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Bringing  
education  
to life.



## ON THE COVER

Louis Molner, Class of 1895, his horse Maude, and buggy (photo) commute from Eaton to Greeley for school every day, accumulating an estimated 6,000 miles of travel.

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### What's Missing in the 125th Commemorative Issue

When we set out a year ago to make this our commemorative issue, we acknowledged a hard reality that distilling 125 years into a 42-page magazine would invariably result in missed moments.

That's where the Archival Services Department comes in.

The department houses a trove of artifacts in Michener Library to preserve the legacy of the university. Thanks to technology, and a commitment by Archival Services staff, those preservation efforts now include digitizing records and making them available to anyone online.

The digital smorgasbord features yearbooks dating to 1909, historic photos (including more aerial shots of the university like the one on page 20), course bulletins and catalogs dating to the first class in 1890, and archived copies of the magazine. Digital UNC, as it's called, is a rich resource that will continue growing.

Check it out and discover more moments in UNC's rich history.

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— Nate Haas (MS-04)



The Campus Commons, anticipated to be completed in 2017, will be funded through a combination of public and private sources, including support from generous alumni and friends. Flip to page 32 to see more renderings of the building.

## ASK THE PRESIDENT

How does UNC deliver on the promise of a quality education in the 21st century?



Be radically distinctive. The times call for UNC to be radically distinctive.

That may sound like I'm calling for a break with the past — yet being radically distinctive is a common thread throughout our 125-year history.

It started in 1889 when residents banded together to bring to Greeley the state's first normal school, devoted to the professional preparation of teachers and to fostering an enlightened and engaged citizenry.

These visionary Greeley residents provided the land and funding to construct our first building, later known as Cranford Hall, which served as the campus entry point for all comers.

Now, 125 years later, we're carrying on that tradition with a signature project called the Campus Commons.

At the physical heart of our Greeley campus, the Campus Commons, complementary to the existing University Center, will support and showcase the unique transformative education that is the hallmark of a UNC education.

The Commons has three major elements, combined in a way not found elsewhere, which together represent UNC as a whole — a 21st century version of what Cranford Hall once represented.

- **A distinctive gateway to the university.**

The Commons will be the welcoming entry point for everyone, including prospective students, their parents, visitors, alumni and community members. It will be the place where individual connections with UNC start, and where public gathering places enhance community connections.

### *New project will offer new, innovative approach not found elsewhere*

- **A one-stop-plus center organized for students, not administrators.** A student will not have to know what office deals with what issue. Cross-trained navigators will meet with students and connect them to resources they need, without expecting the students to diagnose themselves. No more pinballing around the campus or website. It sounds simple, but the fact is that this approach is not found at other universities.

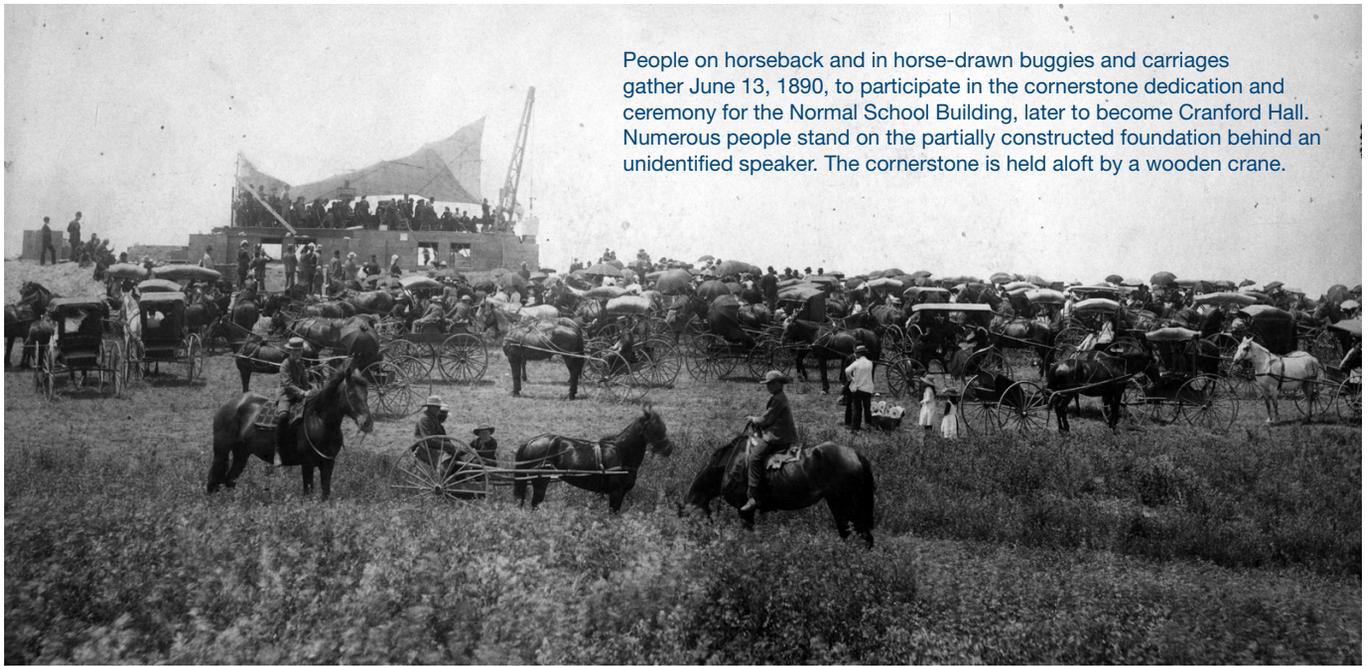
- **A showcase for our world-class music and musical theater productions.**

Currently, students in these crown jewel programs rehearse in hallways and perform in a dilapidated former movie theatre across a state highway from the north edge of campus. The Commons will have a music performance hall, which will bring this vital presence front and center into the life of the university and community.

We make a pledge to our students: If you commit to investing in your education, we commit to investing in your individual success. This partnership distinguishes the UNC experience, and the Commons will enable us to deliver on that partnership pledge for each and every student — undergraduate, graduate, on campus or online, regardless of age, circumstance or background.

As we celebrate our 125th birthday, we honor the past by realizing this dream of the future for UNC students of our next 125 years. Radically distinctive, indeed.

- **UNC President Kay Norton answers university-related questions about higher education in the magazine. E-mail your question to [northernvision@unco.edu](mailto:northernvision@unco.edu)**



People on horseback and in horse-drawn buggies and carriages gather June 13, 1890, to participate in the cornerstone dedication and ceremony for the Normal School Building, later to become Cranford Hall. Numerous people stand on the partially constructed foundation behind an unidentified speaker. The cornerstone is held aloft by a wooden crane.

# A Primer on UNC History

By Anne Cumming Rice

*Snyder. Frasier. Carter. Ross.*

These are just a few names synonymous with UNC. But all of them — and more — were people who were part of shaping the university's story.

As UNC marks its 125th year, a look back at how a hill on the south side of Greeley transformed from a normal school with 76 students to a university serving more than 15,000 students each year.

## UNC's Genesis

When UNC was founded, the area where the University Center stands was a "cactus-covered, rattlesnake-infested hill south of town," writes UNC Professor Emeritus Robert Larson in the book *Shaping Educational Change: The First Century of the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley*.

Larson, now 87 and living in Denver, was given the task in the late 1980s of telling the first 100 years of the university's history.

"They gave me my own office at the library that had a big wide window where I could look out," Larson remembers with a smile. "I got about a year and a half to go out and interview people and write the book."

Larson tracked down former professors who taught at UNC in the 1920s and '30s, whose interviews became a foundation for the nearly 500-page book. The history professor also compiled information from photographs and documents in the university's archives. Larson became UNC's resident expert on the institution's history, giving various presentations about it to mark the university's 100th anniversary.

In 2010, Jay Trask, head of Archival Services, and Mark Anderson, associate professor and reference librarian, co-authored *University of Northern Colorado*, a pictorial history of UNC. Together they culled through hundreds of photographs in old yearbooks and newspapers and told the story of UNC's first 100 years through its various name changes.

First called the Colorado Normal School, the two-year teacher-training institution was a dream-come-true for Greeley, whose residents worked for 20 years to get a college in the town. Drawing on their own history of cooperation as Union Colony, Greeley residents raised more than \$11,000 in two weeks to help construct the first Normal School building, later renamed Cranford Hall.

The bill to establish the Colorado Normal School was passed by the state legislature in 1889, and classes started the next year in the fall of 1890. It was called a "normal school" because U.S. teacher-training colleges borrowed from the French, who called their pedagogical institutions normal schools. However, in its early years, the normal school was about the equivalent of today's high

school education, as most applicants of that day had finished an elementary curriculum and few had a high-school diploma from an academy.

But admission standards changed as educational reform swept through the country over the next couple of decades. UNC was at the forefront of that reform. In 1911, the institution offered a four-year program and changed its name to Colorado State Teachers College. Two years later, graduate programs were introduced, and by 1930, doctoral programs were added.

In 1935, the institution became Colorado State College of Education, and the name was shortened to Colorado State College in 1957. Finally, in 1970, the institution was renamed the University of Northern Colorado.

### Educational Innovation

Perhaps more important than the various names UNC has been called, though, are the personalities that brought character and change to the university.

One of them was Zachariah Snyder, the university's second president who served in the leadership role for 24 years. One of his major accomplishments was transforming UNC from a normal school to a collegiate institution. He also pioneered the "model school," or lab school as it was known for many years, where teachers-in-training could put their knowledge into practice.

In his research for the book he put together with Trask, Anderson became fascinated with Snyder and what he brought to the university.

"He was very interested in how children learn," Anderson says, "and emphasized what it took to be a good teacher."

In a time when the idea of children learning through play was rare, the lab school had a playground and instituted recess as part of the school day.

"It was revolutionary," Anderson says.

Now called University Schools, it operates as a K-12 charter school as part of Greeley-Evans School District 6.

### Transformations

Throughout the next several decades, the institution gained an even stronger reputation for being a teacher-training institution. Since teaching at the time was largely considered a profession for women,

the college built up its athletic programs to attract more men to attend the school. Under George Frasier, the university's third president, athletic offerings grew largely through the construction of Jackson Field in 1927 and Gunter Hall in 1928.

boom, with much of the western part of campus being built including McKee, Candelaria and Butler-Hancock halls, and Michener Library.

By the time the institution was renamed the University of Northern Colorado in

*"When you look back at the history of UNC, you really get a sense of some of the important things that have shaped the university and still shape it today."*

Jay Trask, associate professor and head of UNC Archival Services

The bear became the school's mascot, replacing the Teachers. And in the mid-20s, athletic teams were competing in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, whose members included the University of Colorado, Colorado State University and the University of Denver.

The 1930s and the Depression brought budget cuts and building closings, but it also had a few bright spots: Little Theatre of the Rockies began in 1934, and it remains Colorado's longest running summer stock theatre. And in 1936, author James A. Michener arrived to teach social studies at College High, the laboratory school, before earning his master's degree. His years in Greeley and travel throughout the state became the foundation for Michener's book *Centennial*. He became the author of more than 40 books, winning a Pulitzer Prize for *Tales of the South Pacific* in 1948.

Perhaps the biggest transformations at the university happened after World War II, when returning GIs with funds to spend on a college education changed universities everywhere. UNC added class offerings and new bachelor's degrees.

"There was an air of optimism and the desire to improve their lives among these GIs and their families," Trask says. "The university had to change and offer more to meet the demand that growth brings."

By the late 1960s, one-fifth of students were majoring in business, nursing or one of the liberal arts, non-education areas.

### Today's University

The 1950s and '60s brought a construction

1970, it had two colleges and six schools. Fast forward to today, the university's foundation remains teacher education.

"Our story from normal school to college to university really reflects how UNC has responded to the changing context around it," says Robbyn Wacker, UNC provost and senior vice president. "Our continued preeminence in teacher preparation remains a great point of pride for our institution. It is the foundation on which we've built a comprehensive set of exceptional programs."

Wacker points to UNC's other hallmarks — business, nursing, performing and visual arts and strong liberal arts programs.

"As an educator and an administrator I was thrilled to come to UNC," Wacker says. "This institution is the perfect distillation of all the things I value in higher education — student-centered classrooms with the ability to do research."

She also points to the university's dedicated faculty, its graduate programs and other unique things happening all over campus including cutting-edge research in everything from cancer rehabilitation to autism.

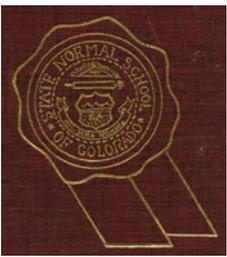
"From its beginning as a teacher's college, our university has been guided by a spirit of innovation grounded in the very real needs of our community," she says. "What we offer here, and what we'll continue to offer for the next 125 years, is a student-centered academic experience that's uniquely responsive to the demands of our times." **NV**



**JUNE 3, 1891**  
The school holds its first commencement exercise for 12 graduates in Hunter Opera House.

1889

**APRIL 1, 1889**  
Colorado Gov. Job A. Cooper signs Senate Bill 104, sponsored by Greeley Sen. James McCreery, establishing in Greeley the State Normal School of Colorado, the first institution in the state to train teachers.



1890

**JUNE 13, 1890**  
Gov. Cooper addresses a crowd for the cornerstone laying and dedication of the school's first building. A special train delivers 350 guests from Denver to be among those attending during the placement of the donated granite cornerstone. Although the school's first building, later renamed Cranford Hall, no longer stands, its cornerstone remains and is now located west of Carter Hall.



Thomas J. Gray becomes the school's first president. Gray (1890-1891) puts together the school's first curriculum, organizes the first faculty, purchases supplies and equipment and welcomes the first 76 students who enrolled.

**OCTOBER 6, 1890**  
Normal School opens for its first term on a temporary campus in downtown Greeley.

*"A Mr. Edington, pleasant, tall and dignified, was the first student to arrive that morning, and I found him folding programs for the opening when I came in, the second student on scene."*  
George M. Huston, who later became a school trustee

1891



**APRIL 23, 1891**  
The first wing of the Normal School building, Cranford Hall, opens. The schedule consists of five classes (ranging from preparatory to senior) from 8:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. and study hours from 3-5 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m. The library closes shortly after noon.

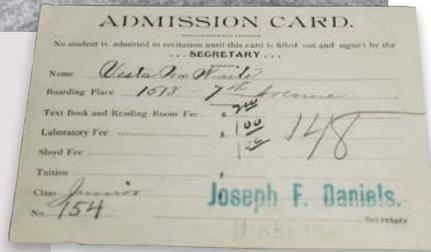


**AUGUST 12, 1891**  
The governing board appoints Zachariah Xenophon Snyder to succeed Gray as president. A national leader in teacher education, Snyder (1891-1915) was a true innovator. His leadership put the institution in the forefront of the nation's teacher colleges, leading to bachelor's and master's degree programs and the name change to Colorado State Teachers College.



