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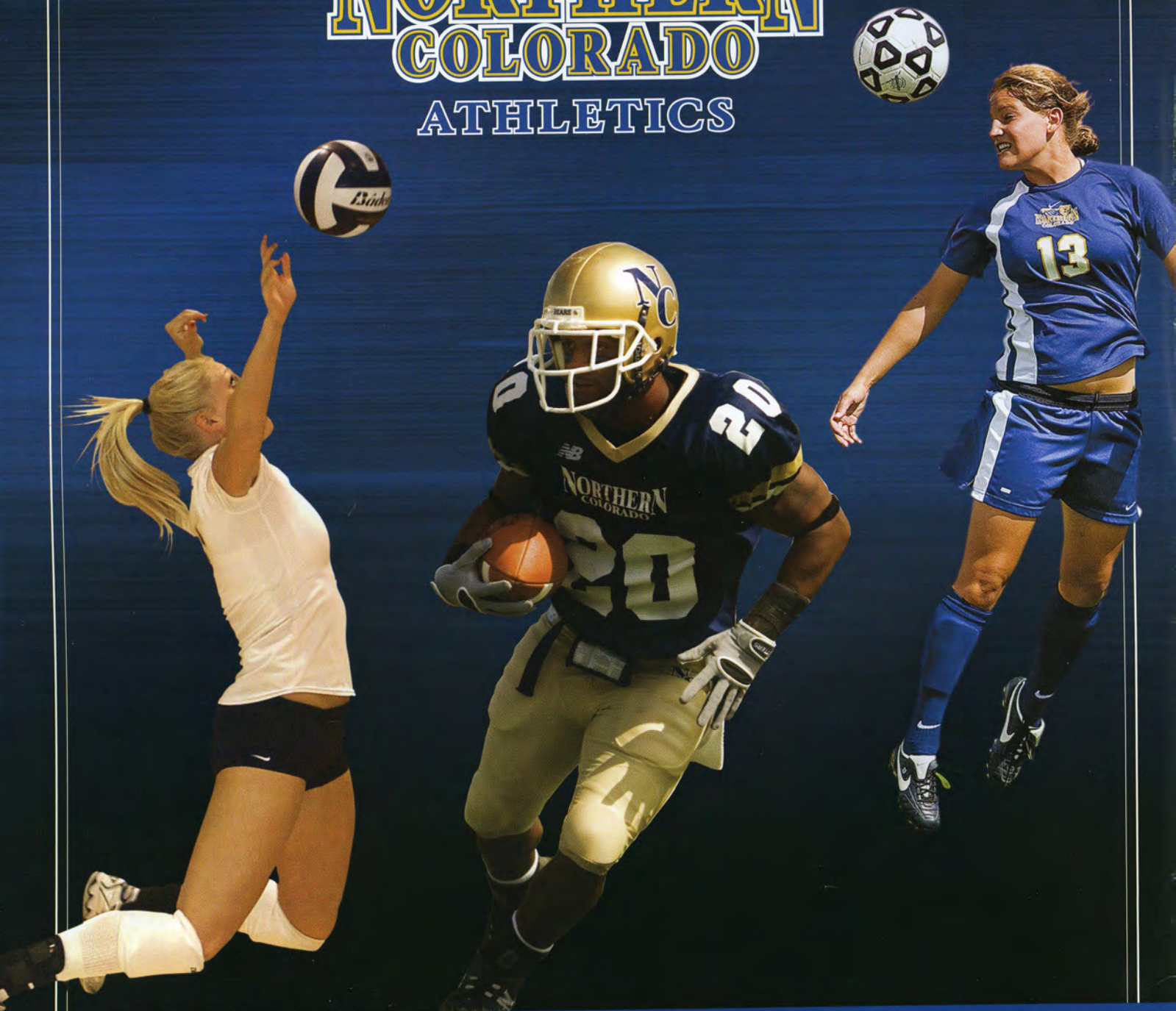


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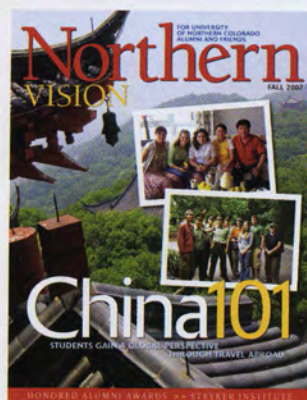
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Thank You for Greek Life

AS I READ the "Greek Life" article in the spring 2007 issue of *Northern Vision*, I heard my inner voice saying "well done and it's about time." Thank you. Too often fraternities and sororities are thrown under the bus as bastions for drinking and bad behavior. By taking a moment (as the author did) to look deeper into the value they offer and to discover the very essence of their existence, a positive image is portrayed. I know from my walk in life how invaluable, meaningful and enriching my Greek affiliation has been to me. The lessons learned and friendships gained, not only during my days as a Sigma Chi brother at UNC, but in my professional life and travels all over the world, are multiplied tenfold because of my membership in a fraternity. While meeting someone who graduated from UNC is great, it does not compare with the immediate bond you share with a "brother" of your fraternity—more times than not it's someone who attended a different college and may be years older or younger, but notwithstanding you share a lifelong bond. Again, many thanks for recognizing Greek Life at UNC. Upon reflection, today's youth seem to contend with far more concerns and fears than my generation. I found college to be a sanctuary from "real life" troubles. In light of the Virginia Tech tragedy, exploring life as a Greek may give today's co-eds some inner peace, additional pillars for their character development and a rock to lean on.

Steven Palmer '90
Evergreen, Colo.

More History and Poly Sci!

I GRADUATED WITH A BA in political science in December 2001 and I missed in history. But since I have graduated, I have yet to see a single feature in your publication on either department. This is very disappointing, as there are many outstanding professors in both departments. I would really like to see more coverage, if you will, of both in future issues of *Northern Vision*.

David Halligan '01
Centennial, Colo.

PhD Coverage

WHILE I DO NOT HAVE an undergraduate degree from UNC, I am indeed proud of the doctoral education I received and the degree granted in fall 1972. I always look for information relative to those students who went through the program with me and/or about professors we had the privilege to study with; however, your Class Notes always seems rather skimpy in this area. Perhaps many PhD alumni do not know how to offer information, or perhaps, your office does not solicit news when asking for these alumni contributions annually. It would seem to me that annual giving would, in some part, be a direct linear relationship to the amount of interest the university shows in its graduates—something to consider. [See David's own contribution to this issue's Class Notes section.]

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

MONTFORT COLLEGE

Monfort College Announces Interim Dean

THE MONTFORT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS has appointed Timothy Jares as the college's interim dean. Jares began the one-year appointment on July 1, upon the departure of Joe Alexander, who accepted a position as associate dean and senior professor of performance excellence at the Jack C. Massey Graduate School of Business at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

"Dr. Jares has served the Monfort College of Business very well over the past five



years as assistant then associate dean," said former Provost Allen Huang. "He played a leadership role in managing the processes and application procedures that made the Monfort College of Business the first and only busi-

ness college to earn the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2004. He enjoys broad support from the faculty and staff and will help build on the tradition of excellence established at the Monfort College of Business over the past two decades."

Jares was recruited to the Monfort College of Business in 2001 as an assistant professor of finance. He was appointed assistant dean in June 2002 and associate dean in August 2005. While in the dean's office, his responsibilities have ranged from managing the budget and supporting curriculum innovation to facilitating campus and community partnerships.

"My primary focus is to ensure the college's AACSB business and accounting accreditations are affirmed as the college enters the accreditation maintenance process next year. I will also continue efforts to enhance community partnerships that will provide practical opportunities for our students, as well as help ease the financial barriers to their attending the university." A national search for a dean will begin while Jares serves as interim dean.

NEW PROGRAM

UNC Launches Nation's First Graduate Certificate in Geography Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, with support from the Colorado Geographic Alliance and the National Geographic Society, will offer the nation's first graduate certificate in Geography Education for K-12 teachers. The 12-credit graduate program, directed by UNC geography professors Phil Klein and James Dunn, launched in June. Participants will spend two weeks exploring the Colorado River along the Western Slope and studying urban and political geography in Grand Junction and the town of Marble. An online course this fall will bring together the summer coursework and connect content to teaching practices. Teachers participating in the program can use the course credit to address federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. The legislation requires 24 credit hours of coursework in geography to be considered "highly qualified" as mandated to teach geography in Colorado. The program will initially involve Colorado teachers. Tuition is being partially underwritten by a special grant from the Colorado Geography Fund. The total cost of the program, which includes lodging and field trips, is \$1,900 a teacher. The geography program is housed in the School of Social Sciences and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at UNC. For more information, visit <http://geography.unco.edu/coga/>.



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FACULTY AND STAFF

FACULTY, STAFF AWARDED DIVERSITY GRANTS

FIFTEEN FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS at the University of Northern Colorado have been awarded grants as part of the university's diversity initiative. Each of the nine projects will receive up to \$5,000 toward research devoted to diversity as it relates to teaching methods, curriculum and student learning outcomes. A variety of topics will be addressed including students with disabilities, sexual orientation, English-language acquisition and literacy, and first-generation college students.

The grant program is part of a campuswide diversity initiative. The ongoing initiative encompasses a number of activities aimed at fostering an inclusive and welcoming campus community. Grant recipients will present their research during Academic Excellence Week in spring 2008.

UNC Celebrates China

THE COLLEGE OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS at the University of Northern Colorado is involved with a wide variety of groups and individuals throughout the campus and within the regional community to cooperatively produce "Pathways to China," a series of lectures, symposia, readings, tours, performances, and programs for students, adults, children and families. These activities



Pathways to China
Campus & Community Activities
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will provide participants with an opportunity to experience and celebrate ancient and contemporary Chinese culture. The academic and public programs are intended to offer an intimate perspective on China with activities that explore the complex and rich fabric of China from its earliest archaeological record through the modern era.

The objective of "Pathways to China" is to interpret and make vivid the history and traditions of ancient and contemporary Chinese culture for a broad and diverse audience as part of the campus and community's response to and celebration of the Summer Olympics in Beijing in 2008. "Pathways to China" activities will deepen audiences' knowledge of the people, events and places that underscore the importance of Chinese culture in global civilization.

A schedule of events is currently being developed and will be updated as more events are confirmed. The most recent schedule is available online at www.arts.unco.edu/china08.

