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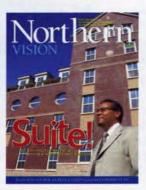
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UNC Executive Director of Auxiliary Services Tobias Guzmán is photographed outside the new West Campus Residence Hall. Once both phases are complete in the fall of 2009, the new residence halls will double the old square footage and house 721 students in a state-of-the-art facility with improved natural light, 12' x 12' suite-style rooms, private baths and 24-hour security. Funded entirely through a \$63 million bond, the new residence halls will also feature multimedia meeting rooms, 40 new study areas, vending machines with healthy alternatives, recycling centers, and laundry and kitchen facilities in each wing.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL SOLOWAY

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I AM REBORN in the fall; it is my spring of sorts, my new beginning. Personally, I love it when summer temperatures finally back off, the air turns cool, leaves fire up their unique Colorado colors and the word "brisk" is spoken fondly once again. Working



on a college campus just serves to fuel this excitement, where the fall semester marks the start of another academic year. Students return, their cars suffocating with can't-live-

withouts, while new students move into residence halls for the first time, their parents filled with mixed emotions as they help unload and learn to let go.

This fall, aside from the trees, the UNC landscape itself is changing transformed in much the same way the university transforms the lives of its students. The most ambitious building project in UNC's history, the West Campus Residence Hall Complex, is taking shape along 11th Avenue. In August, the first new residence hall welcomed its first students. Once complete in fall 2009, the entire project will accommodate 721 students. (See page 10.)

Of course, saying hello oftentimes means having to say goodbye. As we welcome a distinctive new residence hall complex that will help define the UNC experience for years to come, we also mark the end of an era as UNC said farewell to McCowen Hall. McCowen Hall was built when dorms were still dorms. More than 25,000 students have called McCowen home over the past 45 years. Couples such as Chuck and Judy (Mattingly) Russell met during one of McCowen's social dances and later married in 1965. For alumni such as them, the change is bittersweet but they see and understand the need. "We're sad to see it [McCowen Hall] go, but the new facility looks wonderful!"

There is an old brick house, with an old plank wraparound porch, that sits on a plot larger than a mound yet smaller than a hill, at 921 West Jefferson Street, on the campus of Florida State University, in Tallahassee, Florida. I lived there from 1988-1992, with 16 other guys, during my undergraduate days at FSU. Although we weren't Greek, we considered ourselves part of a special fraternity, and our house had a starring role. Selby III, as it was named, had what we all called "character." I remember the wood-burning fireplace, full-size attic, its panel and plaster walls, and our British-style telephone booth (yes, telephone booth), as much as I do the memories and friends I made. It was, and still is, my McCowen Hall. Sixteen years later, the house still stands, although I imagine the old house will eventually be demolished to make room for more parking or for a newer, more modern facility. Admittedly, I've looked up the address on Google* maps. Although you can only see the roof and a cast of oak trees it gives me comfort knowing the house is still there. Selby was my home. It was my home away from home, and it's a place that helped shape me into the person I am today.

McCowen was that same force for so many. McCowen Hall, may she never be forgotten—that Home Away From Home. Home is in your heart. As long as it's there, no machine can tear it down and no one can take it away, no matter how many years may pass.

Once a Bear. Always a Bear.

Michael "Sully" Soloway, Editor

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

Governor Ritter Praises Monfort **College Accomplishments**

COLORADO GOVERNOR BILL RITTER visited the Monfort College of Business in March, meeting with Interim Dean Tim Jares, faculty, staff and students who gave up



Monfort Interim Dean Tim Jares, President Kay Norton and Colorado Governor Bill Ritter tour the UNC Monfort College of Business.

part of their spring break to meet the governor. Jares briefed the governor on the College's journey to receipt of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, top 5 percent performance by graduating seniors on the nationally benchmarked ETS Major Field Test in Business, and accountability/ partnership issues in higher education. Ritter then engaged in a dialog with faculty and students regarding the College's success in undergraduate business education, the College's

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performance excellence journey and plans for the future, and higher education funding issues in Colorado. The governor's visit concluded with a tour of Kepner Hall. By all accounts, the governor was very impressed with the program and facility, applauding the college's achievements and voicing support for UNC and higher education in Colorado. The governor's office requested the visit to the College. Other stops for the governor in Northern

Colorado included a visit to the corporate headquarters of IBS Swift & Co., a luncheon speech by the governor at the Greeley Chamber of Commerce CEO Forum, and a visit to the Greeley Tribune.

FACULTY AWARDS

UNC Technology **Professor Latest Fulbright Scholar**

Jim Gall, associate professor of Educational Technology at UNC, has been selected as

a Fulbright Scholar for Fall 2008. Part of the Fulbright will involve teaching multimedia at a design institute in the Ukrainian city of Kharkov. Gall received a bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor

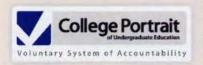


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in mathematics from the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. In 1990, he earned his master's degree in instructional systems from the Pennsylvania State University and later received a PhD in instructional systems in 1995 from the Florida State University. At UNC, Gall teaches software design and development and supervises the ICET Computer Lab in McKee Hall. With more than 10 years of practical experience in software development and instructional design design and statistics at the United States Air

for Andersen Consulting, Electronic Data Systems, and General Electric, Gall is also involved in numerous college and campus initiatives regarding technology infrastructure. Gall previously taught instructional Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

UNC JOINS NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM



THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO is participating in the Voluntary System of Accountability, a national initiative designed to help students, their families and others by

providing comparable and transparent information about individual institutions. For more information about the program, or for a list of the 238 other colleges and universities participating, visit HTTP://WWW.UNCO.EDU/ASSESSMENT/ VSA.HTML



FACILITIES

Arts Educators Get Hands "Dirty" to Improve Classroom Instruction

Amidst centerpieces of tiny Zen gardens and fiber artist Elda Kohls' fabric designs created with dyes made from dirt around the world, the University of Northern Colorado hosted Dirt,



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a four-day seminar on arts integration in public schools. The brainchild of Andrew Jay Svedlow, dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, and spearheaded by Executive Director Connie Stewart, *Dirt* served as a powerful example of how to enrich the "fertile soil of education by using art, music, drama and dance when teaching other subjects." This was the second year the university's Center for Integrated Arts Education has hosted the event. Attended by educators,

arts specialists and administrators from nine schools across the country, the seminar provides

a wealth of hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom. "The university is proud to play a role in helping individual schools and districts strategically plan ways to infuse the arts into their curriculum," said Svedlow. "We want to provide opportunities to encounter new ideas about the role of the arts in the intellectual, physical, and creative development of young people. By using visual

A recent DIRT seminar helped individual schools and districts strategically plan ways to infuse the arts into their curriculum.

and tactile elements, students experienced another dimension of learning that would be far more memorable than reading alone. The creative process allowed the students to draw their own connections to people of another time and place."

MONFORT

University Names New Monfort College Dean

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO has named Don Gudmundson dean of the university's Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business following a national search. Prior to joining UNC, Gudmundson oversaw

2,300 students as senior associate dean of the College of Business at University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh. He had served as a faculty member there since 1991. "Dr. Gudmundson will bring to the position years of experience in teaching, research and administration," said UNC Provost Abe Harraf. "He has the background and skill set to lead the award-winning business college on the path to continued success." At Oshkosh, Gudmundson helped create a downtown facility in Green Bay, Wis., and established a Global MBA partnership with schools in Germany and India. "I am honored to be selected to be the Dean of the Monfort College of Business," Gudmundson said. "The college of business has been on an exciting journey and I look forward to continuing that journey." In 2004, Gudmundson was named the University of Wisconsin College of Business Professor of the Year. He holds a PhD in Strategic Management from the University of Wisconsin.



UNC Receives \$14.5 Million for Butler-Hancock Hall

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COLORADO will receive \$14.5 million for Butler-Hancock Hall renovations thanks to legislation signed by Gov. Bill Ritter. The legislation, which Rep. Jim Riesberg of Greeley helped sponsor, allows the state to issue Certificates of Participation to speed up funding for more than \$200 million in higher education construction projects. Butler-Hancock renovations will be completed by local contractor Hensel Phelps and improve the building's academic areas and include a classroom addition. Upgraded electrical wiring and locker rooms reconfiguration will maximize space, particularly for physical education classes offered by the School of Sport and Exercise Science. Funds will also be used to install air conditioning to make the facility more marketable to private users and more comfortable for students, alumni and community members who attend UNC events. "This is an exciting opportunity for UNC to leverage the state's investment to raise private funds for additional Butler-Hancock renovations," UNC President Kay Norton said. "By integrating the state-funded academic renovations with privately funded improvements, we can maximize the impact of both state taxpayer and private donor dollars." A campaign is now under way to raise an additional \$7.5 million in private funds for the multi-use athletic training facility identified in UNC's 2006 Athletic Facilities Master Plan. The facility would house athletic training and strength and conditioning activities as well as UNC's Athletic Hall of Fame. An additional \$6 million will also need to be raised through private donations to the project. "It's an enormous undertaking, but we're up for the challenge," said Development Officer Jack Maughan. "It's going to improve our facilities tremendously for our student-athletes."



FACULTY

Holman Honored by HESAL Program

The faculty of the Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership doctoral program



have named Debra Holman, associate director of the University Honors Program, this year's recipient of the Dr. Jean Schober Morrell Award for Leadership in Student Affairs. Through a competitive nomina-

tion process, the award is presented annually to a UNC student-services professional who demonstrates outstanding leadership to students, staff and the university community at large. Holman received a monetary prize for the award. If you would like to contribute to future recipients, please contact Michael Muskin at 970.351.1408 or email Michael. muskin@unco.edu.

Diversity Efforts Recognized

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVER-SITY RESIDENCE HALLS, a student-run organization representing 400 colleges in 50 states and four countries, has awarded the Commitment to Diversity Award to the University of Northern Colorado. The annual award recognizes a university's student-directed diversity awareness, education programming and overall commitment to diversity. A group of UNC Residence Hall Association students, led by senior Sara Valencich, prepared a 40-page report that helped advance them to the national conference at Oklahoma State University. The report documented yearlong university diversity initiatives and highlighted academic and event programming offered by campus groups and individuals, including Student Activities, Residence Life, the cultural centers and faculty and staff. Letters of support in the report included a commendation from Gov. Bill Ritter. "The national selection committee, composed of board members from each of the orga-

nizations eight regions, applauded the partnerships formed on campus and

with the city of Greeley to promote and foster diversity," said Valencich.

GRADUATION, MAY 2008







EVENT

HONORS





In May, more than 1,400 undergraduate students received their degrees during the spring commencement ceremony at Nottingham Field. The featured speaker was UNC alumna Jeannie Ritter '78, and First Lady of Colorado. That same weekend, graduate students received their master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees during a separate ceremony at the Butler–Hancock Sports Pavilion. Pictured above (I) the First Lady of Colorado Jeannie Ritter shares a touching moment with graduates, while university President Kay Norton (r) congratulates the Class of 2008 and challenges them to go out into the world and "... build community and transform lives, one life at a time."