**SUMMER 1892**

Trustees establish kindergarten in Greeley. The Normal School then collaborates with public schools in Denver on a bill the legislature passes to establish kindergarten training on campus — providing the schools with prepared teachers at this level.



Admission card from 1898.



**1899**

The school's first football coach, Arthur I. Kendel, is hired. By 1903, the institution regularly plays teams from other schools in tennis, football and basketball. All students and faculty are required to be athletic association members. Women's physical education focuses on fencing, marching, gymnastics and basketball.

**1892**



**NOVEMBER 1891**

Trustees approve the model school, also known as the laboratory school, for practice teaching. It begins with one teacher and 41 students. The school still operates independently as a charter school in Greeley.

**NOVEMBER 19, 1891**

Trustees approve the institution's first summer school for teachers.



The summer program also attracts well-regarded guest faculty including those from the famous Columbia Teachers College.

» Enrollment in summer programs grows steadily from 110 in 1904 to 2,582 by 1928.

**1897**



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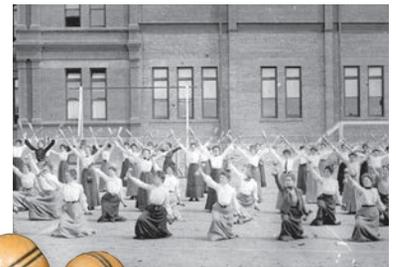
Music is taught from the first semester at Normal. The first two decades, the music program consist of glee clubs and chorales; instrumental music is added later.



Reforms by Snyder lead to the Normal School becoming the first of its kind to require a high school degree for admission. The school offers a lifetime certificate to teach in Colorado and a degree in pedagogy.

*\*Flip to page 31 to learn more about the icons used throughout the timeline.*

**1898**



**1899**

Calisthenics are performed outdoors when weather permits. Students often use of a variety of props, such as dumbbells and clubs.

# 1900-1909

Turn of the Century



**1900**

The first senior class play, *The Merchant of Venice*, hits the stage. The popular senior plays are held on campus until 1930.

**1900**



**1900**

Normal School baseball team plays its home games on Cranford field.



**1900**

Normal School graduates are expected to teach sciences through demonstration. These biology students are dressed for a scientific field excursion.

**1901**

**1901**

The library's collection, under head librarian Albert F. Carter, grows to 8,800 volumes and hours of operation are extended to 4:30 p.m. — with the exception of Sundays when campus closes.



**FAST FACT:**

Gaslights are used on campus until 1900 when lights were installed and powered by a commercial electrical company.

**1902**



James Garcia, Class of 1902, becomes the school's first Hispanic graduate.

» Majors and minors are offered for the first time. By the end of the decade, more than 40 professors are on the faculty.

"One of the best normal schools  
in the country."

University of Wisconsin economics professor  
Richard T. Ely commenting on the Greeley school  
in 1903



1903

The school's first gym is constructed  
in the basement of the west wing of  
Cranford.

1903



1903

First fraternities appear, followed by  
sororities two years later.



1907

The new domed library, later named  
for librarian Alfred Carter, opens.

1907

The Normal School becomes a  
baccalaureate degree-granting  
institution.



1908

1908

Thirty courses offered include 19 electives.  
New subjects include fine arts and industrial  
arts. Basic offerings expand to include  
chemistry, physics, botany, zoology,  
geology, physiology, physical geography,  
public school science, algebra and  
geometry.

1907

1907

The institution's first yearbook, *Cache  
la Poudre*, is published.

📄 Visit [library.unco.edu/digitalunc](http://library.unco.edu/digitalunc) to  
view the issues.

1907

Off-campus courses are offered to  
students throughout the state for the  
first time.

By 1929, off-campus enrollment grows  
to 5,432. The editor of the *Journal of  
Education* lauds the school for being  
the first in the nation to offer extension  
and correspondence courses for in-  
service teachers.

» Today, UNC Extended Campus  
offers 60 degree and certificate  
programs in Denver, Colorado Springs,  
Loveland and online.

📄 [extended.unco.edu](http://extended.unco.edu)



**FAST FACT:**

Telephone lines are installed  
in 1910, along with the  
first drinking fountains and  
indoor toilet, known as the  
retiring room.



**TAKING SHAPE:** Under President Snyder's building plan, central and west wings of Cranford are completed, along with a library, greenhouse, stable, heating plant and presidential home. Guggenheim Hall, named for the senator who donated the money for the building, becomes home to the industrial and fine arts program.



**JUNE 5, 1911**

The Colorado legislature passes an act to rename the State Normal School the State Teachers College of Colorado. The school issues the first bachelor's degrees the same year.

**1911**



**1911**

The Colorado legislature can provide only half of what was appropriated to the state's five public colleges and universities as state expenses exceed revenues by \$1.4 million.

» Today, state support for UNC represents about 20 percent of the operating budget. In addition to student tuition, generous alumni and friends contribute annually to student scholarships and campus programs to support UNC's educational mission.

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**1912**



**1912**

Kepner Hall, named for longtime trustees president Harry V. Kepner, opens. The building, the current home to the Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business, first housed the Training School (former lab school) and is one of the oldest campus landmarks.



**1912**

Formalized participation in student government begins in 1912. Student officers regularly meet with President Snyder.

**1913**

*"Graduate work, involving research and a thesis, in a state teachers college was an almost unheard-of thing."*

Librarian Albert Carter in reference to graduate studies being offered for the first time at State Teachers College. The first graduate degrees were awarded in 1913.

» Today: The Graduate School celebrates more than 100 years of offering advanced degrees.

📍 [unco.edu/grad/grad100](http://unco.edu/grad/grad100)



**1913**

Playgrounds are an innovation in education in the early 20th century. This playground was located just south of Kepner Hall.



### DECEMBER 4, 1914

Alumnus Andrew Thompson, superintendent of schools in southeastern Alaska, donates a totem pole that becomes emblematic for 88 years, giving the university its bear mascot and earning the nickname "Totem Teddy."

Read more at: [unco.edu/totemteddy](http://unco.edu/totemteddy)



### JUNE 9, 1916

John Grant Crabbe, hailed by former college classmate and trustee president Harry V. Kepner as the "greatest school man" in the state of Kentucky, becomes the school's third president. Crabbe (1916-1924) broadened the curriculum to reflect his belief in the importance of a liberal arts foundation. He was an ardent proponent of student participation and the learning-by-doing approach advocated by John Dewey.

### 1916

The Hayes Picnic, which might have been the longest-running tradition unique to UNC, is held for the first time with faculty cooking and serving food to students. Eventually the Hayes Picnic is moved to Jackson Field. Athletic and other types of events are added, and the picnic becomes an all-day celebration of spring that survived until the mid-60s.

For more on UNC traditions, visit [www.unco.edu/news/?5591](http://www.unco.edu/news/?5591)

### JANUARY 1917

The student course load per term is reduced from 20 to 16 hours with new requirements for common professional courses and specific fields of study, in particular education.



### FEB. 28, 1919

The student newspaper, *The Mirror*, is founded.



### 1915

By the summer, students come to campus from 26 states — a number that increased to 38 by 1935.

» Today, more than 15,000 students take classes each year at UNC and represent 49 states and 34 countries.



### 1918

The Student Army Training Corps (SATC), the World War I counterpart to the Reserve Officer Training Corps, begins, boosting campus enrollment of men, which had dwindled to 40.

### 1918

The football team (with a roster that includes SATC members) defeats a stunned University of Colorado and later the University of Denver, considered the best in the region that year.



### 1919

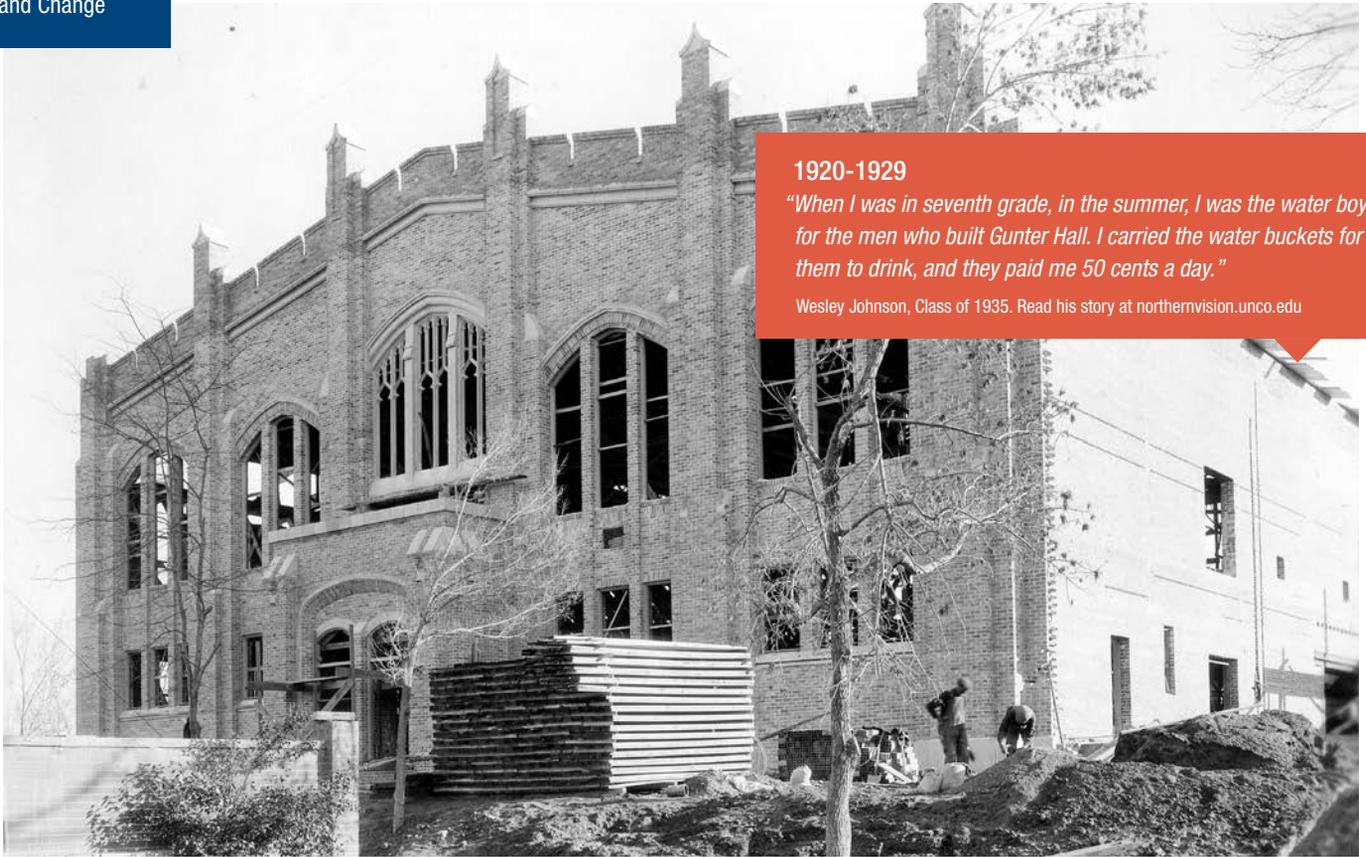
The Home Economics building is completed and renamed after President Crabbe in 1931.



With greater emphasis placed on recreation and entertainment, the 1918 summer course bulletin announces that students can leave at noon on Friday and stay through Sunday night in nearby Rocky Mountain National Park.

## 1920-1929

Institutional Growth  
and Change



### 1920-1929

“When I was in seventh grade, in the summer, I was the water boy for the men who built Gunter Hall. I carried the water buckets for them to drink, and they paid me 50 cents a day.”

Wesley Johnson, Class of 1935. Read his story at [northernvision.unco.edu](http://northernvision.unco.edu)

1920



### 1920

The 20-page *Alumni Courier* becomes the first alumni newsletter sent to the college's growing alumni population.

1921



### 1921

A student council is established, consisting of a president, two representatives from each class, the student manager of athletics and the editor of the recently established newspaper, *The Mirror*. Part of the council's role includes doling out punishment for violations, some serious, others not so much — including picking flowers and walking across the grass. Above: Training School students cultivate campus gardens.

1922

### 1922

English Professor Ethan Allen Cross, betting a colleague he could “write a grammar that contained everything one needed to know in less than one hundred pages,” publishes *The Little Grammar*. The text later becomes “the bible” in high school English courses nationwide.

#### SIGN OF THE TIMES:

To encourage learning by doing, students receive “points” for participating in extracurricular activities — with a maximum of eight points awarded per term.

»Today, the monthly *Bear Crossing* is sent electronically to alumni around the world, sharing campus stories, alumni profiles and news of upcoming events.

📍 Visit [alumni.unco.edu](http://alumni.unco.edu) to connect with UNC through *Bear Crossing*, the *Bear Den* blog and alumni social media sites.

## 1923

The freshman beanie, or dinkie, is introduced to campus. School rules at the time required that all freshmen wear dinkies on campus and to all athletic events. Homecoming marked the traditional ending of the dinkie-wearing period.



## NOVEMBER 24, 1923

The college celebrates its first Homecoming. A parade with floats and marching bands is added in 1926.

See photos from recent Homecomings and other university events at [flickr.com/photos/univ\\_northern\\_colorado](https://www.flickr.com/photos/univ_northern_colorado/)

## 1925

The athletic teams, known as the Teachers for many years, adopt the bear as the mascot with Totem Teddy serving as inspiration.

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## 1925

A student organization starts a 100-watt radio station with the call letters KFKA. Two years later, lines were run to Jackson Field for the first broadcast of a college football game in Greeley. Still in operation today, KFKA covers Bears football and men's basketball games.

## 1928

Gunter Hall, the Gothic structure that's become a campus landmark, is dedicated Jan. 25 and named for Colorado Gov. Julius T. Gunter, who helped secure state funding for the building as part of a state capital construction project he shepherded. Gunter Hall immediately becomes home to intercollegiate basketball, wrestling and swimming.

## JANUARY 15, 1929

Trustees approve the first doctoral programs in education and educational psychology. From 1927-30, works by 58.6 percent of faculty were published — the teacher college operates like the research institution it is today.

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## APRIL 10, 1924

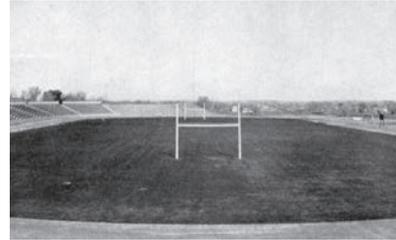
George Willard Frasier (1924-1948) becomes the fourth president after serving the previous 15 months as dean of the graduate school, head of the education department and acting dean of the college. At age 33, he's believed to be the youngest college president in the country. In addition to faculty contributions during his tenure, Frasier's influence in attracting faculty from his alma mater, Columbia Teachers College, to teach summer courses gives rise to the nickname "Columbia of the West" for Colorado State College.