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PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

DIANE BASSETT, professor of Special Education, earned the prestigious Oliver P. Kolstoe Award for her work on the transition to adulthood of youth with disabilities. The Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Career Development and Transition presents the award to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of career development and transition through means other than direct classroom instruction. The award is named in recognition of Oliver P. Kolstoe, a founding member and past president of the Division on Career Development and Transition whose early research and publications significantly shaped the field of transition.

PERFORMING ARTS

Opera Program Travels Europe

THIS PAST SUMMER, Assistant Professor of Voice William Wilson and Director of Opera Theatre Brian Luedloff led 26 students on a tour of Germany and

Spain, performing three operas in six unique venues. The students performed chorus and comprimari (secondary) roles with professional singers such as Metropolitan Opera star Edoardo Villa and international orchestras like the Frankfurt Philharmonic in spectacular outdoor venues that included the castle at Schloss Braunfels in Germany.

The students also had an opportunity to attend master classes with singers, conductors and directors, to perform in concerts of opera scenes and arias, and to audition for European agents.



MICHAEL ANNUSIS

PROGRAM

Interpreters to Receive Courtroom Training

NORTHERN COLORADO'S DISTANCE Opportunities for Interpreter Training Center will provide a group of about 20 interpreters certified in American Sign Language with a chance to apply their skills during courtroom proceedings. The students, representing 16 states, are enrolled in a specialized program at UNC designed to prepare them for careers in the American judicial system. As part of the program, they will participate in real and mock trials in Denver and Aurora to help them earn credentials necessary for placement in the field.

The program, "Interpreting in the American Legal System," provides four semesters of online courses covering civil and criminal law, the role of the interpreter in the legal setting, and a practicum that includes 55 hours of supervised experience in Denver metro area courtrooms or in the home communities of the interpreter-students. Following the completion of their studies, students take national exams to meet requirements for working in the judicial system.

"We offer the nation's only distance education program for interpreters to help meet the increased employment standards of many state judicial systems," said Leilani Johnson, director of the Distance Opportunities for Interpreter Training Center, located in Denver. The center also offers an array of academic opportunities in American Sign Language, including a bachelor's degree program in ASL-English interpretation and three other professional certificate programs. For more information, visit www.unco.edu/doit/.



PERFORMING ARTS



STUDENTS SHINE IN LA SHOWCASE

THIS PAST SPRING, 16 students and three faculty members and School of Performing and Visual Arts Dean Andrew Svedlow traveled to Los Angeles for the Annual Student Showcase performance. More than 40 agents, casting directors, managers and industry professionals attended the showcase, and 45 alumni attended the showcase performances and alumni event. Senior Justin Michael Terry was signed for the Professional Equity tour of *Walking With Dinosaurs*, three students were auditioned for a new Adam Sandler film, and many more received auditions for various other film and theatre projects.

MONFORT COLLEGE

Students Pick Professors of the Year

EACH YEAR STUDENTS AT THE MONFORT COLLEGE of Business pick their favorite professors and honor them at the college's annual student-sponsored picnic. The ceremony marks the end of the academic year and a last opportunity for graduating seniors to thank professors who have prepared them for life in the business world. The students select professors of the year for each of the college's program areas, and leaders on the College Student Council choose an overall professor of the year for the Monfort College. This year's professors of the year are:

Accounting – Ron Reed (top left)

Computer Information Systems – Rick Turley (top right)

Finance – John Clinebell (middle left)

General Business – David Thomas (middle right)

Management – David Thomas

Marketing – Vish Iyer (bottom)

Overall – John Clinebell





Spring Celebrations

This past spring, more than 1,200 undergraduate students received their degrees during commencement exercises at Nottingham Field. The featured speaker was Samuel Addoms, the chairman of Denver-based Frontier Airlines' board of directors. Sisters Pat and Ronda Stryker '76 also received honorary doctorate degrees for their service to the community and support of the university. The same weekend, graduate students received their master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees during a ceremony at Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion. The featured speaker for that ceremony was Susan Ryder, this year's Colorado Teacher of the Year from Estes Park Middle School.



Abe Harraf Named Senior Vice President And Provost

ABE HARRAF WAS NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT and provost after a national search. Harraf's appointment comes following the retirement of Allen Huang, who was honored this past summer for 29 years of service to the university.

Harraf is a veteran of higher education with more than two decades of experience in academic leadership. "Dr. Harraf brings to the university a wealth of experience in academia, having served as a successful chief academic officer at two respected institutions," said President Kay Norton. "His international perspective will be invaluable in keeping us aligned with our academic mission."



For the past five years, Harraf has led Southern Utah University in Cedar City as provost and professor of management. There he has overseen efforts that secured successful accreditations, helped increase the number of terminally qualified faculty, established relationships with foreign institutions through study-abroad programs, implemented a number of academic support initiatives for retaining students, and assisted in raising funds for construction and renovation of campus buildings.

"I'm honored that the University of Northern Colorado has bestowed trust upon me as the institution's chief academic officer," Harraf said. "I'm looking forward to meeting faculty, staff and students and working together on opportunities that lie ahead for the university." Prior to his post at Southern Utah University, Harraf spent 18 years at Embry Riddle University in Florida. As chief academic officer of the Daytona Beach campus, he helped aerospace engineering achieve national recognition as a top-tier program. Harraf also held positions at Embry Riddle as dean of campus, professor of management and department chair.

Harraf earned a PhD in economics from Utah State University in Logan, Utah; an MEd in guidance and counseling and an MBA from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas; and a BA in English literature from the College of Translation in Iran. He and his wife, Tabby, have been married 30 years. They have two grown daughters.

Trailblazers Hold Reunion

THE TRAILBLAZERS, a group of women who helped break the gender barrier in athletics, hosted a reunion this past summer, consisting of 18 holes of golf and a luncheon at the Judy Farr Alumni Center. These women were among the first female coaches and student-athletes at the University of Northern Colorado and paved the way for today's female athletes. If you are interested in being part of the Trailblazers group, or know someone who should belong, contact Rosemary Fri at rosemaryfri@greeleynet.com.



At top, Trailblazer reunion participants enjoy lunch on the terrace at the Judy Farr Alumni Center. Center from left, UNC women's basketball coach Jaime White poses with Mary Moranor '75, Vicki Amen '74 and former coaches Gloria Rodriguez and Carolyn Cody. At bottom, all the women gather.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT EARNS WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD

MONFORT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS GRADUATE Lea Araki '07 was selected as the 2007 Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award recipient for the University of Northern Colorado. The annual award is given to the top business student at each business program in the United States accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Araki received a triple degree in finance, economics and applied mathematics, and was accepted into a highly selective fellowship program at Duke University.

Hall of Fame 2007 Selected

Class to be honored during Hall of Fame Weekend

SIX INDIVIDUALS AND ONE TEAM will be inducted into Northern Colorado's Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. The 2007 class features the 1997 Bears football team, which won the Division II National Championship. Coached by Joe Glenn, this team was only the third team in history to repeat as champions.

The 2007 Hall of Fame class features the 1997 Bears football team, which won the Division II National Championship.

It also recorded the largest margin of victory for a Division II championship game. The team is joined by Karl Dodge (Track & Field, 1988-93), who ranks as the most ac-

complished thrower in school history; Ed Dyer (Baseball, 1961-64), who ranks second in school history in career ERA and 10th in strikeouts; Billy Holmes (Football, 1994-97), a member of the back-to-back national championship football squads and the leading rusher for each; Jim Lord '82 (contributor), who has served on the board of direc-



tors of the Blue and Gold Club for 25 years and as president for 18; Mandy Nilsen (Soccer, 1998-2002), a two-time All-American and a three-time All-Region selection; and Stormie Wells (Volleyball, 1993-96), a four-year letter winner who led the nation in assists.

Northern Colorado's Athletic Hall of Fame, which began in 1994, includes

96 individuals and 12 teams. The 2007 Hall of Fame banquet will be held on Friday, Nov. 9, at the University Center Ballrooms. The inductees will also be honored at halftime of the Bears vs. Sacramento State football game on Saturday, Nov. 10. For more information, visit www.uncbears.com.

BASEBALL

BEAR SIGNS WITH SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

NORTHERN COLORADO SENIOR CATCHER JOHN RAY signed a free agent contract with the San Francisco Giants of Major League Baseball. Ray completed his career with the Bears in spring 2007, played all four years and helped the team transition from Division II to Division I. Ray becomes the second Bears player in as many seasons to go on to play professional baseball. Brennan Garr was recently named to the All-Star game at the A level after being drafted one year ago.

Ray's senior season was his best, capping a storied career at Northern Colorado. He smacked 14 home runs, tied for sixth most in a single season and giving him 42 for his career, which is the second most in school history. He also had 18 doubles and a triple, helping him reach 128 total bases—the sixth highest season total in school history—and became the school's career leader with 380 total bases. His 66 hits and .351 batting average were team highs, as were his 51 runs scored. Ray also led the team with a .681 slugging percentage and a .454 OBP, which was aided by his drawing a team-high 29 walks. He drove in 38 runs on the season and also played very strong defense behind the plate, throwing out 23 runners and finishing with a .990 fielding percentage.

Senior catcher John Ray is the second player in as many seasons to go on to play professionally.



Fall Sports Previews

SOCCER

THE BEARS WILL HAVE 11 GAMES at home in the newly renovated Jackson Stadium and face five teams who advanced to the prior year's NCAA Championship. Northern Colorado



hosted two exhibition games against Colorado College and Colorado in late August before heading to Creighton to open the regular season Aug. 31. This past season, the Bears posted a record of 6-12, including a 2-5 mark in Big Sky Conference action. Three all-conference selections from that team are returning; senior Marika Johnson, senior Megan Miller and junior Teresa Prais. "This is a great schedule, both for Northern Colorado and its fans," said Head Coach Tim Barrera. "To showcase our new stadium with nine regular season games at home and

six under the lights is a wonderful thing. Hopefully, our fans will take full advantage of the 16 games on the Front Range."

FOOTBALL

IN 2006, everything was brand new for the Northern Colorado football team. A new coach, a new playbook and a new conference. This year, the field is more familiar and there is more at stake for the Bears as they become eligible for both the Big Sky Conference title and post-season play in the Football Championship Subdivision. One season in the powerhouse Big Sky Conference showed players and fans alike that there is no easy week on the schedule, so Head Coach Scott Downing scheduled a tough 2007 nonconference season in order to prepare the Bears for the rigors of the Big Sky.

This season, the Bears play at the University of Hawaii, at the University of San Diego and at Cal Poly, and host Chadron State (which defeated Big Sky foe Montana State one year ago out of league). They then face Northern Arizona,

Teresa Prais (above) is one of three returning all-conference selections for Bears soccer. Kenny Sarmento (right) makes a big tackle.

