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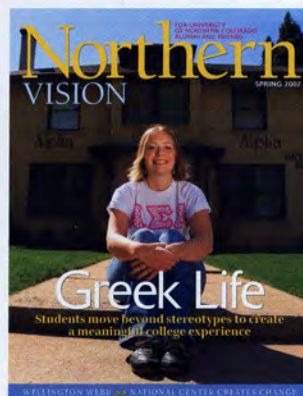
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Shelley Rapp, a junior majoring in mathematics (secondary education), was photographed in front of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority house on 10th Ave. in Greeley. Rapp is the president of the Panhellenic Council and works as a peer tutor for Academic Support and Advising. She also works with the other Greek councils, the Interfraternity Council and the Multicultural Greek Council to promote cooperation among the organizations.

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN MOLONEY

Hail Michener

THE NEWS PIECE on the Michener Centennial Celebration at UNC in the winter 2007 edition was especially interesting to me. I took several classes under Michener and played tennis with him and his wife. They lived in faculty housing near the courts. Michener's autobiography, *The World is My Home*, available in print and audio form, is fascinating. He tells the story of his adoption, adventures in the South Pacific, choices he made about book subjects and even his adventures as a fortuneteller.

Edward Murray '38
Littleton, Colo.

Attention to Detail

I AM WONDERING how it is possible that in this age of digital pictures and digital composition that a photograph can be inadvertently reversed like it was on Page 16 (of what looks to be a Dixieland Band) of the winter 2007 issue. Having been a music education major, this picture caught my eye. Either all the players are left handed and have had all their instruments custom made to accommodate this characteristic, or the picture has been reversed....It all boils down to details and doing things properly and in order. I think we take this

"artistic license" thing too far at times. You can fail your thesis because of punctuation, but getting the facts right in our society seems a bit "old-fashioned." I thought the "do what feels good" era was in the '60s and '70s.

Thomas West '81
Greeley, Colo.

Editor's Note: The photo you mention was indeed inadvertently scanned in reverse, and the error could have been corrected in layout. In the future, we'll be more vigilant about checking photos.

Many Thanks

THANKS FOR DOING THE ARTICLE "An Inspired Environment" in the winter 2007 issue. I was at a conference at Otero Junior College and the keynote speaker for the banquet was a UNC alum. He made it a point to share the article with everyone at the conference during the keynote—it was quite flattering! I've received loads of positive feedback like this over the past few weeks. The folks at Project Wild and Learning Tree are very excited that these programs were highlighted in the article as well. Thanks again for the opportunity.

Dr. Teresa M. Higgins
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS AND IN THE NORTHERN COLORADO COMMUNITY

Activist Speaks on Civil Rights

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST DOLORES HUERTA visited campus in March to present "Sharing 50 Years of Activism," as part of the Women's Resource Center's "Herstory"



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Month and Cesar Chavez Week at University of Northern Colorado. During her presentation, Huerta encouraged students to get involved in their communities and to work for equal rights.

Huerta, 76, played a major role in the American civil rights movement, by organizing the Agriculture Workers Association in Stockton, Calif. In the course of her work, Huerta met Cesar Chavez and together they formed the United Farm Workers of America in 1962. Their efforts led to California passing the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, the first law granting farm workers the right to organize and negotiate collectively. Huerta and Chavez worked together for more than 30 years. Huerta has received numerous awards during her career. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame

and has received the ACLU's Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award. In addition, President Clinton presented her with the Eleanor D. Roosevelt Human Rights Award. She is currently president of her own foundation, traveling the country to promote the farm workers' cause and women's rights, and serves on the board of the Fund for the Feminist Majority, which advocates political and equal rights for women.

STUDENT LIFE

Climbing High



ERIC STENBAKKEN

Students enjoy the awesome climbing wall at the University Recreation Center. The wall is open to beginning through advanced levels and plays host to a variety of climbing-related events such as Beginners Climb Night, Ladies Climb Night and bouldering competitions.

EVENT



TESSA J. DALTON, COURTESY OF THE JAMES A. MICHENER, SPECIAL COLLECTION

Michener Celebration Continues

THIS FALL, the University of Northern Colorado will continue a yearlong tribute celebrating the centennial of the birth of James Michener. "James A. Michener: the Man, the Writer, the Legacy at the University of Northern Colorado" will explore not only the works of Michener and his contribution to American literature, but also the gifted and complicated man who was the author of nearly 50 books, including *Centennial* and Pulitzer Prize winner, *Tales of the South Pacific*. Michener earned a master's degree and taught at what is now UNC before he died at the age of 90 in 1997.

A permanent exhibit displaying artifacts, manuscripts, letters, photographs and other memorabilia from Michener's life will be open to the public beginning in October 2007 in the mezzanine of the Michener library. Online exhibits include "James A. Michener's Centennial: The Evolution of a Novel." For a complete schedule of events, visit www.unco.edu/library/archives/2007celebration.

Monfort Institute Launched

THE 2006-07 ACADEMIC YEAR MARKED THE INTRODUCTION of the Monfort Institute, a research-based unit within the Monfort College of Business that will focus on the creation, management and dissemination of performance excellence information as its core mission. "We saw such a big margin for improvement in our

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own results even during our award year, that we then began to focus on how any organization achieving good results could take their performance to an even higher level," said former Dean Joe Alexander.* "Ultimately, the institute's success will hinge on its ability to provide performance excellence knowledge to customers through the government and collaboration of numerous business, government and academic partners."

Earlier this year, Monfort College faculty and administrators worked together to construct the institute's basic framework, as well as to determine priorities by which products and services would be made available to customer groups. Establishing the institute's initial enterprise model will involve developing partnerships with previous Baldrige Award recipients, as well as nationally known academic researchers. During 2006-07, the institute also sponsored learning opportunities for Northern Colorado students, including an executive speaker series designed to bring national leaders from high-performing organizations to campus.

John Latham was selected to lead the Monfort Institute during its initial year of operations. Latham previously served as vice president for corporate quality and business excellence for Dade Behring and is a nine-time Baldrige national examiner and co-author of *Baldrige Users Guide: Organization Diagnosis, Design, and Transformation*. For more information about the Monfort Institute, visit www.mcb.unco.edu/monfortinstitute.

**At press time, Dean Joe Alexander had just announced his departure. Look for a full story in the fall 2007 issue.*

FACULTY

Professor Awarded Bioscience Grant

NORTHERN COLORADO biological sciences professor Stephen Mackessy received a bioscience grant of more than \$53,000 from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade to conduct a study that will pave the way for developing drugs to treat a variety of diseases. Mackessy will oversee the project to evaluate peptides and protein enzymes in snake venoms to identify potential therapeutic applications in treating diseases such as strokes, cancer and diabetes. Mackessy's project was one of 27 selected and funded by the Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The purpose of the new program is to improve and expand the evaluation of bioscience discoveries at research institutions with the intent of accelerating the development of new products and services.



