRESS IS \*  
...\*\* EYENRE, W.O. COME IN WITH A LINE TO THE GANG, BOB, WHEN YOU FEEL GOOD.  
...\*\* HAS BEEN GIVING THE CAMPUS A BUZZ EVER NOW AND THEN WHILE BEING HOME  
...\*\* ON LEAVE FROM CORPUS AND VICINITY. IT'S BEEN GOOD SEEING YOU "MARRY"  
...\*\* NATURAL WITH SOME OF THE GANG RUNNING ABOUT THE OLE STAMPTING GROUNDS. IE  
...\*\* ADDRESS THAT LOOKS LIKE IT IS IN THE MAKING. IN OTHER WORDS, "WRITE".  
...\*\* IN TO SAY HOWDY TO THE "DUTCHMAN" 8-3-44. WEST HAD BEEN DOWN TO VISIT HIS  
...\*\* N.M. AND WAS ENROUTE TO IOWA CITY, IOWA TO TAKE UP THE WORK AT THE NAVAL  
...\*\* IN HIS AVIATION TRAINING. GOOD TO SEE YOU, JACK, AND KNOW THAT ALL IS OK.  
...\*\* WAS WEDNESDAY AND HAS SEVERAL DAYS LEAVE BEFORE GOING TO GREAT LAKES FOR  
...\*\* BAD BREAK WHEN THE NAVY DECIDED THEY DIDN'T NEED MORE A/C. \*\* AT THE PRESENT,  
...\*\* FORWARD TO BETTER TIMES AND BREAKS AS HE MOVES ALONG. \*\* NICE GOING, DEANE.  
...\*\* TO BE BACK ON HIS JOB IN TEXAS AND MUCH IMPROVED AFTER HIS STAY AT THE  
...\*\* GOOD TO HEAR YOU ARE BETTER, WALT. MIGHTY SORRY YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT HOME.  
...\*\* MY RETURN FROM DENVER LAST EVENING I WAS TOLD HE HAD BEEN HERE TO SEE ME.  
...\*\* S. LEAVE AND UP AND FLEW HOME. \*\* I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE "FUZZY".  
...\*\* HIM AS WHEN BUDDIES FIND THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN THE OLD HOME TOWN. \*\* WELL,  
...\*\* OR NOT HAVING TIME TO MAKE A SECOND ROUND TO SAY, HELLO. HAVE A TIME, GALT  
...\*\* YOU BOTH BEFORE YOUR TIME IS UP HERE.  
...\*\* SOME OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN "SHOT" \*\* BUT FOR SURE HERE THEY COME AGAIN \*\*)  
...\*\* ER J. ADAMSON, S/C, % F.P.O., S.F., CALIF. \*\* JAMES M. ADAMSON, S/C, % F.P.O.  
...\*\* S.F., CALIF. \*\* W.L. SHOUFFER, S.C. S/C, NAVY 3205, S  
...\*\* MAKE A LONG LOST CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE GANG MEMBERS OF MANY MOONS AGO.  
...\*\* ERINGS FOR OVER A YEAR. \*\* CPL. G. STEWART BEDFORD, 17087825, 518 INLT E,  
...\*\* STON, S.W. \*\* CPL. RUSSELL WIDLUND, 17080150,  
...\*\* D, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. \*\* LT. JOHN FRENCH,  
...\*\* UNDERSTAND DON HYLTON IS IN THAT OUTFIT. \*\* BUT NO NEWS FROM HIM.  
...\*\* PRICE, LA. \*\* JACK FORSYTHE'S NEW A.P.O. IS 869. \*\* ROLLING TO THE SPORTS.

# Letters



J.S. "Dobby" Doubenmier coached football at CSCE, as well as Pee Wee Basketball at College High School. Although "Dobby" passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack, his legacy lives on in a scholarship that bears his name. (Photos and materials courtesy of the UNC Archives.)

*It started as a labor of love*, pounded out on a 1924 Underwood manual typewriter. As an 11-year-old, Dobby's daughter, Peggy Griffith, remembers her mother stretching out the dining room table from wall to wall in order to accommodate all of the many papers and stories that each issue included. Griffith and her mother would read the letters to Dobby in order to make sure they were "perfect." Wives and sweethearts of the recipients regularly came to the Doubenmier home to help fold the oftentimes 24-page letter.

"Babysitting to earn 15 cents an hour didn't really appeal to me," said Griffith. "Instead, I rode my bike to Cranford Hall and asked for a job. That's when I learned how to type. It wasn't long after that that I started typing Dobby's letters as my dad dictated them to me."

As well as being a *Stars and Stripes* newsletter, the gang letters brought former classmates back in touch with each other—much like *Northern Vision* and the UNC Alumni Association website do today.

*What started with a typewriter* and a simple idea to communicate with students in the military, blossomed into a popular publication and a multiperson operation. Only after the recipient list reached 1,000 did Dobby use President Frasier's suggestion that he

employ the college's secretarial office for help with production and mailing. Today, the J.S. "Dobby" Doubenmier Scholarship supports UNC students in their educational pursuits. The *Around the World With Dobby* Scholarship was established with monies raised at a party to honor Dobby's accomplishments once the war ended.

Before the Internet and email, there were Dobby's Letters. And they are certainly here to stay. **NV**

### *Links to the Past*

For more information about *Around the World With Dobby* and his "gang" letters, contact **Eve Measner**, library technician, at 970.351.2854 or **Shirley Soenksen**, library technician at, 970.351.2854.

A bound, pictorial history of Dobby's Letters is available in the UNC Archives office, in the basement of the James A. Michener Library.

For general information, news and office hours, visit [www.unco.edu/library/archives/](http://www.unco.edu/library/archives/).



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To each and everyone of the GANG---

Keep Driving and GOOD LUCK---

Sincerely,

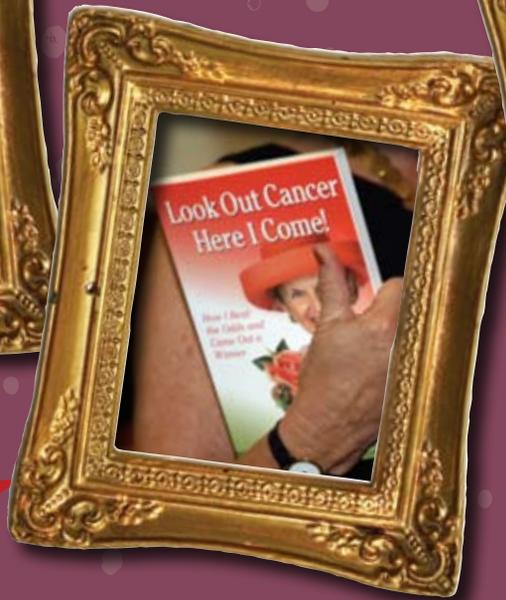
*"Dobby"*



"AROUND THE WORLD  
 WITH DOBBY"

FRASLEY, COLORADO \* U.S. 4. \*  
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# Cancer Survivor

UNC alumna Sharon Lee Parker battled cancer and **more than** lived to tell about it.  
**SHE FORMED A FOUNDATION—FOR LIFE.**

Article by Matt Alexander '09

Photographs by Michael Soloway

**O**N THE SURFACE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL THAT SHARON LEE PARKER IS A WARRIOR. She seems like the porcelain roses she collects—both beautiful and fragile, delicate and divine. She is a grandmother who knows exactly how to make a person feel at home and safe in her presence. Parker's smile is infectious; her willingness to talk and share stories with anyone she meets is legendary. But don't let this fool you. Like any mild-

worried it was something more and decided to have further tests. "No one knows your body better than you," she says. Doctors ended up taking a routine chest X-ray and soon discovered a "spot" on her lungs, a possible



*The hat is a symbol of my cancer. I think it is important to look good, even if you don't feel good.*

mannered superhero—or in her case, superhuman—Parker's exterior is actually a veil of armor. Perhaps the only clue to her inner warrior is the necklace she wears. It declares, "I am a life lover"—a mantra that Parker has lived by and that has helped her continue to live. She is a survivor, quite literally.