Idaho State, Montana and Eastern Washington on the road, and host Weber State, Montana State, Sacramento State and Portland State at Nottingham Field.

On offense, Coach Downing will have multiple options at the quarterback position with four talented individuals on the preseason roster. Returning starter Dominic Breazeale threw for 1,018 yards a year ago, playing in nine contests. Both sophomore transfer Mike Vlahogeorge and redshirt freshman James

Schrenk looked good during spring drills and incoming freshman Dylan Orms was the *Rocky Mountain News* 4A Offensive Player of the Year after leading Wheat Ridge to the state title.

On defense, Northern Colorado returns six defensive starters from the prior season, but lost the majority of the defensive line to graduation. The Bears will continue to be strong at the linebacker spot, with all three starters returning. Senior strong side linebacker Cristian Sarmento and senior weak side



linebacker Asa Matthews both earned honorable mention All-Conference honors a year ago, while junior Joe Kenney returns at the middle linebacker spot.

VOLLEYBALL

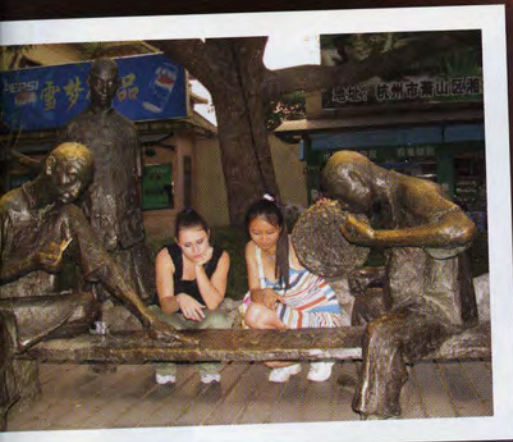
THE BEARS KICK OFF the Big Sky Conference regular season on Sept. 13 by hosting Montana and in-state rival Denver on Sept. 18. The team will also travel to both Colorado State (Oct. 2) and Wyoming (Oct. 9) for important regional action. "We are very pleased to host a Big 10 school in Iowa for the first time since our transition to Division I," said Head Coach Lyndsey Benson. "Two new additions to our schedule this year are matches at Colorado State and Denver at home. We want to continue to build rivalries with the regional schools, which is great for our state overall. The entire schedule is built around preparing for the Big Sky Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. In the prior season's Big Sky Tournament, the Bears fell in the semifinals to eventual-champion Sacramento State, ending the season with a 13-15 record and a 7-9 mark in Big Sky Conference play—good for fifth place in the league standings in the first year in the conference.

UNC students live
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By Jennifer Starbuck



PHYSICS PROFESSOR RUWAND SUNG

has taught the course “Energy and the Environment” for about 15 years now. This past May, Sung’s students learned the basic concepts of energy and how industrial countries’ use of it affects air, water and land. But instead of just reading the usual textbook, students got to peer inside an actual coal power plant in China. Talk about a hands-on education and real-world experience!

Sung and her students were in China as part of a three-week, eight-credit study abroad course organized by UNC’s Center for International Education. In all, 19 students went to China in conjunction with the



physics course and an education course taught by Professor Valerie Middleton.

The faculty-led study abroad course was a first for UNC. When Joe Tort, the study abroad and exchange coordinator for UNC's Center for International Education, joined the university about three years ago, he began developing the three-week course after seeing it modeled at other universities. He set his sights on China because of its prom-

"It broadens my perspective of how chemistry will affect not only local environments, but the worldwide community."

—RYAN MIWA, CHEMISTRY MAJOR AT UNC



inence in the global market and as a world power.

That's when he solicited help from Sung. Because of Sung's personal connections in the country, she was able to set up a partnership with Hangzhou Dianzi University in the city of Hangzhou, about 100 miles to the west of Shanghai in the Yangtze Delta. The Hangzhou University provided accommodations for two weeks, as well as language and cultural training. With the help of her university connections, Sung also set up field trips to the power plant, a water treatment plant and a silk factory for the UNC group, as well as to more traditional tourist sites such as museums, Buddhist temples, and an overnight trip to Beijing to see Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall. The group also spent a week in the city of Ningbo, which is just south of Shanghai in the East China Sea coastal region.

In light of global warming and other environment issues, the study experience in China couldn't come at a more distressing time in China's history, Sung says. "With the vast economic growth in China and the constant demands for energy, there are demands on the environment." With a landmass slightly smaller than the United States,

China is the world's most populous country. China relies on coal-burning power plants for its energy and tops the world in release of sulfur dioxide into the air. Based on a report from the World Bank and China's State Environmental Protection Agency, 394,000 people die in China every year due to air pollution. Untreated waste from sewage and chemical dumping by industrial factories contributes to widespread water pollution throughout the country, sometimes so severe the water is dangerous to touch. Still, China is Sung's home country, which is part of why she is so passionate about teaching students about the devastating impact industrialized countries can have on the environment.

Senior Ryan Miwa of Centennial, Colo., enrolled in the physics course because he always wanted to see China and, as a chemistry major, he wanted to learn more about the environmental impact of China's growing energy and power demands.

The education started as soon as Miwa stepped foot in the country. "It's a different sensation. You're breathing the air, and it's a different smell and taste because of the pollution. You can feel the soot build up in your lungs," Miwa says. The study abroad program opened his eyes to just how good life is in the United States, where everyone has access to clean drinking water. And though brown clouds can be found in large U.S. cities, air pollution in China was constant. "There was only one day I could see the sun with clear skies. Every other day was cloudy from smog and pollution," he says. The UNC students took a field trip to Hangzhou's famed scenic West Lake. When they arrived, they learned the lake was closed due to widespread contamination from sewage water—another eye-opener to China's devastating pollution.

The students packed a lot of learning in three weeks. They spent every morning during the trip in classroom lectures. After a lunch break, they spent the rest of the day, often until late at night, on field trips. Junior Mackenzie Wiggs, an English/secondary educa-





tion major from Nebraska, says she was exhausted after three weeks of intense study, but it was the best experience she's had in college. "You see, hear, taste and smell everything different," Wiggs says. "Everything felt like China rather than home."

Wiggs made the trip as part of the course "Foundations of Education," which explored the education structures in China and compared them with those in the United States. Wiggs says she already knows her experience in China will make her a better teacher one day. She now understands the sinking feeling of being in a learning environment in which you don't know the language or culture—a similar feeling recent immigrants may have when they attend public schools in the United States, or even students with learning disabilities may have while trying to keep up with their peers.

And on a personal level, Wiggs says the Chinese they encountered overwhelmed the group with their generosity and kindness. The university staff gave the UNC contingent lavish customary gifts and served them American-style food such as sandwiches so they could feel more comfortable. Even people on the streets tried to engage the students in conversation, some by prac-

ticing their English, some by gesturing. One man even drew pictures in dirt to try to communicate. In short, the UNC students were treated like rock stars everywhere they went. In contrast, Wiggs says, it was humbling to witness just how many people live in impoverished conditions. "You can only read so much in a textbook. You can read things about China, and you can talk to other people, but you really don't know what it's like until you go," she says.

Chemistry major Miwa hopes to teach some day, and he says his experience in China was invaluable. "It broadens my perspective of how chemistry will affect not only local environments, but the worldwide community," Miwa says. "I plan on using my experience in China as a springboard to show we have to take responsibility for our actions. We have to live our lives not just focusing on tomorrow, but on today, to reduce our environmental impact." **NV**

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INTERNATIONAL STUDY AT NORTHERN COLORADO

ALTHOUGH CHINA was the first three-week, faculty-taught study abroad course, the university already offers 250 semester-long programs in 50 countries that give students a chance to live and learn abroad. Basically, students pick where in the world they want to go study, they pay their regular UNC tuition, and then attend the foreign university for a semester or two. Says Joe Tort, the study abroad and exchange coordinator for the Center for International Education at UNC, "It's a relatively cheap way to go see the world."

Tort has worked hard to bring more campuswide attention to the study abroad program. He's included a primer on the program in freshmen orientation materials and helped include study abroad in Honors Program and the President's Leadership Program. Three years ago, UNC had about 70 students involved in study abroad. Now there are more than 200. Tort says he wants to get even more students involved, whether through short-term study or semester-long programs. The more understanding students have of different cultures, the better prepared they will be to live and work in an increasingly global society.



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THE BOX NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS LEARN NEW BRAND OF LEADERSHIP THROUGH UNC'S STRYKER INSTITUTE

A \$4,000 annual scholarship

wasn't enough to convince Maryluz Hernandez de Daniel to be part of the University of Northern Colorado's Stryker Institute for Leadership Development. It took more than a lot of persuasion from Katrina Rodriguez, an assistant professor at UNC and former director of the institute. Four years ago, Hernandez de Daniel was a single mom living in government housing who had recently been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She didn't think she could keep up with the requirements of the institute. But Rodriguez kept telling Hernandez de Daniel she could do it. "They finally got me with the free laptop," says Hernandez de Daniel, who wants to be an elementary-school teacher in a bilingual classroom. "I realize now if I hadn't gone to Stryker, I would have just wasted my time feeling sorry for myself."

Like other Stryker scholars, Hernandez de Daniel also realized the institute is a lot more than a scholarship and a laptop computer. The 27-year-old found a place to call home at the Stryker Institute, which shares space with the Women's Resource Center at UNC's Scott-Wilcoxon Hall.

Pat Stryker of Fort Collins, own equal shares in the Stryker Corp. Founded by their grandfather in 1941, the company manufactures and sells specialty medical products.

At Northern Colorado, Stryker wanted to create a scholarship and leadership-training program for nontraditional female students. The institute gives undergraduates a \$4,000 annual scholarship and a laptop, and graduate students receive \$7,000 a year.

This past spring, Stryker gave an additional \$2.07 million to support the institute, which will fund it for another five



"STRYKER IS ABOUT LEADERSHIP, EMPOWERING WOMEN TO WOMEN LIKE ME A PLACE

"Stryker is about leadership, but it's also about empowering women to be better," Hernandez de Daniel says. "It gives women like me a place where we fit."

SUPPORTING NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Northern Colorado's Stryker Institute for Leadership Development was founded in 2001 with a \$1.25 million donation from Ronda Stryker '76 and her husband, Bill Johnston, of Kalamazoo, Mich. Stryker, her brother and sister,

years. During that time, the goal is to grow the program to a total of 50 students. About 25 new students will enter the institute this fall.