ERIC STENBAKEN

NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

THE UNIVERSITY of Northern Colorado announced a unique scholarship program designed to recognize nonresident students who have reached a high level of academic achievement. A \$5,000 renewable scholarship, known as the National Undergraduate Scholarship, will be offered automatically to each applicant who meets the eligibility criteria. Early application is highly recommended. The program is open only to students enrolling for the first time at UNC and enrollment must begin with fall semester. This scholarship is not available to Colorado residents and online programs are not eligible. For more information, visit www.unco.edu/admissions.

Faculty Oversees Autism Grant

HANNAH SCHERTZ, assistant professor of special education at Northern Colorado, and her research team, have received a nearly \$1 million grant from Autism Speaks to test and refine an innovative intervention model



she developed for promoting social communication skills in toddlers with autism. Schertz will oversee the three-year project and collaborate with colleagues from the University of North

Carolina and the University of Kansas. The three research facilities will examine clinically screened participants from each location.

Using Schertz's four-phase intervention technique, known as the Joint Attention Mediated Learning Model, researchers will evaluate its effectiveness in developing language, social and cognitive abilities in children with autism. Schertz's project, titled "Promoting Early Social-Communicative Competency in Toddlers with Autism," is one of seven early treatment and intervention projects funded this year by Autism Speaks. The organization, which merged with the National Alliance for Autism Research this past year, funds biomedical research on autism.

FACULTY

PROFESSOR NAMED NATION'S FIRST WALL STREET JOURNAL FELLOW

RONALD REED, professor of accounting, became the first U.S. professor to be named a *Wall Street Journal* Fellow. As a fellow, Reed is responsible for continuous improvement of *The Wall Street Journal* Education Program at the Monfort College of Business. In 2004, the college became the *Journal's* first and only academic partner in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. The partnership features integration of *The Wall Street Journal* into the college's curriculum, and a commitment by the *Journal* to provide students and faculty access to its vast print and online resources. Reed works to increase effective student usage of the paper in classes and facilitates use of its teaching tools and methods by professors.

"The Monfort College's partnership with *The Wall Street Journal* brings our students a unique opportunity to apply real-world principles to academic learning," Reed said. "We have been very impressed with the results we have seen with our students and faculty and are anxiously involved in expanding our usage of the *Journal*." Monfort is one of 44 business programs nationwide to form an academic partnership with the paper and the fellowship program serves as a pilot for other academic partners nationwide.



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UNC Receives Grant From Library of Congress

NORTHERN COLORADO'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION and Behavioral Sciences has been awarded a three-year, \$1.98 million grant from the Library of Congress to offer professional development opportunities for Colorado educators who teach primarily in rural communities. The Teaching With Primary Sources—Colorado Rural Partnership Project will provide teachers with access to an array of digital resources from the Library of Congress for use in lesson plans aimed at enhancing students' content knowledge, literacy skills and critical thinking. The program goal is to continue to encourage educators to use these resources as part of inquiry-based learning experiences for students, and to enhance the school library's instructional role in helping teachers and students become proficient users of primary sources of information.



The outreach to rural districts in the first year will focus on teachers in Northern Colorado and the Eastern Plains. The program will offer workshops, resources and additional support, with a focus on building long-term relationships. Additionally, teachers can receive graduate or staff development credit, and districts can earn technology resources such as printers, projectors, cameras, iPods and more. The project will also provide resources and workshops for UNC faculty and students in the teacher preparation program. For more information or to learn how to get involved, email primary.sources@unco.edu.

THEATRE ARTS

A Titanic Tale

IN MARCH 2007, the School of Theatre Arts and Dance staged a special production of *Titanic*, in which musical director David Grapes told the story of the great ship from the perspective of *Titanic's* ghosts—the people who perished on the maiden voyage. Pictured are James May (center) as Mr. Andrews (*Titanic's* architect and builder) lamenting what "the ship of dreams" might have meant to mankind had she not become a legendary disaster; chorus member Sara Szenina; and Lee Rayment as *Titanic's* captain E.J. Smith.



DAVID GRAPES



ALLYSON NICKOWITZ ROSS

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THE UNC CHAPTER of the American Meteorological Society now offers free personalized weather forecasts for any location worldwide. Simply send an email with location and dates of the forecast you would like to weather@unco.edu. The society will reply with your destination forecast, usually on the same day.

University Fills Key Positions

DURING THE PAST SEMESTER, the university appointed a number of new key campus leaders, including dean of students and vice president of enrollment management, among others. "We have the opportunity to bring together a remarkable combination of internal and external talent to address the challenges the university faces," President Kay Norton said. "I am looking forward to their individual contributions toward the goals our campus is outlining in ongoing planning."

Dean of Students Samantha Ortiz Schriver (right) is a Northern Colorado alumna and was most recently interim associate dean of the Division of Math, Science and Engineering at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque. Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Raul Cardenas Jr. will oversee Northern Colorado's offices of Admissions, Registrar and Financial Aid. Cardenas comes from Arizona State University with more than 17 years of experience in educational leadership. Jenna Langer, former executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, has been appointed chief of staff for University President Kay Norton. Langer's responsibilities will be to coordinate university planning, to support the president on policy issues and to take the lead in shaping the university's risk management efforts. Bob Hetzel has been named associate vice president for strategic facilities development. He will work with CFO Randy Haack on the university's facility planning, space management, bond analysis, and real estate acquisition and sales, as well as the management of Arlington Park Apartments. Hetzel will also continue to assist Intercollegiate Athletics in its transition to NCAA Division I. Gloria Reynolds, who was named executive director of communication and public relations, will lead university-wide communication, marketing, media relations, publications, public relations and web communication activities. Reynolds had been UNC's director of communications and media relations since 2002.



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EVENT

Concerts Under the Stars Set for Summer

THE UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF PERFORMING and Visual Arts has a long tradition of providing audiences with quality musical performances during the summer months. The tradition continues this summer as the summer concert series features

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- 17 Summer Concert Band
- 24 Colorado Jazz Orchestra
- 31 Falconaires

some of the finest in classical, jazz and folk music from across the region, the country and the globe. "Concerts Under the Stars" will take place in the Garden Theatre on a selection of Thursday early evenings from mid-July to mid-August and are

free to the community. The series will be a mix of campus-based, regional and national groups, and will span the sounds of the Big Band era to contemporary jazz and blues. For more information, visit www.arts.unco.edu/calendar.