Parker has always had a tremendous work ethic. "I've never been a person just to sit still," she says. "I love to work and working keeps you young at heart." She takes after her father in that regard. Her father worked as a reporter until the day he died at the age of 96.

Along with a strong work ethic, Parker always takes on a task or faces a problem with unmatched determination, a willingness to listen and an optimism that allows her to keep going "right through it" no matter how difficult the situation. "For me, the glass is always half full." Parker attended the University of Northern Colorado to pursue graduate work in gerontology in 1977, studying under gerontology professor Max Shirley. At UNC, Parker excelled, making the Dean's List and even teaching gerontology classes while still a student herself.

As a child, Parker visited the Concord Resort Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., where she met a young boy named George Parker, whose family ran the hotel. "Even at age nine I knew I was going to marry him," says Parker. And just as she predicted, in 1963, young Sharon Lee married George Parker, along with the family's 1,200-room Concord Resort. For 25 years, Parker was head of guest relations. Her main job was to make the 3,000 people who could fit into the hotel's ballroom feel welcome and special. "I used to walk from table to table, making sure everyone was greeted," Parker says. "I probably greeted over two million guests through the years."

Until 2002, theirs was an idyllic life—one of love, success, happiness and the joys that fate and family can bring. Then, what began as simple nasal problems and what doctors were calling a "bad case of allergies" changed everything. Parker

indication of cancer. Parker quickly left her home in Boca Raton, Fla., taking the train to New York where she was put through a battery of tests. In the end, what was thought to be just allergies ended up being a possible lethal combination of Hodgkin's Lymphoma and thyroid cancer. On top of that, Parker had a brain tumor as well, although benign. Parker was now in a war, a battle to retake her body. "I sort of looked at cancer as something I didn't want in my life, so once I had it, I wanted to smash it . . . destroy it completely."

Parker took immediate steps to combat her cancer. She moved to Houston to be close to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, one of the best cancer treatment hospitals in the nation. Once settled in Houston, Parker focused her energies on staying healthy and getting through chemotherapy. One of the pillars of Parker's recovery was being able to rely on the support of many different people—people she had come to call her Healing Team—doctors, nurses, friends and family who surrounded her with hope. "It's important that everyone has a healing team," Parker says. "You need to surround yourself with positive people, no matter what you're facing in your life."

Parker spent the next eight months fighting the cancer in her body. She cooperated fully with her doctors and nurses, and tried to help fellow patients with her positive attitude and inspirational words. She kept busy, using the Internet to stay connected with the outside world.

Parker was having success and responding well to her treatment when she found out that cancer had rewritten her life yet again. This time Parker's mother, Cecilia Strauss, was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sadly, Strauss died within a couple of weeks of her diagnosis. Because doctors were concerned with Parker's low white-blood-cell count, she was unable to fly to Vermont to attend her mother's funeral. Instead, she had her own ceremony in Houston to mourn her mother's passing. Parker believed the best way to make her

Sharon Lee Parker's famous red hat above helped raise her spirits and get her through chemotherapy treatments.

*I want to do something positive . . . leave a legacy.  
I am a life lover. I don't want to die.*



Parker shows off her specially designed "I'm a Life Lover" 14K gold necklace.

parents proud was to live well. She dedicated getting through chemotherapy to her mother's memory. "The greatest legacy that you can give your parents is to promote the values, the solid values, that make you a contributing member of your society," Parker says.

Parker was getting through treatment by taking each chemo session one at a time and using her imagination. Parker says she used to pretend chemotherapy was like going to the spa or the Ritz-Carlton. "I was going to make it into an adventure," she says. "Of course, there were bad days, but I was determined to be positive about it."

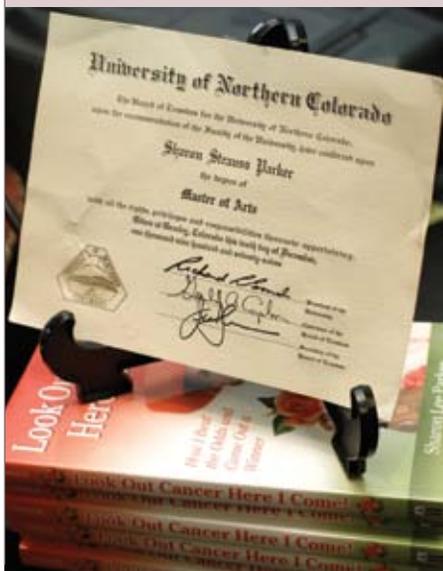
Eventually, that positive attitude and warrior's spirit paid off. Parker made it though and was finally given a clean bill of health from her doctors. "In the beginning, when I was diagnosed with two cancers and a brain tumor, I thought to myself, 'If I'm not going to make it, I want to at least do something positive. I want to leave a legacy.'" Doctors suggested Parker write a book about her experience. "It was something that I didn't even really think about, but the doctors said that I was so positive about my treatment, and that when other patients talked to me, it really helped them."

Writing the book, *Look Out Cancer, Here I Come!*, gave her time to reflect. "I went through a lot," says Parker. "In fact, I read some of the old emails the other day, and it brought tears to my eyes." Parker has been able to use her experience in conjunction with her background in gerontology and communication. Parker continues to travel the world speaking about her own personal story of triumph over tragedy. "What I say is from the patient's point of view with an educated background," says Parker. *Look Out Cancer, Here I Come!* is available through her foundation or copies can be picked up at the Ben Nighthorse Campbell Center at the University of Northern Colorado, as well as through her website—[www.lifeloverfoundation.org](http://www.lifeloverfoundation.org). All proceeds go toward cancer research and the Life Lover Foundation, an organization Parker established to help fund new and novel cancer therapies. "I started the foundation, because I kept saying 'I am a life lover, I don't want to die.'"

The foundation's main focus is new theories and treatment options. "I'm interested in the new therapies, therapies that aren't necessarily being funded by a big cancer foundation, and anybody can donate to my foundation. Everything goes to cutting-edge research," says Parker. Parker collaborates with Dr. Andre Goy to decide where the funding goes. Along with the foundation, Parker is involved with UNC's renowned Rocky Mountain Cancer Institute, directed by Dr. Carol Schneider.

Through her experience, Parker also works with those who are currently suffering from the disease. She serves as a cancer

## Sharon Lee Parker Well In Red, Well Versed



Parker has almost finished her second volume of *Look Out Cancer, Here I Come!* The first volume is almost sold out. "We should be sold out by the time this goes to print," Parker says.

Along with that, Parker has also been working on a book about her experiences while at the Concord Hotel, which she has titled *How to Stay Married to a Man With 1,200 Bedrooms*.