"Keeping students in college is all about getting them connected to something on campus," says Kenna Johnson, director of the Stryker Institute. "Nontraditional students are one of the fastest-growing populations on college campuses nationwide—retaining them hinges on making them feel like they belong."

By Anne Cumming Rice

REDEFINING LEADERSHIP

Most Stryker scholars are attending college for the first time after several years of working and/or having children, and often times they struggle to relate to younger students. "Going into college classes, I was taken aback by being with all these 20-year-olds whose lives are so different from mine," says Sarah Graham, a 29-year-old former single mother who finished the Stryker program in May and is now the program's graduate assistant. "I was worried about paying my bills, taking care of my kids and juggling school at the same time."

Most Stryker scholars say they are surprised to be chosen for the program. They think of themselves as women, mothers and students, but not necessarily as leaders. Culturally, leadership is equated with those working in politics and business. The Stryker Institute expands the definition of leadership. "I've learned that leadership isn't someone dictating and holding power over you," Graham says. "It's learning and listening and helping others become leaders, too."

The program doesn't have a curriculum per se, but students spend their first year reading and discussing *The Leadership Challenge* by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner. When the institute started, students went through a curriculum

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aimed at traditional-age college students to become leaders in campus organizations. Rodriguez, who directed the institute for its first three years, says that approach didn't work for nontraditional female students.

"Who do we see as leaders? Usually men from the dominant culture," says Rodriguez, who left the Stryker Institute in 2004 to accept a faculty position at UNC. "These women don't see themselves represented in leadership. The institute helps them view leadership more broadly."



Maryluz Hernandez de Daniel is currently a fellow at Stryker Institute for Leadership Development.



Nancy Wendirad, a 43-year-old graduate student in the Stryker Institute, immigrated to the United States from Mexico at age 17.



Ronda Stryker (center) with the 2007 Stryker graduates

SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Leadership training for first-year students is more like laid-back conversations that happen in the living-room-like setting of Scott-Wilcoxon Hall. Leadership seminars

"NONTRADITIONAL GROWING POPULATIONS THEM HINGES ON

happen every other Friday evening. The students share their highs and lows for the week and then they usually discuss one of the five components of leadership—students call them the five c's in *The Leadership Challenge*. As listed on www.leadershipchallenge.com, those components are:

- **Model the way:** Setting standards of excellence and setting examples for others to follow.
- **Inspire a shared vision:** Enlisting others in one's dreams.
- **Challenge the process:** Challenging the status quo and looking for new ways to do things.
- **Enabling others to act:** Creating an atmosphere of trust and dignity by strengthening others.
- **Encourage the heart:** Recognizing the contributions of others.

The goal of the Stryker Institute is not necessarily to produce political and business leaders. It's to teach women to lead wherever they are—in their jobs, families, friendships and communities.

At Stryker, leaders are women such as Rebekah Maldonado, a single mom studying physical education. Selani Flores, who graduated from Northern Colorado in May and will continue in the Stryker Institute as a graduate student, wants to open a treatment center for women who have been abused. Cheryl Travis is a 44-year-old former accountant and floral designer attending UNC to become a biology teacher.

"These are the kind of people you can call at 3 am and say, 'Hey, this is what I'm going through,'" Travis says. "And they'd say, 'You know you're going to be all right, don't you?'"

Women at Stryker bond quickly, but many of them walk into the institute for the first time feeling hesitant and skeptical. That's because students say women have a tendency to compete with and compare themselves

to each other, not support one other. "When I first applied, I wasn't sure I wanted to be part of a community of women," says Cori Pineda, a third-year Stryker scholar and a student assistant for the program. "Then

look more like a young grandmother to her than a mentor," says Wendirad, who immigrated to the United States from Mexico at age 17 and now has a daughter attending Aims

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—KENNA JOHNSON, STRYKER INSTITUTE DIRECTOR



I thought, 'Wow, a \$4,000 scholarship. I could quit my job and concentrate on school. I think I can handle this women thing.'"

GIVING BACK

Stryker scholars spend their first year developing a sense of community. After that they put the five components of leadership into practice by passing on that sense of community to others. Second- and third-year students participate in twice-a-month meetings with middle school students from Greeley-Evans School District 6, talking to seventh and eighth graders about developing their own leadership skills. The Stryker scholars and the students also do fun activities together, such as bowling and ice skating, and work together on a summer-enrichment program for high school students.

Nancy Wendirad, a 43-year-old graduate student in the Stryker Institute, laughs when she thinks of her big sister/little sister relationship with a middle-schooler. "I probably

Community College in Greeley. But Wendirad, a Spanish teacher at Valley High School in Gilcrest, south of Greeley, understands the challenges girls in middle school face. Before she became a teacher, she was a truancy officer for 11 years. Her job was to motivate at-risk students in District 6 to attend school.

Hernandez de Daniel, who grew up in Fort Lupton with six sisters, is mentoring two middle school students. "I've learned that just because I'm older doesn't mean I don't have things in common with teen-agers," she says. She has also been able to apply the principles of leadership she's learned at the Stryker Institute. "I've learned how to stand up, that my voice counts," she says. "I never knew what a leader was. I always thought it was someone who just tells everyone what to do. Now I know a leader is someone who listens, someone who can do good in the world." **NV**

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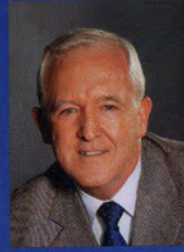
facts ABOUT STRYKER

UNC'S STRYKER INSTITUTE is open to female students who have a 2.75 grade-point average and demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to students 25 and older, ethnic minorities and those who come from under-represented groups. Since the institute opened in 2001, 62 students have participated in the program. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years and about 20-30 women take part in the institute's program each year.

A study of the Stryker Institute released in January 2006 revealed the following:

- 95 percent of the 62 participants have graduated or are on schedule to graduate.
- 55 percent of the students are Latina; 35 percent are white. The remainder are black, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American.
- 37 percent are education majors; 20 percent are in health-related majors. Other fields of study include psychology, criminal justice and language.
- 63 percent said they have undertaken leadership positions since their participation in the institute.
- 94 percent said the Stryker Institute has been a life-changing experience.
- 91 percent said that because of what they've learned, they would be more willing to invest their time, talent and leadership abilities in serving others.

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Creative Achievement Award

Kathleen Bickford Berzock '87

KATHLEEN BICKFORD BERZOCK is the curator of African art at the Art Institute of Chicago. The collection is recognized as one of the most prestigious in the world. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in visual art (with an emphasis on art history) from Northern Colorado, Berzock went on to complete her Master of Arts and PhD in African Arts at Indiana University.

During her tenure at the Art Institute of Chicago, Berzock has brought national acclaim and attention to the museum's collections through a series of important acquisitions. As a curator, Berzock is responsible for overseeing, researching and publishing on the current collection as well as seeking acquisitions, coordinating exhibitions and more. She most recently served as curator for the 2006 exhibit, "For Hearth and Altar: African Ceramics from the Keith Achepohl Collection." She also published a book on the same topic through Yale University Press in 2005.

Berzock's museum experience includes the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she was a research assistant for the Department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. She has also been a consultant to the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Indianapolis Art Museum on African art installations. She was also a Fulbright Scholar from 1991-92 and served as a state department intern at the U.S. Embassy, Cote d'Ivoire. As a teacher, Berzock has been a Rhoades visiting associate professor at the University of Chicago and has taught at the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University.

In the words of one nominator, "Kathleen's scholarship is exceptional. Her publications include the most comprehensive book on African ceramics to date. Numerous exhibitions and articles have established her as one of the leading international African art historians. She truly embodies the qualities of professionalism and success that the Honored Alumni Awards represent."



Distinguished Alumna Award

Cynthia Evans '73

CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR of the Executive Professor Program and a full-time executive professor at the Monfort College of Business, Cynthia Evans has firmly established herself as a well-respected, key member of the Colorado business community. She utilized her journalism degree from UNC, as well as her MBA from the University of Denver, to become editor and publisher of *Colorado Business* magazine following a successful 19-year public relations career with Denver's telecommunication giant U.S. West, now Qwest. Before returning to UNC in 2005, Evans was the lead person representing Xcel Energy in Colorado. Evans is also a graduate of Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development. Said one nominator, "Cynthia excels at bringing her extensive real-world experience into the classroom for the benefit of all her students."

Active in the community, Evans is a current board member of Junior Achievement and the Rocky Mountain Better Business Bureau. She is also a trustee of the Delta Dental Plan of Colorado, where she chairs the audit, investment and finance committee. In the words of one nominator, "Cynthia gets involved in the community simply because of her belief in what can be done. I applaud not only the professional wisdom and talent she brings to any organization, but also her enthusiasm and unselfish motives." Past board positions included the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau, the Southeast Business Partnership, and Mile High United Way, where she chaired the Women's Initiative. Evans also sat on the Denver Mayor's Leadership on Early Childhood Education Board, where she co-chaired the public engagement committee.

Another nominator said, "Cynthia is clearly an outstanding role model for UNC's business students: success in her career, volunteerism to the business community and dedication to making the world a better place. You can always count on her to participate and she delivers every time. She exhibits ethical behavior, integrity, leadership and positive energy in a very high profile way."

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Honorary Alumni Award

Joe Tennesen

JOE TENNESSEN BEGAN a successful 52-year career in telecommunications at radio station KIUL in Garden City, Kansas. He and his family moved to Greeley in 1966 when he became



general manager of KFKA. His professional credits include twice serving as president of the Colorado Broadcasters Association and twice being named Broadcaster of the Year. In 2002, he was inducted into the Colorado Broadcast Pioneer's Hall of Fame. Tennesen also worked seven years for cable TV pioneer Bill Daniels and later served as general manager of Daniels'

Interlink Communications Co. In 1991, he led a group of local business people in returning KFKA to local ownership.

Tennesen has served on numerous boards and community organizations, including terms as president of the UNC Foundation, the 4-H Foundation, his church council, the Greeley Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. He also served as chair of the 2001 United Way of Weld County Campaign. Tennesen is the treasurer of the NCMC Foundation, is on the Habitat for Humanity board of directors, and is co-chair of the Realizing Our Community Committee. He and his wife, Joan, have even been honored as the Grand Marshals for the Greeley Independence Stampede and the Greeley Chorale's Madrigal Feast.

Tennesen began a new career three years ago at New Frontier Bank where he is now senior vice president of culture enhancement, acting as a community liaison responsible for marketing, business development, employee relations, shareholder relations and customer service quality.