FACULTY

Foreign Teachers Attend UNC Under Federal Program

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THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND **BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES and the School** of Teacher Education, hosted 18 teachers from Central America and the Caribbean who were participating in the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS) program. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development and administered by Georgetown University, the program started in 1989, with the goal to improve the academic skills and practices of teachers in Central America and the Caribbean. The program focuses on identifying and recruiting teachers who work in rural areas and educate children from indigenous populations, particularly teachers who have shown strong leadership skills and commitment to their rural communities. Countries participating in the program included Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. The program is a collaborative effort between the United States and countries in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

The CASS teachers arrived in January and left in June. While at UNC, they completed a specialized academic program, spent one day per week in elementary schools, and participated in community service, which included extensive work with the Bright Beginnings Program through United Way. "We are very proud and honored to have been the first institution of higher education in Colorado selected to participate in the CASS Program. It was a privilege to work with such talented and dedicated teachers who shared their culture, language, history, and educational practices with our UNC community," said Prof. Madeline Milian, director of the CASS/UNC Program.

AWARDS

SES PROFESSOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



Jim Stiehl, professor of Sport and Exercise Science, has been named the recipient of the Julian W. Smith Award by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Stiehl was recognized during the organization's annual convention on April 9 in Fort Worth, Tex. Each year, the alliance recognizes a member who has made significant and sustained contributions to recreation and outdoor education. In his 30-plus years as a physical education and special education teacher, Stiehl has devoted himself to under-served youth by developing alternative programs through community and university partnerships that promote safety, healthy choices and social skills. Stiehl is a former instructor with the National Outdoor

Leadership School. In addition to teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at UNC, he supervises UNC's Challenge Ropes Course, a campus program he helped create in 1989.

RESEARCH

NHS Third Annual Student Research Celebration



THE UNC COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES' Third Annual Student Research Celebration honored noteworthy research by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as exemplary research mentoring by NHS faculty, on April 10, in conjunction with the University's Student Research Day and Academic

Excellence Week. More than 130 people from UNC and throughout the Greeley community participated in the annual banquet and student poster session. The evening also included presentations from Michael Bradshaw, an undergraduate student in the School of Biological Sciences, and Nissa Yestness, a graduate student in the School of Mathematical Sciences. Both Susan Keenan, undergraduate mentoring, and Jennifer Clarke, graduate student mentoring, were honored as Faculty Research Mentors of the Year. Sponsored by Greeley Centennial Rotary, additional details about the Student Research Celebration can be found at www.unco.edu/nhs/highlights/student_ research2008.html. If you would like to support NHS Student Research Celebration Fund, please contact the UNC Foundation at www.uncfoundation.org.

SRC ACADEMIC AWARDS ANNOUNCED



THE 2007-2008 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACADEMIC AWARDS were presented to the following people: Professor of the Year—Allen McConnell, Monfort College of Business; Advisor of the Year—Ron Reed, Monfort College of Business; Graduate Assistant of the Year—Kelly Kirven, doctoral student in Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership and GA for the Office of Multicultural Affairs; and Student of the Year—Lauren Dent, undergraduate in the Monfort College of Business.

HONORS

WRC HONORS 'INSPIRING WOMEN'

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER recently honored faculty, staff and students during its 2008 Inspiring Women Awards. This year's winners were Keiko Krahnke, assistant professor of management and special assistant to the president for diversity; Julie Trujillo, coordinator of advising/counseling, Center for Human Enrichment; and Susan Rae, UNC student.

Monfort Students Shine on the National Stage

GRADUATING SENIORS at the Monfort College of Business have once again scored in the top five percent collectively on a nationally administered exit exam. Spring 2008 scores, combined with fall and summer 2007, put Monfort seniors in the highest scoring band possible for the year on the Major Field Test in Business, a standardized test produced by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, NJ. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Monfort seniors have scored at or above the 90th percentile on the exam. "Collective scores in the top five percent in the nation is a great accomplishment and speaks very highly of our students and program," said Interim Dean Tim Jares. The test is the most widely used instrument at business schools to assess core business knowledge. At last report, 477 schools administered the exam nationwide. In addition to that accomplishment, a Monfort team claimed first place at the Direct Marketing Educational Foundation's 2008 Collegiate ECHO Competition. Their direct marketing campaign for Pitney Bowes was among entries from students at colleges nationwide. Monfort's "Gold Echo" award-winning undergraduate student campaign titled "Spice Up Your Mail" targeted non-profit organizations, marketing the Pitney Bowes Stamp Expressions™ Printer-a desktop printer that lets customers print USPS* approved postage designed through the Internet. This marks the 10th time a direct marketing team from UNC has placed in the top three in the national competition.

ANNIVERSARY **Reaching Their Peak: Cumbres** Program Celebrates 10 Years of **Preparing Future Teachers**

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COL-**ORADO CUMBRES PROGRAM marked** its 10-year anniversary during their Annual Fiesta at the Denver Merchandise Mart this past spring. Cumbres, or "peaks" in Spanish, is a special teacher preparation program that recruits students committed to working with Hispanic school children and students of poverty in the public schools. UNC students in the Cumbres program pursue endorsements in Bilingual Education or

Linda Carbajal, director of UNC's Cumbres Program, was honored for her years of service to future teachers.

Teaching English as a Second Language, in addition to their required degree curriculum. More than 90 percent of Cumbres students are firstgeneration college students. Cumbres uses a cohort concept, in which an identified group of teacher education students begin together as freshmen and take a cluster of courses each year that not only prepare them for their area of primary teacher certification, but also for an endorsement in Second Language. "What sets these teacher education students apart is that they are being specifically trained to teach public school children who may be bilingual in English or Spanish, or whose primary language is Spanish," said Eugene Sheehan, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to the bonding that the cohort experience produces, Cumbres students are also assigned mentors-individuals in the Greeley community or faculty and staff at UNC-who work one-on-one with Cumbres students. Many of the Cumbres participants are also members of the Presidential Leadership Program, University Honors Program and the Stryker Institute for Leadership Development.

MILESTONE

Blue & Golden Opportunity UNC Blue & Gold Club Gets Off the Mat Thanks to Longtime Wrestling Coach

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLO-RADO Head Wrestling Coach Jack Maughan has been named Director of Development for Athletics of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation. Maughan assumed his new role with the Foundation on April 1, but will continue as head wrestling coach at UNC. One of Maughan's first priorities is to re-establish the UNC Blue & Gold Club, a booster program that provides scholarships for UNC's student-athletes. "UNC has some of the best and brightest student-athletes in the country," says Maughan. "They consistently allow us to provide a great product for our fans. We owe it to them to not only get the Blue and Gold Club back to where it used to be, but also build on past success . . . it's job number one."

BEAR

As head coach of the wrestling team and former head coach of the men's and women's golf teams, Maughan has had to rely on fund- and friend-raising for program support. Under his leadership the wrestling program has established

"UNC has some of the best and brightest studentathletes in the country." five separate endowment funds with a balance of \$4.1 million. In addition, the wrestling program was

able to build a \$1 million practice facility through private funding. Maughan says he is thrilled to be able to extend his long-term connection with UNC through the UNC Foundation.

"I'm excited about joining another great team," says Maughan. "The work of the Foundation is crucial as we increase funding to help student-athletes reach their educational and athletic goals and dreams."



UNC Foundation President Virgil Scott said, "Jack brings so much energy to the Foundation team. He has a wealth of knowledge, passion for UNC and dedication to helping our students. We're truly fortunate to have him as we continue to build private support for UNC throughout Colorado and beyond."

Over the course of 21 years at UNC, Maughan, in addition to coaching wrestling, has taught courses for the School of Sport and Exercise Science, directed wrestling camps and coached men's and women's golf. He received a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Physical Education—Sport Administration. Maughan is past president of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, has been recognized by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame— Colorado State Chapter and was named Colorado Intercollegiate Coach of the Year in 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2006. "Coach Maughan is not only a great coach, but has a great vision for success for Northern Colorado," said UNC Athletic Director Jay Hinrichs. "He is the right person to direct the wrestling program and our partnership with the UNC Foundation."

In addition to his new duties, Maughan will continue to fulfill his role as UNC's head wrestling coach. He looks forward to the challenge.

"It's all about celebrating the accomplishments of our past student-athletes as we help secure scholarships for future UNC student-athletes who compete in the Big Sky, Western Wrestling, America Sky and Pacific Coast Conferences. Blue and Gold is the key."

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If you would like more information or you would like to make a gift to UNC student-athletes, contact Jack Maughan, 970.351.1815 or jack.maughan@unco.edu

MEN'S GOLF

BASKETBALL



BIDNE IS CO-NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

University of Northern Colorado freshman Stephen Bidne was honored April 28 as the America Sky Golf Conference Co-Newcomer of the Year for the 2007-2008 season. Keaton Woodland of Weber State was the other recipient of the conference's inaugural award. Bidne (St. Paul, Minn.) consistently led the Bears in tournament action this year by tying a school record for lowest round, placing first at the Colorado School of Mines Invitational and posted the team's best individual score at the US Intercollegiate tournament. In fall 2007, Bidne tied for 23rd at the inaugural America Sky Conference Golf Championship after shooting a 152 (+8) two-day total. He also sunk a hole-in-one at the Pacific Invitational. This is the first year of NCAA affiliation for the America Sky Golf Conference, which includes Binghamton, Hartford, Idaho State, Northern Colorado, Sacramento State, Texas-Pan American, Utah Valley and Weber State.

UNC Women's Basketball Achieves Academic Top 10

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIA-TION announced the 2007-08 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll this past summer and the University of Northern Colorado had the 10th highest grade-point average among Division I women's basketball teams with a 3.414. The top 10 teams included South Dakota State University, 3.669; Kansas State University, 3.652; Indiana State University, 3.591; Eastern Washington University, 3.584; Western Carolina University, 3.543; University of Northern Iowa, 3.535; Eastern Illinois University, 3.475; Manhattan College, 3.430; Utah Valley, 3.419; **University of Northern Colorado, 3.414**; For additional information, visit http://uncbears.cstv.com/ sports/w-baskbl/spec-rel/071508aaa.html.

VOLLEYBALL

China Earthquake Doesn't Rattle Volleyball Team (a team member's journal)

UNFORGETTABLE. AMAZING. SHOCKING. MOTIVATING. INCREDIBLE. MOVING.

All of these words accurately describe our ten-day adventure in China, but, honestly, I think only one truly encompasses the journey we've taken: indescribable. Maybe that's why it's so hard for me to sit and journal to you all back home tonight. Because even after talking together in a group for our last night here just a moment ago, we are all still having trouble trying to sum up everything we've done or felt.

There is no way we can let you all know what it is like to be in the same place where emperors once walked and where history was made. It's impossible to describe exactly how accomplished one feels after reaching the top of the Great Wall, or how inconceivable it is to look out on Shanghai's horizon from the tallest building in town and not be able to see where the city ends. Even when trying to describe something simple, like the scenery around me (the buildings, trees, and millions of people), I still find myself feeling like a failure when trying to express how cool and bizarre it really is.

This place, and this trip, can't be summed up in words or even in pictures (though we have certainly all tried with our overworked cameras). China is too amazing, too overwhelming, too emotional, and too memorable.

For the 26 of us who were blessed enough to go on this trip, our adventure technically comes to an end tomorrow. And for the most

The UNC Volleyball Team and traveling party before their ascent of the Great Wall of China. part, our lives will go back to normal. We'll go home, re-involve ourselves in our daily routines, and get back to normal life in the United States. But I know I am speaking for all of us when I say that we will be different. We aren't

exactly the same people we were before we came here. From this trip, we'll take away with us a more eye-opened view of the world. We'll not only be more knowledgeable about the Chinese people, but humanity as a whole.