The book will not only talk about her experiences at the hotel, but what she believes is necessary for a good marriage. Parker began work on the book shortly before she was diagnosed, and is now hoping to have the book finished and published by next fall. The Parker family has not quite abandoned the hotel business, and Parker's son, John, works as the general manager of the Hotel Phillips in Kansas City, Mo.

Sharon continues to travel the country spreading her message about cancer. Recently, she returned to Greeley to talk about cancer, survival and gerontology. "I am looking forward to being invited back to Greeley. It's always a welcome sight to see the university again, but especially the new students and their excitement and vigor."



coach to more than 840 people in locations all around the world. Recently, she helped a young man in Greece get through chemotherapy and radiation.

"I like to visit cancer patients all over. Just the other week, I helped two people—one was a girl who had mouth cancer," Parker says. "Anything that is medical I recommend to a doctor; anything nonmedical is mine." This past November, Parker traveled to New York to speak and was also a guest of Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding, at the Vale Royal, in Kingston, Jamaica. Despite a hectic schedule and Parker's work with the foundation, she always makes time for people with cancer. "Anytime anybody wants to call, I am available 24/7," Parker says.

It has been six years since Parker was diagnosed with cancer. She stills keeps the allergy medicine prescribed to her in her medicine cabinet as a reminder of how lucky she was. She gets checked regularly to make sure there has been no relapse. And she still has a closet full of the hats that she wore during chemotherapy. "The hat is a symbol of my cancer. I think it is important to look good even when you don't feel good," Parker says.

All this time Parker has maintained a happy attitude, and this has allowed her to accomplish the many things she has done in her life. "Whatever you do, it doesn't really matter, as long

as you love it, and you give it your all. If you have a passion for it, you'll come out a winner," Parker says. "We all want to survive, but when you come out a winner, and you aim higher, you come out a whole plate and not a cracked one." **NV**

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Cancer survivor, life lover and UNC grad Sharon Lee Parker spoke to nursing students and spent time with them afterward to sign books and share inspiring stories of recovery.





## UNC Faculty Senate Establishes Scholarship to Help Single Parents

The University of Northern Colorado Faculty Senate recently established a new endowed scholarship. The Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund will benefit undergraduate single parents who need financial support and would otherwise not be able to attend college. Last fall, English Professor Norm Peercy offered to personally match any gift more than \$500.

The scholarship was set up by the Faculty Senate to help with retention at the university. "The Faculty Senate members want to make an impact on student recruitment and retention. We see many undergraduate students who struggle to stay in school because they are single parents, yet still aspire to be great models for their children of lifelong learners and educated parents. We put this scholarship together to support those individuals who maintain both family and scholarly aspirations for their future, as well as their children's," said Francie Murry, professor of special education.

Anyone is welcome to make donations by visiting the Team UNC website at <https://uncalumni.merchantsecure.com/Foundation/WaysToGive/StaffGiftForm.asp>.

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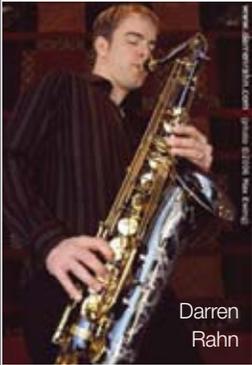
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## UNC Alumnus Performs at Presidential Inauguration



Darren Rahn

Saxophonist and UNC alumni Darren Rahn performed at *A Time for Hope*, the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Jazz Gala at the Carlyle Club in Alexandria, Va., on January

20. A master's level jazz graduate from UNC, Canadian-born saxophonist Rahn

has already achieved more than most musicians dream possible. At the age of 36, as a producer, the list of Billboard credits to his name are many and include the likes of Wayman Tisdale, Eric Darius, Tim Bowman and Dave Koz's recent No. 1 smash hit "Life in the Fast Lane." Rahn began working behind the scenes in the mid-'90s producing and programming tracks for other artists. It was his work with Wayman Tisdale in 2004 on the No. 1 single, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now," that would bring Rahn to the forefront of the music industry. Currently, Rahn has had three consecutive No. 1 hits on the monitored R&R Smooth Jazz Chart as a producer. Additionally, he will be releasing his new CD, "Talk of the Town," in early spring of 2009.



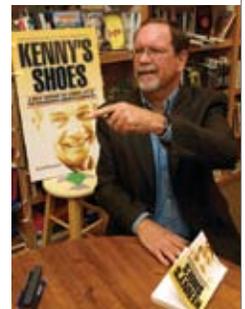
Laurence Curry

## UNC Alumnus Returns for Spring Theatre Production

UNC theatre graduate Laurence Curry will be a guest artist in the university's spring production of "Holes." Curry has been working professionally as an actor, dancer, martial artist and choreographer over the past 15 years. Curry has a bachelor's degree from UNC in theatre with a minor in dance. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and Actors Equity. Curry's movie credits include *Asteroid*, *Strange Land* and *Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead*.

## UNC Grad Brings Monfort Story to Life

Walt Barnhart recently published *Kenny's Shoes: A Walk Through the Storied Life of the Remarkable Kenneth W. Monfort*. After suggesting to Dick Monfort, one of Kenny's sons, that a book about his father should be written,



he took to the idea. Ironically, Dick had been in discussion with the Monfort School of Business who said they needed something to let new students know who Kenny was and what he meant to the school. Barnhart, who worked for Monfort of Colorado from 1974–1980, now lives in Littleton, where he is a freelance writer and communications consultant with extensive experience in the meat and livestock industries.

### ALUMNI

## Leaving Their Mark



Through photos, phone calls, round-robin letters, emails and summer reunions in the Midwest and in California, a group of alumni from the '60s and '70s have kept their friendships intact. In August, they gathered for a week in Lake Tahoe to reminisce, laugh, look at old photos, take new ones and reflect on that special time which began in 1966 at Colorado State College. Pictured: (front row L-R) Jack (MA-69) and Shirley Micetich, Coal City, Ill.; Tom (MA-68) and Carmen Henderson, Stillwater, Minn.; Kathy Fox, widow of Leon Fox (MA-68), Perry, Iowa; and Joanne Loynachan, Flagstaff, Ariz.; (back row L-R) Bob Van Galder (EdD-70), Fresno, Calif.; Gene Baum (MA-70), Lake Carroll, Ill.; Joyce and Neal (MA-69) Johnson, Wahpeton, N.D.; Jerry Loynachan (MA-69), Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Nancy Van Galder, Fresno, Calif.

# Coming Full Circle

Carlotta LaNier '68 paved her own way with a strong education and pioneering spirit

Carlotta LaNier received her bachelor's degree in 1968 from the University of Northern Colorado, but her journey in education began to take shape on Sept. 4, 1957, during the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, when she and eight other African American students attempted to integrate Little Rock (Ark.) Central High School. They would become known as the Little Rock Nine.

At the time, the high school was segregated, and the idea of African American students alongside white students was unacceptable for many. LaNier may not have known it then, but her fearlessness at age 14 and that of the other eight students helped transform schools into what they are today. LaNier made a name for herself in history books.

Despite the great strides LaNier and the other members of the Little Rock Nine made, racial inequality still affected much of LaNier's life. She was told throughout her childhood that she could be anything she wanted to be if she received a good education, worked hard and was competitive. She believed this to be true, despite the obstacles.

"I believe that education transforms lives and that the University of Northern Colorado is at the forefront in educating leaders," she said.