For years when he was on the air with the morning program of KFKA radio, Tennesen gave considerable airtime to the happenings at UNC and fervently promoted all activities on campus. He has also served as the master of ceremonies at the Annual Performing and Visual Arts Gala for 25 consecutive years. In 2002, Joe was inducted into the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame and given an honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Northern Colorado. Said one nominator, "Joe has certainly loved the university as though he were a loyal graduate. Whatever the weather, the Tennesens can be found cheering on the Bears at every home football game. Blue and Gold run through Joe Tennesen's veins!"

Honorary Alumni Award (Posthumous)

Glenn McDonald 1936-37 (Attended)

GLENN MCDONALD WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER of the University of Northern Colorado in every way. He and his wife, Phyllis '43, MA '60, gave to the university and its students through scholarships and supporting the alumni board. McDonald's unique passion for the arts and athletics led to the establishment of the Phyllis and Glenn McDonald Music Scholarship and the Phyllis and Glenn McDonald Athletic Scholarship. He was a season ticket holder for the football team and traveled with the team to all of its away games for many years. He also attended the majority of UNC performing and visual arts shows. Said one nominator,



"While Glenn never got a chance to earn his degree the traditional way, he earned it over and over by helping others get their degrees."

McDonald left Colorado Teacher's College (now UNC) in 1937 to work for the U.S. Postal Service to support his family. In 1942, he married Phyllis Duffield and supported her while she completed her degree. He served as a letter and parcel post carrier and finally as the superintendent of mail at the Greeley Post Office from 1937-72 and as su-

pervisor of mail at UNC from 1973-79. McDonald was also a member of the First Congregational Church Choir for 65 years and a 50-year member of the Greeley Elks Club.

Said another nominator, "Glenn was an unassuming man. His constant support was given quietly and with little fanfare. His spirit exemplified those qualities we so admire—constancy, self-sacrifice and quiet dignity. He was a true Bear in every way possible." McDonald passed away on Jan. 5, 2007.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know alumni who are doing great things?

Alumni who are distinguished humanitarians or professionals?

Alumni who should be considered for a Northern Colorado Alumni Association Honored Alumni Award? If so, we want to know.

The Northern Colorado Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Honored Alumni Awards to be held at Homecoming in October 2008. Nominate your favorite alumni, faculty or friends today. Nominees should embody the university's tradition of excellence through service and achievement. For nomination forms and more information visit, www.uncalumni.org or contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu.

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

James Valdez '69

JIM VALDEZ is the chief resources management/executive officer for the National Weather Service Office of Science and Technology in Silver Spring, Md. In this role, he is responsible for day-to-day operations, which involves the oversight of a \$160 million budget. While assigned to the National Weather Service, he has been awarded a Department of Commerce Gold Medal (organizational) for extraordinary service to the nation during unprecedented weather events in 1993, and a Bronze Medal

JIM HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT AND ENERGETIC MANAGER OF CRITICALLY IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND SCIENTIFIC ENTERPRISES.

(group) in 2007 for providing unified emergency response and incident management during Hurricane Katrina. Said one nominator, "Jim's excellent management skills provide the underpinning to our efforts to infuse new science and technology into not only the National Weather Service, but the overall weather enterprise of our nation. He has the unique ability to integrate business actions with science and technology programs, resulting in outcomes of societal benefit."

Valdez earned a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis on marketing and accounting from UNC and went on to get his master's degree in management from Troy University in Alabama. Prior to his current post, Valdez served as military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of



Defense for International Security Policy from 1988-90. In this role, he advised the assistant secretary on matters related to U.S. national military objectives, plans and policy. For his service to the Department of Defense, he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Superior Service Medal. Valdez also served on the Air Staff of Headquarters United States Air Force as chief of the Air Force Information Resource Management Division, the Air Force Records Management Branch and the Air Force Publications Development Division. He was responsible for managing the

Air Force's \$400 million information management program. In recognition of his service, Valdez received three awards of the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and was one of only seven individuals selected from all agencies of the U.S. government to receive the prestigious General Services Administration Excellence in Administration Award.

In the words of another nominator, "Since Jim graduated from UNC, he has established himself as an outstanding public servant and energetic manager of critically important government, military and scientific enterprises. And it is safe to say that no other alumnus has collected such an eclectic blend of top-level awards from the U.S. government." A staunch supporter of the university, Valdez is also the founder and president of the University of Northern Colorado Alumni chapter in Washington, D.C.



Distinguished Alumni Award

Mark Wallace '79, MD, MPH

MARK WALLACE earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Colorado and went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in public health, with an emphasis in health systems organization and finance, from the UCLA School of Public Health. He is co-founder, president and chief medical officer of the North Colorado Health Alliance serving Greeley, Evans and Loveland. A practicing physician for the past 22 years, Wallace is currently a family physician with Banner North Colorado Medical Center. He has also been the executive director of the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment for the past seven years. Appointed by Colorado Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff, Wallace serves as the vice chair of Colorado's Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Reform.

As a public servant and community volunteer, Wallace has worked tirelessly as an advocate for underserved and uninsured members of the community. He has been a volunteer at Sunrise Community Health Center and now serves as the chairman of its board of directors. He founded the North Colorado Health Alliance, an organization working to expand access to care and improve the quality of health care for the more than 50,000 un- and underinsured residents in Weld and southern Larimer counties. Wallace was also the recipient of the 2002 Colorado Physician of the Year for Community Service Award by the Colorado Medical Society. Said one nominator, "Mark is special because he sees possibilities that others don't see in themselves and helps them to see a different and better future."

Wallace has demonstrated that he is also a committed leader of youth, serving on the Greeley-Evans School District 6 Board of Education. Said another nominator, "What stands out most is his passion for excellence. Mark has distinguished himself as an outstanding physician and health care professional, a community leader, a sedulous scholar, and a champion of K-12 education. I am fascinated by the multidisciplinary life led by Mark Wallace—nothing seems to be out of his vision."

Criminal Justice Scholarships Created In Student's Honor

THE PARENTS of Lisa Marie Kimmell have introduced a scholarship to benefit juniors and seniors majoring in criminal justice at UNC. The story of Lisa Marie Kimmell's murder, which took place near Casper, Wyo., in 1988, shook the entire region. With the help of DNA testing, Lisa's killer was identified in 2002 and the murder was solved in 2004. Working with the UNC Foundation and the Southern Institute for Forensic Science, the Kimmell family has established two scholarships to encourage students to pursue an education in criminal justice. Their hope is that more can be done to solve crimes as quickly as possible so that families have closure. The scholarships will begin fall 2008.

Erion Foundation Supports Arts Education

SINCE 2006, the Erion Foundation has made a major financial commitment to support the University of Northern

Students Advise UNC Foundation

STUDENT LIFE



Students in the Student and Foundation Fund (SAFF) class at Monfort College of Business get a taste of real money management by working with the Foundation Board of Directors' Investment Committee to invest the assets of the SAFF Fund (capped at \$1 million).

Colorado Center for Integrated Arts Education (CIAE), which is part of the College of Performing and Visual Arts. CIAE's mission is to provide leadership to achieve quality, comprehensive arts education for all students in Colorado. With help from the Erion Foundation, CIAE is currently focusing on the Greeley/Loveland school districts. For example, in conjunction with the center, Loveland has established the Loveland

Integrated School Arts Project. The Erion Foundation initiated this major project based on its experience understanding the diverse learning styles of children. "With UNC's guidance, we have made major strides in arts and education. Through the collaboration between the university and the schools, we have definitely gotten our money's worth," says Jan Pierce of the Erion Foundation.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving at Northern Colorado

THE USE OF GIFT PLANNING to benefit individual donors, as well as thousands of organizations such as the University of Northern Colorado, increased dramatically over the past 20 years. A growing number of alumni and friends of the university are also beginning to understand the importance of planned giving and its impact on the university. Tom and Nona Gordon of Greeley, are two such individuals who have decided to support Northern Colorado through a planned gift.



Tom Gordon says: "Since my retirement a number of years ago, I have spent most of my working hours studying investments, mainly stocks and bonds. About a year ago, I found an investment that I think is one of the best—a charitable gift annuity to UNC. It is good for many reasons, but especially for the investment. At Nona's and my age, the dividend payment to us is more than an investment-grade corporate bond. On top of that, the dividend is partially income-tax free. And when we made the gift, we got an income-tax deduction for a portion of the amount given. When we are gone, the entire amount of our gift, plus excess earnings, will go to support UNC. This way our giving continues to grow into the future. We can't think of a better way to use our money."

To learn more about planned giving, contact the University of Northern Colorado Foundation at 970.351.1370 or visit www.uncfoundation.org.

Student Government Reunion Planned for Homecoming

A REUNION TEAM led by Kenton Kuhn '78 is planning a Student Government Reunion this fall. If you participated in UNC Student Government from 1974-78, mark your calendar and plan to attend. The festivities are scheduled to take place as part of Homecoming 2007 on Oct. 12 and 13. For more information, contact Kenton at kenton@black-tie-colorado.com.

UNC Bears In San Diego

JOIN THE NORTHERN COLORADO Alumni Association and Southern California Alumni and Friends on Saturday, Sept. 15, as the Bears Football team takes on the University of San Diego. The Alumni Association will also host a pregame tailgate party to spread Blue and Gold spirit and reconnect local alumni. Visit us online at www.uncalumni.org for more details and to register for the event.

Save the Plate

THE UNC ALUMNI Association needs your help! We need to get at least 3,000 Northern Colorado license plates on vehicles by the end of March 2008 or we could lose our special license plate for good. Help "Save the Plate" today by requesting a FREE voucher for a set of UNC license plates. The first 3,000 license plate vouchers will be distributed free to alumni and friends of the university. (An optional \$25 donation supports the Alumni Scholarship Fund for children and grandchildren of alumni.) You do not need to wait until your plates have expired, because your county will credit unused fees from your current vehicle registration and

apply that toward the current fee for plates. To request your free UNC license plate voucher, contact the Alumni Association at 970.351.2551 or 800.332.1862.

Solid Gold Saturday Homecoming 2007

IN ADDITION to the 50-Year Reunion and Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet on Oct. 12, the Alumni Association has a variety of Homecoming activities planned for Saturday, Oct.

13. Saturday's Homecoming festivities will begin with the annual Homecoming Parade at 9 am, with reserved seating being offered at the Judy Farr Alumni Center. After the parade, the Alumni Association and Foundation will host a tailgate party for all alumni and friends prior to the Bears football game, which begins at noon at Nottingham Field. For more information about these and additional Homecoming events, visit the Alumni Association online at www.uncalumni.org.