Alumnus Named Superintendent of the Year

RANDY ZILA, superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District in Colorado, has been named the ARAMARK/AASA 2007 Colorado Superintendent of the Year. Zila became superintendent just as the district discovered a \$13.8 million budget deficit in 2002. Tackling the crisis head on, he led St. Vrain back to financial solvency in remarkably short order. His colleagues have attributed this recovery to Zila's leadership, integrity and courage. Since that time, student achievement has continued to climb and district morale has been restored. Sandra Searls, president of the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education, said that Zila not only stepped up to manage the crisis, but also led efforts to bring about school reform. "Dr. Zila worked to create a new vision and rebuild accountability and trust within our employee groups and the community," Searls said.

As a result, the St. Vrain School District is recognized as a leading district in statewide efforts to better prepare students for learning and living in the 21st century. A major emphasis

in the district is focusing instruction not only on core academic content, but also critical thinking ability, communication and technology skills, and teamwork. Prior to becoming superintendent in St. Vrain, Zila was a district administrator and principal in the Thompson School District in Loveland. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Wyoming and holds a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. ARAMARK ServiceMaster and the American Association of School Administrators sponsor this awards program in conjunction with the Colorado Association of School Executives.



NEW FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

THE UNIVERSITY of Northern Colorado Foundation has added two new members to its board of directors, Brandon Barnholt and



Cheryl Wenzinger. This board recommends strategies to successfully raise and manage private funds to support the university.

Prior to leading the private equity/management purchase of White Hen Pantry, Brandon Barnholt '81 (top) was the president and CEO of the 1,200 store retail gas and convenience store chain, Clark Retail Enterprises, which had revenues of nearly \$3 billion. From 1992-99, Barnholt was COO of marketing at Clark Refining and Marketing.



In 1984, Cheryl Wenzinger '72 became the first female partner in the Denver office of Deloitte & Touche. She retired from the firm in 2000 and currently serves on the boards of Delta Dental Plan of Colorado, Diversa Corp. and Philadelphia-based Vicuron Pharmaceuticals. She has also been a board member for the Food Bank of the Rockies and served as president of the Colorado Society of CPAs. In 2000, she was named UNC's Business Alumni of the Year, and the Business Information Professional of the Year in Public Accounting by the national chapter of the Beta Alpha Psi Fraternity.

AWARDS

Academic Excellence Awards Presented

NORTHERN COLORADO FACULTY MEMBERS, schools and programs were honored with Academic Excellence Awards presented by the Provost's Office in March.

Recipients were nominated by their peers based on specific criteria for demonstrating academic excellence in various roles. Award recipients are:

- **Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Education:** Michelle Chamberlin, School of Mathematical Sciences; Professor Mary Schuttler, School of Theatre Arts and Dance; Susan Thompson, School of Teacher Education
- **Teaching Excellence in Graduate Education:** Professor James Marshall, School of Social Sciences
- **Excellence in Faculty Service:** Professor Kathy Blair, School of Nursing; Professor Fritz Fischer, School of History, Philosophy and Political Science; Maria Lahman, School of Educational Research, Leadership and Technology
- **Excellence in Faculty Advisement:** Professor Katie Bright, Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences
- **School/Program Excellence in Teaching:** School of Finance
- **School/Program Excellence in Service:** Accounting Program, School of Accounting and Computer Information Systems
- **School/Program Excellence in Scholarship:** School of English Language and Literature
- **Excellence in Assessment Toward Improving Quality of Services:** University Libraries—Jim Agee, Diana Algiene-Henry, Lisa Blankenship, Lea Bookman, Grace Cech, Annie Epperson, Kacy Guill, Diana Gunnells, Wendy Highby, Naomi Johnson, Deb Kinzer, Jennifer Leffler, Craig McWhirter, Sarah Naper, Bette Rathe, Helen Reed and Sarah Vaughn
- **Excellence in Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes:** School of Teacher Education and Office of the Dean of Education & Behavioral Sciences
- **Academic Leadership Excellence:** Professor Robert Brunswig, director, School of Social Sciences

Blue and Gold Returns

Jim Lord '82, president of the Blue and Gold Club, talks about supporting student-athletes.

WHAT IS THE BLUE AND GOLD CLUB?

It's a grassroots effort to raise funds for student-athlete scholarships. It was initially a group that banded together for four or five weeks in the spring, and later became a more formalized fund-raising club. We'd go after support one person at a time, preferably face to face. We felt that asking for money needs to be personal, whether it's through a personal note, a phone call or a meeting.

How long have you been involved in the club and why?

I joined the club's board in 1982. Since then I have been chair of the board for 20 years and president for 18. Education is really important to my family and me. Many of my family members are UNC grads, and we want to make sure that other people have the opportunity to attend. That's why I established a scholarship in my mom's name and one in honor of my sister. But it's my love of sports that led me to make Northern Colorado Athletics a part of my life. Sports help young people learn about teamwork and communications—two things that are extremely important in the business world. I also think it's important to get involved and give back to your alma mater.



How much scholarship support have you raised?

We have raised in excess of \$4 million over the years—all exclusively for student-athlete scholarships. The fund-raising is most rewarding when we set a goal that's a bit of a stretch and then achieve it. When I was first involved, we set a goal of \$75,000 one year and we knew it wouldn't be easy to attain. In the early '90s we hit that goal and then surpassed it. Now every year we stretch a little more.

You also give your time as the "Voice of the Bears" at football and basketball games. What is that experience like?

It's a lot of fun. I have a front row seat to witness how the kids perform and how it builds their character. Seeing how they carry themselves makes me proud of the university. It has also allowed me to create friendships with players and coaches in a different way than if I was just up in the stands. And I love to get the crowd going by asking them to "make a little noise for the Bears!"

What makes Blue and Gold special?

We are 100 percent committed to the effort. We believe in the student-athletes and sell the idea of providing them with educational opportunities. We are sincere in our effort and really try to get the athletes and coaches involved. Our ultimate goal is to raise all the scholarship money needed, because we can't just rely on state dollars to be competitive at the Division I level. We are equipped to move forward, and we are not going to quit until it's done.

For more information on the Blue and Gold Club, contact Chris Kiser at 970.351.1162 or christopher.kiser@unco.edu.

WRESTLING



BEARS NAMED FIRST-TEAM ALL-WESTERN WRESTLING

CLOSING OUT A SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEASON back in the Division I ranks, the Northern Colorado wrestling team had three wrestlers named to the 2007 Western Wrestling Conference First Team. Leading the way was redshirt sophomore Kenny Hashimoto, who was ranked as high as ninth nationally and finished with a 23-4 record this season. Along the way, he won the school's own Old Chicago/Northern Colorado open, as well as the West Regional, earning a berth in the 2007 NCAA Division I Championships. Juniors Reece Hopkin and Shawn Vincent also made the first team.