## 1926

A live bear cub is given to the school. "Warden" the bear participates in parades and makes appearances at games. He repeatedly escapes, however, causing both panic and damage in the community. As a result, Warden is eventually returned to Denver and replaced by a less dangerous substitute. Warden became a human in a bear costume (pictured above) in 1928.

What we know about Warden, [northernvision.unco.edu](http://northernvision.unco.edu)



## OCTOBER 20, 1927

When intercollegiate sports outgrow their facilities at Cranford Field, trustee Charles N. Jackson uses his own funds to purchase a site. Two years later, Jackson Field is dedicated on Oct. 20 and includes a football stadium for 5,000, a track and a baseball field.



## 1927

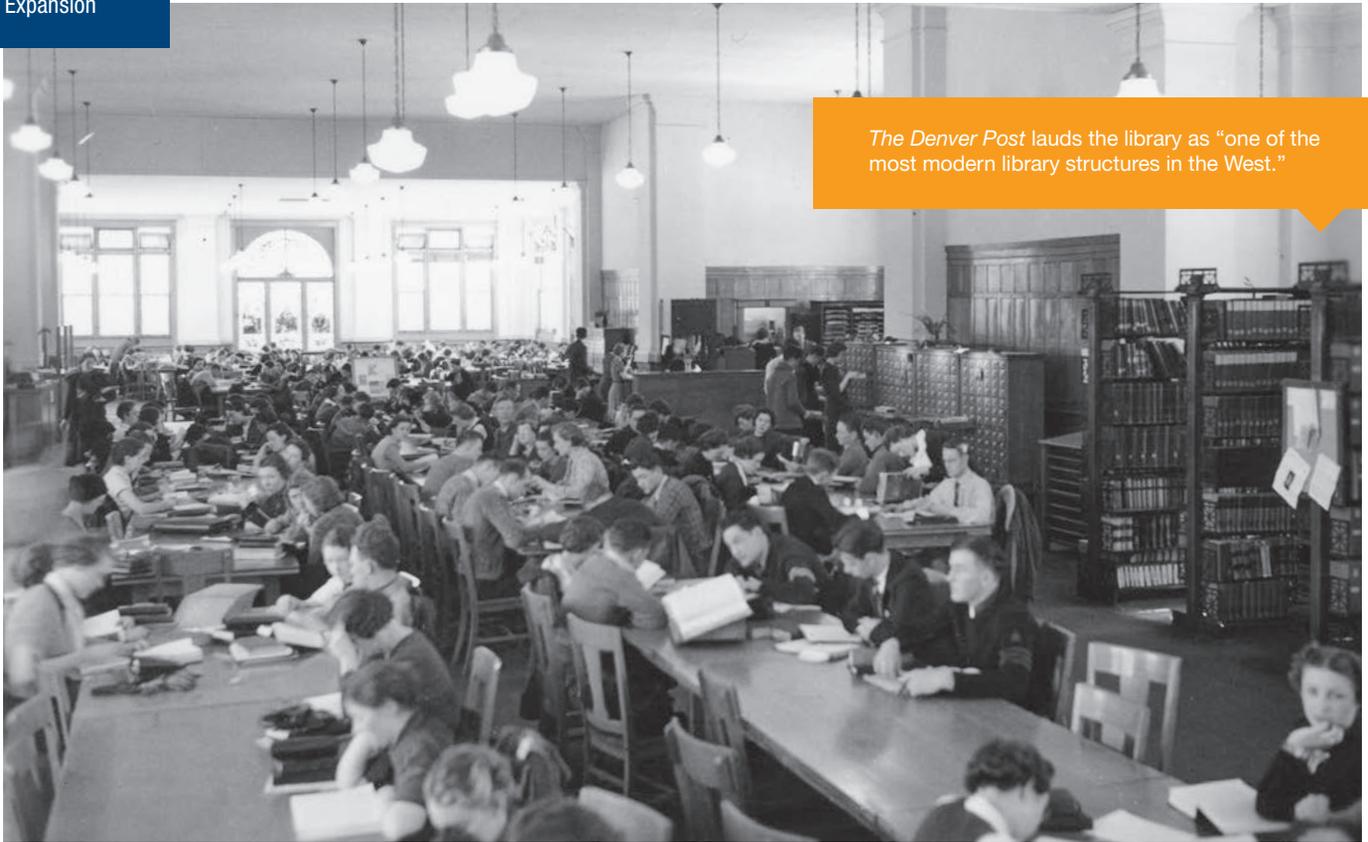
The yearbook reports that George Frasier, who was only 33 when he was appointed president, was once mistaken for a freshman and dunked for not wearing the freshman beanie.



The college experiences tremendous growth during Frasier's years as president, including construction of 15 new buildings.

# 1930-1939

Cultural and Campus Expansion



*The Denver Post* lauds the library as “one of the most modern library structures in the West.”

## 1930



**1930**  
Thirteen campus buildings join Cranford Hall. The first building of what is now Presidents Row (formerly faculty apartments) is constructed. Trustee Charles N. Jackson, who provided funds for Jackson Field in 1927, again comes to the rescue to purchase a large block of bonds to start the project to build faculty apartments following the 1929 stock market crash.



**1930**  
The mountain view becomes obstructed by the canopy of trees springing up on campus.  
📍 Today, with nearly 3,700 trees on campus, UNC received Tree Campus USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. Take the tree tour at [unco.edu/treetour](http://unco.edu/treetour)

**SILVER MAPLE TREE (ABOVE)**  
**Location:** South lawn of Presidents Row  
**Diameter:** 72 inches  
**Value:** Appraises at more than \$97,000  
The silver maple (above) was planted in 1890s. It's the oldest and largest tree on campus and a former State Champion Tree.

## 1931



**1931**  
Other building projects during the 1930s included Garden Theatre for outdoor summer concerts and commencement, and a renovation to the library (now Carter Hall) as part of the New Deal Public Works Administration project.



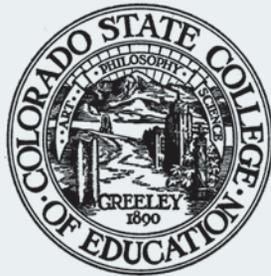
**1931**  
To boost school spirit, the campus community elects student Dean McCoy as the marshal to coordinate pep rallies and cheer during home games.



### JUNE 20, 1934

Led by Helen Langworthy, the Little Theatre of the Rockies summer program stages its first production. Little Theatre of the Rockies is the oldest continually operating professional theater company in Colorado and one of the oldest in the nation.

»It also develops a national reputation for excellence that attracts actors, like Nick Nolte, to Greeley.



### FEBRUARY 16, 1935

The State Teachers College of Colorado becomes the Colorado State College of Education.



### 1936

The college's most famous graduate, James A. Michener arrives to teach social studies at the lab school before earning a master's degree in 1937. He and Greeley Tribune editor Floyd Merrill travel the state, providing Michener with the foundation for his upcoming book, *Centennial*. The prolific author would go on to win the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for *Tales of the South Pacific*.

»Today, Michener's namesake, Michener Library is home to the author's literary archives.

1934

### AUGUST 24, 1934

The college awards its first doctoral degrees in education during summer commencement.

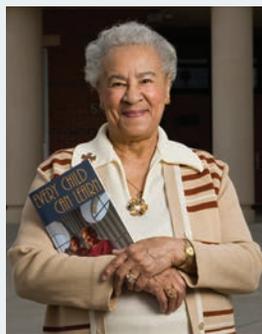


### 1934

The football team beats the University of Colorado 13-7. Wesley Johnson (BA-35) recalls playing in the college band in the stands at Jackson Field that day.

🔗 Read his story at [northernvision.unco.edu](http://northernvision.unco.edu)

1935



### 1935

Marie Greenwood (BA-35) graduates from the Colorado State College of Education and becomes the first African-American woman to receive a contract to teach in Denver Public Schools. She later authors *Every Child Can Learn*, a book about teaching children. Her career spans three decades.

🔗 Read her story at [northernvision.unco.edu](http://northernvision.unco.edu)

1936

1937

1939

### 1937

James De Forest Cline, who led the Music program from 1923-1949, composes the school song "Ah! Well I Remember."

*Ah! Well I Remember,  
Friends of "Purple and Gold."  
Friends met in September,  
Pledging their Faith to hold.  
Gone, Friends of September,  
Gone dear friends of old.  
Time never shall sever,  
Friends of "Purple and Gold."  
Time never shall sever,  
Friends of "Purple and Gold."*

🔗 Listen to "Ah! Well I Remember" and the fight song at [unco.edu/life](http://unco.edu/life)

### 1939

Mary G. Ross (BA-39) becomes the first Native American female engineer.



Ross was known for her work at Lockheed Martin on preliminary design concepts for interplanetary space travel, manned and unmanned earth-orbiting flights, the earliest studies of orbiting satellites for both defense and civilian purposes.

## 1940-1949

Supporting  
The War Effort



**OCTOBER 15, 1942**

President Frasier announces at a faculty meeting that 800 secretaries and clerks (Army Air Force Clerical Training School) will be trained on campus.

1940

### 1940-1949

During World War II, more than 4,000 men in the Army Air Force Clerical Training School, an eight-week program for trainees becoming servicemen, are housed on campus. Superintendent of Grounds William Ross, who would go on to succeed Frasier as president, spearheads the effort to provide accommodations, even enlisting faculty who are paid 50 cents an hour to build additional furniture, such as bunk beds. Maple tables created for the clerical school are still used today in Snyder Hall. When the war ended, male enrollment increased as anticipated with benefits earned by veterans through the GI Bill.



**1940**

The class of 1940 presents "Hi Bridge" near Gray Hall to establish a tradition of encouraging cordial greetings when friends and strangers pass each other on the bridge.

1942



**1940s**

Women begin participating in cheerleading and spirit squads, formerly composed of all men, during the early 1940s.

**1942**

The college offers student teaching credit for Japanese-Americans near Lamar who are relocated from their homes as part of the federal government's controversial WWII initiative.

**1940s**

During the decade, professors Paul McKee, M. Lucile Harrison, Annie M. McCowen and Elizabeth Lehr co-author a series of nationally acclaimed elementary English and reading books published by the Houghton Mifflin Company. When Texas adopts the series, it takes 39 freight cars to deliver all of the books, which included *Sky Line*, *Come Along* and *Jack and Janet*, to the state.



In addition to culturally oriented clubs like Ha'aheo 'O Hawaii, the university is home to four cultural centers — Asian/Pacific American Student Services, Native American Student Service Center, César Chavez Cultural Center and Marcus Garvey Cultural Center — which offer students support, guidance and access to social, cultural and educational events.



### 1945

The student-organized Hawaiian Club forms with increases in numbers of Hawaiian students.

» Today the Ha'aheo 'O Hawaii Club hosts an annual luau on campus to celebrate and share Hawaiian culture.



### JUNE 23, 1948

William Ross becomes the college's fifth president (1948-1964). Ross sets in motion the expansion of what would become Colorado State College. During his tenure, the campus triples in size with west campus acquisition.



### FAST FACT:

"See You at the Bru," a campus motto according to the 1947-1948 handbook,

references the first student center. Mike Peters (BA-68) reflects about it in an article on Campus Memories, [unco.edu/northernvision/fall2013/memory.html](http://unco.edu/northernvision/fall2013/memory.html): "Tucked in an annex of Gray Hall, Bru-Inn became the social center of campus. You could meet there for a cup of sludge coffee, soda or even a meal, if you had enough money to pay for a burger or hot dog — and could find a place to sit among the wooden booths along the walls and tables throughout the center."

1945

1947

1948

1949

### 1947

The first honored alumni awards are presented.



» Today, the annual ceremony is held during spring semester and recognizes individuals

for their professional achievements and personal commitment to UNC.

• Learn more about UNC's honored alumni program at [alumni.unco.edu](http://alumni.unco.edu)



### 1948

International students become part of the postwar boom, led by Chinese scholar Huang Ju Xing, who would return to Greeley after graduation and enduring political strife in China, to become a visiting history professor. The college's involvement in a project with the U.S. Agency of International Development results in the first teacher training institution being established in Pakistan.

» By the time the contract ends in 1969, the project involves 56 professors, 1,308 Pakistanis who are trained as teachers and 56 who visit campus.



### MARCH 6, 1949

An arsonist sets fire to Cranford Hall, forcing repairs to the first building on campus.

## 1950-1959

Responding to  
New Demands



The Bears' baseball team qualifies for the College World Series, the first of 10 appearances (1952-1974) that the team makes in the national tournament held in Omaha.

1951

### 1951

During the Korean War, the college converts 13 Quonset huts (a total of 18 east of Jackson Field had previously been used for student housing) into classrooms for the Air Force Contract Clerical School. About 950 trainees in the 12-week program take up residence in Hays, Hadden and Cross halls. By 1956, a "vet village," as it was called, is established on east campus, providing 160 residences for veterans and their families.



» Today, the Office of Veterans Services supports military veterans and their families at UNC, which was recently designated a military-friendly campus, [unco.edu/veteransservices](http://unco.edu/veteransservices)

1952



### 1952

The Pride of the Rockies Marching band gains prominence under the direction of music faculty member Wayman Walker (1952-1976). Today, the 165-member band plays at events, including home football games and Homecoming.



### MAY 21, 1952

The Associated Students of Colorado State College of Education donates a set of chimes to replace an inoperable unit in Gunter Hall at a cost of about \$4,000.

» The "bells" still ring today thanks to technology and a campaign that restores the campus tradition in 1987.

🔗 Read more at [unco.edu/northernvision/fall2011/Gunter.html](http://unco.edu/northernvision/fall2011/Gunter.html)



### Mid-1950s

The department of business is created to provide students the option of earning a business degree without requiring them to receive teaching credentials.



### 1956

The college acquires the farm of banker and school trustee J.M.B. Petrikin whose home stood where the University Center is today. President Ross also acquires the remainder of the block between 9th and 10th avenues, where Belford, Gordon, Decker, Tobey-Kendel, Snyder, Wiebking and Wilson halls are today. Old Man Mountain, an 80-acre recreational property in Estes Park, also becomes university-owned.

### 1958

The Educational Planning Service is founded. The nonprofit campus organization provides faculty expertise to solve local school problems throughout Colorado.

» Today, UNC's Education Innovation Institute connects research, policy and practice to drive the improvement of teaching and learning.

### 1958

The college begins an honors program. By the 1960s, the program includes 19 academic fields and a study abroad program.

» Today, the honors program is part of University College, one of six colleges at UNC.

1954



### 1954

Frasier Hall is completed and becomes the home for music, speech and the Little Theatre of the Rockies and other performance programs.

1956

1957



### FEBRUARY 11, 1957

Colorado State College of Education is renamed Colorado State College following approval from the state legislature.

1958

1959



### 1959

Inspired by the Sputnik launch, the Frontiers of Science program is established to serve high school students interested in studying science.

The program still exists today.