ALUMNI BOARD

Meet the Alumni Board

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS serves as a key group of leadership volunteers at the University of Northern Colorado. Led by President Art Terrazas '75, MA '77, Vice President JJ Paolino '59, MA '60, and Secretary/Treasurer Steve Baker '86, the board assists with the development of programs, services, awards, giving opportunities and communication with alumni worldwide. Board members may serve up to three two-year terms for a total of six years. Look for these Alumni Board members in your community and feel free to share your UNC memories and new ideas with them.



2007-08 Alumni Board: First row from left are Randy Moser '82, Melissa Holmberg '00, Linda Davis '93, JJ Paolino '59, MA '60, Diane Miller MA '94 and Sara Martin '00. Back row from left are Art Terrazas '75, MA '77, Theo Holland '65, Mike Deutcher '69, MA '75, Steve Baker '86, Rick Blanco '77, Isaia Aricayos '97, Kristi Baldino '94, Will Phillips '62 and Peggy Briggs '95. Not pictured are Kyle Holman '99, Chris Anderson '97 and Loren Snyder '87.

Wicked Good

For Victoria Matlock '99,
there's no place like Broadway.

VICTORIA MATLOCK has spent the past year and a half in heaven. Well, Oz, really, but it's her version of heaven. Matlock stars in the Broadway touring production of *Wicked* as Elphaba, a smart, sassy, misunderstood—and green—boarding-school student from the Land of Oz who ultimately becomes the Wicked Witch of the West. It's the role of Matlock's career so far, but it's not easy being green.

Matlock has lived in hotel rooms from Boston to Denver to Cincinnati and points in between, working eight shows a week since March 2006. She's led the show as Elphaba since January 2007.

Matlock says she keeps her body and voice in shape for Elphaba's pipe-busting vocals and high-flying stunts with yoga, a good diet and lots of sleep. "It's demanding. You have to call in all of your training and listen to your body," Matlock says during rest time in a hotel room in Columbus, Ohio. "Nothing is more humbling than cracking in front of 4,000 people."

Matlock was a 13-year-old girl in Salt Lake City, when she realized that actors could actually make a living out of sing-

ing and dancing onstage. And she's been single-minded ever since. Through an acting teacher growing up, Matlock learned about UNC's growing musical theater program led by Tom McNally and Vance Fulkerson, both with Broadway and off-Broadway credits themselves.

Matlock says UNC's conservatory-style theater program—which trains students in diverse disciplines such as movement, dance, speech, voice, acting, directing—has a good reputation in New York theater circles. "There's a goal of turning out good people who are honest and natural at what they do," she says.

The day after she graduated in 1999, Matlock packed up her car and drove from Greeley to New York to start her career in musical theater. That's when the journey really started. "I've had lots of auditions and lots of rejections," she says.

Matlock first auditioned for the role of Glinda in *Wicked* before the production even made it to Broadway. That was a big mistake, she says. "It was the worst audition. I didn't know the music. I was unclear of what the character was all about. I could have prepared better," she says. "When the show came in, I knew I should have been Elphaba." After two years of trying to get a second chance, she was finally hired as a standby, which is theater-speak for an understudy who can step into a number of roles at any time. Matlock says as a standby you just hope for an injury, allergies from ever-changing hotel beds, anything, to get noticed and move up.

Look at any number of Web conver-



sations among *Wicked* fans, and it's immediately apparent that Matlock has indeed moved up. "There are a lot of fans constantly critiquing your performance," Matlock says. "They can be supportive and helpful, and other times they just have their favorites." Matlock says she has no idea where her career will be in 10 or 20 years, but that uncertainty is just part of theater life. In this business, having a nine-month contract is considered stable work, but her goal is to have more than just theater work—she wants a theater career. "I want what everyone wants: To be on Broadway and to win a Tony."

Victoria Matlock '99 stars in the Broadway touring production of *Wicked*.

ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

Name: Victoria Matlock

UNC Degree: Bachelor's degree in musical theater, 1999

Family: Husband, Stephen Fletcher of New York

Hometown: Salt Lake City

Current home: New York City

Theater credits: National touring productions of *The Full Monty*, *Evita* and *Jekyll & Hyde*, as well as various regional theaters.

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NOTES

1950s

Norman Bastemeyer (BA-53), West Des Moines, Iowa, and his wife, Carol, met **Tyrone Chen** (BA-66, MA-67) and **Tong Wang-Chen** (MA-91) of Henderson, Nev., during a riverboat tour of the Danube River in April.

Alvin Anderson (BA-54), Brighton, is retired from the Pueblo County District Court where he was the first probate registrar. He is past patron of Adah Chapter E4 in Pueblo.

Alton Barbour (BA-56), Denver, received the J.L. Moreno Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama's highest honor.

Bonnie (Renz) Tryon (BA-57, MA-62), Sun City, Ariz., retired in 1990 after teaching one year each at Cherry Creek High School and Estes Park High School, and 28 years in the

Phoenix Union High School District. Since retirement Bonnie has volunteered as a tax counselor, instructor, local coordinator and electronic return originator for the AARP Tax Aid Program in Glendale, Ariz. Bonnie has one daughter, Teresa, and two granddaughters.

1960s

Dan Banks (BA-62), Fort Bragg, Calif., retired after teaching art in Reno, Nev., Ann Arbor, Mich., and at Kent State and State University of New York.

Mary Jo (Wendel) McMillan (BA-63, MA-67), Oxford, Ohio, has published *Mary Jo's Cuisine: A Cookbook*—a compilation of her own tested recipes from the restaurant she opened in 1986. Along with teaching cooking courses, Mary Jo wrote a regular food column for the DeKalb *Daily Chronicle* and Hamilton *Journal-News*. She can also be

heard on the Oxford radio station WMUB.

James Innis (BA-64, MA-67), Belmont, Calif., was inducted into the Madison East (Wisconsin) High School Hall of Fame in May for his accomplishments in high school football and wrestling. Jim wrestled for Northern Colorado and qualified for the Olympics.

David Price (BA-64, MA-65), Des Moines, Wash., retired after 30 years of teaching high school mathematics in the Seattle area. For the past 12 years, David and his wife, Joanne, have operated a painting company.

Edward Stenger (MA-64), Green Bay, Wis., retired from teaching 15 years ago and spends six months of the year in Green Bay and six months in Clearwater, Fla.

Vincent (Gratton) Rossi (BA-67), Pueblo, is a stay-at-home retired

attorney, taking care of his working wife and three of his five children who live at home.

Robert Balcomb (MA-68), Bremerton, Wash., has practiced portraiture for more than 40 years. Robert is a graduate of the American Academy of Art and a faculty member of Olympic College, specializing in English grammar, technical writing and public speaking.

John Mason (BA-68), Spokane Valley, Wash., is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

Alvin Rudisill (EdD-69), Ypsilanti, Mich., received an Honored Alumni Award from Minnesota State University-Moorehead. Alvin retired in 2004 after owning and operating University Consultants Inc. in Ann Arbor for nearly 15 years. He served as professor and department

EVENT

Blue and Gold Golf Tournament



Members of the Athletics Blue and Gold Club came together for a day of golf at Fox Acres Country Club in Red Feather Lakes. The event raised scholarship funds for student athletes at UNC.



head at the University of North Dakota for 20 years and professor and dean of the College of Technology at Eastern Michigan University for 10 years.

James Pitts (PhD-69), Gainesville, Fla., retired in 2005 after more than 30 years on the faculty at the University of Florida.

1970s

Leo Pauls (EdD-71), Emporia, Kan., retired after 35 years at Emporia State University. He is working part time for the Kansas State Department of Education and Webster Conference Center in Salina.

Robert Thomas (BA-71), Aurora, works for MNA Inc. in Denver as a civil engineer project manager



Pat Williams (EdD-77), Palm Coast, Fla., is a licensed psychologist and has written four books on life and executive coaching. His coaching school for therapists, the Institute for Life Coach Training, has offices in Korea, Turkey, Italy and Australia. Pat is the department chair of the coaching psychology program at the International University of Professional Studies and curriculum consultant for the coaching certificate program at Fielding International University. Pat has taught graduate coaching classes at CSU and DU, and was honored as the first Global Visionary Fellow by the Foundation of Coaching for introducing coaching methodologies to villages in developing countries.

in land development. Robert earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado in Denver in 1987.

David Beaver (EdD-72), Macomb, Ill., received the 2007 R. Tait McKenzie Award during the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) convention in Baltimore. An alliance of national and district associations and a research consortium, AAHPERD is the largest professional organization that supports and assists those involved in physical education, leisure, fitness, dance, health promotion, education and all specialties related to a healthy lifestyle. The R. Tait McKenzie Award, one of AAHPERD's highest honors, recognizes significant contributions made outside of the alliance that reflect prestige, honor and dignity.

Bill Sanders (BA-72), Greeley, retired after 13 years as controller for Garnsey & Wheeler Ford of Greeley. He is looking forward to fishing, driving his recreational vehicle and spending time with his wife, Kathy, and their grandchildren.

Cynthia Evans (BA-73), Windsor, has been named to the Mountain States Better Business Bureau's board of directors to serve a three-year term. Cynthia, who is the director of the Monfort College Executive Professor Program, was also selected for a 2007 Honored Alumni Award (See story on Page 18).

Russ Ward (BA-73, MA-79), Greeley, retired after 33 years of teaching. He served as chair of the English department at Aims Community College for 16 years.

Kenneth Albertsen (MA-75), Scottsdale, Ariz., has taught mathematics and physics in Missouri and Arizona for 41 years.

John Mabley (EdD-75), Nova Scotia, Canada, is the vice president of university relations at NSCAD University in Nova Scotia, after

EVENT

Scholarship Reception



Students and donors gathered in Greeley for the President's Annual Scholarship Reception in April 2007. This annual event provides students and the donors whose gifts make the student's scholarships possible an opportunity to meet and get to know one another.

previously serving as senior director of development at the College of Engineering and Applied Science at CU-Boulder.

Barbara Marquardt (MA-75), Fort Collins, continues to teach master painting classes. After 40 years of teaching, she has written two books on painting methods, *Painting In Layers* and *The Marquardt Method*.

Bob Rizzuto (BA-76), Golden, has been named vice president for finance and administration at Colorado State University. Bob served as interim president of Pikes Peak Community College and chief administrative

officer for Colorado Northwestern Community College from 2004-06.