Kenny Hashimoto was one of three Northern Colorado wrestlers to be named a First-Team All-Western Wrestling Conference selection.

Archibeque Named Honorable Mention

NORTHERN COLORADO JUNIOR center Kirk Archibeque was named Honorable Mention All-Big Sky Conference, becoming the first men's basketball player to be given a Big Sky postseason honor. This past season, Archibeque set several new career highs, including scoring (13.1 ppg) and field goal percentage (56.1), while seeing action in all 28 games, with 24 starts. Archibeque also pulled down a team-high 6.4 rebounds per game, leading the Bears in their first season of Big Sky play.

In January against Portland State, Archibeque reached a milestone by becoming just the 15th member of the program's 1,000-point club. Through three full seasons, he now has 1,153 career points, which puts him 10th all-time at Northern Colorado. Archibeque also entered the top-10 list for rebounding, finishing the season with 180 boards and giving him 591 for his career, good for eighth most in the program's history. He is now one of only five players to be on the top 10 list for points and rebounds.



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Bears Give Back

AT NORTHERN COLORADO, community service is an integral part of the student-athlete experience. The Athletic Department strives to provide opportunities for athletes, coaches and administrators to interact with the community in an effort to give back.

This past February, Northern Colorado student-athletes attended the "Success for Family Growth" Parent Education Symposium, at Shawsheen Elementary School in Greeley. At the event, UNC athletes spoke with children while parents attended parent education sessions focusing on early childhood development, school readiness skills and/or parenting tips. "I believe the kids should understand that we are student-athletes and that school gives you the foundation for everything in life, including athletics and the rest of your future," said Jacob Thornbrue, a sophomore football player.

The UNC football team also hosted its second annual blood drive this past March with a goal of breaking last year's donation total of 10 gallons. "It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community," said Sean Dunaway, Bears' assistant coach. "It's the second time this staff has organized this, and we'd like to continue it."

For more information on Bears Giving Back, contact the Northern Colorado Athletic Department at 970.351.2534.



Join Bears Baseball for a fundraising dinner featuring former Rockies' player Vinny Castilla

Saturday, May 19, 2007

5:30 pm social, 6:30 pm dinner

Denver Merchandise Mart

I-25 & 58th Ave., Denver

Cost: \$125 Individual/\$200 Couple

For more information, contact the UNC Foundation at events@unco.edu or 970.351.1374.

HOCKEY

UNC HOCKEY REACHES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO Ice Hockey Club finished the season with a dominating 8-5 win over Calvin College, which assured the Bears a fifth place national finish and a marked improvement over last year's 13th place showing. Northern Colorado ended the tournament with a 3-1 record and avenged a loss to the Knights in last year's national championships.

The Ice Hockey Club competes at the Division III level of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The club began playing at the downtown Greeley Ice Haus in 2005, after years of playing in Fort Collins. Tryouts for the team typically occur in September, and the regular season runs from late September through the end of February. Home ice hockey games attract more than 500 fans that come to cheer on Bears Hockey against notable teams such as the University of Colorado, the University of Wyoming and Colorado College. The ice hockey team also hosted and won the Inaugural Greeley Cup Tournament in November 2006.



When senior Donald Hoyer III thinks about getting married someday, he envisions his fraternity brothers standing beside him as his groomsmen. While some people look back on their college days and remember the lifelong friends they made in residence halls and classes, Hoyer and others say their friendships and college experience as a whole have been defined by their involvement in Greek life. "Through my fraternity I've learned how to lead by values," Hoyer says. "I've learned how to hold myself accountable. That's huge in becoming a man."

About 500 students are currently members of fraternities and sororities at Northern Colorado, representing 5 percent of the student population. Fraternities and sororities have been part of the campus since Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority was chartered in 1916. Today, the university is home to 17 Greek-letter organizations.

Greeks bring a sense of community and purpose to the university, says Evan Welch, UNC advisor for Greek life. "The amount of excitement and energy they bring isn't found anywhere else on campus," he says. "Greeks are always the most involved group on campus." Fraternity and sorority members make up the majority of students involved in non-Greek student organizations, including student government and the University Program Council, which plans educational and social events for the whole campus.

Yet Greek students consider themselves among the most misunderstood groups on campus. Public perception of fraternities and sororities comes largely from movies such as *Animal House* and *Old School*. Stories about drug and alcohol abuse at fraternity and sorority houses nationwide have reflected on the entire Greek system, but most Greek organizations have prohibited alcohol at parties during the past decade in an effort to change their public image. All of the fraternities and sororities at UNC prohibit alcohol and drugs in their houses.

Membership in a Greek organization also encourages students to

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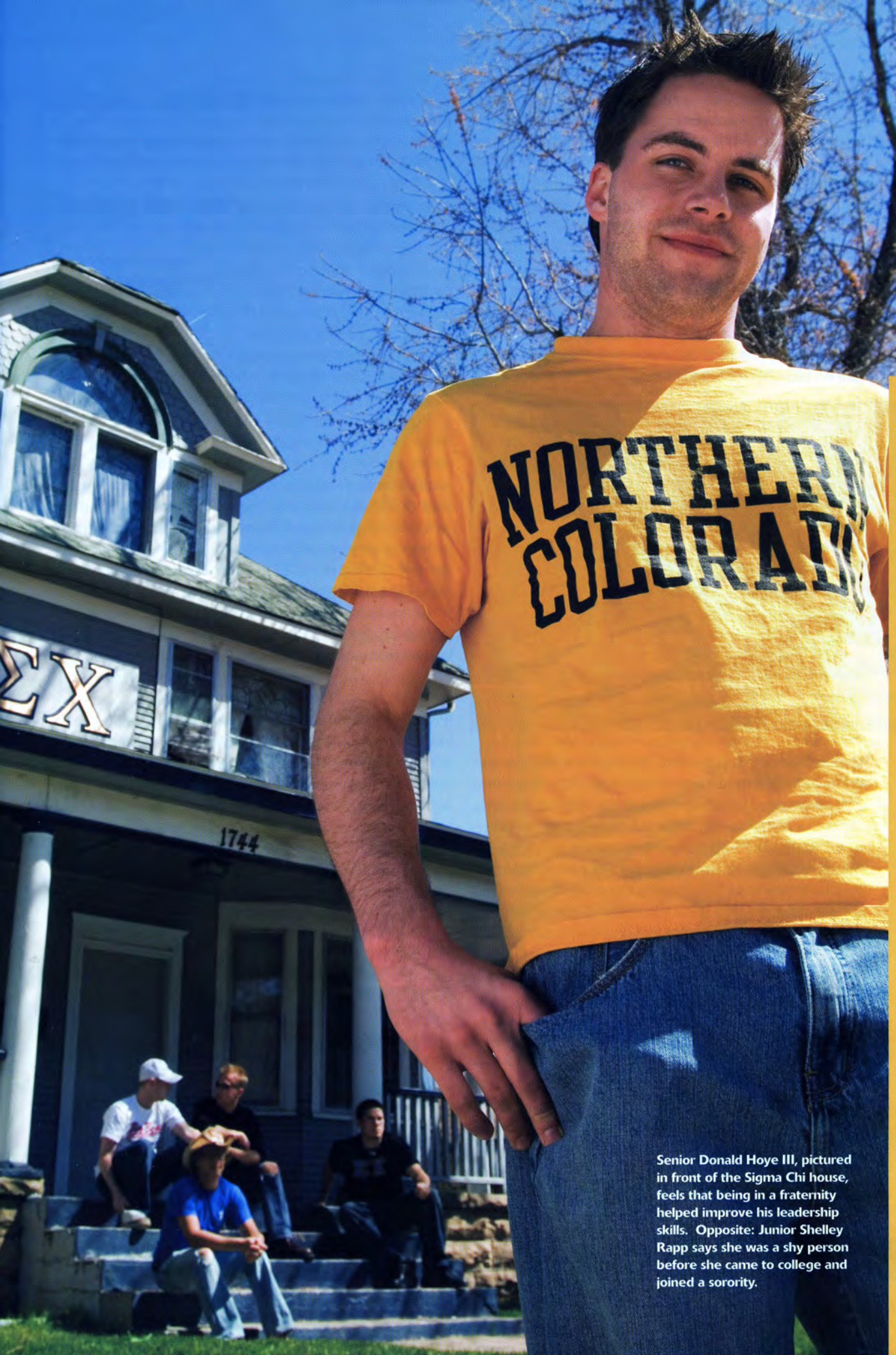
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Students move beyond stereotypes to create a meaningful college experience