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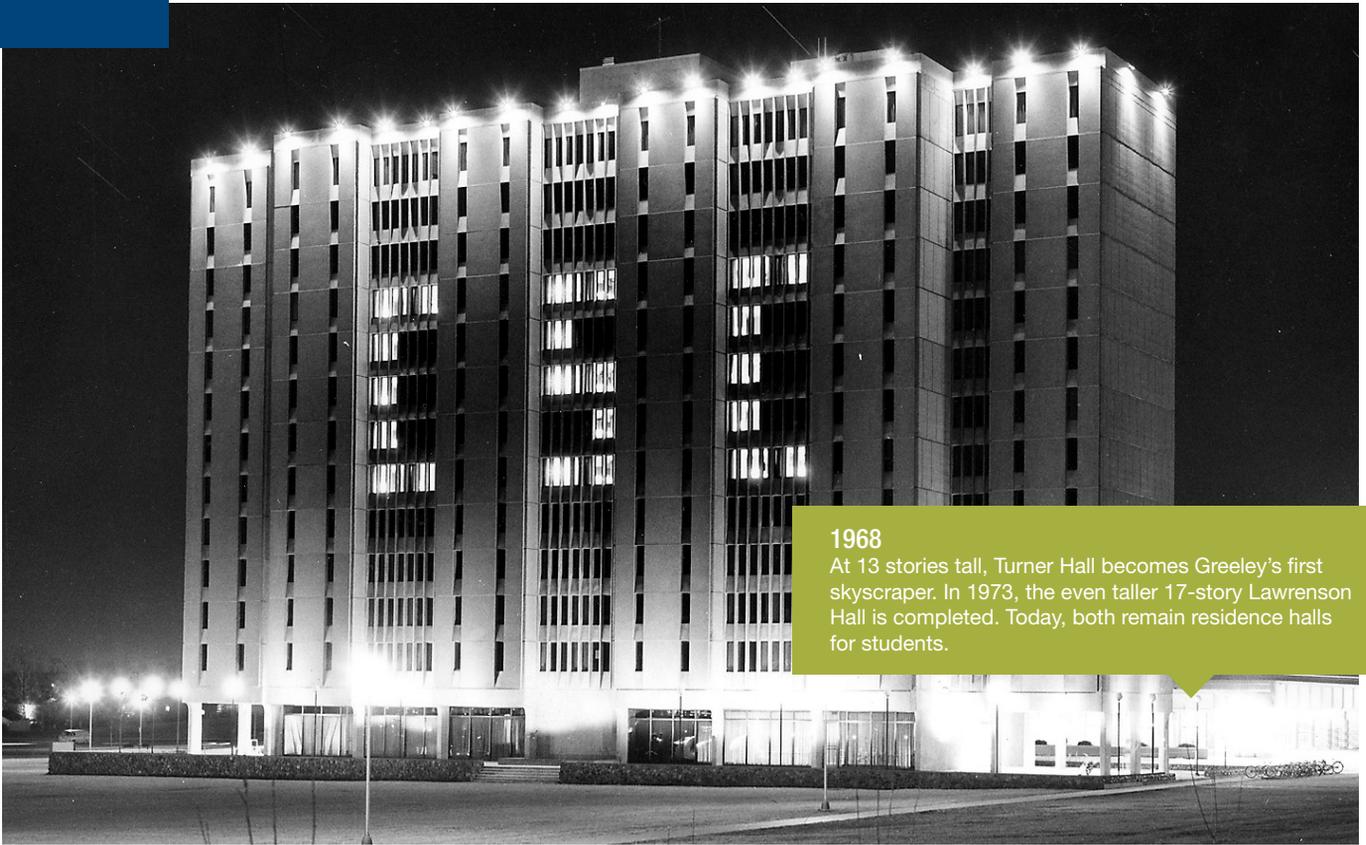


Honor societies, departmental clubs and special interest clubs on campus became increasingly popular during the post-war years.



Annual homecoming traditions include a parade that went through Greeley. In addition to the standard floats and band performances, the celebration include a Nightshirt Parade or Pajama Parade. Students marched through the streets wearing their nightclothes and carried torches to light the celebratory bonfire.





**1968**

At 13 stories tall, Turner Hall becomes Greeley's first skyscraper. In 1973, the even taller 17-story Lawrenson Hall is completed. Today, both remain residence halls for students.

1960



**1960**

Women begin competing in major intercollegiate sports, and the Bears build several successful teams. The softball team, for example, goes on to play in 13 straight College World Series tournaments.

**1960**

The college ranks eighth in the nation for the number of graduate education degrees awarded.



**1961**

Bear mascot.

1961

1964



**1964**

Diverse program offerings include special education, with courses such as cleft palate speech and beginning braille. The pioneering special education school, for a time, is the only one west of the Mississippi River.



**SEPTEMBER 1, 1964**

After serving 16 years, Ross turns the presidency over to successor Darrell Holmes. President Holmes (1964-1971), the college's sixth

president, oversees the tremendous growth in student population of the late 1960s, along with the building program that more than doubles the campus size. In 1970, he leads the move to rename the college the University of Northern Colorado.

1965



**FEBRUARY 13, 1965**

First Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting is held.

» In 2015 UNC will celebrate 50 years of the association's alumni programs and outreach.

Find out how you can get involved in alumni programs by visiting [alumni.unco.edu](http://alumni.unco.edu)

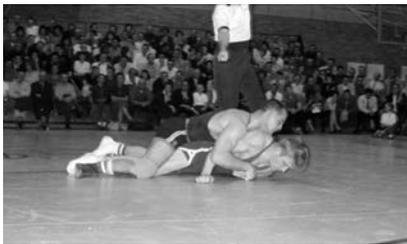


Gayle (Banks) Hamlett (BA-65, MA-68), left, and Celeta (Hunter) Houston (BA-65, MA-68), right,

arrive at UNC in 1961, "products of the civil rights movement," Hamlett says. "We grew up seeking freedom, justice and equality." They joined Tani Ecu, UNC's first social service club started by African-American women. Membership required a 3.0 GPA; there were no racial restrictions. "It's important to focus on cultures individually in order to give students the best support," Hamlett says.

**FAST FACT:**

Several new majors are offered including Africana Studies, Hispanic Studies and Women's Studies.



**1966**

Under the coaching of John Hancock Jr., the wrestling program wins 30 titles in a row from 1937-1966.



**1968**

The UNC Jazz Festival begins.

» Today, it's the largest event of its kind in the nation, annually attracting thousands of participants: internationally recognized artists, award-winning clinicians, jazz lovers, and hundreds of college, high school and middle school performers from across the country.

**1968**

The school of business is created, offering multiple undergraduate programs, an MBA and doctoral program.



**MARCH 27, 1969**

McKee Hall of Education is dedicated.

1966

1967

1968

1969



**1967**

Evidence of options desired by still-returning veterans and the new wave of baby boomers: one fifth of students major in business, nursing or one of the liberal arts or non-education areas. Students enroll in colleges in greater numbers thanks to increased federal spending for higher education, exemplified through the Higher Education Act of 1965.



As a member of the Little Rock Nine, Carlotta LaNier (BA-68) integrates Little Rock (Arkansas) Central High School in 1957. A champion of civil rights, she would go on to receive the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, from President Bill Clinton in 1999. She has also earned the NAACP's prestigious Spingarn Medal. She received an honorary doctorate from UNC in 1998, served on UNC Board of Trustees from 2006-2011 and was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2004. Her book of memoirs is titled *A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School*.

**1969**

The football team completes a perfect season.

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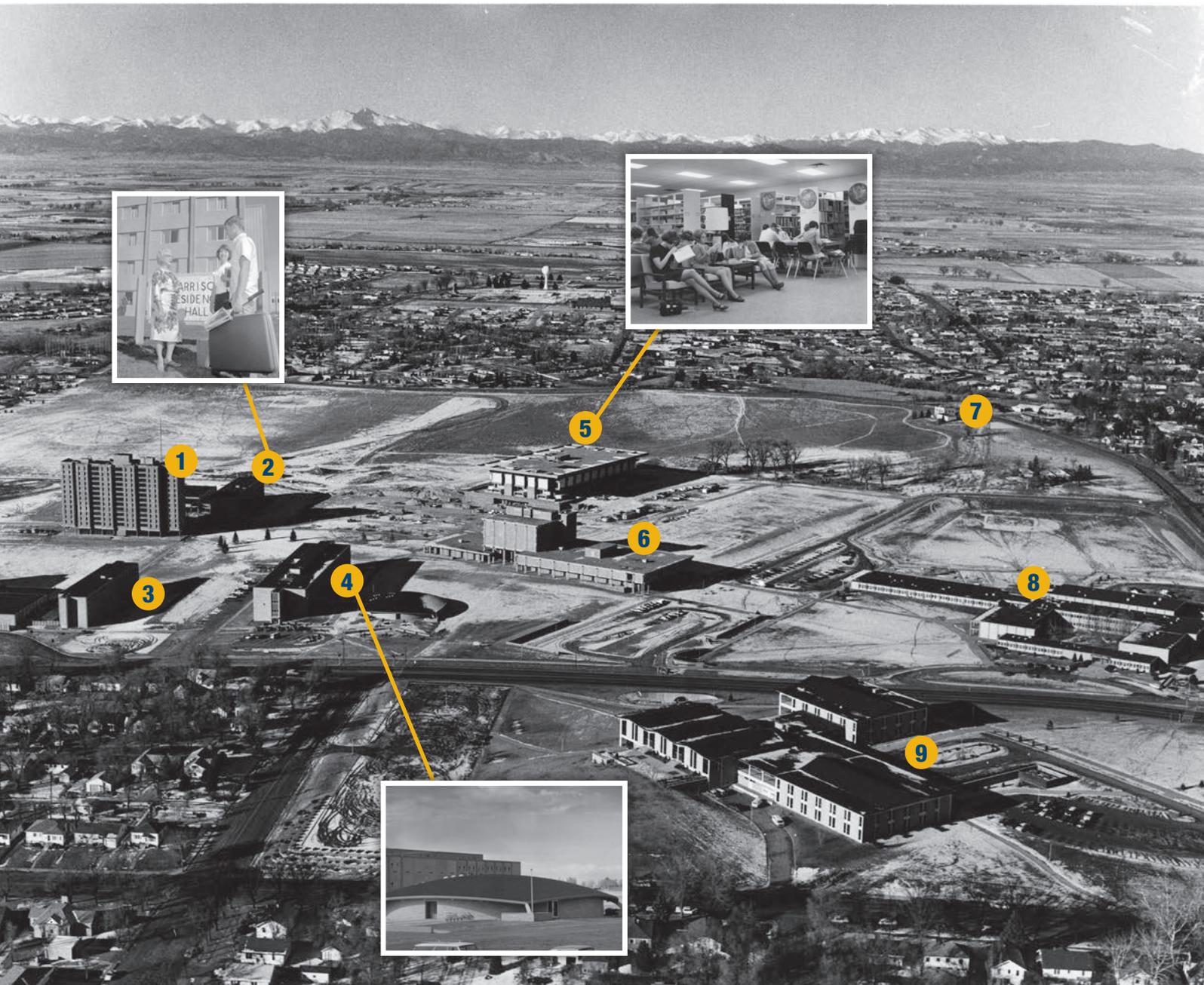
Faded laundry influenced the shift in school colors from purple and gold to today's blue and gold. Purple football jerseys that became a "montage of streaked colors" after the first washing persuaded the team in 1960 to purchase navy blue jerseys that were nearly indistinguishable from a distance. Other teams began following suit. The student governing board passes a resolution in May 1976 to officially name navy blue and gold the school colors.

# Then AND NOW

## WESTWARD EXPANSION

- 1 Turner Hall
- 2 Harrison Hall
- 3 McCowen Hall
- 4 Ross Hall
- 5 Michener Library
- 6 McKee Hall
- 7 Farr House
- 8 Bishop-Lehr Hall
- 9 University Center

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### 1970-1971 SCHOOL YEAR

UNC acquires the land for west campus, above, in 1956 (see timeline entry in 1950s). Today, central and west campuses are home to 76 classroom, residence and service buildings on 260 acres.

- 1 Turner Hall
- 2 Lawrenson Hall
- 3 Harrison Hall
- 4 Recreation Center
- 5 Holmes Dining Hall
- 6 South Hall
- 7 North Hall
- 8 Butler-Hancock Athletic Center

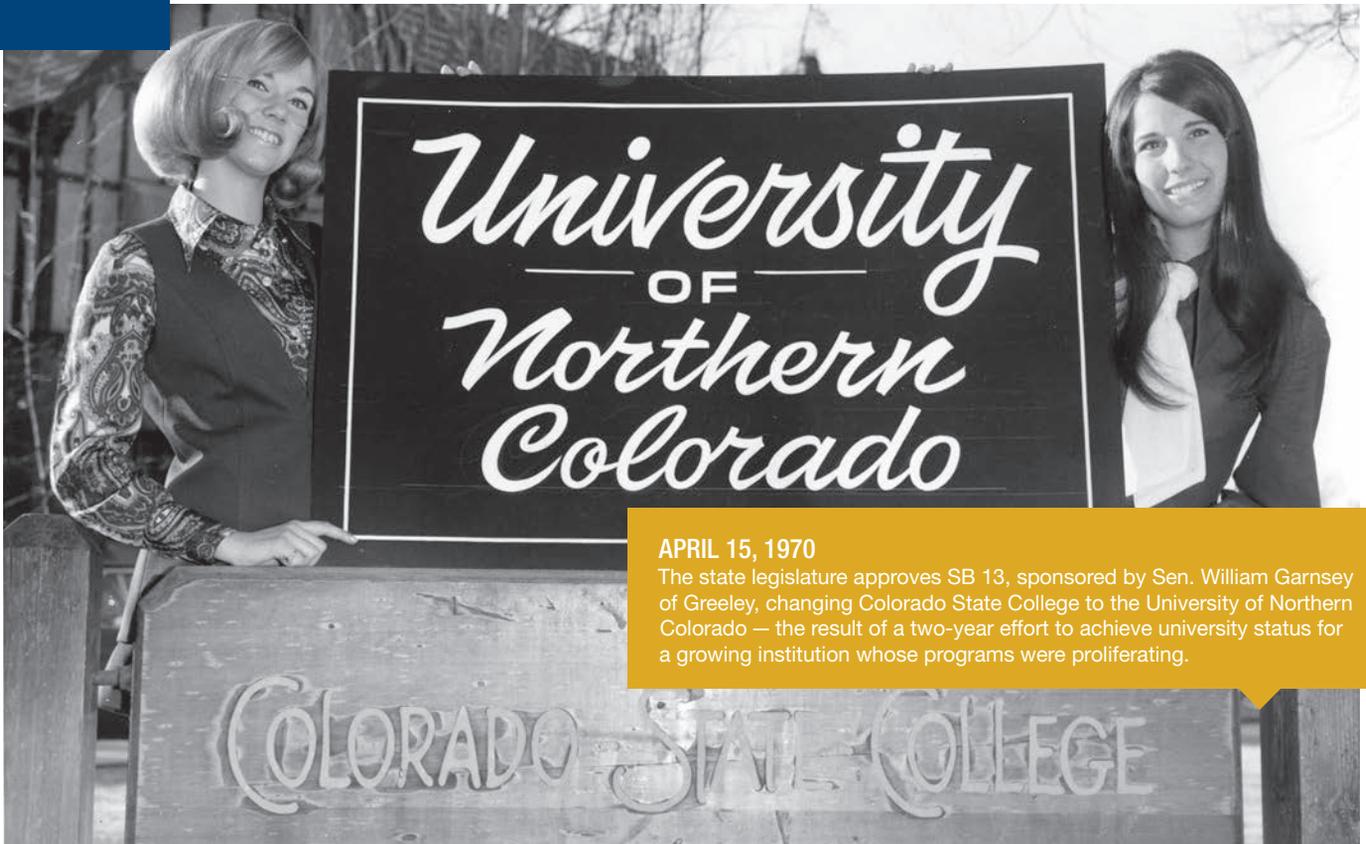
- 9 Nottingham Field
- 10 Michener Library
- 11 Candelaria Hall
- 12 McKee Hall
- 13 Ross Hall
- 14 Judy Farr Alumni Center
- 15 Bishop-Lehr Hall
- 16 University Center

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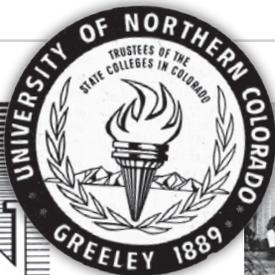
**2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Aerial shots of UNC's campus taken decades apart reveal the scale of the university's growth.