We've also come closer as a team, learning more about each other and the sport we play as we have experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity together. (An earthquake rocked China shortly after their



arrival.) I think that's what's touched me the most about this trip. Most people get the chance to come to China only once, and we got to do it together—as a team. We are proud to represent Northern Colorado on an international level and are thankful for the support the administration and the community has given us as we've planned for and taken this trip. And, of course, we'd be nowhere without the donations and assistance of the generous friends, fans, and families around us. We are very fortunate people to have been here to learn all we did, and we hope we got the most out of it that we could have.

So, tomorrow, when we land in Denver, forgive us for not being able to stop talking about our trip or for not describing it well enough. Because, like I said in the beginning, it's been too indescribable to even come close to measuring it. We'll show you our pictures, and tell you our stories, but, in the end, China is China.

It's an experience all its own.

-Allison Raguse '10 Middle Blocker Lincoln, Neb.

UNC's state-of-the-art West Campus Housing Complex will attract the best and brightest. ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL SOLOWAY

Bricks are one of the oldest types of building blocks. Ideal for their size and durability, they stand tall, they stay strong and weather passing storms better than any other building material humans have ever devised. Bricks are simply timeless, diverse in their makeup and seemingly immune to whatever is thrown their way. From yesterday's dorms to the modern residence halls of today, bricks are what dreams are

> made of and UNC students are coming to dream.

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As part of the most ambitious building and The new residence hall at the left will be home to 348 students in 12' x 12' suitestyle rooms with private baths and 24-hour security.

grounds project in UNC's history, the first phase of the West **Campus Housing Project opened** its doors on August 1. New students continue to settle into the new residence hall, but there is already a sense of community growing among the residentsstudents sit on the lawns and bond, the grand piano is being put to good use and the shared kitchen is serving as a backdrop for stories and pre-class studies. Ashley Sandy '12 is amazed with the new building—its functionality yes, but its character and comforts as well.

Pictured below, Art Education major Ashley Sandy '12 loves that she can 'spread out' in her new room. 'The vaulted ceilings and natural light make it perfect for studying," says Katie Huber '12 (opposite page), a Multicultural Education major.

> It takes progressive thinking to assist future students . . . we knew we had to respond to the modern student." – Tobias Guzmán



In 2004, the university's Auxiliary Services began to assess the housing needs of UNC students. What they found was alarminga backlog of much-needed maintenance projects, a severe funding shortfall and aging facilities that, in the words of Tobias Guzmán, executive director of UNC Auxiliary Services, had become all but "obsolete." Guzmán says he appreciated the collaboration and partnership on this project with Facility Management staff in working on a project of this size. "They provided tremendous guidance on space utilization, architectural standards, and building systems," says Guzmán. He says new paint, furniture and simple conveniences such as air conditioning can have a tremendous impact on a student's quality of life and ultimate academic success. "It takes progressive thinking to assist students of the future," Guzmán says. "We knew we had to respond to the modern student."

Many colleges and universities throughout the country are taking similar measures to attract and retain students. Leaders at Indiana University of Pennsylvania are in the process of replacing every old dormitory, bed for bed, at a cost of \$270 million. In May, McCowen Hall was razed in order to make room for UNC's own West Campus Residence Hall Complex. Built in 1963, McCowen Hall was the oldest of UNC's true remaining dormitories. With its 10' x 10' rooms and common bathrooms that required more than 50 students share four showers and four toilets, McCowen was severely outdated and unprepared to accommodate today's students. Once both phases are complete in the fall of 2009, the new residence halls will double the old square footage and house 721 students in a state-ofthe-art facility with improved natural light, 12' x 12' suite-style rooms, private baths and 24-hour security.

Funded entirely through a \$63 million bond, the new residence halls will also feature multimedia meeting rooms, 40 new study areas, vending machines with healthy alternatives, sound-proof music practice rooms, recycling centers, and laundry and kitchen facilities in each wing, as opposed to one set of washer and dryer hidden in the basement. But despite the cost of construction, Guzmán says renovating the old dorms would have been less cost-effective in the long run.

"Many students spend nine months of the year living on campus," Guzmán says. "In the end, the university decided to build what it needed from the ground up . . . it's what the students truly needed."

While refined accommodations were important, functionality was a main concern of project planners. The main idea behind the new residence hall centers on the philosophy of the *living and learning* experience. Guzmán says the co-curricular experience is huge in the development and maturation of students. "Bigger rooms support the academic success of our students," Guzmán says. "We're creating smaller 'communities' with more intimate study spaces."

Taking the principle one step further, Guzmán calls what UNC is doing part of an overall residential learning community. For example, one floor of the new residence hall will house education majors, who with similar classes and schedules, can easily study together, coordinate group projects or be tutored onsite by visiting faculty. UNC's renowned Cumbres Program, which trains and prepares future teachers committed to working with Hispanic school children and students of poverty in the public schools, plans to move its students to the new facility in order to take advantage of these benefits.

"No one can say they didn't learn something by living with other people," Guzmán says. "Our design and plans help support that."

The housing effort is critical as UNC tries to attract more and more new students. Guzmán says it sends a clear message to applicants that the university is committed to the future and providing a healthy, cooperative and advanced educational environment. He sees the improvements as positive ways to help UNC compete with other area universities, such as CSU and CU.

"UNC had a rise in retention rate over last year," Guzmán says. "Students are coming

West Side Story

ROOM SUITES OFFER single and double bedroom options, a common, shared living room, nine foot ceilings and bathroom with separate shower and toilet rooms.

EACH WING INCLUDES its own lounge, kitchen, laundry room, vending, recycling and study lounge.

NATURAL LIGHT reaches all bedrooms, suites, corridors, lounges and study areas.

24 HOUR staffed reception desk, two main lounges, game room, music practice room, kitchen, vending and conference rooms with multimedia equipment

25-40 students per floor

70 single rooms with private bathrooms

721 students will live in the West Campus Residence Halls, once the second phase is complete in fall 2009.

back and that's exciting . . . it helps overall graduation rates, mentorship, personal growth, and ultimately, what UNC is all about—being a good citizen and giving back to the community."

UNC takes student campus safety seriously. University planners have been diligent in implementing comprehensive security measures within the framework of the new housing complex. Each new residence hall, including the Turner Hall renovations, will employ a two-tiered security system, with a key card required to enter any main door as well as another card swipe and separate PIN number required to open a room door itself. Along with a 24-hour security desk, the new buildings will have multiple security cameras and peep holes in every door. In addition, in the event of an emergency, each room is equipped with an internal speaker capable of sounding alarms as well as providing verbal directions from university personnel.

School administrators say constructing a "green" building and reducing its environmental "footprint" was a top priority as well. Low flush toilets and low water flow showers will save thousands of gallons of water each year. Guzmán says students are more conscious of their own personal effect on the environment and expect to see recycling bins on campus or hear about cleanup initiatives. Because of such concerns, almost all of McCowen Hall was recycled after demolition was complete. Concrete and brick is being turned into road material; aluminum and steel recycled; diffusers, water fountains and smoke detectors are being reused in other buildings on campus; old beds were shared with junior colleges

and shelters; and many of the room curtains were given to a local church.

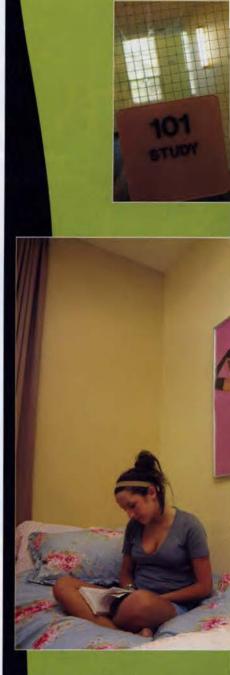
Guzmán feels that by the university focusing on the Big Three—students, security and sustainability—the rest will take care of itself. Freshman Ashley Sandy '12 loves the new residence hall and already feels encouraged, excited and safe in her new surroundings.

For many alumni, including himself, seeing McCowen Hall disappear has been an emotional experience for Guzmán. Over the past 45 years, nearly 30,000 students have called McCowen Hall home. Guzmán understands the attachment to the old building and the reluctance to let it go. As a UNC student, he worked the McCowen front desk and helped out with summer conferences in the building. "Whenever you replace a landmark like McCowen Hall there's going to be people who feel like a piece of them is being torn down with it," said Guzmán. "But we're confident this brand new facility will help attract the best and brightest to UNC. In time, the new residence hall will become yet another UNC landmark. It will provide lasting memories for new UNC students . . . and memories you can never take away."

As far as naming the new building, Guzmán says there is a process that must ultimately be approved by the UNC Board of Trustees but that all options are on the table. Like its new buildings, university officials remain open and flexible. "Who knows, 'Mc-Cowen Hall' may even make a comeback," says Guzmán.

And a comeback is exactly what UNC is counting on. \mathbb{NV}





2008 Honored Alumni

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

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Creative Achievement Award

John L. Mendoza '61, MA '69

IT IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT to have a style of art named after you, and John L. Mendoza is one such lucky artist.

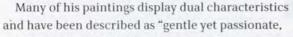
As one nominator explained, Mendoza "developed a very personal, intuitive and fluid painting in watercolor that is recognized as the *Mendoza Style.*"

Mendoza has been working as a professional artist since leaving teaching to pursue art full-time.

Talented enough to make a living from his paintings for many years now, Mendoza's works are shown everywhere from personal collections to Colorado state government in Denver and beyond.

Mendoza is a member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society and has been in too many shows to list in a single publication.

Along with his wife, Dorothy—an artist in her own right—Mendoza's paintings represent "romance, nostalgia, and natural beauty."



simple yet detailed, bold yet subtle and concrete yet abstract."

Mendoza's works have been shown in one-man shows, as well as the traveling show of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

He has also been recognized with numerous meritorious awards throughout the state of Colorado.

Mendoza contributes his time to various philanthropic causes with one nominator noting, "His art is in demand for every worthwhile event and scholarship event in Colorado and primarily in southern Colorado."

It is for his artistic skills that he is awarded the Creative Achievement Award by the University of Northern Colorado.

MANY OF HIS PAINTINGS DISPLAY DUAL CHARACTERISTICS. THEY ARE GENTLE YET PASSIONATE, SIMPLE YET DETAILED, BOLD YET SUBTLE AND CONCRETE YET ABSTRACT.

BY GARAN OLSEN WEILNAU '04



Distinguished Alumni Award Michael Shonka '69

MICHAEL SHONKA may have left the University of Northern Colorado after graduating in 1969 to pursue other interests, but in some ways his heart has always remained here.

As one nominator put it, Michael Shonka exhibits all three characteristics of an alumnus—one who's generous, one who's sincere, and one who's passionate about his alma mater.

Another nominator noted that "Mike represents the best of what UNC is all about. He is a role model for students, employees, and those in the community."

Shonka now works with Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., as the executive vice president and chief financial officer and remains connected to the university through his work with the Monfort College of Business Dean's Leadership Council.

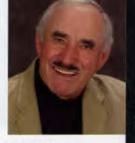
Cessna Aircraft is also a mainstay at UNC career fairs, recruiting many Monfort alumni, and through this relationship Shonka secured a \$75,000 commitment to sponsor classroom renovation in Kepner Hall.

It should be no surprise that Shonka was active during his college career at UNC, playing varsity football and graduating cum laude with an accounting degree.

Shonka also remains active as a member of the Textron Finance Council. Through Shonka's efforts MCB proudly introduced the Cessna President and CEO Jack Pelton as a Business Plus speaker in 2007.

Shonka represents the best of UNC in his actions and contributions and it is no wonder that he was chosen to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for his work to benefit the university.