BY ANNE CUMMING RICE
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Senior Donald Hoyer III, pictured in front of the Sigma Chi house, feels that being in a fraternity helped improve his leadership skills. Opposite: Junior Shelley Rapp says she was a shy person before she came to college and joined a sorority.

stay in college and leads to more community involvement after graduation, according to a national study by the Columbia, Mo.-based Center for Advanced Social Research. In 2006, Greek students at UNC logged 8,000 hours of community service. They also raised thousands of dollars each year for national and local charities. Overall, these students say that without Greek life, their college experience would have been much less meaningful.

LEADERSHIP

Before Hoyer decided to join Sigma Chi his freshman year, he had one idea about fraternities: "I knew that pop culture portrayed them as drunks," he says, "and I had no intention of being in a fraternity." Real-life experience



changed Hoyer's mind. The boyfriend of a girl he knew in high school was a member of a UNC fraternity and encouraged him to give Greek life a fair shake.

During pledge week, Hoyer interacted with members of all the fraternities on campus. He chose Sigma Chi "because they were more outgoing, they seemed friendlier, and they didn't trash-talk the other fraternities,"

Hoyer says. Now a semester away from graduating with a degree in economics, Hoyer says his college experience would have been different without Sigma Chi. "Coming out of high school, my life wasn't really on the best track," he says. "The fraternity changed my life."

As a new member, Hoyer was assigned a big brother, a seasoned member of Sigma Chi, to guide him through his first year. His big brother was also the student trustee at UNC, the student representative on the university's Board of Trustees. Inspired by his big brother's example, Hoyer set a goal to be student trustee and the president of his fraternity by senior year. Today, he is both.

Senior Jose Martinez's fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta, promotes brotherhood, scholarship, community service and cultural awareness.

Hoyer says his fraternity takes leadership development seriously. Members organize the Derby Days, an event that raises money each year for the Children's Miracle Network. Members take part in mandatory study programs and Greek organizations require that members maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. It's also part of the Greek culture to get involved elsewhere on campus and volunteer time with local charities like the Weld Food Bank, Hoyer says. "The negative image that a lot of people have about Greeks is hard to deal with," Hoyer says. "It's crazy that people have judged me because I have two letters from the ancient world on my shirt. But we know who we are."

COOPERATION

Friendships are among the biggest benefits of being Greek, students contend. But that brotherhood or sisterhood, as it's called among Greek students, can also end up feeling like the cliques students thought they left behind in high school. Shelley Rapp is trying to change the atmosphere of unhealthy competition among sororities.

Rapp, a UNC junior and a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, is president of UNC's Panhellenic Council, a student-run group that oversees the university's sororities. Rapp

ABOUT

DONALD HOYE III

Fraternity: Sigma Chi

Major: Economics

Graduation date: December 2007

Campus involvement: President of Sigma Chi, student trustee on the UNC Board of Trustees, Student Representative Council, Interfraternity Council, Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Career goal: Upper-level management position in a major corporation

SHELLEY RAPP

Sorority: Alpha Sigma Alpha

Major: Mathematics, secondary education

Graduation date: May 2008

Campus involvement: Peer tutor for Academic Support and Advising, president of the Panhellenic Council, Math Department activities

Career goal: High school teacher or counselor

JOSE MARTINEZ III

Fraternity: Sigma Lambda Beta

Major: Social sciences, secondary education

Graduation date: May 2007

Campus involvement: President of Sigma Lambda Beta 2004-06, Boettcher Scholar, Presidential Leadership Program, Cumbres Bilingual Education Program

Career goal: Teacher; has accepted a position with Jefferson County Public Schools

RUSH OR PLEDGE WEEK Many sororities have abandoned the phrase *rush week* and call it *recruitment* instead, while some fraternities continue to use the traditional terms. This is the week in the fall when Greek organizations and potential members choose one another. Those interested in joining an organization visit each house and attend meetings to learn about the group and its core values. Individuals decide which group they want to join; fraternity and sorority members vote on which new members they want to admit.

SYMBOLS AND RITUALS New members take an oath of commitment to their respective Greek organizations. Fraternities and sororities also maintain a system of symbols and rituals, such as passwords, handshakes, songs and journals, which remain secret, known to members only. Some historians say these traditions stem from fraternal societies such as the Masons.

GREEK LETTERS The use of Greek letters started with the first Greek organization, Phi Beta Kappa, an academic honor society founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. The group used Greek letters to represent its longer name, "philosophia biou kybernetes" or "love of wisdom, the guide of life."

PHILANTHROPY Each sorority and fraternity raises money for one or two national charities each year. Members also volunteer for and raise money for local charities. UNC Greek organizations raise thousands of dollars each year for their charities. Last year, for example, Sigma Kappa sorority raised \$4,500 for the Alzheimer's Research Fund. Sigma Chi fraternity raised \$8,000 for Children's Miracle Network.