But still, many African Americans found themselves being passed over, while those



they trained were being promoted. LaNier said she became cynical and realized she must play the game within "their" rules to achieve.

Carlotta LaNier decided some years ago she would not live to see the day when an African American would call the White House home. Perhaps her two children would have the opportunity, but LaNier always thought, "not me."

With her persistence, in spite of those who had told her otherwise, LaNier began her college education at Michigan State University, but later transferred to UNC. She chose Northern Colorado for its high credentials in education instruction. Her time at UNC was not that typical, because she drove to school from Denver every day. LaNier saw her goal as completing college then getting a well-paying job.

After graduating, LaNier worked for the Denver Young Women's Christian Association as a program administrator for teenagers. Later, she opened her own real estate firm, served on the UNC

Board of Trustees, and led the Little Rock Nine Foundation. The Foundation is a scholarship organization formed by the original Little Rock Nine whose goal is to financially aid and assure, "that our youth, especially children of color, are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to become future leaders." She has been honored by the NAACP with the Spingarn Award. She also received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award, which was presented to her by President Bill Clinton.

LaNier accomplished most of this during a time when she was not considered an equal by some fellow Americans. With the election of Barack Obama, LaNier said she believes the future will be different.

LaNier said she now sees life coming full circle—"Get an education and no one can take that away from you. Work hard, be persistent, be committed, and you will achieve." She believes President Barack Obama has proved this with his impeccable credentials at Columbia and Harvard and in his professional life.

"I think doors are opened for all people with his election," she said. "It states that if this is finally happening in our country, all things are possible, just as I learned as a child."

Despite Obama's great achievement, she still believes an African American may have to work three times as hard and be twice as good but, she said, "I'll take it anyway I can."

Despite LaNier's belief that we are still not where we need to be with equality, she may now be able to say that her efforts were not in vain and that her years at UNC helped pave the way. **NV**

## ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

**Name:** Carlotta LaNier

**Professional Roles:** Denver real estate broker, UNC Board of Trustees, president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation

**Hometown:** Little Rock, Ark.

**Current residence:** Denver

# NOTES class

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## 1950s

**Chancha Suvannathat** (EdD-59), Bangkok, Thailand, is a retired professor and director at the Behavioral Science Research Institute at Srinakarinwirot University in Bangkok.

## 1960s

**Richard Shine** (BA-60, MA-61), Greenville, N.C., retired as professor emeritus from East Carolina University. Richard donates the use of his family farm in Salida, to Colorado Farm To Table, a local nonprofit organization that raises produce for food banks and charities throughout Colorado.

**John (Jack) Braly** (BA-63), Parker, is CEO of AAI Acquisition, with its headquarters at Centennial Airport. Jack worked for Martin Marietta for eight years, was president of Beech Aircraft for 15 years and retired in 2002 as president of Sino Swearingen Aircraft in San Antonio. He returned to Colorado as a consultant for Adam Aircraft, which was purchased by AAI in April.

**Thomas Freeman** (MA-63), Fargo, N.D., retired after 40 years with North Dakota State University where he was director of the Electron Microscopy Center in the Northern Crops Science

Laboratory. The lab conducts highly diversified research, studying plant life, animals and insects, to polymers, coatings and new nanotechnology advancements.

**James Cantrell** (MA-65), Bardstown, Ky., won the first place award in the Maker's Mark Artwork Exhibit. His works "Maker's 'Round the World," "Maker's Mark of a Good Time," "Waltzing My Maker's Back Home" and "White Glove Treatment" will be exhibited in London, Seattle, Louisville, Ky. and Lexington, Ky. Jim received UNC's Creative Achievement Honored Alumni Award in 2000.

**Mac Bernd** (BA-67), Arlington, Tex., has worked in public education for 35 years. After retiring as superintendent of Arlington schools, Mac is now attending law school at Texas Wesleyan University. He collects cars and motorcycles and dotes on BoBo, his loving Lhasa Apso.

**Frank P. King** (MA-67), Las Vegas, authored *The Comprehensive Chronicle of World History*, which was published in 2002. A useful source for general readers and students, it is available in four volumes, as a PDF, at [www.romanconcrete.com](http://www.romanconcrete.com).

**Dianna Ruppe** (BSN-67), Greeley, retired from nursing after 46 years at North Colorado Medical Center. During her career, she served in the intensive care unit



**Lynn Settje** (MA-63, PhD-69), Greeley, retired in October as CEO of the Greeley Stampede. Since becoming involved with the Greeley Stampede as an elected board member in 1990, he has helped the Stampede become one of Colorado's premier events. Lynn developed the Stampede's sponsorship program, the televised Independence Day parade and the marketing department, and was the driving force behind major capital improvements to Island Grove Regional Park.



If you are looking for a story that will bring back memories, challenge you in any life situation and educate you to an interesting professional life, you must read *Mrs. Steffy, Our Mother The Mortician*. And if you are a member of one of the many book clubs across America, you will have one of the most stimulating discussions your club has experienced after reading this nonfiction, true life autobiography. The author, **Doris C. Steffy**, taught physical education at the University of Northern Colorado Laboratory School from 1950 to 1963 and was a member of the UNC

faculty until her retirement in 1981. She has written this narrative of her mother raising their family of four children in the funeral home after the early death of her husband. Based on obituaries and remembrances, this story takes place in Montezuma, Iowa from the mid 1930's to 1948. It is a heartwarming story of love, courage, adventure and compassion.

and as an ostomy nurse, and taught classes and conducted fairs about diabetes education, smoking cessation and cardiac awareness. Dianna's retirement plans include taking a cruise, learning how to make jewelry and helping her sister with a business venture.

**Donald Stabler** (BA-67), Highland, Calif., spent the past 41 years as a teacher, principal and district administrator in California. He currently serves as deputy superintendent of administrative services for the Torrance Unified School District. Donald and his wife, Susan, have been married for 38 years.

**Carol Mutter** (BA-67, LHD-97), Brownsburg, Ind., spoke at the Republican National Convention in August in St. Paul, Minn. Lt. Gen. Mutter, now retired, received UNC's Honored Alumni Trailblazer Award in 1992 and was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2004.

**Katherine (Berg) Brandiger** (BA-68), Rapid City, S.D., retired from Rapid City area

schools in 2002 after 23 years of teaching. She received the RCAS Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award in 2000. She enjoys writing and painting. Katherine and her husband of 40 years also like to hike, prospect for gold, volunteer and travel with friends and family. At their winter home in Maui, they regularly kayak, scuba dive and fish.

## 1970s

**Tena Hilton** (BA-70), Snohomish, Wash., retired from teaching elementary school in the Snohomish School District.

**Hilree Hamilton** (BA-71), St. Paul, Minn., teaches music education methods courses at University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Hilree earned her master's degree and PhD from the University of Minnesota, and has taught elementary and middle school classroom and choral music for 25 years in Kansas and Minnesota. She has presented workshops and conference sessions throughout the United States.

# NOTES class

**Kay Kennedy** (MA-71), Safety Harbor, Fla., is retired.

**Beverly Paillette** (BA-71), Summer, Wash., retired from Franklin Pierce School District after 35 years of teaching and is now a part-time math instructor at Pierce College.

**Stephen Barry** (BS-72), Davidson, Md., received the 2008 Maryland Educator of the Year award by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Stephen is the coordinator of environmental/outdoor education at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville and has been an educator in the Anne Arundel County Public School system for 35 years.