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Distinguished Alumni Service Award Rhoda Rogers '88

RHODA ROGERS was anything but the typical graduate at the 1988 commencement ceremony. While most graduates were in their early 20s, Rogers walked across the stage on the eve on her 50th birthday to receive her diploma in nursing.



In fact, Rogers' entire life has been anything but typical. As a child of missionaries, Rogers grew up in Latin America where she became fluent in Spanish. When her son, David, was a teenager, Rogers decided to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. As a professional, Rogers focused her attention on diabetes

education, using bilingual fluency to communicate to all individuals suffering

from the disease. One nominator complimented Rogers by saying, "She provides this education in a culturally sensitive manner in order to achieve the greatest level of adherence to their therapeutic plan by this population."

Rogers has been extremely active in her efforts to educate the people of Colorado about diabetes. Her honors, awards, affiliations, and presentations vary from teaching educational health classes at local venues to working with the University of Northern Colorado's School of Nursing Alumni Association. In 2005, she was rewarded for her efforts with Colorado's highest nursing honor, the Colorado Florence Nightingale Award.

Rogers' greatest contribution may be her low-literacy teaching tool to educate individuals on the danger signs of hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. Her cartoons were later published by Novo Nordisk into tear-off sheets and translated into 31 languages and circulated in 61 countries.

One nominator wrote that by recognizing Rogers with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the university "will also acknowledge all those women who follow a different educational and career path, leaving grateful people in their wake."

Distinguished Emeritus Award (Posthumous) John Beel 1949-71 (Faculty)

DR. JOHN BEEL'S COMMITMENT to chemistry education ran deep. His greatest passion in life was to further the study of chemistry and biochemistry. Beel founded the first UNC Chemistry Department, and was Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, a position he held from 1949-71. Beel also served as Action Science Division Chair and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for more than 10 years and led the department toward national certification by the American Chemical Society. One nominator recalled, "For 20 years, he taught one course [Chemistry 108] annually for the sum of one dollar." The same nomina-



tor said that Dr. Beel's greatest accomplishment in life did not come from professional achievement but from "helping a student who failed chemistry courses at another institution, but, through working with him [Dr. Beel], gained confidence and learned to understand chemistry—and even went on to earn a PhD in chemistry." Outside of the classroom, Dr. Beel was active in the American Chemical Society. He was the recipient of eight National Science Foundation grants, which allowed him to reach

out to high school chemistry teachers and to help provide laboratory equipment. He co-authored a book and authored countless articles. One former student who nominated Dr. Beel remembered him as "a man of patience and one who showed concern and interest in us as individuals." Dr. Beel had countless letters of support from former students, demonstrating his passion for teaching and his care for the students he taught. It is this passion for teaching that has earned Dr. Beel the Distinguished Emeritus Award (posthumous).

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 2009 Honored Alumni Awards to be held at Homecoming in October 2009. 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 Emeritus Award

Edwin "Buddy" Baker (Emeritus Faculty '98)



BUDDY BAKER is never far from his trombone. While Baker flew in the US Army between East and West Germany, he kept his trombone in the seat behind him. To say Baker has had a lifelong love of music would be an understatement. He has been described as a world-class teacher and performer, and the world's best trombonist in every style, including orchestral playing, brass quintet and

COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT BUDDY AND HIS INFLUENCE.

jazz ensemble. One nominator said of Buddy Baker, "the saying 'to teach is to touch lives forever' could have been written about Buddy and his influence." While dedicating his life to teaching the students of the University of Northern Colorado from 1965 to 1998, Baker created 10 compositions for the trombone choir, which he later donated to the university. Baker served as the principal trombonist with the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra for 33 years and performed with countless ensembles, both nationally and internationally. Two of his books, the *Buddy Baker Tenor Trombone Method*, and the *Buddy Baker Tenor Trombone Handbook*, are still used today. The proceeds from *Handbook* are donated to the International Trombone Association. Baker is deserving of his Distinguished Emeritus Award and the university is proud to honor him in 2008. Although retired from teaching, Baker still continues to travel and perform. Another nominator called Buddy "a musician's musician and his legacy of high standards of excellence lives on."

Young Alumni Award Patrick Varney '99

PATRICK VARNEY has not let age dictate his achievements. As a 1999 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a BS in finance, Varney was third in the Top 50 Bank Reps of 2007. He attributes much of his success to "several branch managers who taught him that success depends mostly on forming strong relationships in and outside the bank and being active in the community." That motto has helped him become a financial advisor with Raymond James in Windsor, Colorado. One nominator recalls visiting with him and "more than once was our conversation politely interrupted by a friendly hello or exchange of pleasantries with a client just stopping in." Varney also dedicates his time to the local Optimist Club and the Windsor Chamber of Commerce. One nominator mentioned that Varney's commitment to his various volunteer activities "are more the rule than the exception." Varney continues to be involved with the university on a personal level, as a guest lecturer in a Monfort College of Business Bank Management class and in speaking with the Financial Management Association student club to discuss career paths. "Just as Patrick's achievements in career, public service, and volunteerism reflect well upon UNC," one nominator wrote, "his willingness to give personal one-on-one time speaks highly of his character." Varney's early commitment to serving the university is why he was chosen for the Young Alumni Award.

Honorary Alumni Award

Tom and Nona Gordon



TOM AND NONA GORDON may be University of Oklahoma graduates, but their hearts belong to the University of Northern Colorado. Their true passion for UNC lies in the College of Performing and Visual Arts where the couple has established the Tom 6 Nona Gordon Theatre Scholarship. One nominator, who was also the first recipient of the scholarship, wrote "through their service, support and love, the Gordons have promoted the arts in the tradition of loyal alumni for several years and have certainly become part of the UNC family." The Gordons chose Greeley as their retirement home after selling their respective companies and raising a family in central Kansas. After working with Halliburton Oil Well Services, Tom started his own business, Gordon Lab, Inc. in 1961. Nona, once her daughters were in high school, bought and operated the Treasure Chest Book Shop until selling it to enjoy retirement with Tom. Their passion for the College of Performing and Visual Arts is not limited to their scholarship endowment as Tom was instrumental in developing two of the most successful CPVA programs, *PVA in a Box* and *Appetite for the Arts* programs. Another nominator said, "Their passion and loyalty to UNC continues to grow and they exhibit 'Bear pride' just as

much as any UNC graduate!" For their steadfast love and support of the university, Tom and Nona Gordon are selected to receive the Honorary Alumni Award for 2008.

When a devastating tornado touched down so close to home, UNC students were there in the aftermath to help pick up the pieces.

TORNADO ALLIES

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Windsor.

BY SAM MUSTARI '77 PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM RYDBOM



Michael Papworth sat comfortably in his living room on May 22, hoping to get a glimpse of television news. Within minutes, what the University of Northern Colorado senior biology major took in was heart-wrenching. "All I saw was destruction and devastation," said Papworth, of Portland, Ore. "It was unbelievable."

An EF3 tornado with 150 mph winds and a mile-wide swath had hit Windsor, a town west of Greeley with a population of 18,000, leaving families homeless, business owners forced to close, and tons of debris and destruction in its wake. The National Weather Service reported that the tornado started

northeast of Platteville, Colo.; before ending seven miles northeast of Fort Collins, Colo., 50 min-

utes later.

In all, the tornado killed one person in a Greeley-area campground, and injured more than 20 people. It damaged 850 homes, including nearly 400 that were destroyed, primarily in

Michael Papworth '09 works for the UC Cancer Center and volunteers in his community.

Insurance companies have reported that \$150-million in claims have been filed.

Weld County has the most reported tornadoes

in Colorado, and records indicate the Windsor Tornado as only the second EF3 to be reported in Weld since 1950. The other one was in May of 1952.

In Colorado, 20 EF2 tornadoes have been reported since 1950.

Nonetheless, it was the worst natural disaster Papworth had ever seen, but nothing could prepare him for the gamut of emotions he'd encounter.

"I thought to myself, 'What can I do to help," Papworth said. "You wonder if you can make much of a difference, then you realize that every little bit will help.

"No matter what it is you're doing, your time

is more valuable to others when they're in need," Papworth added. "I have honestly thought about spending some time in the Peace Corp."

Papworth, who is also involved raising funds for cancer research, called several UNC colleagues to help bring life back to normal in Windsor.

Among those joining forces with Papworth was Casey Hull, a 25-year-old junior business/marketing major from Johnstown, Colo.

"We went to Windsor as soon as they would let us to help in any way possible," Hull said. "I really didn't know what to expect. It was quite overwhelming."

Papworth and Hull weren't alone.

Virtually, thousands of volunteers, including UNC students from a vast number of school service organizations, offered their services.

The volunteer services UNC students partake in stretches campus-wide.

Every year, UNC student-athletes volunteer their time, including free clinics to youth, delivering meals to the elderly, and reading to elementary school-aged children.

In the 2007-08 academic year, the UNC football team participated in *Bears for Books*, a reading session for youth and conducted a blood drive. Members of the football, women's basketball, and volleyball teams participated in Habitat for Humanity. The women's soccer team and baseball team conducted free clinics for youth.

The women's basketball team also took part in *Tailgate Safeway*, an alcohol awareness presentation.

The Bears wrestling team has been a longtime participant in raising money to help find the cure for cancer via Takedown Childhood Cancer.

"We actually have a competition between our teams called *The Bear Life Skills Team Competition* based on community outreach, academic ing to help others, no matter what the situation is," said Shane Vaughn, the vice president of student organizations and a member of the Student Representative Council at UNC. "The Greek Life organizations do a lot, and we also have a lot of religious groups on campus who are very involved."

One of the most difficult tasks Hull and Papworth dealt with was the emotions of those whose lives had literally been turned upside down in what state officials were labeling the worst tornado the state had ever experienced.

"My own emotions were definitely being tested," Papworth said. "Remember, you're going through a lot of personal property of other people, and there's a lot of memories involved, along with items they cherished."

Nate Hutchins, a 2005 graduate from Keenesburg who majored in physics was one of those lending a helping hand.

"You'd walk down one block of houses, and everything was normal," said Hutchins, now a signal supervisor for Burlington Northern/Sante Fe Railway.

"A lot of the homeowners were in shock, almost like they were sleepwalking," added Hutchins, 26.

Papworth recalled sorting out the treasures of two elementary-school aged sisters.

"The exterior wall in their bedroom was gone —there were teddy bears, crayons and clothes all over the place," Papworth explained. "Every little thing a little girl would have was just scattered everywhere. I have a seven-month old son, so it re-

Golfball-sized hail pummelled rooftops, dented cars and displaced wildlife.

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achievement, personal and team enhancement and Bear Pride, involving their attendance at other athletic events," explained UNC Sports Information Director Heather Kennedy. "This past year, the women's basketball team won the competition by just a few points over football."

Numerous other student organizations are also involved in community service.

"We have a lot of students that are always will-



MAINTAINING 'COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS'

Technically, the University of Northern Colorado campus covers nearly 10 square miles. Unless you're a student volunteer, that is.

For those serving on UNC committees and clubs with a purpose of helping those less fortunate, there are no boundaries.

Community Connections is an organization on campus dedicated to assisting UNC students with volunteer work not only on campus, but also in the Greeley/Weld County community.

The opportunities are vast, ranging from health and wellness, assisting elderly residents, educational services, etc.

Shane Vaughn, the vice president of student organizations at UNC, explained that volunteer work even stretches farther than Community Connections.