SOURCES: UNC OFFICE OF GREEK LIFE, WWW.ALLEXPERTS.COM

suggested a major change to sorority football, an intersorority event. The flag-football games used to include one team from each sorority, which resulted in a lot of unhealthy competition. This year, Rapp suggested creating mixed teams with members of all the sororities. The importance of fostering cooperation is one of the most valuable things Rapp says she has learned from Greek life.

"Before I came to college and joined a sorority, I was a shy person," she says. "Now I excel in public speaking and I have learned how to motivate other women." Rapp promotes cooperation by working with leaders of the other two Greek life organizations, the Interfraternity Council and the Multicultural Greek Council. "In the past, there hasn't been a lot of structure or interaction between the sororities and fraternities," says Welch, who meets with the presidents of the three councils once a week. "Unity is a key issue."

Rapp's position on the Panhellenic Council makes her feel like she's part of all the UNC sororities, but her leadership skills started to develop within her own sorority. With meetings to attend, charity events to plan and grades to keep up, Greek students say one of the first things they learn is time management, an important component of leadership. Rapp says she has also learned how to deal with conflict. "I used to be afraid of confrontation," she says. "Now I hear of someone who needs to be confronted on something, and I'm like, 'OK, I'll deal with it.' It's become my specialty."

FRIENDSHIP

Jose Martinez III says his experience in a fraternity has been both typical and atypical. He's made some of his best friends in his fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta. He can't imagine his college life without them. But when he joined the fraternity his freshman year, it was a new organization with only about eight members. The brothers had no house; instead, two or three members ended up living to-

gether, creating a couple of unofficial fraternity houses.

Sigma Lambda Beta, founded nationally in 1986, is designated at UNC as both a social fraternity and a cultural one. The social category means it's a fraternity in the traditional sense. The cultural designation means it's a nontraditional Greek organization as well. There are three other cultural Greek organizations at UNC—two Latina sororities and a Native American sorority. Sigma Lambda Beta's core values are brotherhood, scholarship, community service and cultural awareness. Most of the members are Latino, although Martinez says it's open to anyone, regardless of ethnic background.

A friend first invited Martinez to a Sigma Lambda Beta meeting. "I blew him off at first and felt badly about it," he admits. "But I finally went to a meeting and met the other guys. They were very cohesive and I was impressed." Martinez served as the fraternity's president for two years, meeting regularly with members at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. In conjunction with the center, the fraternity sponsors the Latino Youth Leadership Conference each year, in which eighth-grade boys participate in workshops about leadership, and the brothers also mentor students from Greeley-Evans School District.

Earlier this year, Martinez stepped down as president so he could focus on his last semester, student teaching in the Denver area. Despite the distance between them, he remains in close contact with his fraternity brothers. "They are more than fraternity brothers. They're like family," Martinez says. "I used to struggle a lot with feeling like I have to do everything, but once someone takes the oath of the fraternity and becomes a brother, you can depend on them." Like Hoyer, Martinez was once skeptical about joining a fraternity, but he encourages other students to explore the possibility. "People need to experience it for themselves," Martinez says. "Your own experience is the only thing that will prove to you whether something is true or false."

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By Danyel Barnard

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Collective Change

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR LOW-INCIDENCE DISABILITIES AT UNC PROVIDES RESEARCH, INFORMATION AND RESOURCES AIMED AT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF 1 MILLION CHILDREN.

Collective

In the United States today, it's estimated that children with low-incidence disabilities represent less than 1 percent of the school-age population. Low-incidence disabilities are defined as a visual or hearing impairment, or simultaneous visual and hearing impairments; a significant cognitive impairment; or any impairment for which personnel with highly specialized skills are needed for children with that impairment to receive early intervention



services or appropriate public education.

"Because these students are so few in number, schools and communities are hard-pressed to meet their unique and sometimes extraordinary needs for specialized instruction," says Kay Ferrell, director of the National Center for Low-Incidence Disabilities at UNC. "We want to help these kids to realize their potential, so we provide our expertise about how teachers can make a positive impact in the classroom everyday. We also provide information, research and training for administrators and families—the tools they need to help change the lives of children."

In 2001, Congress picked UNC as the home of the National Center for Low-Incidence Disabilities based on the university's stellar reputation for training teachers and educational leaders in the specialized fields of blindness and visual impairment, deafness and hard of hearing, and significant support

ties at the University of Northern Colorado became a reality.

One of the center's first projects was an online national needs assessment, which immediately pointed to the fact that school administrators needed better education about the needs of children with low-incidence disabilities. The center also started the "Excellence in Education Awards," aimed at collecting best practices in low-incidence disability education from teachers nationwide. "We brought all the best teachers together so they could learn from each other what was working best in the classroom," Ferrell says.

The center also began to tackle the lack of research in the field. Mary Ann Siller, now a national project manager for the American Foundation for the Blind, was on the first advisory board for the center, "in on the ground floor," she says, to provide information about what was needed in the field. "One thing we

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needs. Few universities in the country offer degree programs in all three low-incidence disability areas, and fewer still can match the quality and comprehensiveness of Northern Colorado's degree programs in the field. This basis of excellence is what drives all the activities of the national center that are focused on attaining a common goal—making a difference in the lives of 1 million children.

A New Approach

The idea for the center first came about through the collaboration of three UNC professors: Ferrell, representing blindness; John Luckner, representing deafness and hard of hearing; and Lewis Jackson, representing severe disabilities. In 2000, the concept was presented to Sen. Wayne Allard who brought it to Congress in recognition of university's reputation for preparing special education teachers. Through the support of many people, including UNC President Kay Norton, Provost Allen Huang and former President Hank Brown, the National Center for Low-Incidence Disabili-

knew was that there was little research that could be used to make tangible changes in the classroom," Siller says. "The center started to bring together expertise on low-incidence disabilities that could help schools and teachers make instructional strategy changes to help children reach their potential."

In 2002, the center also began hosting a yearly research summit that targets both research leaders and doctoral students in the field. The summit is comprised of research presentations and discussions to encourage knowledge exchange and collaboration. It also exposes a wide range of professionals to the resources available through the center.

Professional Development

Highly qualified teachers for students with low-incidence disabilities are in short supply, so one of the first steps is increasing the availability of specially trained teachers to meet the unique needs of these students. Through the national center and the School of Special Education at UNC, teachers from across the



country can get a master's degree in two emphasis areas: blindness and visual impairment, and deafness and hard of hearing. Professional development courses are also offered on critical areas that aren't part of a degree program, such as "Universal Design for Learning," or "Deaf Education for General Educators."

"Our goal is to expand the field by increasing understanding and collaboration, and by broadening perspectives," Ferrell says. "We want to be a knowledge and research clearinghouse, creating a community of people for change."