**APRIL 15, 1970**  
The state legislature approves SB 13, sponsored by Sen. William Garnsey of Greeley, changing Colorado State College to the University of Northern Colorado — the result of a two-year effort to achieve university status for a growing institution whose programs were proliferating.

1970



**1970**  
A new logo and seal are introduced. In 1976, purple and gold are designated the academic colors, and UNC's diplomas display both hues, while blue and gold are named the athletic colors.

**1970**  
Anti-war protests in Greeley are mostly nonviolent and serve as a microcosm of a national movement against America's involvement in Vietnam.



**1970**  
The UNC mascot takes on the moniker "Mr. Bear."

1971



**AUGUST 7, 1971**  
Richard "Dick" Bond becomes UNC's seventh president. Bond (1971-1981) aim to expand the university's role beyond the confines of the campus, and also works for a more innovative, student-oriented and accessible institution. He also emphasizes the importance of UNC remaining a leading teacher education institution.



**JUNE 16, 1973**

UNC's first building, Cranford Hall, is demolished. Historian Bob Larson writes in *Shaping Educational Change* that "the structure was so unsound that when the cornerstone was removed, the wall around it collapsed. Those bricks concealed by the building's sturdier outside trim almost crumbled when pressed by hand."

**1973**

The state approves a separate board, the UNC Board of Trustees, to govern the university.

**1974**

UNC's growing extension program is offered at 42 locations nationwide, mostly at military bases connected with the Air Force. It helps lay the groundwork for the continuing education program it merged with in 1982.

» Today, it's known as the **Extended Campus** and offers **60 programs in Colorado Springs, Denver, Loveland and online.**

📍 [extended.unco.edu](http://extended.unco.edu)



**1975**

The men's basketball team plays its last game in Gunter Hall basketball gym. Butler-Hancock Athletic Center, current home to UNC Division I Athletics, opens.

**1973**



**1973**

The university's library is renamed in honor of James Michener (pictured above speaking at the library's dedication), who later makes a gift of \$1 million to support the library. See 1930-1939 in timeline for more about Michener.

**1974**



**1974**

Candelaria Hall is named in honor of Martin Candelaria, UNC's first Hispanic professor, who taught from 1946-1963. An early advocate for foreign language programs in elementary schools, Candelaria is among the first to develop audio labs to improve second language speaking.

**1975**

**1977**

**1979**

 "I started college with my daughter when I was in my 40s. I was the oldest student in all my classes. Not many students were going to college at that age in those days."

Lenore Siegel Barnett (MA-77), a retired counselor who just celebrated her 89th birthday.



**1979**  
New mascot "Bentley Bear" replaces "Mr. Bear."

## 1980-1989

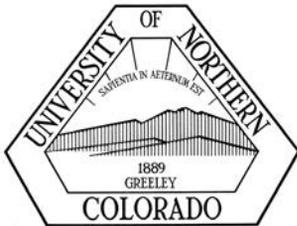
Ushering in  
the Centennial



### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The original cornerstone from the first building is installed during a dedication of Cranford Park. The ceremony is part of a yearlong commemoration of the university's centennial. Today, the cornerstone still stands west of Carter Hall.

1980



1980

New UNC logos and a new seal debut.

1981



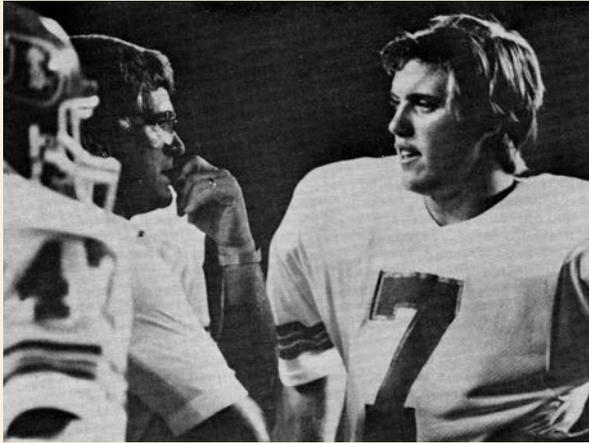
**OCTOBER 1, 1981**

Robert Dickeson arrives on campus as UNC's eighth president. Dickeson (1981-1991) guides the school through increasingly tighter budgetary years. He streamlines the university's educational offerings, which at the time number 673 programs, and focuses resources on four areas of emphasis: teacher education, business, music, and the nursing and health professions.



*"When I was on panels about graduate education, I was often the only one who enjoyed their doctoral program. My colleague, UNC Vice President Barbara Mickey, was a wonderful advisor, and my entire committee was supportive of my work as a designer and administrator of innovative higher education programs for adults."*

Ellie Greenberg (Ed.D.-81), who individualized her doctoral degree program, incorporating courses at Harvard.



### 1982

UNC becomes the summer home for the Denver Broncos. The NFL team would continue to hold training camp on campus for 20 years. In 2003, the team relocates to permanent facilities in south Denver.

1982

1986



### 1986

The Vocal Jazz I group becomes the first college vocal group to receive a Grammy nomination. School of Music faculty have been nominated for five Grammy awards and have won four.



*"We established scholarships that we present annually to students majoring in the arts. One of our recipients, Jeremiah Light, will graduate from UNC in 2015. A great way to keep the creative circle moving."*

Robert Johnson (BA-62), retired high school teacher who participated in Little Theatre of the Rockies as a Theatre major.



### UNC IN THE NFL:

Professionals from UNC who've played in an NFL game:

- Vincent Jackson, 2005-present, Tampa Bay, San Diego
- Sam Brunelli, 1966-71, Denver
- Reed Doughty, 2006-14, Washington
- Anthony Dunn, 2003, Tennessee
- Steve Gaunty, 1979, Kansas City
- Dirk Johnson, 2002-09, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chicago, Arizona, Tampa Bay
- Bill Kenney, 1979-88, Kansas City
- Jeff Knapple, 1980, Denver
- Brad Pyatt, 2003-06, Indianapolis, Miami, Pittsburgh
- Tony Ramirez, 1997-99, Detroit
- Aaron Smith, 1999-11, Pittsburgh
- Loren Synder, 1987, Dallas,
- Dave Stalls, 1977-85, Dallas, Tampa Bay, Los Angeles
- Frank Wainright, 1991-00, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Miami, Baltimore

### 1987

Kepner Hall receives a \$5 million restoration funded by state and private support.

### AUGUST 31, 1988

The academic calendar changes from quarters to semesters.

1987

1988

1989



### 1989

Men's basketball wins the North Central Conference championship.

Jenny Edgerley and Mike Higgins, above, became all-time leading scorers for the basketball programs.

### 1989

New cooperative university exchange agreements are signed with two educational institutions in Taiwan.

» Today, Taiwan is home to 149 graduates.

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## 1990-1999

Impact of Philanthropy and Investment



### 1999

The Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business becomes UNC's first named college in honor of cattleman and longtime Colorado statesman Kenneth W. Monfort and the educational and philanthropic legacy of the Monfort family. The college's renaming comes with a generous commitment of \$10.5 million, which the college has used to fund student scholarships, technology advancements and educational program support.

### 1990

#### 1990

A \$1 million gift from Ken and Myra Monfort establishes the Monfort Executive Professor Program to bring nationally known executives to campus, either as visiting speakers or professors in residence.

### 1992



#### OCTOBER 7, 1992

Herman Luján (1992-1996) becomes UNC's ninth president and UNC's first Hispanic president. He joins UNC after serving as vice provost at the University of Washington. A construction boom

UNC hasn't experienced since the 1970s occurs during Luján's tenure, with a new \$6.5 million campus recreation center (1995), a privately funded \$3.2 million project to build Nottingham Field (1995), and an \$8 million renovation of iconic Gunter Hall (1996). With goals to enhance diversity and broaden access, a new admissions program begins that allows students with college coursework to automatically transfer credit.

#### 1992

The Monfort College of Business earns accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. UNC becomes the first public university in Colorado accredited in business and accounting.

### 1995

#### 1994

Development begins on a variety of Internet courses, including the course Internet Training.

#### 1995

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communications receives a \$2 million gift from the late *Greeley Tribune* publisher Mildred Hansen (BA-27). The gift establishes the Mildred S. Hansen Professorship in Journalism and Mass Communications (an endowed professorship) and also helps create UNC's Mildred Hansen Writing Center.



The Student and Foundation Fund (SAFF), a student-managed fund, is established with \$200,000 from the UNC Foundation. SAFF provides students with an opportunity to make real-world decisions and gain experience in financial investing. It also provides students with the opportunity to interact with business professionals while studying portfolio management and securities analysis. The fund is now valued at more than \$1 million and continuously outperforms professionals in the field.

»Today: The SAFF's home, the Financial Education Center, undergoes a \$1 million renovation project funded entirely by donors.

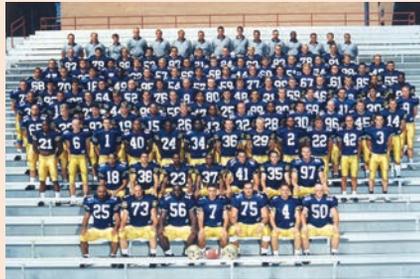
📍 Read more at: [bit.ly/FECatUNC](http://bit.ly/FECatUNC)



**JULY 1, 1996**

Howard Skinner (1996-1998) becomes UNC's 10th president. Skinner also served as dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts for 13 years. UNC's music

library is named in his honor in 2005 in recognition of his many years of dedication to UNC and the Greeley music community.



**1997**

UNC wins back-to-back national Division II football championships in 1996 and 1997.



**JULY 1, 1998**

Former U.S. Sen. Hank Brown (1998-2002) becomes UNC's 11th president. As UNC president, Brown's successes include increasing admissions standards. Philanthropy increases during his tenure and Brown secures several major gifts to the university, including the donation of the State Farm Regional headquarters property and the transformational gift that gives the Monfort College of Business its name.

**1996**

**1996**

Renovation of Gunter Hall is completed and it becomes home of the College of Health and Human Sciences, which includes the programs of kinesiology, physical education, nursing, community health, nutrition, communication disorders, human services rehabilitation, gerontology and recreation programs.

**1997**



**1997**

UNC establishes the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute, the only facility of its kind in the country. Recognized as a frontrunner in cancer rehabilitation, RMCRI exemplifies UNC's distinctive research mission — to apply theory to practice. The institute not only researches the role exercise plays in improving the quality of life for cancer survivors, it also provides health and fitness assessments, individualized exercise prescriptions and one-on-one rehabilitative exercise sessions for cancer survivors.

»The institute was recently featured on a Colorado TV morning show.

📺 View the clip at [coloradosbesttv/2014/10/13/exercise-heals-cancer](http://coloradosbesttv/2014/10/13/exercise-heals-cancer)

**1998**

**1999**



*"The growth in charter schools in Colorado is something I am proud to be helping with as I am also mentoring two new heads of school at Two Rivers Charter School in Glenwood Springs. ... The Tointon Institute is a wonderful step after becoming established in a leadership job."*

Sonya Hemmen (MA-99)



**FAST FACT:**

Donor generosity during the 1990s enables UNC to expand programs

and institutes for the training and advancement of educational professionals, including creation of the Tointon Institute for Educational Change, funded by Robert and Betty Tointon, and the Hewit Institute for History and Social Science Education, funded by the estate of William Hewit.

## 2000-2009

Accolades for Academics  
and Athletics



“Northern Vision,” the 12-foot-high, 2,000-pound sculpture of a bear on the north lawn of the University Center, has watched intently over campus since April 29, 2004. Created and donated by Loveland artist Dawn Weimer, the eye-catching bronze bear faces southeast toward the University Center — the campus’ student hub — symbolizing the university’s focus on its students.

2000



2000

The current UNC logo debuts.

2001

**MARCH 1, 2001**

Friends of KUNC acquires the public radio station license from the university and moves station offices off campus.



**JULY 24, 2001**

UNC receives a gift of \$1.25 million to create the Stryker Institute for Leadership Development. The Stryker Institute supports the academic, social and personal achievement of underrepresented women students.

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?898](http://www.unco.edu/news/?898)



2001

“Bentley Bear” mascot.

2002



**JULY 1, 2002**

Kay Norton (2002-present) becomes the 12th president and the first woman to serve in the position. A passionate advocate for UNC, and for the transformative power of higher education, Norton leads UNC

in developing innovative and entrepreneurial organizational strategies in the face of changing regulatory, financial and social conditions, emphasizing the need for the university to take charge of its own fate. A graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Denver College of Law, Norton practiced law in the public and private sectors for 26 years. She was appointed to the UNC Board of Trustees in 1995, serving as vice chair until 1998, when she joined the university’s staff as vice president for University Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

2003

**AUGUST 30, 2003**

The new mascot “Klawz” was selected after polling students.





### 2009

The volleyball team becomes the first Bears team to win a Division I postseason championship and first team to advance to a Division I tournament following the successful transition from Division II. The volleyball team also wins the Big Sky Conference Championship in 2011, 2012 and 2014, advancing to the NCAA tournament all three years.

### MARCH 20, 2009

Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter signs a bill to establish the Education Innovation Institute, which expands on UNC's historical mission in the field of education to inform education policy by connecting existing research and analyzing data to determine effective practices.

### AUGUST 16, 2007

UNC, CU and CSU announce a collaboration to open the state's first school of public health, the Colorado School of Public Health.