**Mark Danielson** (BA-74), Thornton, is an MD-11 captain for FedEx. He has flown for FedEx since his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1995. In September, he released his third reality-based suspense novel, *Diablo's Shadow*, which was inspired by an actual missing child case in Colorado. He has published nonfiction articles in periodicals since 1977 and began writing his first two novels, *Danger Within* and *The Innocent Never Knew*, during his Navy service.

**Linda Schrock-Taylor** (BA-72), Tustin, Mich., retired after 35 years of teaching. She is currently a columnist for [www.lewrockwell.com](http://www.lewrockwell.com).

**Jerome Downing** (EdD-73), Colorado Springs, is a retired U.S. Navy captain and professor Emeritus from Metro State College. He is currently in private practice in psychology.

**Russell Ward** (BA-73, MA-79), Greeley, was named business and general education adjunct at the Greeley location of the Institute of Business and Medical Careers. The former department chair and English professor at Aims Community College, Russ also taught at Trinidad State Junior College, Otero Junior College and Rocky Ford High School.

**Robert Sachs** (BA-74, MA-81), Wiggins, was appointed to serve on the Morgan Community College Advisory Council. A professional educator and administrator from 1975-2004, Robert was a teacher and coach at Stratton High School and retired after serving 17 years as principal at Wiggins Junior/Senior High School.

**C. Paul Vincent** (MA-74), Keene, N.H., received the 2008 Distinguished Teacher Award from the Keene State College Alumni Association.

**George Autobee** (MA-76), Pueblo, is a consultant and works with the American GI Forum as a coordinator for events. He and his wife, Roni, have been married for 27 years. George enjoys travel and recently returned from a trip to China.

**Donald Bailey** (DA-76), Woodway, Tex., retired after 41 years of university teaching. Most recently Donald was director of choral activities and Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Music at Baylor University in Waco. He received the Texas Choirmasters Award from the Texas Choral Directors Association, which has only been awarded 10 times in TCDA's 53-year history. Donald also received UNC's Honored Alumni Award in 2000.

**Chris Brown** (BA-76), Kremmling, coaches football and track at West Grand High School. In the summer of 2008, he was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, as its

youngest inductee. He is married to **Cheryl (Cook)** (BA-74).

**Nancy Shockley** (BA-76), Las Cruces, N.M., is a part-time instructor and administrator for the history department at New Mexico State University and the Dona Ana Community College. She recently traveled to Ireland and Scotland, and has plans to return there in 2010.

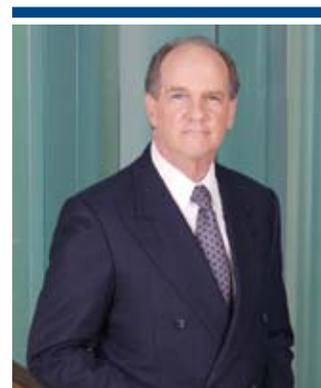
**Vicki Petts** (BS-77), Windsor, joined the nursing staff at Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurse Association with offices in Greeley and Fort Collins. She specializes in cardiac care and assessment, serving patients in Weld and Larimer Counties.

**Marilyn Stone** (BS-77), Loveland, owns Porter Industries Inc., with her husband, Bob.

**Leslie Szuch** (MA-77), Marion, Ohio, is OPS supervisor for DHL Solutions Inc.

**Michael Ahrens** (MA-78, PSY-86), Marion, Ill., is a psychologist for the United States Penitentiary in Marion.

**Marilee Boe** (BA-78, MA-82), Centennial, is a certified EMDR therapist in psychotherapy practice in the Denver Tech Center, where she specializes in treating individuals with bipolar disorder, teaches dialectical behavioral therapy skills in individual and group therapy formats and supervises students towards licensure. Marilee enjoys dancing (Argentine Tango), has competed in three sprint distance triathlons and traveled to Greece in the summer of 2007. Marilee has a 13-year old son.



**Gerald Glennon** (BS-75), Honolulu, was promoted to the position of general manager of the Halekulani Corporation, which owns and manages the Halekulani and Waikiki Park Hotels on Oahu. During Gerald's seven years at Halekulani, he shepherded the property through a major renovation and developed many service and amenity enhancements. Prior to joining Halekulani, he worked for Sofitel in Miami and San Francisco, Westin Hotels and Amfac Hotels and Resorts.

**Mark Schroeder** (EdD-78), Shippensburg, Pa., retired as professor of computer science at Shippensburg University.

**Stan Urban** (BS-78), Clark, lives in northwest Colorado and works with his wife. Their two children are in the medical field—with a daughter at Children's Hospital in Denver and a son having served a tour of duty in Iraq as a combat medic.

**Stephen Becker** (BA-79), San Diego, is a project manager at Kaiser Permanente.



**Mark Macy** (BA-77), Louisville, has written and published *The Project: the past, present, and future of humanity*. The book encapsulates knowledge he gathered by working with people on world affairs and through his collaboration with others on technical spirit communication.

**Mary Jo Drew** (BA-79), Portland, Ore., has joined the American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region as chief medical officer, where she oversees the medical aspects of donor collections, blood component production and hospital clinic services. She also serves as medical liaison for over 80 hospitals in Oregon and Washington who obtain blood components from the Red Cross, and is active in physician and medical technologist education in blood services. Mary Jo was the division head of Transfusion Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for 11 years.

**Judy (Brown) Swanson** (BA-79), Littleton, teaches kindergarten at Douglas County Schools.

## 1980s

**Rhonda Jensen** (BS-80), Fort Collins, has worked as an outside advertising sales representative for 13 years for the Coloradoan newspaper, where she has been the Salesperson of the Year three times and was nominated once for Gannett Salesperson of the

Year. She enjoys gardening, running, working out, traveling and her pets.

**Priscilla (Guilmain) Senner** (MA-81), Indian Hills, advised the anthropology department at Red Rocks Community College to field archaeology at John Mansville for the first time, and is still being done today.

**Kaye (Monfort) Ward** (BS-80), Windsor, was honored with the first Legend of the West award at the 2008 Cattle Baron's Ball in September. The annual event benefits the American Cancer Society's community and nationwide efforts in funding new cancer treatment, technology and research. Kay was recognized for her accomplishments and personal efforts to the ACS through the Cattle Barons Ball and for her significant contributions to the mission and success of the organization.

**Teresa Greisch** (BA-82), Albuquerque, earned a Juris Doctorate at the University of Wyoming College of Law in 2006.

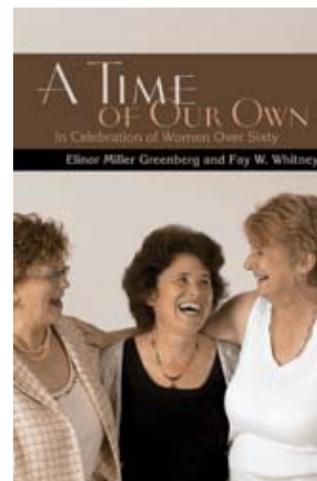


**Iris Fanning** (MA-80), Albuquerque, has served in the Albuquerque Public Schools for 25 years as school counselor for grades K-12 and a family counselor for seven, K-12 schools. Iris owns Fanning Success Systems, a full-service coaching business that provides group and individual coaching, tele-classes and newsletters. She is author of two books, *Change Your Life Right Now* and *Do What You Love and Get Rich*. Her international web-based radio show on Quiet Time World Radio, "The Iris Fanning Show," focuses on growth psychology, spirituality, mind-body connection, life balance, business success and more. Iris' husband, Ken, is a financial advisor. Their son recently graduated from San Diego State University.