For teachers not enrolled in the degree program, the center develops online courses that address the unique needs of practitioners currently working in the field. For example, due to the demands of No Child Left Behind, the center has contracted with the Utah School for the Deaf to create two online courses designed to help teachers of students

understand and even the most intelligent parent can become easily overwhelmed," says Debbie Day, a parent of a child with low-incidence disabilities in Washington State who has accessed the Pop-Up IEP online. "This resource gives parents the information, confidence and support they need to deal with the bureaucracy of schools," Ferrell says. "It's about empowering parents and educating them about their rights."

Collaboration

The center's motto, "Together we can do more," reflects active collaboration with numerous institutions and organizations interested in the education of students with low-incidence disabilities. Over the years, the center has partnered with the American Foundation for the Blind on research and policy and on creating a presence in Washington, D.C., for issues related to low-incidence disabilities. Currently, the cen-



WE WANT TO BE A KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH CLEARINGHOUSE, CREATING A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE FOR CHANGE.

with sensory disabilities become highly qualified in math and science. These courses are scheduled to launch in summer 2007.

Parent Support

The center also focuses quite a bit on supporting and educating families of children with low-incidence disabilities. Parents can visit the center's web site to get contact information on service providers in their home state or to access materials and information.

One of the most successful items the center has developed is something called the "Pop-Up IEP," which provides information for parents to help guide them through individualized education plan (IEP) meetings with teachers and administrators. The Pop-Up IEP helps inform parents about their rights and the laws surrounding special education. For example, schools aren't allowed to say, "We don't have the money to provide your child with special attention." That is against the law.

"This type of information is exactly what's needed by parents. The law is often difficult to

ter and the foundation are working together on a national initiative to bring Braille textbooks to visually impaired students in a timely manner.

"Until now, most Braille transcribers have been self-trained professionals who work on a volunteer basis," Siller says. "We are working with the center to develop revolutionary learning materials, like an online tutorial to train Braille transcribers how to work with publisher files." The center also partnered with Northwest Vista College in San Antonio to develop the first college program for training Braille transcribers.

The National Center for Low-Incidence Disabilities is already well on the road to making a difference for children, parents, educators and future teachers by focusing federal attention on their complex challenges. "We have definitely had an influence with the Department of Education's understanding of low-incidence disabilities, and we have brought people together to raise awareness about these kids and how different their needs are," Ferrell says. "Going forward, our main push will be funding and surviving. We'll just continue to take one step at a time, changing one life at a time." **NV**



For more information on the National Center for Low-Incidence Disabilities at UNC, visit <http://nclid.unco.edu>.

Wellington Webb's career in public service included 12 years as the Mile High City's first African-American Mayor. He now gives back by encouraging others to serve. Opposite: Webb renewed his dream to play basketball in college when he attended Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo.



POV: KENDAL ACHISON

Denver's first African-American mayor looks back on his tenure

From left: Wellington Webb walked more than 300 miles across Denver in his underdog bid for mayor in 1991. The city of Denver experienced great growth during Webb's tenure, including the addition of Coors Field, Invesco Field, the Pepsi Center and the initial development of lower downtown. Webb talked to countless voters as part of his grassroots campaign and was the first Colorado state legislator to open a neighborhood office with his own money.



By Jennifer Starbuck



ON A LATE-WINTER FRIDAY EVENING, people cram the sidewalks of an old northwest Denver neighborhood lined with upscale boutiques, coffee shops and eateries. Young professionals file into hip restaurants for happy hour while neighbors walk their dogs and vehicles crowd the old, narrow streets. Through the hubbub, former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb (BA-64, MA-71) steps from the busy street into a quiet independent bookshop. He's ready for a reading and signing to promote his new autobiography, *Wellington Webb: The Man, the Mayor, and the Making of Modern Denver*, which highlights a sometimes painful childhood and a public-service career that culminated with 12 years as the Mile High City's first African-American mayor.

Earlier in the week, Webb spoke to 200 attorneys during another stop on his book tour. Tonight, his audience in the tiny store is 11. "You can never tell," he says, dismissing the modest turnout with a shrug of his wide shoulders on his 6-foot-4-inch frame and his trademark gap-toothed grin.

Webb of Intrigue

with the goal of inspiring younger generations to give back





This sense of peace comes from knowing that the booming business playing on the streets outside is a symbol of what Webb's autobiography heralds as his lasting legacy for the city he loves.

Denver has changed quite a bit since 1991 when Webb, an underdog candidate, won his first term. During his subsequent three terms, Denver saw the addition of the Pepsi Center, Denver International Airport, Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium and Coors Field. The city also increased spending for the arts, an effort crowned by two world-renowned projects—an addition to the Denver Art Museum by New York architect Daniel Libeskind and the opening of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, touted as one of only three world-class opera houses in the United States. And the former Stapleton Airport and Lowry Air Force Base were transformed into bustling, award-winning residential and business centers.

Webb credits the added amenities in large part to the arrival of 100,000 new residents who helped turn some of the most depressed neighborhoods into the most sought-after—and Denver from sleepy cow town to major destination. But when Webb first graduated from Colorado State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Colorado) in December 1964, his career goal was simply to be a basketball coach and history teacher at his alma mater, Denver's Manual High School.

Northern Colorado Days

Webb starred on the basketball team at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling before finishing his degree at UNC. By the end of his second year at North-

Greeley as a family; Webb moved in with classmates.

One of the most influential classes for Webb was statistics, a class he grew to dread the first semester, but one that ended up helping him years later when he had to analyze multimillion dollar business deals for the city. "Some people in the business world think if you're a politician, you're not very smart," Webb says. "But when they find out you know something, they begin to act a little differently."

Webb graduated from UNC ready to teach, coach and better provide for his family. But after repeated attempts to get a job in the Denver Public School System, he had to settle for substitute teaching, which barely paid the bills. Webb's personal struggle to feed his family every day and the country's civil rights awakening ignited his political activism. "I had a sincere desire to help people, but you can't help people if you are poor yourself," he says.

So he decided to do something and got involved in the Democratic Party in Denver. When he ran in his first election for Colorado House of Representatives for District 8 in 1972, he focused on increasing wages and making housing and banking loans more equitable for people of color. At the time, Webb says, banks did not give loans to minorities in certain parts of the city as a covert way of keeping the city segregated. Webb would go on to serve in elected or appointed political office for 31 years.