[www.unco.edu/news/?631](http://www.unco.edu/news/?631)

### SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Professor Ester González's Introduction to Hispanic Literature is named one of the top 10 Spanish Literature courses in the nation by the College Board Advanced Placement's course study, conducted by the Educational Policy Improvement Center.

[www.unco.edu/news/?619](http://www.unco.edu/news/?619)

### OCTOBER 16, 2007

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences receives the prestigious Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

[www.unco.edu/news/?616](http://www.unco.edu/news/?616)

### OCTOBER 20, 2004

After more than 80 years, UNC repatriates the totem pole nicknamed "Totem Teddy" to the Alaska Tlingit tribe, its rightful owners.

[More info at unco.edu/totemteddy](http://www.unco.edu/totemteddy)



### 2004

The Monfort College of Business becomes the first business college to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award — the nation's highest honor for quality and performance excellence.

2004

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*"When I began my UNC education I never imagined that my career would enable me to combine government affairs with an interest in the pharmaceutical industry, yet here I am interfacing with Congress and federal agencies on a regular basis concerning the industry and national healthcare policy."*

Molly Burich (BA-05), a political science graduate who's working with Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc.



In 2007, former Bears quarterback Corte McGuffey, Class of 2000, becomes the first UNC athlete to have a number retired. Mike Higgins, Class of 1989, the only Bear to play in the NBA, joins McGuffey in 2011.



### 2009

Connie Willis (BA-67) is inducted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame. She is the winner of a record number of Hugo and Nebula awards — the genre's most prestigious — for her short stories and novels.



### JUNE 1, 2006

Four years after the Board of Trustees votes to transition to NCAA Division I, UNC's athletics programs join the venerable Big Sky Conference.



### 2008

Klawz mascot is updated.



**MARCH 2011**

The men's basketball team wins the Big Sky tournament, hosted in Greeley, and advances to the NCAA Division I basketball tournament.

**2010**

**JANUARY 9, 2010**

UNC receives a five-year, \$1.25 million grant by the Daniels Fund to support programs in business ethics.

**2010**

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences celebrates 25 years of *Confluencia*, a scholarly journal of Hispanic studies.

**AUGUST 16, 2010**

UNC receives a \$1.2 million, five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to support and prepare math and science teachers to serve in high-need school districts, especially in rural areas.



Class of 2010 alumna Nelya Pekarek makes waves in the music industry with her Grammy-nominated band The Lumineers.

Read her story at: [northernvision.unco.edu/fall2013](http://northernvision.unco.edu/fall2013)

**2011**



**FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

UNC earns its third straight Top 25 Peace Corps ranking for the number of graduates who have served in the organization.

Matthew Kennedy (BA-11) shares his experience serving in the Peace Corps at [www.unco.edu/news/?6779](http://www.unco.edu/news/?6779)

**MAY 22, 2011**

UNC is one of the only two U.S. universities to make the top five *SportBusiness International* magazine's first-ever ranking of sport management courses around the world.



**2011**

Current Klawz mascot.

**JUNE 7, 2012**

UNC and CSU faculty researchers collaborate to develop treatment for West Nile and other related viruses.

[www.unco.edu/news/?4019](http://www.unco.edu/news/?4019)

**FAST FACT:**

Nearly one-third of Colorado Teacher of the Year winners are UNC graduates.

[unco.edu/news/?333](http://unco.edu/news/?333)



Former Denver Mayor and UNC graduate Wellington Webb (BA-64, MA-71) speaks at the Marcus Garvey Cultural Center's 30th anniversary.



### JANUARY 31, 2013

UNC receives Tree Campus USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation.

📍 Take the virtual tour at: [unco.edu/treetour](http://unco.edu/treetour)

### FEBRUARY 22, 2013

UNC is recognized for its work on the prevention of noise-induced hearing loss by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in partnership with the National Hearing Conservation Association.

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?4929](http://www.unco.edu/news/?4929)



### MAY 2, 2013

The country's leading jazz magazine again recognizes a UNC jazz band and the university's symphony orchestra among the world's best. UNC's Jazz Lab Band I (Best College Big Band) and the University Symphony Orchestra (Best College Classical Ensemble) win *DownBeat* magazine's 36th Annual Student Music Awards. UNC jazz ensembles have received over 100 *DownBeat* awards.

## 2013

### OCTOBER 16, 2013

The national organization Excelencia in Education recognizes UNC's Cumbres teacher preparation program in its "What Works for Latino Students in Higher Education Compendium."

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?5918](http://www.unco.edu/news/?5918)



### NOVEMBER 15, 2013

In response to the convergence of the "most significant and complex" external challenges ever faced by UNC, the university launches a two-year, campus-wide initiative for innovative ideas to offer new programs, reach new learners, deliver programs in new formats, develop new teaching techniques and find new ways to support success.

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?6033](http://www.unco.edu/news/?6033)

## 2014

### JANUARY 8, 2014

For the second year in a row, *U.S. News and World Report* ranks UNC a top online graduate education program.

### AUGUST 4, 2014

UNC and Colorado School of Mines lead the way with an innovative new partnership in response to state and national shortages of teachers in science, technology, engineering and math. UNC, the leading teacher preparation institution in the state, and Mines, Colorado's premier engineering university, team up to create the unique program, which receives nearly \$300,000 in grant funding from the National Science Foundation. It will serve as a national model amid a U.S. presidential goal to prepare 100,000 new STEM teachers over the next decade.

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?6895](http://www.unco.edu/news/?6895)

### OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade awards a \$150,000 grant to the new UNC BizHub Collaborative. "This new incubator structure is a great example of the forward-thinking, innovative ideas that occur when collaboration across industry and regions takes place in Colorado," says Gov. John Hickenlooper.

📍 [www.unco.edu/news/?7218](http://www.unco.edu/news/?7218)

## EXPLAINING THE ICONS

These five themes appearing throughout the timeline represent how UNC is "Bringing Education to Life":



### FIND YOUR SENSE OF BELONGING

We are an inclusive, caring and genuine community that delivers education with humanity. There's a strong sense of belonging and camaraderie in an environment that supports being true to ourselves and who we are becoming.



### CREATE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Our size and culture support academic experiences where people truly connect and bring out the best in each other. We honor and nurture each other's potential, offering personal learning experiences where students and professors take part in an exciting and rewarding journey together.



### ADVANCE HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

To further human understanding and contribute to society on a global scale, we build on the classroom experience, engaging in research, community involvement and real-world opportunities. A leader in preparing educators, we also offer award-winning and innovative programs in business, performing and liberal arts and the sciences.



### LEAD A RICHER LIFE

We are leaders and learners who are exploring and seizing opportunities. We gain knowledge that empowers us to pursue our dreams, achieve rewarding careers and move through life with purpose.



### BE THE DIFFERENCE

We inspire people to rise to their potential and make an impact for the future. We are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and in our communities.



# Looking Ahead

## The Campus Commons: At the Heart of a UNC Education

UNC is responding to today's challenges with the same inventive, entrepreneurial and tenacious spirit that has characterized it since its founding 125 years ago.

The Campus Commons will be key to addressing the needs of students.

Much more than a building, it will integrate various forms of student advising and support, often separate on most campuses, into a seamless process. It will weave academic, international study, community and civic engagement and career preparation into a single network tailored to each student. Students will find a higher level of support and guidance — with greater integration — than at any other university in Colorado.

The Campus Commons has three goals:

- 1. Increase the number of students who enroll and succeed at UNC.**  
The Commons will bring together the front-line functions vital to helping students successfully navigate their UNC education. From the time they first see the campus as prospective students through graduation, students will receive a one-stop, case-management approach: With a single conversation, a student can access a full range of opportunities, and the educational experience will be customized to best meet each student's needs.
- 2. Address the basic curricular needs of students in performing and visual arts, business, nutrition, and tourism/hospitality.**  
The Commons will serve academic needs with a 400-seat auditorium, 600-seat performance hall and a gallery. There will also be hands-on experiences for nutrition, hospitality and business students. A café and catering service, for example, will provide students real-world opportunities that prospective employers seek.
- 3. Create a connecting point for UNC and the broader community.**  
A place of welcome for thousands of alumni, community members and international guests, the Commons will enhance faculty's ability to engage with the community and build partnerships to support student learning and the economic vitality of the state and region.



The planned Campus Commons will be located south of the University Center on 11th Avenue. The new building will allow UNC to provide a level of student support not found anywhere else in addition to connecting UNC and the broader community.

The Campus Commons represents a complete shift from institution-centric design to student-centric design not found at other universities. It embodies the university's strategic direction where students and their success are at the heart of academics; research, scholarship and creative works; and community building.

**Funding for the Campus Commons is proposed to come from three sources:** \$40 million over two funding cycles from the State of Colorado, \$10 million in gifts from donors, and the issuance of a \$24 million bond supported by a student capital fee. **NV**

The project, anticipated for completion in 2017, will be funded through a combination of public and private sources, including support from generous alumni and friends.



The Commons will address basic curricular needs by housing a state-of-the-art auditorium and hall for UNC's world-class performing and visual arts.

## CLASS NOTES

Compiled and edited by Margie Meyer



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### 1950s

**Robert Lord (BA-56)** and **Julia (Hoffmeister) Lord (BA-56)**, Marietta, Ga., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

### 1960s



**Tony Schenbeck (BA-66, MA-76)**, Littleton, retired after 48 years as a high school math teacher, coach and athletic director. Tony and his wife plan to travel and spend time with their family.



**Netta Carver-Page (BA-67)**, Portland, Ore., continues to teach English as a Second Language, using her theatre arts training, experience and skills. Her teaching career began in Boulder where she taught drama. She spent 14 years, primarily at Portland State University, teaching ESL to Korean, Chinese, Thai, Spanish, French and Arab students. Netta has developed methods and materials for international students to improve their American English and have a cultural understanding of America through theatre. (*Netta—pictured in center with Japanese students*)

**David Cole (BA-69, MA-74)** and **Jennifer (Bevlin) Cole (BA-69, MA-85)**, LaSalle, completed their third year of service vacations at the Gettysburg battlefield. During the service week, the volunteers built and painted fences and performed other work on the battlefield. They also worked at the Eisenhower farm, where Jennifer enjoyed polishing Mamie's silverware and cleaning the china.

### 1970s

**Bruce Hallock (BA-70)**, Longmont, retired in 2011 from Marsh & McLennan. He is a self-employed consulting engineer working on a hydro-electric project in Canada.



**Joe Hutchison (BA-72)**, Indian Hills, was appointed to a four-year term as Colorado's newest poet laureate. Joe will visit schools and other venues

as an ambassador for poetry and literacy and will present a poem to open the state legislative session each year. He is interim academic director for Arts and Culture and Global Affairs at the University of Denver, where he has taught for 12 years. Joe has published 15 poetry collections and holds a master's degree in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia.

**Marsha Davis (BA-73)**, Greeley, edited *One Man's Voice*, written by Timothy Egan. The book is the diary of a Nebraska farmer whose life crumbled under the weight of drought and dust.

**Michael Cantrell (BA-74)**, Newton Square, Penn., is a senior vice president at Shopko. Michael previously served as vice president of Pharmacy at Delhaize America and held various executive positions at AmerisourceBergen and Longs Drugs. He is a registered pharmacist and a licensed attorney.

**Linda (Evans) Butler (BA-75)**, San Ramon, Calif., works as a communications advisor with Chevron Corp. based in Singapore. She supports internal communications with Chevron's Asia Pacific exploration and production company.

**Julia Frink (BA-75)** teaches fifth grade at Baker Central School in Fort Morgan. She taught fifth through eighth grades in Loveland, Pueblo and Colorado Springs 1989-2011. Julie and her husband Tom have two children and four grandchildren, and she enjoys crocheting, quilting and Avalanche hockey.

**Francine Lincer (BS-75)**, Las Vegas, Nev., has joined the Nevada Health Care Association Perry Foundation as director of Compliance and Education. Francine

received her graduate degree in nursing from UCLA and is certified by the Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology.

**Carol Manteuffel (BS-75)**, Westminster, has joined Husch Blackwell LLP, representing ancillary healthcare services providers in state and federal regulatory proceedings, Medicare/Medicaid program audits, Office of Inspector General and State Medicaid Fraud Control Units investigations for fraud and abuse, licensing, certification, reimbursement and regulatory compliance matters. Carol earned a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., and a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota.

**Norma Gilmore (EdD-76)**, Hamilton, Mont., retired for the third time in 2001 from the South Platte Valley (now Centennial) BOCES—the oldest director of Special Education to retire in Colorado. While supervising student teachers for the University of Montana, she used craniosacral exercises to help children with reading problems. Her book *Get Ready, Set, Go and Read* is the manual for adults to continue the program.

### 1980s

**Ann Norton (BS-81)**, Denver, owns Norton Training and Consulting Services, a 16-year-old firm specializing in leadership, talent management/recruiting strategies and customer services training. She has worked with more than 100 clients in the USA, Great Britain, Asia, Egypt and the Caribbean, providing human capital support to all types of organizations to help companies identify long-term behavior traits of new recruits and current teams.

**Bruce Nolan (BS-82)**, Girard, Penn., is a life enrichment manager for Sunrise Senior Living at Presque Isle Bay. He and his wife Cindy celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. They have two children and one grandchild.

**Rich Rodgers (BS-83)**, Clarendon Hills, Ill., has joined the Board of Trustees of La Rabida Children's Hospital, a pediatric acute care hospital in Chicago that specializes in the treatment of chronic illnesses and



developmental disabilities. Rich is a managing director at GE Central Region Corporate Lending Group and has held leadership positions with California United Bank, City National Bank and Security Pacific National Bank.

**Fritz Erickson** (MA-84, EdD-87), Marquette, Mich., is the president of Northern Michigan University. Fritz previously held positions at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Eastern Washington University and Michigan Technological University.

**Deena Larsen** (BA-86), Denver, has written more than 30 works of electronic literature, which are being taught throughout the world. Her latest work, *The Rose Language Project*, ascribes a concept for each letter of the alphabet and uses symbols for various facets of that concept. To learn more, go to [thinkingrose.com](http://thinkingrose.com).

**Gary Lewis** (EdD-86), Northfield, Minn., retired in December from his position as director of Student Services with the Northfield Public Schools. His 38-year career in public education included working as a school counselor in Wisconsin and as a school psychologist in Minnesota. He also worked for the Department of Defense schools in Germany

and as a special education administrator in Iowa and Minnesota. Gary received the Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education in 1999 and served as the organization's president 2003-2004. He is CEO of SpEd Forms, Inc., a student services data management provider, and he consults with school districts in the areas of special education and staff development.

**Juan Cruz** (BS-87), Greeley, retired in July after nearly 35 years with the Greeley Police Department. He plans to spend time with his granddaughters and volunteer in the community.

**Gordon Jones** (BS-87), Fort Collins, is chief financial officer at IBMC College. He previously served as CFO for Center Partners in Fort Collins.