**Kay Benjamin** (BA-81), Norwich, N.Y., was promoted to associate librarian at State University College at Oneonta. Kay began working at the college's Milne Library in 1990 as assistant librarian specializing in government documents, reference and instruction, electronic services and distance learning.

**Janna Oakes** (BA-83, MA-94), Littleton, is the dean of Arapahoe Community College's School of Communications, Humanities and Specialized Programs. Janna previously served as ACC's interim dean of Business and Professional Services, and has administrative teaching experiences at Colorado Christian University and the University of Denver.

**David Sanford** (BM-85), Northampton, Mass., is associate professor of music at Mt. Holyoke



**Elinor Greenberg** (EdD-81), Centennial, has authored or edited nine books and numerous articles and pamphlets. Her most recent book, *A Time of Our Own*, co-authored with Fay Wadsworth Whitney, speaks to a generation of contemporary women who are redefining and reinventing the third and final chapter of their lives. The book was number three on the local best sellers list in September. Ellie retired from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center as regional coordinator of the Mountain and Plains Partnership.

College. David's composition "Monongahela 1971" was commissioned to commemorate Pittsburgh's 250th birthday and performed by the River City Brass Band in September. His works have also been performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, the Cabrillo Festival Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Chamber Players and the Chamber Society of Lincoln Center.

**Jay Tapia** (BS-88, MA-00), Greeley, was hired as the first principal of a new middle school in Severance (Colorado), which is set to open in fall 2009. He previously served as assistant principal and athletic director at Windsor Middle School and John Evans Middle School, and was a teacher in the Greeley and Wiggins School Districts.



**Deloris (Dee) Warnecke** (MA-79), Denver, **Jane Bloom** (BA-76, MA-79), Englewood, and **Pam (Yoder) Cochran** (MA-79), Arvada, celebrated 30 years of friendship at the Crestone, CO., home of **Judy Gilbert**, former advisor to MA students. The women have remained friends and met once a year over the past 30 years, supporting each other through marriages, divorces, births, relationships and deaths.



**Kathleen (Dockstader) Hady** (BS-86), El Paso, Tex., teaches math at Franklin High School, where she was named Secondary Teacher of the Year. Kathleen is in her 20<sup>th</sup> year of teaching.

**William Krueger** (BS-89), Gig Harbor, Wash., earned a master's of science degree in human resource management at Chapman University in 1997 and completed Air War College through the United States Air Force in 2008.

**Stephen Smith** (MS-89), Houston, is vice president/general manager of research and personalized science services at US Oncology Inc., overseeing the US Oncology Research Network, which provides services to oncology practices and sites throughout the United States.

## 1990s

**Michelle (Patton) Buchanan** (BAE-91), Grant, Neb., is a stay-at-home mom with her three sons. She previously taught seventh and eighth grade mathematics for eight years in the Omaha area and worked in the private industry for three years.

**Kristy Nelson** (BA-91), Edgewood, N.M., earned a National Board for Professional Teaching license in November 2007 and teaches high school English in Moriarty, N.M.

**Kim Clarke** (MA-93), Atlanta, works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia in the cost

containment and overpayment avoidance department. A member of the U.S. national women's handball team for 14 years, she has competed in more than 210 international matches including the Olympic Games, the Goodwill Games and the World Championships.

**Kurt Jones** (BS-94), Thornton, is a managing director for Charles Schwab.

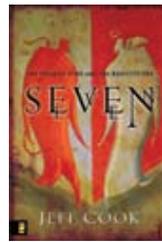
**David Ashe** (MS-95), Chattanooga, Tenn., is a visiting lecturer in mathematics at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. David is a former captain in the U.S. Air Force and instructed at the Air Force Academy for four years.



**Scott Helman** (BA-96), Evans, was on the November ballot for State House of Representatives in District 50 as a Republican candidate. Scott and his wife, **Julie (Wyatt)** (BA-94), celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2008.

**James Reiner II** (BA-96), Littleton, teaches fifth grade and is the science curriculum committee chairperson in the Littleton School District. He started an online program for Colorado homeschoolers and received Denver's 9News KUSA TV's, "9Teachers Who Care Award" in October 2007.

**Christen (Carney) Reiner** (BA-96), is a stay-at-home mom and PTO president at their son's elementary school, where she helped raise over \$20,000 for the school by chairing the silent auction for the past two years. The Reiners have a son and daughter.



**Jeff Cook** (BA-99), Greeley, released his first book, *Seven*, in September. The book is paired with a new album composed by Tim Coons (BME-01). Jeff and Tim have created a concert for their combined effort with show dates in winter and spring 2009. Jeff serves as a teaching pastor at Atlas Church and teaches philosophy part time at UNC. He and his wife **Kelly (Langley)** (BA-00) have two sons.

**Jason Kerekes** (BS-97), Colorado Springs, earned a master's degree in management with emphasis on information technology in 2001 at Colorado Tech University in Colorado Springs and a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 2005 at the University of Phoenix, Colorado Springs.

**Thomas Lux** (BA-97), Denver, earned a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Denver in 2005. He is an accredited, registered professional archeologist and serves as the president of a registered non-profit organization.

**Todd Ramirez** (MA-97), Littleton, is a counselor for first generation college students at the Community College of Denver. In April he married Agnieszka Ziolkowska in Poland and they honeymooned in Croatia.

**Kurt Hinkle** (BA-98), Windsor, is the general manager of UNC's campus newspaper, *The Mirror*.

**Genie Boyd** (BS-99), Richmond, Va., is a high school special education teacher, after spending eight years in Australia. She is working on two master's degrees—one from Radford University in special education and one from Auburn University in rehabilitation counseling.

**Jeffrey Herro** (BA-99), Gilbert, Ariz., works for the United States Government as a border patrol agent.

**Trevor Waagner** (BA-99), Peoria, Ariz., teaches sixth grade social studies at Paseo Hills K-8 Elementary School in Phoenix. Trevor announced the birth of

his daughter, Teya Jean Marie, who arrived two months early.

## 2000s

**Patrick Buckley** (MA-00), Grand Junction, is principal of Chipeta Elementary School in Mesa County School District 51. Patrick taught school for one year at Rockcliff Elementary (Loveland) and for 10 years with the Department of Defense, traveling to Germany, South Korea and Japan.

**Jenny Fellner** (BA-00), Forest Hills, N.Y., has been cast in one of the leading roles in the Roundabout Theatre Company's revival of the classic musical, "Pal Joey." The Roundabout is the largest nonprofit LORT theatre in New York City. The show will feature Stockard Channing, Christian Hoff and Martha Plimpton.

**Tony Gezzi** (BME-00), Fort Collins, is director of bands and choirs at Cache La Poudre Junior High School. Tony also teaches a six-week beginner, summer music program through the school district and plays in several local jazz bands.

**Michelle Mansheim** (MA-00), Grand Junction, is principal at Clifton Elementary School in Mesa County School District 51. Michelle taught school at DeBeque and Fruitvale Elementary Schools and was assistant principal for one year at Thunder Mountain Elementary.