Anne Baxter (BA-77), Canon City, retired after 30 years with the Canon City schools, and most recently taught gifted and talented students at the Harrison School for 16 years. Anne and her husband, Terry, have two children, Craig and Lauren.

Tracy Brinkmeyer (BA-77), Lebanon, Mo., joined RE/MAX Professional Realty, serving an area of the Missouri Ozarks.

David Gest (MA-77), Golden, retired in June after a 40-year



Wes Sargent (BS-69) and his wife, **Trudy**, Fort Collins, were selected to serve as grand marshals of the 2007 Greeley Independence Stampede parade. Wes has been in banking for more than 30 years, most recently with the Centennial Bank of the West. This is his 31st year as the voice of the CSU Rams, announcing football games and other sporting events. A former UNC Honored Alumnus, Wes served on the UNC Alumni Association and Foundation boards and is involved with Longs Peak Boy Scout Council and several other community organizations.

career with the United States Department of Energy, Department of Transportation and the Social Security Administration. David's wife, Ruthann, is a teacher at Shelton Elementary School, and his children, Jonathan and Jaclyn, are students at UNC.

Gene Slattery (BA-77), Englewood, Fla., owns GMC Family Partners LLC with his sons, Chris and Mike. His company designs and builds custom homes and has won grand awards in the Charlotte Desoto and the Manatee County parades of homes. Gene taught high school biology and coached swimming in Woodland Park before moving to Florida in 1978 to become involved in real estate and construction with U.S. Homes, Avatar Holdings and Arthur Rutenberg Homes.

David Hallowell (BA-78), Mercer Island, Wash., has been an attorney in Seattle since 1983.

Julie (Woodruff) Tinker (BA-78), Morrison, works for United

Launch Alliance in Littleton as a cost analyst and also teaches yoga. She and her husband of 24 years, Joe, have three Yorkshire Terriers.

Neil Argo (MM-79), Buena Park, Calif., hosted the Northern Colorado alumni and donor reception in Los Angeles in May. Neil composed the music for the movie, *PJ*, and is scoring *Star Trek*. A recipient of UNC's Honored Alumni Award in 1994, Neil received the 2006 and 2007 Park City Film Music Festival/Sundance Silver Medal for Excellence for the short films, *Mavet* and *Girl with Gun*.

Wayne Genoa (MM-79), Pueblo, retired from Pueblo South High School after 36 years of teaching music.

1980s

Rodney Chang (MA-80), Honolulu, has published *Pygoyan Oil Cyber-Paintings*, a book of his present art and *Roswell Encounter Gallery*, a fictional book based on the Roswell incident of 1947.

Jeff Manthos (BA-80), Corvallis, Ore., published his service memoir, *Steel Beach: My Life as a Naval Aircrewman 1972-1976*. Jeff is a '71 graduate of Poudre

High School in Fort Collins and was a resident there when he enlisted. Jeff was deployed twice to South East Asia and points beyond on aircraft carriers before enrolling at UNC in 1976. He has several pending book projects in addition to his continuing work as a professional violinmaker.

Kim (Sheppard) Shepton (BS-80), Kremmling, received a master's degree in nursing leadership education from Regis University.

Elinor (Miller) Greenberg (EdD-81) received the Colorado MESA Service Award in 2006 and 2007. Colorado MESA serves approximately 3,000 students in 140 schools, encouraging female, minority and economically disadvantaged elementary, middle and high school students to go to college and major in science- and math-related fields.

Michael Tessier (BA-81), Newburgh, Ind., is the assistant vice president for student affairs and director of residence life at the University of Evansville.

Mary (Young) Byrum (BA-82), Woodbridge, Va., teaches at an elementary school in Triangle, Va. Mary has traveled throughout the United States and to Korea, following her husband's Navy career. The couple has

two children, Courtney and Jonathan, and a first grandchild is due this fall.

Doug Cassell (BS-82), Ravensdale, Wash., is senior project manager of business continuity for T-Mobile USA in Bellevue, Wash.

Susie (Velasquez) Jojola (BS-83), Greeley, was appointed public trustee for Weld County by Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter. Susie earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver in 1988 and served as assistant attorney general and docket clerk for the Colorado State Senate. Susie and her husband, David, have two children.

J. Scott Murray (BS-84), Carr, published *Trucker's Tales*, a series of short stories based on his life as a trucker. Scott continues to travel, driving for Precision Fuel Haulers of Kersey, and his wife, Mary Ann, manages their ranch.

Beth (Perkins) Van Buskirk (BA-84), Aurora, works as a lease analyst in the oil and gas industry while on hiatus from teaching. Beth and her husband, **Marty Van Buskirk (BA-82)**, have twin sons.

Gregory Carroll (BME-85), Manhattan, Kan., is the CEO of the

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American Jazz Museum in Kansas City. Formerly the director of education for the International Association for Jazz Education, Greg also directed jazz studies at CU and was the instrumental music director in several Colorado school districts. Greg was named IAJE's Colorado Jazz Educator of the Year in 1997.

Gary Cordova (BA-85), Eugene, Ore., was named assistant dean of external affairs and development at the University of Oregon's Lundquist College. Gary previously served as vice president for institutional advancement at Chaminade University in Honolulu, associate vice president for advancement at Pitzer College in California and development officer and director of development communications at the University of Chicago School of Medicine.

Steve Foster (BA-86, MA-88), Orono, Maine, has published his book, *Building the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory*, which details the record-breaking three-year construction of the \$86 million bridge over the Penobscot River connecting Prospect and Verona, Maine.

Heidi (Price) Mendenhall (BM-88), Kittredge, received a doctorate of music in clarinet performance and pedagogy from CU-Boulder.

Carol (Welch) Sunnucks (BAE-88), Glendale, Ariz., is the director of public relations at Thunderbird School of Global Management, ranked No. 1 worldwide for international business education by *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News and World Report*.

Nancy (Marshall) Brown (MA-89), Baldwin City, Kan., serves as city treasurer for Baldwin City. Nancy completed a term as city council member and continues to serve on the public safety committee.

Daniel Lere (MA-89, EdD-04), Pueblo, is the superintendent of schools for Pueblo 70 School District.

1990s

Tammy (Reeve) Grauberger (BA-90), Dewey, Ariz., is a kindergarten teacher, having taught in various Arizona school districts for the past 13 years. Tammy was recently selected "Rotary Teacher of the Year."

Lorr Quinn (BA-91, MA-93), Fort Collins, teaches special education and coaches freshman football at Thompson Valley High School in Loveland.

Dawn Strohecker (BS-91, MA-04), Greeley, is a financial adviser with Edward Jones Investments.

Elaine (Aschenbrenner Rivas) Winick (BA-91), Orchard, works at FIML Natural Resources LLC in downtown Denver, and is president of the North Central Chapter of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association, a group that donates thousands of dollars to the Weld County community, including \$10,000 annually in scholarships. Elaine is married and has three children.



Posing for a photo at the "Return to Prominence" baseball fundraising dinner in May are Ernie Andrade '62, Don "Punky" Stern '57, Art Giffin '59, Ben Dreith '50, Harry Wise '51, and Thurm Wright, former baseball coach.

Patty Rogers (BAE-92, MA-96), Chandler, Ariz., is assistant principal at Superstition Springs Elementary School in the Gilbert Unified School District. Patty taught at the elementary and high school levels in the district and was dean of students at Mesquite High School.

Alisa (Andrew) Alfonso (BA-93), Pueblo, teaches math with Branson School online. Alisa

and her husband, Don, have three children, Ashley, Anthony and Amanda.

Dustin Holmes (BA-94), Tucson, Ariz., is a software engineer with Honeywell Aerospace. He worked for Raytheon Missile Systems and served as an officer in the United States Air Force for five years, stationed in Omaha, Neb., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla. An avid Arizona Cardinals fan, Dustin was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame as 2003 Fan of the Year. Dustin was selected by the Lance Armstrong Foundation to be part of the LIVESTRONG Army of runners to run in the ING New York City Marathon on Nov. 4, 2003. He and his wife, **Jean (Serveiss) Holmes** (BA-94), are parents of twin boys, Austin and Dylan.

Francis (Frank) Spano (BS-94), Littleton, is vice president in the construction lending department of Keybank and an adjunct professor at Colorado Technical University.

Eric Erlewein (BA-96), Frisco, Texas, is the director of marketing for Blockbuster, after serving as the company's director of operations for the Gulf Coast, the operations program manager in Dallas and the district manager in Northern Colorado. He coaches football, t-ball and basketball and paints murals. Eric and his wife, Roz, have two sons, Zach and Blake.

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At center, **Melinda Dickson-Smart '00**, Parker, portrayed Donna in *The Taffetas, A Musical Journey Through the Fabulous Fifties* at the Broadway division of The Denver Center for Performing Arts. A commercial actress, model and recording artist, Melinda has performed as a solo artist and a featured vocalist and dancer in premier Colorado venues and festivals. At right, **Michelle Sergeeff '96**, Denver, made her Denver Center debut with *The Taffetas* cast as understudy and dance captain. Michelle has performed in the Denver area for 10 years. They are pictured with **Betty Buchanan '56** following a performance.

Jeff Jiron (BA-96), Windsor, has joined Centennial Bank of the West as an assistant vice president and commercial lender at the bank's college branch in Fort Collins.

Rick Copley (MA-97), Mount Dora, Fla., started a fitness consulting firm, Infinity Health and Wellness...Fitness Without Boundaries.

Abdulaziz Husain (BS-97), Kuwait, leads the quality assurance and information security department at the Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait.

James (J.D.) Johnson (BA-97), Chippewa Falls, Wis., announced the birth of a son, Jack, in April 2007. Jack has two older sisters, Serenity and Calianna.

Deidre "Dede" Rouse (BA-98), Greeley, is teaching sixth and seventh grade reading at Union Colony Preparatory School, having taught third and fourth grades at Scott Elementary School for two years and third grade at Billie Martinez Elementary School for six years. Dede and her husband, Kevin, who also teaches at Union

Colony, have three grown children and one grandchild.

Teresa Vessels (BA-98), Fruita, is the vice principal of Caprock Academy, a new charter school in Grand Junction.

Aaron Smith (BA-99), Westminster, was named "Best Athlete, Male" in *Best of the Springs* magazine, published by *The Gazette* in Colorado Springs. Aaron won the category as a perennial AFC Pro Bowl selection and as a recipient of a Super Bowl ring. Aaron was a member of the Bears Division II national football championship teams in '96 and '97.