He mentioned seven clubs which are continuously offering services to those less able—Greek Life (fraternities and sororities), Club CHE, College Against Cancer (CAC), Miles 4 Smiles, Socially Constructed, Students for Community, and Students for Progress.

"We also have many religious groups on campus that offer a lot of community service," Vaughn said.

UNC's Community Connections organization is affiliated with a pair of national organizations—Breakaway and Best Buddies.

Breakaway's large database allows it to provide service opportunities across the nation.

Currently, the Community Connections office is reviewing the opportunities, which range from reading to children to babysitting for a child in a domestic violence shelter.

Best Buddies is dedicated to connecting college students with community members with intellectual disabilities.

UNC students or alumni interested in offering volunteer services can reach the Community Connections office at 970.351.1072.



ally made me think.

"I thought back to my childhood, and it sort of made me feel awful and blessed at the same time. Here are two little girls experiencing their childhood, and all of a sudden it's picked up and torn apart by a tornado."

Hull explained that while approaching the Cornerstone and Chimney Park subdivisions in Windsor, he felt a hush.

"It was like nobody really knew what to think," Hull said. "We really had to organize a plan on where to start. We went door-to-door offering our services."

Hull recalled trying to salvage what was left of a set of Legos for a young boy. "He really wanted to keep his Legos, but they were all covered in dirt and insulation, and we just couldn't weed through all of that to get all of them," Hull said. "He really had a hard time with that, but we saved one set, which he had built into a spaceship figure. It was gratifying to be able to save that for him.

"We would walk into a house, or what was left of one, and on one side of the room, cabinets were hanging by a thread, dishes broken all over ... nothing was in its place. Then you'd look across the room and there was a glass of water on a table, untouched," Hull added.

Hull works part-time in his family's shipping and printing shop, and originally heard about the tornado on a hand-held radio.

"It didn't take long to get into a helping out frame of mind," said Hull, who explained he does a lot of volunteer work for his church, but was overwhelmed by the number of UNC students who were willing to help tornado victims.

"There were a lot of UNC students helping out, and in just the couple of groups I organized, I'd say

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we had at least 15 students," Hull said. "Once you start helping others, you try not to think about anything else."

Hull also organized a group of volunteers to lend a hand in Gilcrest, 16 miles south of Greeley, where the tornado damaged homes and restaurants on its way toward Windsor.



"We moved a lot of trees off of roofs for people who didn't appear to have the finances to be able to fix what was damaged," Hull said. "I realize how fortunate I am to be able to go to UNC and earn a degree, so being able to help anybody who is less fortunate is automatic. It doesn't take much thought."

Papworth and Hull have revisited Windsor, specifically in the area they worked.

While help continues to pour in from across the area, Windsor residents are extremely humbled by so many strangers' generosity.

While addressing a group of investors more than month after the tornado, Windsor mayor John Vasquez summed it up best when he shared his feelings about a makeshift sign he had come upon.

"On a piece of wood, you couldn't miss it, and it said 'Thank God for the Volunteers'," Vasquez said. "That's what this community is all about. People helping people."

UNC students have definitely had a hand in that process.

"Helping others is time you don't get back in

your life, but it's really gratifying to know you did something to help in a time of need," Papworth said. "It really makes me feel good when I realize how many people, including those associa

WE WEREN'T THERE FOR REWARDS. WE WERE THERE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEEDED HELP IN A TIME OF NEED. IT'S WHAT MATTERED MOST.

including those associated with UNC, helped."

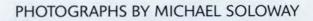
Hull said that the Windsor residents were "extremely thankful," adding, "they invited us into their homes, and I'm sure it was extremely hard to allow us to go through their personal things, making piles of what to keep, and what not to keep."

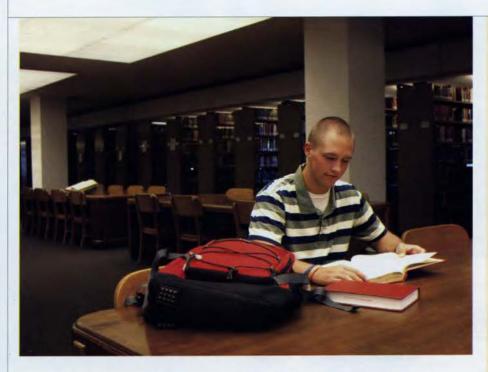
Hull went on to explain how he views his volunteer work as an opportunity, and a chance to unify people.

"We weren't there for rewards," Hull said. "We were there for the people who needed help in a time of need. When you volunteer your help, your true feelings come out. Helping others is what life is all about, and it's what matters most." NV



UNC student Kelsi Streich volunteers to clean-up her community on her day off.





BACK

A Bear's Life: Zach Bunney '09 Business Major

8 am—I start my day with classes in the Monfort College of Business. I'm taking everything from marketing to accounting with an emphasis in management.

12:30 pm-I usually meet up with classmates at the University Center for lunch and work on group projects.

1:30 pm-I go to my final class of the day, *Economics of Gender*, a required course for my minor in economics. It's a very interesting class about gender differences and how they affect economic decisions and impact the overall performance of the economy. It's fun but the homework is pretty time consuming. 2:20 pm-I take advantage of time after class to work in Michener Library. I just finished writing an essay that outlined the management experience I gained while interning with Target Corporation over the summer.

3:30 pm–I meet up with a coworker at the Campus Recreation Center to exercise before work.

5 pm—I clock in at the UNC Foundation Call Center where I'm a student caller. Each night we call hundreds of UNC alumni and friends to ask for their support of the Annual Fund, which allows the university to enhance programs and offer scholarships. It's the best job on campus. I enjoy talking to alumni and hearing stories about their own time at UNC. The best part is making calls just to say thank you those are fun.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Zach Bunney '09 Scholarships Awarded

- UNC Presidential Scholarship (2005-2008)
- Finley Ledall Scholarship (2005-2006)
- State Farm Scholarship (2006-2007)
- Harry Trueblood Scholarship (2007-2008)

UNC awards scholarships based on a range of criteria which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the award. Categories typically include merit, need, sociological, institutional and general awards. If you would like to help transform a UNC student's life through a donation to the Annual Fund or a wide range of academic scholarships at UNC, visit **www.give2unc.org**.



UNC Alumni Become a Force on American Gladiators



TWO UNIVER-SITY of Northern Colorado alumni competed on season two of NBC's American Gladi-

ators. Abbegayle Dorn BS '97 and Tony Tolbert MS '08 gave it their all against the likes of Zen, Titan and Panther. Hosted by Hulk Hogan and Laila Ali, *American Gladiators* celebrates the everyday, true American heroes—weekend warriors who excel and take pride in their physical fitness. These contestants will go up against the show's gladiators in the ultimate David & Goliath battle. As in the traditional American Gladiators franchise, everyday amateur athletes compete against action stars and stunt professionals in contests of physical strength and endurance. The series includes such classic events as The Joust, The Wall and the Eliminator.

UNC Alumnus Developing TV Programming for New Network

UNC ALUMNUS and ESPN analyst Todd Weatherill has been signed by the Urban Vision Television Network to

ALUMNI BOARD

Leaving Their Mark



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS serves as a key, volunteer leadership group at the University of Northern Colorado. Led by President Art Tarrazas '75, MA '77, Vice President JJ Paolino '59, MA '60, and Secretary/Treasurer Steve Baker '86, the board develops programs, designates awards and produces giving opportunities with Bears worldwide. Board members may serve up to three, two-year terms. The 2008–09 Alumni Board (pictured 1-r): Front row: Randy Moser '82, JJ Paolino '59, MA '60, Kristi Baldino '94, Art Tarrazas '75, MA '77, Steve Baker '86. Back row: Will G. Phillips '62, Isaia Aricayos '01, Randy Watkins '99, Mike Deutcher '69, MA '75, Theo Holland '65, Sarah MacQuiddy '78, Sara Martin '00 and Kyle Holman '99. The University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association is located in the Judy Farr Alumni Center, 1620 Reservoir Road in Greeley. Jerry DeWitt '77, is the vice president of alumni and donor relations. Call 970.351.2551 for more information about the UNC Alumni Association and the University of Northern Colorado Foundation. Other board members not pictured: Dawson Davis '77 and Steve Palmer '90.

produce original programming for broadcast in 2008 and beyond. UVTN is dedicated to creating and broadcasting quality multicultural television programming, as well as presenting the minority community in a positive light. UVTN will provide rare opportunities to minorities and people of all ethnicities and ages in front and behind



Todd Weatherill attended UNC on a football scholarship, was active in student government and managed the university newspaper.

the camera in television production, as well as in administrative and executive capacities. Weatherill's first show for the network is *Soon to be Pro*. Shot on location in Hollywood, *Soon to be Pro* features tomorrow's hottest athletes and is produced with kid hosts and producers. As the show's associate producer and reporter, Weatherill says it's as much fun as anyone could have on a set. Weatherill attended the University of Northern Colorado on a football scholarship, was active in student government and also managed the university newspaper while on campus.

Alumnus Makes Broadway Debut

UNC SCHOOL OF THEATRE ARTS AND DANCE alumnus Autumn Hurlbert '02 made her Broadway debut last week in the musical Legally Blonde. Autumn was a finalist on the MTV reality television show Legally Blonde: The Search for the Next Elle Woods, which was aired nationally all summer. She is currently playing a sorority sister in the Broadway cast and understudying the role of Elle Woods. She expects to go on as Elle Woods this fall.

BY GARAN OLSEN WEILNAU '04

Emmy® Winning Performance Lesley Reno '03 is busy building her own personal highlight reel

FOR SOME PEOPLE, a great week could mean something as life changing as the birth of a new baby or something as simple as getting extra sleep. However, for University of Northern Colorado graduate Lesley Reno '03, she can boast getting engaged and winning an Emmy* Award in the same seven days! "People started to joke that I should have some of my good luck rub off on them," she says laughing. The engagement ring came compliments of her now fiancé, Frank Martin, but the Emmy for Morning Newscast: Large Market was for her production work with Denver's 7News station.

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Becoming a producer was not something Reno initially pursued. As a telecommunications major she wanted to be a reporter. After submitting resume tapes to stations across the country with no luck, Reno began to question if she was headed in the right direction.

Reno eventually decided to try producing as a way to get her foot in the door of a news agency. It turned out to be the smartest move she ever made. Today, Reno says she loves producing because it gives her the chance to write more and cover multiple stories instead of just one. Reno's mother has joked that as a producer she can also "boss people around."

Life as a producer is not always fun. Reno is responsible for writing and

ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

Name: Lesley Reno Professional Title: Television Producer, 7NEWS in Denver Hometown: Salida, Colo.

Current residence: Morrison, Colo. **Hobbies:** Ballroom dancing and relaxing.



producing news stories that sometimes hit a little too close to home. The same year she won her Emmy for Morning Newscast: Large Market, she was also nominated for the segment she did with 7News anchor Mike Landis, highlighting his personal battle with prostate cancer. Reno also recalls the recent tornado in Windsor as being one of the hardest segments she has done. She was serving as a breaking news producer and said the impact of what had happened did not hit her until the trip home.

Despite the hard work, Reno likes the challenges of producing. Crazy hours and long weekends are more of the normal routine than the exception. "Even the bad days are challenging," she admits, "but it is a huge responsibility to tell the people who choose to watch the news from you what is going on."