**Travis Brower** (BA-01), Chesapeake, Va., is the Hartford Wolf Pack hockey team's merchandising coordinator.

**Amy Grace** (BA-02), Brighton, is the volleyball coach at Prairie View High School (Brighton), after coaching at Loveland and administering the Midway Volleyball Club program for four years.

**Cynthia Strock** (MPH-02), Superior, works at Array Biopharma, a biotech company in Boulder. She earned a PhD in clinical science from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2007. Cynthia is married to James Venendaal.

**Kristen Karbs** (BA-03) and **Mark Whitney** (BA-03), Denver, were married in May. Kristen is a child and family therapist and Mark is working towards a master's degree at Denver Seminary.

**Michelle Shewmake** (BA-03), Englewood, earned a master's degree in human services with an emphasis in criminal justice from Capella University in July. Michelle works for Douglas County Pretrial Services as a community justice services officer.

**Allie Steg** (BA-03), Greeley, married Chris Haskett in July. Allie is the director of corporate and foundation relations at the UNC Foundation.

**Luke Micono** (BA-04), South Korea, is an English service editor and anchor at KBS World Radio, Korea's sole foreign language promotional broadcast for the world. Luke worked in Incheon as an English language instructor prior to joining KBS.

**Tara Forbes** (BS-04) and **Case Welch** (BS-05), Eagle, were married in June. Tara is working on her Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and Case is a real estate agent in Beaver Creek.

**Andrea Suarez** (BS-04), Denver, is enrolled in the MDPHD program at the University of Colorado Denver Health

Sciences center and has completed the first two years of medical school. Andrea is working on her doctoral thesis on the persistence of a mouse gamma herpes virus in endothelial cells.

**Breann Westmore** (BS-05), Mesa, Ariz., works for the Center for Disease Control at the Arizona Department of Education as a physical education nutrition and tobacco coordinator.

**Lauren Greenfield** (BA-06), Greeley, is the Roosevelt (Milliken-Johnstown) High School girls' softball coach.

**Geoffrey Hagerman** (BS-06), Arvada, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

**Justin McMillan** (MA-06), Henderson, was named principal of John W. Thimmig Elementary School in Henderson. Justin served as assistant principal at Thimmig after spending a year as athletic administrator/assistant principal at Valley High School in Gilcrest. He received the Mad About Science award and was featured on Denver's 9News KUSA TV when he taught seventh and eighth grade science at School District 27J.

**Christopher Roth** (BS-06), Washington, D.C., works for the Investment Company Institute. ICI members manage assets of \$12.3 trillion and serve almost 90 million shareholders, while encouraging high ethical standards, promoting public understanding and advancing the interests of their shareholders, directors and advisors.

**Mariah Thornton** (BS-06) and **Colby Lash** (MS-05), Marquette, Mich., were married in June. Mariah and Colby are athletic trainers.

**Brent Symons** (BS-07), Canon City, is an assistant football coach at Adams State College, where he coaches the running

backs. Brent served three seasons as assistant coach at Colorado School of Mines.

**Sean Teets** (DA-07), Bucyrus, Ohio, is an assistant professor and director of choral activities at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La.

**Loryn Cesario** (BA-08) and **Gabriel Guerrero** (BA-08), Eugene, Ore., were married in July.

**Macleish Day** (BA-08), Boulder, has been selected to play the lead role, Will Stiles, in the motion picture production, "The Highwayman." Macleish has had roles in a number of theatrical productions with the CU Opera Company, Little Theatre of the Rockies, the Greeley Community Theatre and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. He was a featured dancer in "An Air Force Christmas" for PBS and has done television commercials for the Colorado Lottery.

**Brandon Jansson** (BS-08), Evans, owns Brandon's Mobile Lube Plus, the first business in Greeley to perform automobile oil changes, tune ups and light repair work at the car owner's home or workplace. Brandon had previous experience in the automotive care industry and based his business, which he started in July, on a business plan developed in an entrepreneurship class at UNC.

**Stefani Nemmers** (BA-08), Lakewood, was promoted to Navy Seaman upon graduation from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. She received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle.

**Chandal Wohlfahrt** (MA-08), Platteville, married Daniel Bass in July. Chandal is a special education teacher at Shawsheen Elementary School in Greeley.



**Megan Thompson** (BA-03), Dalhart, Tex., is the family and consumer science agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dallam and Hartley counties. Before moving to Texas, Megan worked in several management and child development operations in Colorado.

## University of Northern Colorado TRAILBLAZER REUNION

You are invited to the fourth Trailblazer Reunion to be held in Greeley from June 19-21, 2009. Come renew friendships, socialize with former and current coaches and professors, and reminisce about special times at UNC.

The UNC Trailblazers is an organization dedicated to strengthening the connections between current and past female athletes and to honor the heritage of women's athletics at UNC. These former female student/athletes' efforts established the foundation upon which women's athletic programs were developed at UNC.

Please spread the word and send email addresses of former teammates to [rosemaryfri@comcast.net](mailto:rosemaryfri@comcast.net).

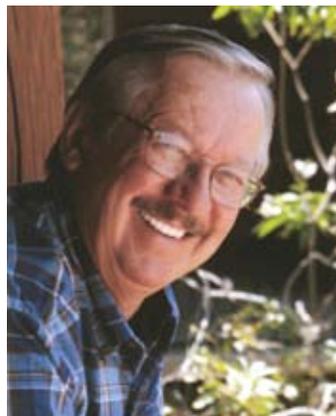
*See you in June!*



## Emeritus Faculty and Friends

**Robert Bischoff**, long-time supporter of the University and former member of the UNC Foundation Board of Directors, passed away in August. During Bob's 40-year career with State Farm Insurance, he was regional vice president for the Mountain States Region for 21 years and was vice president and assistant to the CEO at corporate headquarters. Bob also served on North Colorado Medical Center board and as president of the Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Fay Candelaria**, former Greeley elementary teacher, passed away in June. Fay and her husband, Martin, who was the university's first Latino professor, shepherded many Latino students through college and were instrumental in providing opportunities for Latinos in the community. The west-campus building, Candelaria Hall, contains a mural of the couple with Latinos of the Greeley community.



**James M. Kadlecek** (BA-85), passed away in July. Jim represented Greeley for two terms in the state Senate from 1975-83 and moved to Las Cruces, N.M., in 1996 where he continued his involvement in public policy and ran the economic development office for New Mexico State University. Jim was recipient of UNC's "Friend of UNC" Honored Alumni award in 1982.