Michelle Wiebers (BA-99, MA-02), Sterling, teaches special education in a resource room at the eighth grade level.

2000s

Christine (Gibson) Armstrong (BA-00), Longmont, is a stay-at-home mom with two sons.

Sara Cooley (BA-00, MA-06), Portland, Ore., works as a speech-language pathologist for Consonus Rehab in Portland. Sara married Jeremy Hollingsworth in July.

Chris Lucio (BS-00), Greeley, earned Allstate Insurance Co.'s personal financial representative title after completing the NASD securities license exams and an extensive Allstate training curriculum. Chris has been in the insurance industry for two years.

Ralph Tamasky (EdD-00), Greeley, was named to the Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center Advisory Board. Ralph is a professor of foreign languages and ethnic studies at Aims Community College.

Paul Coleman (BM-01, MM-04), West Henrietta, N.Y., was chosen to serve as the acting administrative director of the Eastman Computer Music Center at the Eastman School of Music. Paul is finishing a PhD in music composition at the school while working as a sound designer and engineer for a variety of artists, most notably Steve Reich, in the 2007 June in Buffalo series.

Shana (French) Hutchings (BA-01), Fargo, N.D., works in campus ministry at North Dakota State University.

Melissa (Glover) Klundt (BA-01), Gill, teaches kindergarten at Platte Valley Elementary School

and is pursuing her master's degree in elementary education at UNC. Melissa also owns a scrapbooking/craft store in Kersey. She was married in June 2006 and has one stepdaughter, Bailey.

Chris Lepore (BA-01), Denver, is the director of state government affairs for Johnson & Johnson and chair of the Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America Colorado Task Force.

Deedra Severin (BA-01), Evans, is an agent for County Insurance & Financial Services in Greeley.

Duane Bierman (MM-02), Fargo, N.D., is pursuing a doctorate of musical arts degree in instrumental conducting at the North Dakota State University.

Carylia (Carey) Franklin (BA-02), Colorado Springs, traveled abroad since graduation and is a first grade teacher in Nicaragua.

Lori Annand (BS-03), Greeley, is assistant vice president of the New West Bank. A banking officer for three years, Lori manages a loan portfolio of small business, construction and commercial real estate loans.

Jon Boyer (BS-03), Clifton, coaches offensive football at Mesa State College in Grand Junction.

Ryan Brown (BA-03), Surprise, Ariz., passed the CPA examination and works for a large accounting firm.

Lynette Medved (BA-03), Pueblo, teaches fifth grade at Sierra Vista Elementary School.



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Adam Peter (BS-03), San Diego, accepted a position as an associate with Yorkville Advisors in San Diego after earning a Juris Doctor and master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University in spring 2007. As a student, he worked for the SEC and NASD and published an article in the *Graziadio Business Report* that detailed SEC regulation of hedge funds.

Ron Scott (BA-03), Greeley, is the on-premise representative for High Country Beverage in Loveland, a distributor of about 25 brands of beverages in Northern Colorado.

Eric Waisman (BS-03), Berkeley, Calif., is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Northern California, helping clients with comprehensive financial planning and wealth management strategies. Eric also volunteers his time with various organizations in the community.

Juliana (Bishop) Hoch (DA-04), Loveland, performs with the Loveland Opera Theatre.

Sara Seely (BS-04), Mead, is the community bank marketing officer at Union Colony Bank of Greeley. Sara has been with Union Colony Bank for three years and serves on the United Way of Weld County Resource Investment Committee.

Abby Wilson (BA-04), Malden, Mass., graduated from Northeastern University in May 2007 with a master's degree in counseling psychology.

Josh South (BA-05), Fort Collins, is an agent for County Insurance and Financial Services.

Ariana Carrillo (BS-06), Karlsruhe, Germany, married Joerg Springmann in August. She is studying at the Carl-Engler Schule in Karlsruhe.

Andres Guerrero Jr. (MA-06), Greeley, works for Aims Community College and has been appointed to the Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center Advisory Board.

Jeff Spletzer (BS-06), Brighton, is a physical education teacher at Horizon High School in Thornton



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Nov. 9 and 10, 2007

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and plays professional football with the Colorado Ice, part of the United Indoor Football League.

Catherine Stitt (BS-06), South Royalton, Vt., attends law school in Vermont.

Jason Crafton (MM-07), Bigfork, Mont., plans to pursue a doctor-

ate of musical arts degree at the University of North Texas.

Mark Despain (BS-07), Greeley, is a self-employed realtor.

Alanna Moses (BS-07), Greeley, joined the accounting firm of Anderson & Whitney PCA in June.

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**FACULTY/STAFF/
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Jim Bye, friend of UNC and generous supporter of the Tointon Institute and Cumbres program, passed away in April. At the time of his death, Bye was a senior partner at Holme Roberts & Owen, practicing tax law and estate planning.

Zahi Kamal, former chairman of the sociology department at UNC, passed away in March. Kamal attended CSU and earned his PhD in 1970 from Washington State University. He was a member of the UNC faculty from 1970-75. He also worked with graduate sociology students in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Patricia Applegate, former UNC professor and emeritus faculty member since 1987, passed away in March. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1949 from University of Northern Iowa and her master's degree in 1962 from CSU. An authority on English history and language, Applegate taught English and humanities at UNC from 1964-87.

Donald Holley (EdD-61) passed away in January. Holley was

a speech and communication professor at UNC from 1964-82 and also served as department chair. While earning his doctorate degree in education from UNC, he taught English and speech at College High School. He was granted emeritus faculty status in 1982.

Warren W. Wiggins passed away in April. Wiggins attended CSCE from 1940-42 until he withdrew from classes to serve in the Army during World War II. He wrote the basic philosophical document that shaped the mission of the Peace Corps and was a recipient of the Alumni Association's Honored Alumni Award in 1965.

Sandra Davenport, longtime UNC employee, and her husband, Monte, died in a June traffic accident in Greeley. Recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year award in 1995, Sandy worked in the administrative areas of several departments during her employment at UNC. A Sandy and Monte Davenport memorial scholarship fund has been set up at the UNC Foundation, Judy Farr Alumni Center, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO, 80639.

Amy (Wilcox) Smart '91

Amy Wilcox Smart '91 was a wise and caring companion on the journey of life and a friend to all who knew her. A journalism/communications major, she was a graceful student and immersed herself in her studies. As bright as she was, this left plenty of time for everything from a busy social life to athletics (track and field) to work with two honor societies. I helped her choose her major, which wasn't hard for so gifted a communicator, and when she lost her mother to cancer in her senior year, we all rallied to support her.

Amy married UNC alumnus Russ Smart in 1994. The couple developed rewarding careers in real estate management and development, and moved to Windsor with their two daughters, Taylor and Ally. Amy returned to UNC in 2002 to work with me as the associate director of the President's Leadership Program. She was a superior organizer and was immediately a great asset to the program. I had just survived chemo myself and was daffier than usual, but Amy, God bless her, took us in hand. She organized our activities, each of which has since become an annual tradition: the fall retreat; our student handbook; the makeup of the student staff; our Learning Weekends; and the spring banquet.

In 2004, Amy was diagnosed with cancer, which she fought fiercely through months of surgeries, chemo and radiation. As she fought she knew she might lose the battle, just as her mother had lost a generation before. But her courage, optimism and faith sustained her and the friends who gathered earlier this year to say goodbye. Amy was 37 when she left us, a pillar of strength and courage. This past spring, the Smart family established a scholarship in her memory. Hers was a precious spirit, creative, diligent and wise. We loved and needed her when she came to us, and her gallant spirit will shine in us always.

—John Bromley

Director of the President's Leadership Program at UNC



P. Joseph DeLio

1930s

Gertrude (Fonte) Stevens (LC-34, BA-40)
Clifford E. Higer (MA-36)

1940s

Pauline (Reddish) Harbaugh (BA-43)
Hazel B. Hurd (BA-44, MA-52)
Cissy Shigetomi (BA-45)
William S. Frantz (BA-47)
P. Joseph DeLio (BA-48, MA-49)

1950s

Dale Thompson (BA-50, MA-53)
George M. Kalber (BA-54)
Wayne H. Smith (MA-55, EdD-66)
John Lampshire (BA-56)
Victor A. Lotrich (BA-56, MA-60)
Richard A. Warner (MA-57, EdD-64)
Patsy Endner (BA-58)

1960s

Frances (Lindstrom) Halstrom (MA-60, EdD-62)
Helen Kay (Leonard) Skinner (BA-64)
Martin Asbury (BA-65)
Joyce (Matthews) Oppenheimer (BA-66)

1970s

Mary E. Evans (BS-70)
Cindy (Padilla) Anderson (BA-71)
Deborah Merrill (BA-75, MA-79)

1980s

Benjamin Phaswana (BS-82)

2000s

Cheryl Fagerberg (BA-02, MS-03)
David Foster (BA-04)

calendar

OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	8	Bears Football Home Opener vs. Chadron State, 1 pm, Nottingham Field
	8	Alumni and Friends Pregame Party, 11 am, Judy Farr Alumni Center
	15	Bears Football and Tailgate Party in San Diego, 3:30 pm, the University of San Diego
	19	Always a Bear Road Tour, 4-6 pm reception, Estes Park
	28	College of Performing and Visual Arts Dean's Tour in Colorado Springs and Pueblo
OCTOBER	12-13	Homecoming Weekend
	12	50-Year Reunion, 8:30 am-2 pm, University Center
	12	Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet, 5:30 reception, 6:30 dinner, University Center Ballrooms
	13	Homecoming Parade, 9:30 am, and Alumni and Friends Pregame Party, 10 am, Judy Farr Alumni Center
	13	Bears Football vs. Weber State, 12 Noon, Nottingham Field
	14	Greek Reunion Golf Outing, 8 am, Greeley Country Club
	27	Bears Football vs. Montana State, 12 Noon, Nottingham Field
NOVEMBER	1	Cumbres Scholarship Reception, 3 pm, University Center
	1	President's Annual Scholarship Reception, 4 pm, University Center
	9-10	Hall of Fame Weekend
	9	Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction, 5 pm reception, 6 pm dinner, University Center
	10	Bears Football vs. Sacramento State, 12 Noon, Nottingham Field
	16	UNC Athletics Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Dinner, 5:30 pm, University Center
	17	Bears Football vs. Portland State, 12 Noon, Nottingham Field

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For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu. You can also visit us online at www.uncalumni.org.

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- ★ Bears Football

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