The Emmy application process is simple enough—a person submits what he or she feels is their best work to their news director who then chooses the best ones to send to an out-of-state committee for selection of the nominees. In Reno's case, her news director chose the 6 am newscast she produced during the 2006 holiday blizzard. At the time, Reno was actually the 5 am producer, but was covering the 6 am newscast because the regular producer was on vacation. Reno was excited when she found her news director had chosen one of her tapes, but was initially too nervous to check the Emmy website to see if she was nominated. She learned with the rest of the crew when the news director sent out a mass email. Reno didn't think she would receive an Emmy nomination, let alone the eventual Emmy win. It was, after all, her first year producing with 7News.

Reno admits she nearly missed the Emmy awards pre-show dinner because of her job responsibilities, but was able to arrive in time for the awards ceremony. Her fiancé, however, almost missed the entire show. Reno laughs about it now and adds he arrived in time to hear her name called since hers was one of the last awards of the evening.

Hearing her name called when she won her Emmy was difficult to comprehend. Once she realized what was happening, she made sure to go to the director of the segment, Bobby Sandoval, and give him a big hug before they went together to accept the award. Before his win, Sandoval had been working behind the scenes for 26 years.

Reno's life hasn't changed since that extraordinary week, except now she has an Emmy sitting on her nightstand. She continues to do great work at 7News with two more Emmy nominations in 2008. If Reno's name isn't called this year, it won't be the end of the world. These days she just hopes for a week with a little extra sleep. NY



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EVENTS

1950s

Jack LaBonde (BA-51, MA-53), Cedaredge, received the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Colorado Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at its 10th honors banquet in April. Jack served as the wrestling coach at UNC from 1966-1980 and was inducted into UNC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

Bruce Hanson (BA-51), The Villages, Fla., is a retired Episcopal priest.

Robert Kordula (BA-56), Colorado Springs, is retired after 31 years teaching junior high industrial arts and serving as assistant principal. He and his wife of 52 years, Helen (Jacobson) (BA-56), have two daughters.

Charles (Chuck) Lindly (MA-57, EdD-61), Rapid City, S.D., was presented the Salvation Army's highest honor for a board member, the Life Time Advisory Board Membership Award, recognizing his 45 years of service on the board.

Donald Pease (MS-57, EdD-61), Fullerton, Calif., is retired and enjoys a hobby-intense lifestyle.

1960s

Ray Biondo (BA-60), North Little Rock, Ark., received the 2008 Arkansas Medical Society's Asklepion Award in April.

Arthur "Nip" Landry (BA-62, MA-67, PhD-69), Kenosha, Wisc., stepped down from the Kenosha Museums Board, which established three museums during his tenure. He continues to serve on the City Planning Commission.

UNC on Parade

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE, Team UNC and Frasier Society members enjoyed a sunny morning at the annual July Fourth Stampede Parade and President's Breakfast. Pictured from left: Marsi Liddell enjoys breakfast with UNC alumni and friends; KLAWZ thrills the crowd; Associate Director of Alumni Relations Andrea Hawkins catches up with Maxine Gleason; and University of Northern Colorado President and Greeley Stampede Co-Grand Marshal Kay Norton waves to excited onlookers.



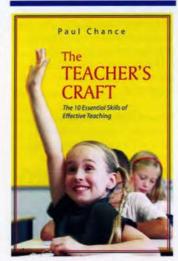
Frank Capillupo (BA-63, MA-76), Spokane, Wash., is retired.

Jack Magruder (EdD-66), Kirksville, Mo., was named 10th president of A.T. Still University. Dr. Magruder retired as president of Truman State University in 2003 where he had served on the faculty for 22 years and as president for nine. He was recipient of UNC's Honored Alumni Award in 1999.

Harry Silverman (BA-68), Vienna, Va., is a lawyer in private practice, and enjoys sailing in his spare time. He and his wife, Peggy, have two children.

Jonathan Walker (BA-68), Newton, Mass., is retired. He earned two national medals with the United States Army and three national medals with the U.S. EPA during his 33 years in environmental engineering.

Gary Dickhart (BS-69), Houston, is a vice president at SAP, a software consulting firm. He and his wife, the former Phyllis Abraham (BA-69), have two children and five grandchildren.



Paul Chance (MA-66), Seaford, Del., published The Teacher's Craft: The 10 Essential Skills of Effective Teaching, a reader-friendly book that provides evidence-based principles of effective teaching.

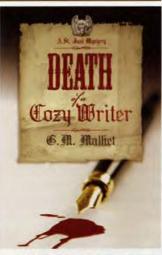
1970s

Ed Lambert (BA-70), Salida, retired from a 31-year teaching career. He taught social studies, including government, humanities and history, as well as English literature and writing.

William Laws (BA-70), Mesa, Ariz., retired after a 30-year teaching career in Longmont and Boulder. He and his wife, Carla, have four children. Bill enjoys golf, traveling, scuba diving and his eight grandchildren.

Ray Corn (BA-71), Smithfield, Utah, retired after a 31-year career as head gymnastics coach at Utah State University. As the only head coach in USU's Division I gymnastics history, Ray led the Aggies to the postseason 26 times, which included five trips to the national championships. During those 31 years, he also taught gymnastics and professional classes in the USU physical education department. His coaching career began at the high school level in Denver





G.M. Malliet (BA-78), Alexandria, Va., released *Death of a Cozy Writer*, the first book in the St. Just mystery series. The second of the series, *Death and the Lit Chick*, is scheduled for release in April 2009. She has worked as a journalist and copywriter for national and international news publications and public broadcasters, and is winner of the Malice Domestic Grant and the Romance Writers of America's 2006 Stiletto Award.

at Bear Creek and in Oakley, Kansas. Ray and his wife, Shelly, have two daughters, Amanda and Christina.

R. John DeSanto (EdD-71), Topeka, Kan., retired from teaching after nearly 50 years in the classroom, as Emeritus professor of mass communications from the Minnesota State University system, where he created programs at Bemidji State University and St. Cloud State University. Prior to his 24 years of teaching mass communications courses, he taught English, journalism and other courses at Orr, Esko and Roseville high schools. Since 1993 he taught at the University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University at Stillwater and Tulsa, Texas Tech University, Bradley University and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, as well as a number of universities in Europe and in Africa. He currently writes film

comedy and has published three books, including So, What About Fin: James Finlayson, Scottish Foil; So, What About the Others? 13 supporting stars; and What About Those Old Cars in Early Comedy Films? And the Old Car Museum in Harlem, Georgia, and is working on others. He does guest lectures and book signings in the U.S. and Europe for various comedy groups in libraries, museums, universities and Laurel & Hardy tent meetings. Dr. DeSanto's wife, Dr. Barbara DeSanto, is the mass media chair at Washburn University.

E. Russell Koeniger (BA-71), Denver, is Director of Land for Teton Energy Company. With over 33 years of experience in the energy business, Russ is responsible for all leasing of land and related land administration functions at Teton.

Thomas "Vic" Ossell (BS-71), Bayport, Minn., owns the Ossell Company, which specializes in real estate. He enjoys traveling, fishing and outdoor activities. He and his wife have three children.

Charles West (BM-71), Mechanicsville, Va., was the lead author and project coordinator for Woodwind Player's Cookbook: Creative Recipes for Successful Performance, published by Meredith Music Publications in April 2008.

Richard "Mike" Hickey (BS-72), Littleton, is vice president of sales at Kirkpatrick Brokerage Company, a food brokerage firm, and plays golf in his spare time. Mike and his wife, Debra, have two children.

Richard Kaiser (BA-72), Defiance, Ohio, is the athletic director at Defiance College. He and his wife, Diane, have four children. In his spare time, Richard enjoys golf and sports officiating.

Lois (Funnell) Taxman (BA-72), Colorado Springs, is retired and stays active in her community. Lark Birdsong (BA-73), Golden, competed in the Race Across America in June 2008, with her four-member team called the Colorado Flash. The 3,000-mile intense race, billed "The World's Toughest Bike Race," began in Oceanside, Calif., and ended in Annapolis, Md.

Ramona Martinez (BA-75, MA-80), Greeley, is a retired elementary school teacher.

Thomas Quammen (BA-75), Greeley, was appointed district court judge for Weld County by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter. Tom previously served as chief trial deputy for the 17th Judicial District and spent 24 years with the Weld District Attorney's Office. He is a member of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council, Colorado Supreme Court Rules Committee and the board of directors of the Island Grove Regional Treatment Center. Tom has also served on the UNC Alumni Association Board of Directors (2001-06).

Tim Carlson (BA-77), Littleton, has worked for the Jefferson County Public Schools for 30 years. For the last 12 years he has taught American history and government and coached the cross country team. Tim and his wife, Debbie, spend their free time cycling, skiing, sailing and gardening.

Ray Coffey (BS-78), Jupiter, Fla., retired to Florida to fish and golf, after a long career in the U.S. Air Force, civil service and teaching high school.

Carolyn Geisert (BS-79), Greeley, has been named financial aid counselor for the Greeley campus of the Institute of Business and Medical Careers.

R. Kim Herrell (BA-79, MA-87), Castle Rock, was recognized as the ACT Middle Level Teacher of the year in 2007. Kim teaches theatre at Mountain Ridge Middle School in Douglas County, and previously taught at Highlands Ranch High School.

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1980s

Jay Andersen (BS-81), Singapore, is vice president and general manager for Motorola Asia and has lived in Singapore for nine years. He and his wife, Donna (Burkhart) (BA-82) have three children. Their oldest daughter is a student at CU-Boulder and the two younger children attend school at Singapore American School.

George Daukantas (MA-82), E. Boston, Mass., intends to pursue international membership as a certified educational technologist after completing an approved independent graduate research thesis in technologies of education, guided by the requirements of the Harvard University Extension School **Technologies of Education** Program. He has been invited to apply for a doctoral program in education and human development at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Mark Emery (BME-82), Pueblo, has directed music programs in the Pueblo area for nearly 25 years. Mark began his teaching career at Haxtun High School and Antonito Middle School and has been the director of bands at Pueblo County High School since 1984. He also directs the citywide Sun City marching band and will take over direction of the Pueblo Municipal Band in 2008. Mark and his wife, Ellen, have four children, Phillip, Joe, Molly and Katie.

David Acuna (BA-83), Rio Rancho, N.M., retired after 25 years teaching at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and continues to work in a first grade bilingual classroom in the Santa Fe Public School District.

Jack Clemens (BS-83), Tacoma, Wash., is a software and database developer.

Hulon Crayton (MS-83) and Dinah Crayton (MA-86), Lynn Haven, Fla., endowed the first minority scholarship exclusive-



Danny Weiss (BA-82), Madison, Wis., announced the release of his CD "For Ornette." The eight original compositions on this recording are performed by the Danny Weiss Quartet, featuring musicians from Lafayette/West Lafayette, Ind., and New York City. The CD is dedicated to jazz visionary Ornette Coleman and is available through Danny's website www.dannyweissjazz.com.

ly at Florida State University's Panama City campus. The Crayton Foundation was established to help people with co-pays and deductibles and to assist those who don't have medical insurance in Bay County. Dinah operates Crayton Writing Services and Ghostwriting, mentors students and is working toward becoming an ordained minister.

Julie Brammer (BS-84), Castle Rock, works in the finance department at Sprint Nextel and is a is a distributor for Arbonne. She enjoys gardening, scuba diving and her dog, Maya.

Henry Morgan Meredith Jr.