**Susan Toohey** (BAE-87), Omaha, Nebr., served for five years as head of school at Marian High School, an all-girls Catholic high school in Omaha. She has more than 25 years of experience as a classroom teacher, curriculum supervisor, adjunct professor and assistant principal in the Omaha Public Schools. Susan earned a master's degree in secondary education in 1994 and her dissertation "What Makes Young Women More Resilient? Leadership, Work, Independence and Participation," was published by Scholars Press.



**Ed Kellerman** (MA-89), Gainesville, Fla., is a master lecturer at the University of Florida's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He was honored by the Bhairabnath Primary School of Kudari Village of Northwest Nepal for a donation from his Project Nepal charity to hire a third teacher for 200 students.

## 1990s

**Kevin Marvin** (BA-90), Santa Barbara, Calif., is the executive director of the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra. He has more than two decades of executive and senior management experience in banking and nonprofit board and organization management. Kevin previously served as the executive director and past board chair of the Rocky Mountain Arts Association in Denver.



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**Tamara Pennington** (BAE-91), Windsor, was named the Outstanding Biology Teacher of 2014 in Colorado by the National Association of Biology Teachers and the Colorado Biology Teachers Association. Tamara teaches at Windsor High School.

**Chris Fiedler** (BA-93), Brighton, is the superintendent of schools for the Brighton 27J School District. Chris earned a master's degree from University of Phoenix in 1997 and a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2007.

**Julie Krow** (MA-96), Larkspur, received the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Commissioner's Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The award honors one person from each state and U.S. territory for their significant contributions toward the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Julie is director of the Office of Children, Youth and Families at the Colorado Department of Human Services.

**Natalie (Chance) Palmer** (BS-96, MA-99), Spokane, Wash., was elected to lead the 800-member Toastmasters' district for eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, and north Idaho. As district governor she oversees and manages the district's day-to-day operations, finances and human resources. Natalie is an adjunct faculty member at Spokane Falls Community College.

**Darren Rahn** (MM-96), Littleton, is a multi-nominated Grammy smooth jazz artist and producer. In May, Darren was a guest performer and festival host at "Jazz on the Vine" at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.



**Brad Cowdrey** (BS-98), Castle Rock, is founder and CEO of Clear Peak, a Denver-based data and business intelligence firm that helps clients translate data into profit. Clear Peak was named a 2014 Colorado Company to Watch winner.

**Lucky Higgs** (BS-98), Parker, was promoted to partner at EKS&H. He has 15 years of public accounting experience with financial audits of public and privately held companies in a wide variety of industries. A leader in the International Advisory Group, Lucky frequently works with emerging growth companies and assists clients with initial and secondary public offerings.

**Brian Davidson** (BA-99), Arvada, is vice president of Medical Affairs and chief medical officer at St. Mary's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Grand Junction. Brian previously served as associate clinical professor and vice chair of Anesthesiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center.

## 2000s

**Kelly (Langley) Cook** (BA-00), Greeley, is a history teacher and academic coach at Frontier Academy High School in Greeley. Kelly received the Founders Fellowship from the Bill of Rights Institute, a grant to study civil liberty, economics and the constitution.

**Robert Scott** (EdD-01), Haymarket, Va., is a novelist, poet and English teacher at Osbourn Park High School. He was named one of two Prince William (Virginia) County's first poet laureates. He has proposed a project to encourage budding and seasoned Prince William poets to submit poems for inclusion into a permanent "10,000 poem exhibit."

**Danielle Potter** (BA-02, MS-04), Waikoloa, Hawaii, is a doctor at Alii Health Center in Keauhou and is credentialed to perform services at Kona Community Hospital. She attended medical school at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, and completed the Phoenix Integrated Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

**Chad McEvoy** (EdD-02), Syracuse, N.Y., received the 2014 Sutton Award from the Sport Marketing Association in recognition of exceptional contributions to sport marketing academics and the industry. He is graduate program director in the Department of Sport Management at Syracuse University. The co-author of two books, his research has been featured in more than 100 media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *PBS Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, and *USA Today*.



**Tiffany Contet** (BS-03), Sterling, has joined Banner Medical Group's Family Care Clinic in Sterling. Tiffany earned a master's degree in physician assistant studies at Missouri State University and is board-certified.

**Jonathan Prichard** (BA-03), Denver, is the founder and CEO of MattressInsider.com, an environmentally friendly distributor of mattresses, toppers and mattress protectors based in Littleton. His company was ranked 20th in the fastest growing companies in the Denver Metro area and number 1,614 nationally, with a 265 percent revenue growth since 2010. Jonathan enjoys flying, acting, west coast swing dancing and comedic improvisation.

**Brad Evans** (BA-04), Richmond Hill, Ga., received a master's degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

**Ciandra Jackson** (BA-04), Houston, Texas, is the communications director for Legacy Community Health Services. She previously worked as a freelance communications consultant and public relations specialist with NASA's Johnson Space Center.

**Molly Burich** (BA-05), Princeton, N.J., works in government affairs at Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals where she focuses on reimbursement and healthcare policy.

**Natalie (Van Hazel) Mulder** (BA-06), Thornton, started a new business, EZ Résumé, LLC, and assists clients with résumés, cover letters, interview thank you letters and LinkedIn profiles.

**Jarrold Ridnour** (BA-06), Brush, is a realtor for Gateway Realty Colorado. Jarrold previously managed Lowe's Home Improvement stores in northern Colorado. He and his wife Melody have two children.

**Andrew Palmer** (MA-07), Brighton, is the director of Student Information Services with Greeley-Evans School District 6.

**Michele Archer** (BS-08), Greeley, was promoted to site manager of Miramont Lifestyle Fitness at Centerra near Loveland. Michelle has been with Miramont since November 2012.

**Kortnie Mendoza** (BS-08), Fort Morgan, was chosen by Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. as its new regional operations director for the central region which includes the Colorado counties of Morgan and Washington.

**Kim Schlesinger** (BME-08), Fort Collins, is attending the fall 2014 Bikram Yoga Teacher Training in Phuket, Thailand.

**Adam Kluck** (BME-09, MM-11), Verona, Wis., is the choral director and music instructor at Central Wyoming College. Adam previously worked as the artistic

director and conductor for the Madison (Wisconsin) Chamber Choir and as a collaborative pianist for numerous musical theater productions and soloists.

## 2010s

**Matthew Kennedy** (BA-11), Greeley, is serving in the Peace Corps as a health volunteer in Madagascar where he trains local community health workers on issues such as sanitation, nutrition, malarial care and HIV prevention.

**Michael LeBlond** (PhD-11), Centennial, was appointed to a four-year term on the National Register of Health Services Psychologists. He is founder and CEO of WebPsychology, LLC.

**Bradley Bruchs** (BA-13), Monument, is a legal assistant at Google, Inc., in Mountain View, California.

**Stacy Cabbage** (MS-13), Fort Collins, joined University of Colorado Health's Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinic in Fort Collins. She has 14 years' experience as a critical care nurse.

**Marcia Shafer** (MA-13), Greeley, is the director of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Weld County. Located in UNC's Brown Hall, RSVP offers volunteer community outreach opportunities for individuals age 55 or older.

**Clary Reierson** (BS-14), Arvada, was commissioned as a US Air Force second lieutenant in May.

## ON STAGE

The following graduates of the School of Theatre Arts and Dance advanced their careers by being cast in productions, hired for technical or teaching positions or earning awards since April.

**Erica Sweany** made her Broadway debut Nov. 23 when *Honeymoon in Vegas*, the new musical starring Tony Danza that's based on the 1992 film of the same name, opened. To date, 23 different UNC alumni have performed on Broadway in 49 different productions.

**Tiffany Eaton** appeared in an episode of the TV show *Scandal*.

**Molly Evensen** will appear as a part of District 13 in the *Hunger Games: Mockingjay* Part 1 and Part 2.

**Melissa Kidd and Greg LaVoi** are both working as costume designers on the new TNT TV show *Major Crimes*.

**Ryan Grassmeyer** has booked a co-star appearance on the Nickelodeon TV series *Henry Danger*.

**Nikki Tomlinson** is working as a stuntwoman on the AMC TV series *The Walking Dead*.

**Deshawn Mitchell** appeared in an episode of *The Leftovers* on HBO.

**Joey Revier** filmed an episode of *Law and Order SVU* and *Blue Bloods*.

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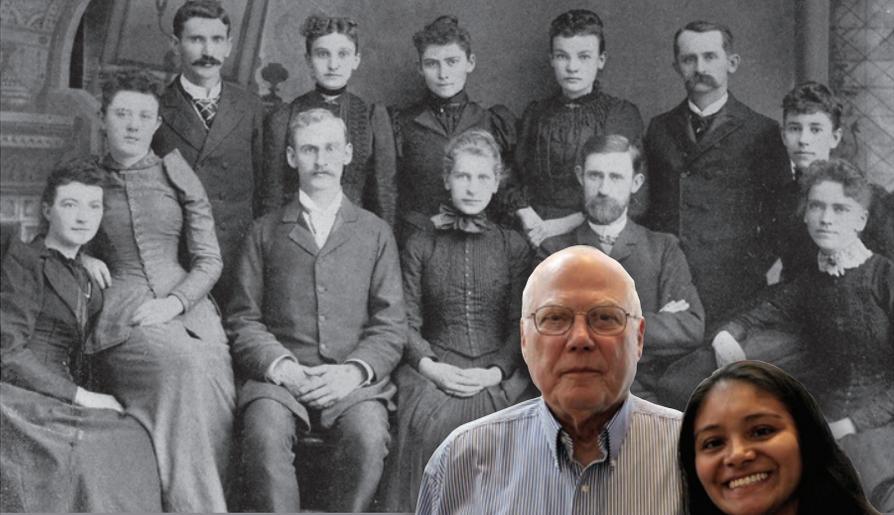
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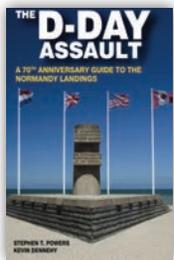
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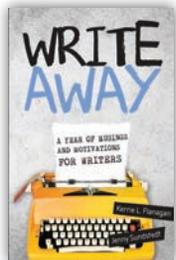
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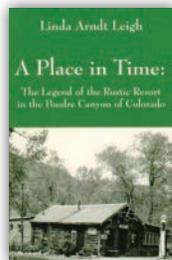
Retired UNC history professor Stephen T. Powers (1966-1999) and Kevin Dennehy (MA-91) are the authors of *The D-Day Assault, A Guidebook to the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings*. The book chronicles the history of the epic battle and serves as a travel guidebook of the best museums, monuments, events, hotels, dining and other sites in Normandy.

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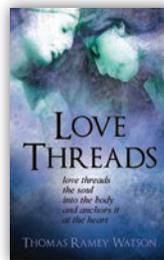
Kerrie Flanagan (BAE-91), Fort Collins, co-authored *Write Away: A Year of Musings and Motivations for Writers*, a book combining insightful and humorous stories with tips, tools and interactions that encourage writers to reflect on where they are and where they want to be.

Hot Chocolate Press 2014



Linda Leigh (BS-89), Longmont, wrote *A Place in Time: The Legend of the Rustic Resort in the Poudre Canyon of Colorado*. The book is the history of the resort which she owned for 11 years, and reveals the trials and tribulations of the individuals who chose to create a special place in time for those who loved the beauty and adventure of the Poudre Canyon.

Outskirts Press Inc. 2014



Thomas Watson (MA-72), Denver, wrote *Love Threads*, a book of poetry that is about a hurtful relationship but a clear call to love, and to love even when there is difficulty. Thomas is an affiliate faculty member of Regis University's College for Professional Students in Denver. He has served as the Episcopal chaplain (lay) for the Auraria Campus and taught English at the University of Colorado Denver.

Barn Swallow Media 2014

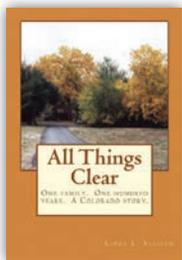
### SELF-PUBLISHED BOOK NOTES

**Avis Jorgenson** (EdD-84), Tucson, Ariz., is a retired professor. She wrote *Early Danish Pioneers: Southern Arizona Territorial Days*, a narration of the history of Danish western migration, and *Holy Dane — Happy Dane: My Indomitable Grandfathers*, a telling of memories from her childhood in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

August 2011 and October 2012

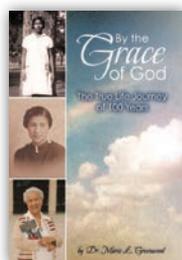
**Phyllis Carver** (BA-55), Loveland, has dedicated her book, *Brown Clay of Cliff Palace*, to Colorado 4th graders. The fictional story is about a young girl growing up in Cliff Palace and is based on archeological and anthropological facts about the Native Americans from Mesa Verde. Phyllis is a retired elementary teacher.

The Book Patch, February, 2014



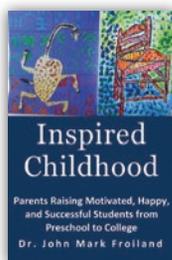
Linda Allison (MA-80), Westminster, retired from Adams 12 (Colorado) School District where she taught children with special needs. *All Things Clear*, a book of Linda's family history, was written from only artifacts she discovered at her family's farm in northern Colorado.

Delphi Creations 2013



Marie Greenwood (BA-35), Denver, has written her second book, *By the Grace of God*, an autobiography of her 100+ year journey. Written as a family history for her family, it includes Marie's basic philosophies of life to help others on their road to success.

Greenwood & Associates, LLC, 2013



John Mark Froiland, Ph.D., assistant professor of School Psychology at UNC, wrote *Inspired Childhood: Parents Raising Motivated, Happy and Successful Students from Preschool to College*. The book is tailored to parents, but it is also helpful to guidance counselors, teachers, and school psychologists to help children become passionate learners.

Amazon Digital Services 2014

*Parenting Made Disgustingly Easy*, a how-to parody about the trials and tribulations of parenthood, was written by **Joe Barnhart** (BA-77), Dillon, Mont. Joe has written humorous columns for a number of newspapers and was a featured columnist for the *Missoulian*, *Butte Standard* and *Havre Daily News*. His writing has also appeared in the *Denver Post* and he has published articles in magazines such as *Montana Magazine*, *Science Teacher*, *Calf News* and *Popular Woodworking*.

January, 2014

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## MAILBAG



"I deployed to Afghanistan from April 2011 to April 2012. In 2011, I received the Thomas Jefferson award for outstanding new writer in the U.S. military, and this year I received the Paul D. Savanuck Military Journalist of the Year award."