### 1930s

Florence (Mathews) Wiant (MS-33)  
 Vernon E. Woodman (BA-34)  
 Helen (McMillen) Braddy (LRC-35, BA-51)  
 Harvey M. Gelder (BA-37)  
 John C. Tegnell (BA-37)  
 Mary Jane Dolphin (BA-39)  
 Vesta (Wood) Foster (BA-39)  
 Lester Kraus (LC-39, BA-49)  
 Mary Golda Ross (MA-39)

### 1940s

F. Morris Johnson (BA-41, MA-43)  
 Jane (Roberts) Pitts (BA-41)  
 Annerose (Schoenhaar) Vittetoe (BA-44)  
 Lester J. Cox (MA-47)  
 Roy P. Wahle (MA-47, EdD-56)  
 Aldine (Basham) Blankenship  
 (BA-48, MA-55)

### 1950s

Max E. Callon (BA-50)  
 Laurelen (Sanborn) Flies (BA-50)  
 Jake Huwa (BA-50, MA-51)  
 Wilber L. Stenson (BA-51, MA-59)  
 Stewart Van Wingerden (MA-51)  
 Irma May King (BA-52)  
 C. Harold Veenker (MA-53)  
 Lucreita (Fulton) Bilderback  
 (BA-54, MA-61)  
 Jerold O. Dugger (MA-54, EdD-63)  
 Robert J. McCabe (MA-54)  
 Kenneth Eckhardt (BA-55, MA-60)  
 Charles Hammill (BA-55, MA-65)  
 Beverly (Brackett) Waggener (MA-55)

Ethelyn (Jones) Potestio (BA-56)  
 Mildred (Dunn) Rudd (BA-56, MA-62)  
 Eileen Stansbury (BA-57)  
 Raymond Binkley (BA-58)  
 Paul Forsberg (BA-58, MA-67)  
 Arnold D. Hayes (BA-58, MA-59)  
 Edward Kusick (BA-58)  
 George Miyashiro (BA-58, MA-59)  
 Royce Robarge (BA-58)  
 James Welch (MS-58)  
 Walter R. Burkett (BA-59, MA-61)  
 Richard Payne (BA-59)  
 John F. Stephens (EdD-59)

### 1960s

Floyd E. Acre (BA-60, MA-62)  
 Kenneth McFerrer (BA-60)  
 Donald E. Wilcox (BA-60)  
 Evelyn C. Franklin (MA-61)  
 Louisa H. Johnson (MA-61)  
 Agnes (Kaguras) Ellis (BA-62)  
 Katherine V. Kinkade (BA-62)  
 Robert G. Preston (MA-62)  
 Carroll A. Childs (EdD-63)  
 John F. Schmelzer (MA-63)  
 John H. Spence (BA-63, MA-91)  
 Pamela R. Duthie (BA-65)  
 Michael K. Eckman (BA-65, MA-66)  
 Louise B. Hayes (MA-65)  
 Ned Van Maanen (BA-65)  
 Mary (Nelson) Veys (BA-65)  
 Donald J. Adler (MA-66)  
 Dean Fleischauer (EdD-67)  
 Steven Hathaway (BA-67)  
 Robert L. Brownlee (PhD-68)

Jerry A. Levad (BA-68)  
 Mary (Van Valkenburg) Livingston  
 (BA-69, MA-71)

### 1970s

Bruce L. Bosworth (MA-70)  
 Janet Brooks-Gerloff (BA-72)  
 Donna (Tuttle) Copley (EdD-72)  
 Grant Johnstone (MA-72)  
 Cynthia (Hapip) Gorton (BA-73)  
 James C. Ousley (EdD-73)  
 Janice (Watkins) Goodner (BS-74)  
 Ellen L. Wolfe (BS-75)  
 Priscilla (Davis) Dingler (BS-76)  
 John J. Henderson (MA-76)  
 Martin Anderson (MA-77)  
 Robert Tatton (MA-77)  
 Stephen M. Arthur (BS-78)  
 Michael E. Workman (MA-78, EdD-82)  
 Billie (Wright) Ware (MA-79)

### 1980s

Shirley B. Heffron (EdS-80)  
 Thomas G. Urig (BA-80)  
 Kathleen D. Heiden (BA-83)  
 Joseph M. Morrison (MA-83)  
 Conni L. Succo (BA-84)  
 Sherry L. Gordon (MM-86)

### 1990s

James H. Spohr (BS-91)

### 2000s

Sonja K. Waller (MA-05)

## Reverse Raffle 2008

Three hundred alumni and friends attended UNC Athletics 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverse Raffle Dinner on October 23. Nearly \$79,000 was raised from the raffle tickets and income from the silent and live auctions. Jim Porth and Jack Maughan were the masters of ceremony and the coaches pulled raffle tickets throughout the evening until there were five final tickets. These five remaining ticketholders—Travis Gillmore, Ed and Renee Holloway, Jim and Janet Listen, Mitch and Jen Trimble and Mike and Jill Trotter—were called to the stage and decided not to continue until the final ticket was pulled; instead they chose to split the winnings. Plus each returned \$1,000 to Northern Colorado Athletics! Proceeds from the event support scholarships for UNC student-athletes.



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# OF EVENTS calendar

## February

**27** **UNC Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner/Inductions**  
*UC Ballrooms, 5 pm cocktails, 6 pm dinner*

## March

**2** **Blue and Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago in Greeley, Noon, \$9*

**6** **Business Plus Lunch with Scott Scheirman '85  
EVP/CFO, Western Union Financial Services**  
*Greeley Country Club, 11:30 am, \$20 includes lunch*

**6** **Wrestling Reception**  
*Old Chicago, Greeley, 6 pm*

**13** **Alumni & Friends Golf Getaway  
Featuring Vincent Jackson**  
*Tucson, AZ, Arizona National Golf Course, Noon*

**13** **Alumi and Friends Social**  
*Dale & Julie Butcher's home in Tucson  
meet Vincent Jackson and family, 6 pm*

**14** **Colorado Rockies Spring Training Game  
vs. Seattle Mariners**  
*Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, AZ, Time TBD*

**26-27** **Teacher Employment Days**  
*Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion  
8 am-5 pm Thurs., 8 am-Noon Fri.*

**26** **Teacher Employment Days Alumni Reception**  
*Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion, 5-7 pm*

## April

**3** **Cumbres Fiesta**  
*Summit Conference & Event Center,  
411 Sable Blvd., Aurora, \$80 or \$150 per couple*

**4** **Tom Benich Track & Field Classic**  
*Nottingham Field, Greeley, 10 am-5 pm*

**4** **Alumni and Friends Track & Field Social**  
*The Rio, Greeley, 6 pm, \$15 for buffet dinner,  
Cash bar for drinks*

## April

**4** **Hawaiian Club Luau**  
*UC Ballrooms, 6 pm, \$22, \$17 UNC students  
and staff w/ valid ID, Hula starts at 7 pm*

**4** **UNC Bears Baseball Alumni Event**  
*Jackson Sports Pavilion, Time TBD*

**6** **Blue and Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago in Greeley, Noon, \$9*

**10** **Alumni & Friends Pregame Lunch**  
*Wynkoop Brewery, Denver, 11 am  
Rockies Opening Day Game 2 pm*

**11** **UNC Bears Football**  
*Littleton, CO*

**18** **Inaugural Women's Walk for Athletics**  
*Nottingham Field, 8:30 am registration, 10 am walk*

**24** **Alumni Night at Jazz Festival**  
*Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, 6:30 pm*

## May

**1** **Monfort College of Business 40th Anniversary**  
*Ritz-Carlton, Denver, 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner*

**4** **Senior Send-off Barbecue**  
*Judy Farr Alumni Center, 5 pm*

**8** **Graduate Commencement**  
*Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion, 7 pm*

**9** **Undergraduate Commencement**  
*Nottingham Field, 10 am*

**14** **UNC Black Alumni Gathering**  
*Cableland Home, Denver, see website for details*

**16** **Return to Prominence Baseball Dinner  
and Fundraiser**  
*Denver Merchandise Mart, Time TBD*

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### July 2-6, 2009—Class of '74, MA Class in Education of Visually Handicapped Reunion, YMCA Camp, Estes Park, Col.

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### October 9-11, 2009—Class of '59, 50-Year Reunion

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