(DA-84), Arva, Ontario, Canada, teaches brass instruments at the University of Western Ontario, London, and performs with several orchestras, bands and chamber groups in Ontario and the United States. He has amassed one of North America's largest instrument collections, now numbering 4,500, and provided all the historical band instruments for Disney's 2003 remake of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," starring Matthew Broderick, Kristen Chenoweth and Victor Garber. Dr. Meredith is also the founding director of the Plumbing Factory Brass Band which completed its 13th season and won the 2008 Jack Richardson trophy as the top classical group in London, Ontario.

Lynette (Besonday) Washburn

(BA-85), Delmar, N.Y., has two children, one of whom is a UNC student.

Becky (Brown) Potmesil (BA-

88), Alliance, Neb., resides on a cattle ranch with her husband, Scott, and new baby, Chili James. She previously was a substitute K-12 teacher in Douglas County Schools, Aurora Public Schools and Arapahoe County Schools, and coached varsity gymnastics at Windsor and Hinkley High Schools. Becky worked for United Air Lines for 17 years and taught and organized trade unionists for the International Association of Machinists and aerospace workers.

Leslie James (BS-89), Orem, Utah, received her master's degree in technology and public policy management from the University of Denver in March 2008.

Eric Strand (BS-89), Jupiter, Fla., owns DesignerPlumbingOutlet, com, which was recognized on the Internet Retailers' Top 500 list in 2006.

1990s

Robyn Roberts (BA-90) and J. Sean Roberts (BA-90), Omaha, Neb., have been married for seventeen years and have three children—Andrew, Nathan and Rebekah.

Mike Thompson (BA-90, MA-92), Binghamton, N.Y., is the head men's and women's track and field coach at Binghamton University. Mike and his wife, Sarah (Bell) (BA-95), are instructors in Binghamton's physical education department. They have two children, Kelly and Rory.

Fred Walker III (BA-90), Colorado Springs, is a police officer.

Lance Ing (BA-91) and Nina (Edwards) Ing (BA-93), Silver Spring, Md., announced the birth of their daughter, Kalea, in June.

Daniel Albano (BA-92), Apex, N.C., is a CPA and in his 12th year at IBM. He earned an MBA from CSU in 1995. Daniel and his wife, Jessica, have a daughter, Sienna.

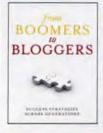
Aisha Qaasim (BA-93), Redondo Beach, Calif., attended law school at the University of California Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, practiced law for five years and lived abroad for one year. Aisha and her husband, Julio, have a daughter, Kamilah.

Harry Waterman (BA-93, MA-00), Greeley, was awarded Athletic Director of the Year by the Colorado Athletic Directors Association. Harry recently accepted the position of assistant commissioner for the Colorado High School Activities Association, after serving as the athletic director and assistant principal at Greeley West High School. He and his wife, Kari, have two children, Calen and Peyton.

Rich Buzzell (MA-94), South Berwick, Maine, is a high school athletic director at Marshwood High School.

Jason Chanos (BA-94), Woodland Hills, Calif., played the role of "C"/Alan/Shariyar in the Theatre@Boston Court's west coast production of "1001." Since moving to Los Angeles in 2005, Jason has performed in the award winning production of "Ubu Roi" and "The Tempest" at a Noise Within Theatre Company, "Bus Stop" at Rubicon, "The Uneasy Chair" at the Ensemble Theatre, co-starred in episodes of "Cold Case" and "Numb3rs," filmed a movie that is currently circulating in festivals around





Misti Burmeister (BA-00, MA-02), Fairfax, Va., published a book, From Boomers to Bloggers: Success Strategies Across Generations, which provides young and seasoned individuals with an understanding and the skills needed to communicate effectively across generations at work and in their personal lives.

the country and was a member/creator of several play and screen reading groups. Prior to 2005, he worked primarily as a regional stage actor and performed in numerous theatres across the Rocky Mountain and East Coast regions, winning awards for productions of "Hamlet" and "Fully Committed." Other award winning credits include "The Merchant of Venice (Denver Center Theatre Company): "The Last night of Ballyhood" (Kansas City Repertory); "Whale" (Coterie Children's Theatre); and "Henry V" (Utah Shakespeare Festival).

Brent Hendricks (BS-94), Platteville, is the farm controller for the largest private label organic milk producer in the United States. Brent is working on an MBA and is a patched high school basketball official. He enjoys golfing, hiking, fishing, hunting and sports. Brent and his wife, Rubi, have a son, Caleb.

Dale Meyer (BA-94), Greeley, has been named school director for the Greeley campus of the Institute of Business and Medical Careers. Dale was previously the online learning coordinator for Everest College in Thornton, and has experience in education, project management, curriculum development, admissions/recruitment, training development and coaching.

Michael Twinchek (BA-94), Hyattsville, Md., is the chief clerk with the Committee on Homeland Security, U.S. House of Representatives.

Kevin Johnson (BA-95), Windsor, is head baseball coach at Wind-

sor High School. Kevin served as Windsor's assistant coach for one year and head coach at Thompson Valley (Loveland) for nine years, where he was awarded Coach of the Year for the Northern League following the 2004 and 2007 seasons. Kevin and his wife, **Angie** (**Denning**) (BA-96), have two children, Casey and Grace.

Jean Fleming (EdD-96), Hampton, Va., is the director of Mary Baldwin College's regional center, Thomas Nelson Community College. Jean worked as an adjunct assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, George Washington University and North Carolina State University.

Scott Reichel (MA-96), Aurora, is chair of the English department at Community College of Aurora.

Kristina Harding (BS-97), Greeley, owns and publishes the Northern Colorado Woman magazine and assists the International Year of Astronomy's core project staff to better engage the astronomical community and coordinate volunteer efforts.

Tony Tolbert (BA-97), Denver, was a contender in NBC's season two of "American Gladiators." Tony teaches science at Monarch High School in Louisville.

Jason Soltani (BA-97, MA-00), Ordway, is a facility supervisor and a youth services counselor for Sol Vista Youth Services Center in Pueblo. He has a daughter, Sierra.

Amy (Cruson) Beswick (BA-98), Aurora, announced her marriage to Paul C. Beswick in April 2008.

Michael Stricker (BA-98), Broomfield, co-founded the Paragon Theatre, a well-known Denver ensemble theatre, and has run it for the past eight years. Barbra Andrews (BA-99), Broomfield, and Wendy Franz (BA-00), Bishop, Calif., are two of the company's executive ensemble members.

Greg Chamberlain (PhD-99), Bakersfield, Calif., is president of Bakersfield College. Greg has 24 years in education, including 13 years teaching at California Community Colleges and 11 years of administrative service at Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College District Office.

Cameron Stevens (BA-99), Denver, recently returned to Colorado from New York and is excited to do local theatre again. Cameron is interested in languages, crafts and writing music.

Benjamin Thompson (BA-99), Toledo, Ohio, earned a master's degree in exercise science at Central Michigan University in 2004 and a PhD in exercise science from the University of Toledo in 2008.

Trevor Waagner (BA-99), Peoria, Ariz., is a teacher. He and his wife, Kate, announced the birth of a daughter in May.

2000

Elizabeth Ericson (BA-00), Denver, and her husband, Matthew Murphy (BA-02), announced the birth of their first child, Keara Rose, in May.

Melissa (Perry) Holmberg (BA-00), Highlands Ranch, and her husband, Mike, announced the arrival of their first child, Charlotte Elizabeth, in April.

Richard McKinney (BA-00), Sugarland, Tex., is a certified pathology assistant at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Jayson Evaniuck (BA-01), Memphis, Tenn., and his wife, Crystal, announced the birth of their first child, Anna Alice, in September 2007.

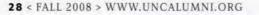
Robert (Bobby) Gagnon (BA-01), Colorado Springs, accepted a position as an aerospace education specialist with the Space Foundation, after teaching elementary school for seven years. Bobby and his wife, Emi (Takeo) (BA-99, MA-07), have two children.

Stacey (Wisdom) Gaines (BA-01, MS-03), New Palestine, Ind.,

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is earning a PhD at Purdue University.

Timothy Midyett (BA-01), Arvada, operates Colorado Home Chef personal chef services and is the business development manager and art framing design consultant for Let's Frame It. Timothy is passionate about supporting the arts and artists in his community. He is married and has two sons.

Abbe Dorn (BA-02), Denver, competed in "American Gladiators" in May. She worked at 24 Hour Fitness as a personal trainer and is now a police officer for the city and county of Denver.

Brian Jordan (BS-02), Parker, is a regional training manager with Kraft Foods.

Katie Deutsch (BS-03), Minneapolis, works for Select Comfort Retail Corporation as a brand marketing specialist.

Amber (Kirk) Jeffords (BA-03) and Charles Jeffords (BS-03), Fountain, are teachers at Fountain Fort Carson High School. Amber teaches social studies and coaches cheerleading, while Charles teaches sciences and coaches wrestling and baseball.

Jennifer (Shepard) Berwick (MA-04), Denver, married in 2006 and spent the last year traveling the world. She returned home to continue as a high school English teacher.

Nicholas Deyoe (BM-04, MM-06), San Diego, won & BMI Student Composer Award. His BMI award-winning work, 15 Players for large mixed chamber ensemble, was premiered in October 2007 by the University of California San Diego's New Music Ensemble.

Emily Felner (BM-04), New York City, returned to Greeley in March to perform with the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra in its spring pops concert. Emily is working toward a master's degree in vocal performance at the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music. She also assisted in conducting the college production of "The Ballad of Baby Doe" and acts as a voice coach to other college students.

Stephen Forest (MPH-04), Pittsburgh, is an HIV trainer for the PA/Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Stephen and his wife Alexis (Kamper) Forest moved to Pittsburgh in November 2007.

Derek Hanson (BA-04), Stevensville, Mont., was cast as Don in the National AEA tour of "A Chorus Line."



Tim Kalke (BA-01) and Brian Robison (BS-06), both of Talkeetna, Alaska, founded Mat-Su Expeditions and River Guides. Based in Talkeetna, Mat-Su offers multi-day Alaskan wilderness fishing and rafting adventures that provide a fun, enriching and memorable experience, giving participants a higher appreciation for the conservation of natural resources. Tim was commissioned through the ROTC program and completed his military active duty with a tour in support of Operation Iragi Freedom. Brian

explored the Four Corners region extensively, including the Black Canyon of the Gunnison and the Grand Canyon. Lyndsey (Russell) Crumb (BA-05), Denver, was named the grand prize winner of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Viral Hepatitis poster contest. The poster will be distributed to CDC partner organizations and showcased on the CDC website.

Levi Martin (BS-05), Westminster, is a senior business analyst, and SQL, DBA, SSRS and crystal reports developer for Aimco in Denver.

Lincoln Hayes (BA-07), Astoria, N.Y., auditions and works for Actors' Equity Association.

Kyle Feldhus (BA-08), Thornton, works at 90octane, a Denverbased interactive marketing agency, as its requirements/AQ analyst. Kyle was previously employed by Best Buy Geek Squad as a counter intelligence agent.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Vishwanathan Iyer, professor of marketing at UNC, has received the 2008 Hormel Meritorious Teaching Award from the Marketing Management Association. Selected for excellence among marketing teachers, Dr. Iyer was among ten professors nationwide to receive the award.

Gillian McNally, assistant professor of theatre arts and dance at UNC, was invited to participate and present at the Forum of International theatre for Young Audiences Research Network (ITYARN), in Adelaide, Australia, in May. Professor McNally's presentation, "Re/creating Modern Culture for Young Audiences," reflects her commitment to the field and her desire to share best practices with her colleagues and students.