— *Ken Scar (BA-92), Easley, S.C., public information director at Clemson University. He completed his active service contract with the U.S. Army and will continue to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve. Above: Among Scar's award-winning work is his photo of a soldier peering out from an open hatch of a Chinook helicopter over the mountains of Afghanistan.*

"I graduated in 1966 and entered the US Army. Traveled all over the world including a time in Vietnam. When I left the military I worked at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, for about five years. A friend of mine convinced me I needed to be a medical recruiter and for the next 20 years, that is exactly what I did throughout the United States and overseas. Six years ago I started working at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, as the coordinator of Veteran Affairs. I work with and am responsible for the monthly payment of around 750 veterans and dependents utilizing their state or federal Veterans benefits. What a way to go. I get paid for doing a job I love. How many can say that? Married for 52 years to a great lady with two grown successful daughters. I have led a great life and there are few things in life I would change." — *Mike Collins (BS-66), Tyler, Texas*

"I am a graduate of Colorado State College (before it was called UNC) and was commissioned as a 2LT through the AFROTC program, Det. 100, on Dec. 7, 1960. I completed 23-plus years on active duty and retired on July 1, 1984 in the grade of Lt. Col." — *Ronald L. Ramey (BA-60), Lt. Col., USAF (retired), Milliken*

"I come from an academic and military family. Both parents were teachers and held other professional positions. My sister and I were teachers. Shortly after I graduated from high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, mainly because I could. The Air Force and Navy only accepted high school graduates, and I wanted

## TRIVIA

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Congratulations to the winners of last issue's trivia contest, whose names were randomly drawn from entries with the correct answer. Kevin McCann, John Jendzel and Gail Shimokawa knew that J. S. (Dobby) Doubenmier was the professor and coach who sent letters to more than 1,600 students serving in the military during World War II so they could keep up to date with campus news.



to avoid combat arms and a trip to Vietnam. As luck would have it, or fate, or destiny, I arrived in Vietnam in March 1968. I spent the next 12 months with the U.S. and South Vietnamese Army directing air strikes."

— *Ted Engelmann (BA-77), Denver*  
*Ted's photo work may be seen at [onesoldiersheart.com](http://onesoldiersheart.com).*

"I was remiss in not praising the great cover of *Northern Vision* Magazine. Not only is it beautiful but as a veteran of the U.S. Army it made me feel proud that I served. Thank you, thank you!"

— *Dan Benavidez (BS-77) Longmont*

🔗 These stories were shared in response to last issue's cover story on military veterans. Their full letters are posted at [northernvision.unco.edu](http://northernvision.unco.edu)

Correction: Albert Martin, featured in the spring/summer issue, joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 at age 19, and the AAC sent him for training at CSCE (now UNC). During the war, he served as sergeant with the 11th Fighter Squadron in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. After the war, Martin enrolled at CSCE and earned his B.A.

# IN MEMORY

## 1920s

Beulah (Williams) Backstrum (LC-28)

## 1940s

Jeanne (Sybrandt) Williams (BA-40)  
 Dixie (Derby) Goss (BA-42)  
 Rita (Roetker) Lilly (BA-42)  
 Marjorie (Griffith) Gieck (BA-44)  
 Evelyn (Stott) Timothy (BA-44, MA-76)  
 Doris (Wagner) Elder (BA-46, MA-47)  
 Frances (Danielson Kelly) Hawkins (BA-47)  
 Warren Holm (BA-47)  
 Mary (McKnight) Black (BA-48)  
 Fred H. Claudon (BA-48, MA-54)  
 Dorothy (Hubbard) Henderson (BA-48)  
 William G. Corley (BA-49)  
 James M. Robertson (BA-49)

## 1950s

William E. Chandler (BA-50)  
 Beverly (Jones) Waltman (BA-50)  
 William F. Wedding (MA-50)  
 Stanley M. Beson (BS-51)  
 Gwenda (Guild) Pratt (BA-51)  
 Joan (Francone) Wallace (BA-51)  
 Carl S. Wilkerson (BA-51, MA-57)  
 Shirley (Weller) Earley (BA-52, MA-83)  
 Myrl E. Kent (BA-52, MA-63)  
 Louis A. Mannen (MA-52)  
 Alexander Rocco (BA-52)  
 Robert W. Gordon (MA-53)  
 Arden (Couper) Adams (BA-54)  
 Aleda (Smith) Chandler (BA-55)  
 Conrad L. Miller (BA-55)  
 Bette Spangenberg (BA-55)  
 Morris H. Cunningham (MA-56)  
 Mary (Sumiko) Gifford (BA-56)  
 Harold L. Headrick (BA-57, MA-69)  
 Allen H. Johnson (MA-57)  
 Kenneth F. Kennison (BA-57)  
 Donald J. Spangsberg (MA-57)  
 Arden C. Hallock (MA-58)  
 Leeds R. Lacey Jr. (BA-58, MA-59)  
 Gail (Vanderplatt) Vorreiter (BA-58)  
 Eileen (Cosgrove) Zeleny (BA-58)  
 Myron R. "Mike" Holmgren (MA-59)  
 Dorothy (Jensen) Kingsmore (MA-59)  
 Betty E. Petersen (MA-59)  
 Robert L. Squires (MA-59)  
 Sylvester C. "Bud" Tanking (BA-59)  
 Althea G. Tucker (MA-59)  
 Millard R. Wren Jr. (MA-59)

## 1960s

Lawrence W. "Wayne" Lee (BA-60)  
 David G. Shaffer (MA-60)

Francis C. Cuckow (BA-61)  
 John A. Edmiston (BA-61)  
 Robert A. Hayes (BA-61)  
 Grace (Briscoe) Prochnow (BA-61)  
 Kathryn R. Smith (BA-61)  
 Carol A. Hamerly (BA-62)  
 Sybil I. Irwin (BA-62, MA-69)  
 Frederick Norman (MA-62)  
 Charles D. Rosenquist (MA-62, EdD-66)  
 George O. Wickstrom (BA-62)  
 Carol Faye Amon (MA-63)  
 Shirley (Bezdek) Brazda (BA-63)  
 Roger W. Cozens (MA-63)  
 Norman L. "Buck" Millikin (BA-63)  
 Melvin L. Prothe (BA-63)  
 Karen (Oesterle) Castle (BA-64, MA-67)  
 Hugh I. Kennedy (MA-64)  
 Merlyn R. Miller (MA-64)  
 Robert L. Daily (BA-65)  
 Donald H. Hanks (MA-65, EdS-70)  
 Ralph L. Mangum (BA-65)  
 Jane (Lewman) Manwaring (EdD-65)  
 Virginia (Brown) Boyes (MA-66)  
 Phyllis E. Hoff (BA-66, MA-67)  
 Mark L. LaGrone (BA-66)  
 Donald R. Schlotfelt (MA-66)  
 Isadore L. Sonnier (EdD-66)  
 David S. Verbarq (MA-66)  
 Lynne (Wilkinson) Erion (BA-67)  
 Sally (Fleming) Giffin (BA-67)  
 Franzie Loepp (MA-67, EdD-70)  
 Michael J. McCabe (BA-67)  
 Donald W. Meyer (BA-67, MA-68)  
 Donald L. Patterson (BA-67, EdD-67)  
 Theodore Weichinger, Jr. (EdD-67)  
 Paul B. Fox (MME-68)  
 Bruce B. Murray (BA-68)  
 John H. Harrington (MA-69)  
 LeRoy Law (BS-69, MA-70)  
 Thomas A. Medendorp (BA-69)

## 1970s

Donna "Susie" (Temple) Waters (BA-70)  
 Alice (Werner Jeffcoat) Bauer (BA-71)  
 Raymond F. Doerr (MA-71)  
 Carole E. Miesel (MA-71)  
 Donald F. Mugan (MA-71, EdD-74)  
 David P. Beaver (EdD-72)  
 Michael R. Irvine (MA-72)  
 Sherry (Martin) Knott (BA-72)  
 Gerald D. "Jerry" Kurfman (MA-72)  
 Arnold E. Levihn (MA-72)  
 Mary (Richards) Reed (BA-72)  
 Harry E. Bennett (MA-73)  
 Marilyn K. Ewing (BA-73, MA-74)  
 John A. Marsicano (BS-73)  
 Michael K. Williams (BA-73)  
 Thomas W. Bryant (BA-74)  
 Joseph R. Ciotti (EdD-74)

John H. DuVal (MA-74)  
 Donald H. Ford (PhD-74)  
 Alan R. Musselman (MA-74)  
 G. Dean Schuman (BA-74, MA-76)  
 Vernon L. Linton, Jr. (MA-75)  
 Faye L. Magnuson (BA-75)  
 Nancy (Hendricks) Mercer (BS-75)  
 Barbara (Barrett) Nelson (BS-75)  
 Jack E. Phillips (MA-75, EdD-78)  
 Thomas D. "Tucker" Straight (BA-75)  
 Peggy (Babitz) Foos (BA-76)  
 Royal E. Knight (EdD-76)  
 René Marchman-Cox (BA-76)  
 Shirlee (Williams) Weber (BS-76)  
 Rebecca Boekel (BS-77)  
 Beverly J. Glover (MA-77)  
 Craig A. Young (BA-77)  
 John J. Abendschan (MA-78)  
 Dennis N. Cavender (BS-78)  
 Pamela A. Chamberlain (BS-78)  
 Timothy T. Herring (MA-78)  
 Robert W. Keiper (MA-78, EdD-84)  
 Nancy L. Finney (MA-79)  
 Nancy (White) Palmer (MA-79)  
 Roger V. Schoenstein (MA-79)

## 1980s

Robert A. Roades (MA-80)  
 Donald L. Hadfield (EdD-83)  
 Hellmut R. Lang (EdD-83)  
 John M. Wacker (BME-83)  
 David J. "Dewey" Gerck (BA-84)  
 Wayne Carter Jr. (BA-85)  
 Loren E. Shuler (MS-85)  
 Christina L. Anderson (BS-86)  
 Amy (Wheat) Owen (BS-86)  
 James E. Gordy Sr. (BA-87, MA-88)  
 James L. Nickles (EdD-87)  
 Ellen (Barber) Waldeck (PhD-87)  
 Stanley H. Baran (BM-89)

## 1990s

Viki L. Simmons (MA-91)  
 Julie A. Davis (BA-92, MA-99)  
 Robert D. Mitchell (BS-92)  
 Gary A. Theilgaard (BS-92)  
 Damon G. Hughes (BS-93)

## 2000s

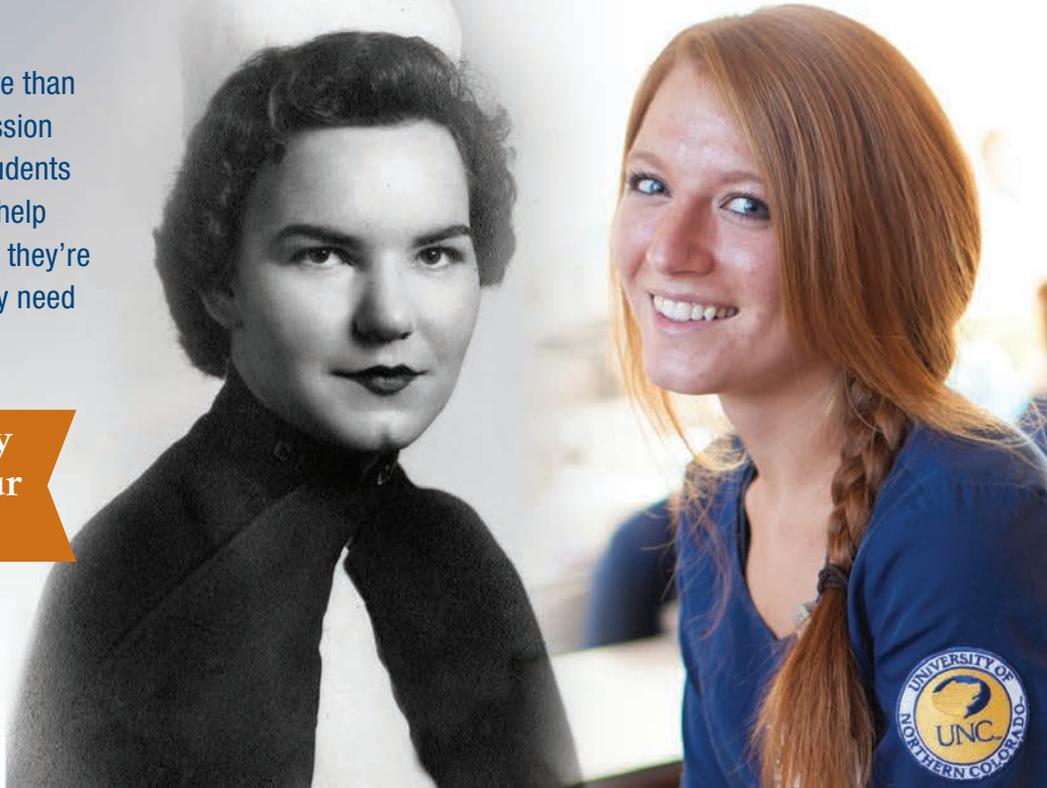
Ryan K. Tofflemire (MA-02)  
 Vijay V. Desai (BA-03)  
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## TRIBUTES

**John Harrison**, former English professor at UNC, passed away in April. John taught at UNC for 35 years, covering subjects from Greek mythology to film, composition and literature. He also taught for two terms at UNC's Italian campus near Florence. He published in musical theater and edited *The Opera Journal* where he was a reviewer for more than 35 years. John served as chair of the scholarly papers' competition for the National Opera Association for more than a quarter of a century. Memorial gifts may be made to the Joan and John Harrison English Scholarship at the UNC Foundation.

**Gaylord D. Morrison**, former professor at UNC, passed away in March. Gaylord served UNC for 28 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1979. He taught school administration, secondary education, psychology, and research and education trends, and was a student advisor, student teacher supervisor and served on doctoral committees. Memorial gifts may be directed

to UNC Foundation for the Gaylord and Mercedes Morrison Scholarship Fund.

**G. Joseph Moody**, former professor of visual arts at UNC, passed away in May. Joe taught art in the public schools in New Mexico before earning his doctorate at Ball State University. His career at UNC began in 1968 and he retired as Emeritus Faculty in 1984.

**Vic Nottingham** (BA-52) passed away in May. A long-time supporter and contributor to UNC, Vic helped raise funds to build UNC's football stadium, which was named in his honor. He was one of the founders of Union Colony Bank, campaigned for Greeley's Union Colony Civic Center, served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the governing board of Aims Community College, and chaired United Way of Weld County. Among his many honors and recognitions were the Businessman of the Year award and the Sonny Mapelli Weld County Distinguished Citizen award. Vic was one of UNC's Honored Alumni and a member of the

Athletic Hall of Fame. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Vic Nottingham Football Fund at the UNC Foundation.

**John J. "JJ" Paolino** (BA-59, MA-60), former member of the UNC Alumni Association Board of Directors (2006-2012) and long-time UNC volunteer, passed away in September. JJ flew more than 650 combat support sorties in Vietnam and logged more than 4,000 flying hours during his military career. After retiring from the Air Force as lieutenant colonel, he worked at Arizona Public Service and LSI Logic and was a consultant with numerous Fortune 500 companies. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at Arizona State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Community Colleges of Arizona.

If your life has been touched or impacted by any of these alumni, faculty, staff and friends of UNC please consider making a memorial gift in his or her name to UNC Foundation, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639. Questions? Contact Margie Meyer at (970) 351-1886.

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