Athletics Hall of Fame Nominations Due!

Northern Colorado Athletics is requesting 2008-09 Hall of Fame individual/team nominations. Nominations are due by October 10. For a nomination form, visit the Bears website at www.uncbears.com and click on "Hall of Fame" in the left-hand side bar.



IN MEMORY

EMERITUS FACULTY AND FRIENDS

Gary Willoughby, former UNC sociology professor, passed away in March. Mr. Willoughby was a faculty member from 1963 to 1988, with emeritus faculty status granted in 1988.

Robert S. "Bob" Graham, former French and linguistics professor at UNC from 1958 to 1978 passed away in April.



John Bromley, who served at UNC in a variety of roles for more than two decades, passed away in March. John most recently directed the President's Leadership Program and taught in the School of Theatre Arts and Dance and the Life of Mind Program. During his 22-year career at UNC, he also taught journalism, public relations and honors courses. He was named Advisor of the Year and Mortar Board Professor several times, and Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1999. Memorial gifts may be made to the John Bromley Memorial Scholarship c/o the UNC Foundation.

Hugo A. Anderson Jr. passed away in May. Mr. Anderson taught at UNC from 1968-1979, with emeritus faculty status granted in 1979.

Teresa Bolet Rodriguez, former UNC Spanish language and literature professor, passed away in June. Mrs. Rodriguez was a faculty member from 1978 - 2004, with emeritus faculty status granted in 2004.



Vincent Anthony "Vinnie" Scalia, longtime Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences and UNC faculty member, passed away in July. Scalia joined UNC's Department of Human Services in 1977 and served as director of the Region VIII Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program for 11 years. He became department chair of Human Sciences and professor in 1985 and was named dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences in 1988. Beginning in 2003, he served two years as associate vice president for Academic Affairs

before returning to the classroom to do what he loved most. He was named professor emeritus upon retiring in 2006 and then returned to UNC to teach part time in Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. Vinnie was a respected national and international consultant on issues of leadership and organizational development in rehabilitation, health and human service organizations. He served as president of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, and chaired numerous committees and task forces on vocational rehabilitation policy, funding, service provision, education and training issues for the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Walter Schenkman, former UNC professor of music and chairman of the piano department from 1984-84, passed away in April. Dr. Schenkman appeared as a soloist both on and off campus and was a member of various chamber groups. His recordings, which preserve the insights gained from a lifetime devoted to teaching, writing and performing have been distributed worldwide. Emeritus status was granted in 1984. Memorial gifts may be made to the Walter Schenkman Piano Scholarship c/o UNC Foundation.

1930s

Juana M. Lefferdink (LC-30) Irene (Frey) Georg (BA-31) Melissa A. Trezise (LC-31, BA-55) Emma Aguinaldo (BA-33, BM-50, MA-49) Eleanor (Althouse) Olander (AB-34) Lucille E. Sams (LRC-35, BA-39) Hazel F. Johnston (BA-37, MA-64)

1940s

Kathleen Kongsback (BA-40) Robert S. Reed (AB-40, MA-48) James D. Glasgow (BA-41) Evelyn M. Minatta (BA-41) Marion E. Kelley (BA-44) Dudley Hancher (MA-46) Emanuel F. Bach (BA-47, MA-48) Marie E. Durant (BA-48) Marie Rose (Dolgan) Mockford (BA-48) Melvin F. Orth (MA-48) Rocco "Rip" Gioso (BA-49, MA-59) William Kohl (BA-49)

1950s

Robert Herdegen (BA-50) Gene S. Pepin (BA-51, MA-57) John R. Glur (BA-52, MA-60) James E. Gibson (MA-55) Warren "Jerry" McMillen (BA-55, MA-62) passed away in March. Jerry coached football and taught at UNC until the early 1980s, and was an assistant admissions director until his retirement. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1991. Ruth B. Allmendinger (BA-56) Marilyn P. Friedman (BA-57, MA-61) Vernie H. Parker (BA-57, MA-60) Jacques "Jack" Reifschneider (BS-58) Dale A. Becker (MA-59)

1960s

Lamar Esbeck (MA-60) Paul Lundquist (EdD-60) Arleen M. Steen (MA-62) Kenneth Bergman (EdD-63) Robert Breeden (BA-63) Donald E. Campbell (EdD-63) Joan P. Weston (BA-64) Bobby M. Downing (EdD-65) Katherine (Smardo) Melewski (BA-65) Melody Young (BA-65) Dale E. Hazelwood (BA-67) Jerome F. (Jerry) Talbow (BA-67) Larry L. Tryon (MA-67) Dale E. Osborn (MA-68) Richard "Dick" Walker (EdD-68) Doris Hanks (BA-69) William G. Watt (MA-69)

1970s

Diane (Haberman) Bentley (BA-70) Joseph "Doc" Cannone (BA-70, MA-84) Kent E. Epperson (BA-70, MA-74) Mark C. Reece (BA-76) Bob G. Stout (EdD-76) Samuel Garrett (BS-77) Debra K. Long (BS-77) Mark L. O'Brien (MA-78)

1980s

Charles E. Whisenand (MA-80) Donna (Hohmann) Edwards (EdD-81) Craig P. Barnes (BS-84) Todd J. Stuka (BS-86)

1990s

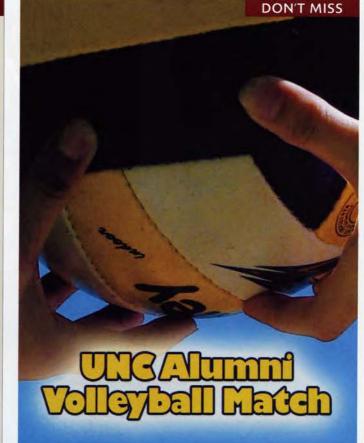
John A. (Tony) Hudziak (BA-90) Lance A. Melting (BS-90, MA-94) Frank Cohoon (BS-91, MA-94)

EVENTS

Sky Sox Game a Big Hit With Bears

UNC ALUMNI, friends and coaches met in Colorado Springs for a day of golf and an exciting night of Colorado Sky Sox baseball. Pictured below (clockwise from left): Alumni Association Vice President J.J. Paolino, Foundation Vice President of Development Mike Johnson, UNC Head Golf Coach Chuck Scheinost and Jordan Connett '05; UNC Athletic Director Jay Hinrichs presents a print of Vincent Jackson, former UNC football player, to his parents, Sherry and Terence Jackson; Associate Director of Alumni Relations Andrea Hawkins '85 shares a laugh with the Sky Sox mascot and two UNC friends; and Brinley Benson, daughter of Development Officer Barry Benson '98, watches a great play.





Saturday, September 13

For more information, call 970.351.1719

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SEPTEMBER	13	Alumni Volleyball Match, 7 pm, Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion
	14	Alumni Soccer Dinner, 3:30 pm, Jackson Field Pavilion
	19-21	Friends and Family Weekend
	20	Bears Football Tailgate Party, Nottingham Parking Lot, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
	20	Bears Football vs. Texas State, 1:35 pm, Nottingham Field
	23	Bears Volleyball @ DU, Denver, 7-9 pm
	27	Bears Football Tailgate Party, Nottingham Parking Lot, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
	27	Bears Football vs. Northern Arizona, 1:35 pm, Nottingham Field
OCTOBER	4	Bears Football @ UC Davis, 6 pm (PT), Davis, California
	10-11	Homecoming Weekend
	10	50-Year Reunion Mix & Mingle Breakfast, 8-9 am, Centennial Hall
	10	50-Year Reunion Bears Tour, 9-11:30 am, UNC Campus
	10	50-Year Reunion Luncheon, 11:30 am-2:30 pm, Centennial Hall
	10	Honored Alumni Cocktail Hour, 5-6 pm, University Center Ballrooms
	10	Honored Alumni Dinner and Ceremony, 6-9 pm, University Center Ballrooms
	11	Honored Alumni Breakfast, 8-9:30 am, Panorama Room
	11	Homecoming Parade, 9:30-10:30 am, 11th Avenue & 20th Street
	11	Bears Football Tailgate Party, Nottingham Parking Lot, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
	11	Bears Homecoming Football Game vs. Idaho State, 1:35 pm, Nottingham Field
	18	Bears Football @ Weber State, 1:05 pm, Ogden, Utah
	23	Reverse Raffle, 5-8 pm, University Center Ballrooms
	25	Bears Football Tailgate Party, Nottingham Parking Lot, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
	25	Bears Football vs. Montana, 1:35 pm, Nottingham Field
	28	Team UNC Reception, 3-5 pm, University Center Ballrooms
NOVEMBER	1	Bears Football @ Montana State, 12:05 pm, Bozeman, Montana
	8	Bears Football Tailgate Party, Nottingham Parking Lot, 10 am-Noon
	8	Bears Football vs. Eastern Washington, 12:05 pm, Nottingham Field
	12	Cumbres Scholarship Reception, 3-4:30 pm, Panorama Room
	12	Student Scholarship Reception, 4:30-7 pm, University Center Ballrooms
	14	Women's Basketball Game Reception, 5-6:30 pm, Air Force Academy
	15	Bears Football @ Sacramento State, 2:05 pm (PT), Sacramento, California
DECEMPER	22	Bears Football @ Portland State, 1:05 pm, Portland, Oregon
DECEMBER	12	Graduate Commencement, 4-7 pm, Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion
	13	Undergraduate Commencement, 9 am-1 pm, Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or events@unco.edu.



June 19-21, 2009 Big Trailblazer Reunion (former UNC women student-athletes)

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Friday, October 10

50-YEAR REUNION SOCIAL AND MIX AND MINGLE BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:30 AM

Reconnect and swap stories with *Friends of Purple and Gold* over coffee and a continental breakfast at Lower Centennial Hall in Brown Hall.

CAMPUS TOUR, 9:30-11AM

Visit your favorite landmarks and see how the town and school have changed over the years. Participants will board a double-decker bus and will be taken on a guided tour of the campus that concludes with a foot tour through Gunter Hall and back to Lower Centennial Hall.

REUNION LUNCHEON AND 50-YEAR SOCIETY INDUCTION, 11:30 AM

Join UNC President Kay Norton for lunch in Lower Centennial. Hear an update from the president about the current state of the University and receive your 50-Year Society pin during a special ceremony prior to lunch.

HONORED ALUMNI AWARDS SOCIAL, 4:30 PM

Rub elbows with current and past Honored Alumni Award winners in the University Center's Fireside Lounge while you enjoy cocktails prior to the awards dinner.

HONORED ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER AND CEREMONY, 5:30 PM

Enjoy dinner and a cash bar in the University Center's Rocky Mountain Grand Ballroom as we honor eight worthy individuals.

Saturday, October 11

HOMECOMING WELCOME, 8:30 AM

Enjoy refreshments in the Panorama Room and have a chance to visit with reunion attendees, honor alumni and other Bear fans.

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HOMECOMING PARADE, 10:00 AM

The Homecoming tradition will continue once again with floats, marching bands, and more. The parade heads north on 11th Avenue from 22nd Street, then turns west on 20th Street and heads west to Championship Blvd.

PRE-GAME PARTY, 11:30 AM

Join the UNC Alumni Association for a pre-game meal and party close to all the action under the big tent at the north east corner of Nottingham Field.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME, 1:35 PM

Catch the Bears take on Big Sky Conference opponent Idaho State at Nottingham Field. A limited number of reserved tickets are available through the Alumni Association. Call 970-351-4TIX for information about additional ticket options.

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