A Different Perspective

The panoramic views from Webb's 28th-floor office suite in downtown Den-

"I like to perceive myself as one of the village elders,"

From top: Webb and other Colorado state legislators paused for a prayer prior to the opening of the session in 1972, the year he was first elected as a representative. Denver International Airport was another development project during the Webb years. Webb as a toddler with his parents, Wellington M. Webb and Mardina Williams Webb, in Chicago.

eastern, he married his first wife. Not long after they became parents to twin boys. As a young husband and father, Webb's days at UNC weren't carefree. During this period, Webb's first wife and the twins had to move back to Denver because they couldn't afford to live in

ver offer daily reminders of his history with the city. The Capitol's gold dome hovers due south, where Webb worked for five years as a state representative until 1978, when he was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter as a regional director for the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services. To the southwest is the Denver City and County Building, which houses the mayor's office. Also in the skyline is the new joint office building of the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, a reminder of Webb's difficult relationship with the press, and at times with the public.

Webb's 12 years in office weren't all rosy. The delayed, overbudget Denver International Airport caused public relations and logistical nightmares. Critics complained of cronyism, saying Webb put his friends and family in high places. And the city's gang activity made banner headlines in the so-called "Summer of Violence" of 1993. But those issues are in the past now when he looks out from his office and knows that hidden among those office towers is the 12-story Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building. The City Council named the building after Webb shortly before he left office in 2003, and this is one of the greatest honors in his life.

Life After Politics

Since leaving office in 2003, Webb has taken on a new role: businessman. He is president of Webb Group International, which helps municipalities and corporations navigate the bureaucratic hassles of economic and building projects. Judging from the list of projects Webb tackled as Denver mayor, bureaucracy is something he knows well. He also runs Alliance Development Partners, a real-estate development company whose projects include the Dahlia Square in northeast Denver, a historically black shopping center that

to see if I can achieve some level of success in comparison with what I did in my political career."

Without hesitation, Webb says he's done with elected office. But he still continues to give back to the community. He sits as president and chief executive of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce. And along with former Denver Mayor Federico Peña, he heads a Denver Public Schools citizens committee focused on improving low graduation rates and standardized test scores. "That's the most important work I'm doing right now," he says.

Webb also proudly ticks off the names of former staffers who have been elected to office and others who have crafted successful private careers. One name that Colorado residents will hear a lot in the next year and a half is Mike Dino, who was named chief executive of the Denver Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention scheduled for August 2008. Dino was in his mid-20s when he took charge of Webb's first campaign, launching not only Webb's tenure as mayor, but also his own career as a political strategist. Dino says Webb had a huge impact on his career and a huge impact on Denver, which rose from being just a regional player in the West to having a national and international presence. "Webb had a vision of where the city should go and he worked tirelessly to implement it," Dino says. "He was always willing to work hard."

After a lifetime of trying to make a difference in Colorado politics, Webb feels he has entered his golden years of political activism. He'd rather inspire younger

ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

Wellington E. Webb
(BA-64, MA-71)



Political service: 1972-78: State House representative for District 8 (central Denver). 1978-80: Region 8 director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, appointed by former President Jimmy Carter. 1983: Lost to Federico Peña in election for Denver mayor. 1981-87: Executive director for the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies. 1987-91: Denver auditor. 1991-2003: Denver mayor.

Public service: President/chief executive of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce; co-chair of a Denver Public Schools citizens committee to help improve student achievement.

Occupation: President of Webb Group International, a consulting firm that helps cities and companies complete development projects; president, Alliance Development Partners, a real-estate development company.

Family: Wife, Wilma Webb, a former Colorado state representative, and four grown children: Allen Webb, Anthony Webb, Keith Webb and Stephanie O'Malley.

Webb says. "I don't need to go to the front line anymore."

had fallen into disrepair in past decades.

At 66 years old, Webb is still learning what it takes to build a successful business—though he says he found out immediately why business owners complained about high taxes all those years. "I'm excited about the business," he says. "I want

generations to get involved. "The better way to serve now is to encourage others to go into public service," Webb says. "I like to perceive myself as one of the village elders. I don't need to go to the front line anymore. But if I find something I'm passionate about, I will."

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Pension Protection Act Signed

IN AUGUST 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70½ or older. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of the good work done by charitable organizations like the University of Northern Colorado Foundation.

Under the new law, donors can now use funds from their IRAs to make a charitable gift free of tax obligations. Prior to the law, donors had to report any amount taken from their IRA as taxable income, and then take a charitable deduction for the gift. In effect, this caused some donors to pay more in income taxes than if they didn't make a gift at all. Here is a brief summary of how the Pension Protection Act works: anyone who is 70½ can make a gift using IRA funds up to a maximum of \$100,000 in 2006 and again in 2007. The gifts can either be

straight cash to fund scholarships, program needs or capital projects, or used to create a charitable gift annuity. The donor is not taxed on the withdrawal and no longer takes a charitable deduction for the gift.

For more information about making a gift or setting up a charitable gift annuity, contact Kevin Bean, vice president of major gifts and special campaigns, at 970.351.1380 or kevin.bean@unco.edu.

National Western Scholarship Trust Supports Nursing

THE NATIONAL WESTERN Scholarship Trust, a valued partner of the university since 1999, has increased support to students in the School of Nursing. The trust provides scholarships to future nurses committed to practicing nursing in rural areas after graduation. This scholarship support for the School of Nursing helps to directly address a trend of dwindling rural health care providers by encouraging students to serve in rural areas and by minimizing tuition costs for those dedicated to serving rural areas. With the support of the trust, UNC now offers four rural nursing scholarships, creating an emerging cohort of nurses returning to rural areas, particularly in Colorado and Wyoming.

Join Team UNC

CAMPUS SUPPORT is anything but trivial when faculty and staff participate in the 2006-07 *Team UNC* campaign. Whether it's \$3 a month via a payroll deduction or \$100 charged on a credit card, this support can help build scholarships or benefit any program on campus. It's not the amount of the gift that matters; it's the participation of faculty and staff that can really make a difference. For more information, visit www.uncfoundation.org.

DONOR PROFILE



Arthur and June Reynolds

ARTHUR REYNOLDS started teaching history in 1949 at what was then the Colorado State College of Education, now UNC. He worked closely with the athletic positions on campus, including at the campus bookstore and at the School of Education. June Reynolds, Arthur's wife, also assisted him with class field trips while raising their three daughters in the faculty apartments. In the 1960-1970s, Arthur would take 50 students to Washington, D.C., by train for a hands-on American history summer class.

Prior to Arthur's arrival to UNC, he was a public school teacher and principal in Minnesota. All three of his daughters are retired public school teachers with 25+ years of teaching each. Given their great commitment to education, the Reynolds family decided to set up a scholarship for full-time graduate students at UNC.

"The gift of education is the gift that continues to give," June says. "You get a warm feeling knowing you've helped someone with their education. It is so nice to leave such a legacy through UNC. You can give and really make a difference by supporting education."

LEGACY



Alumni Terrace

FORMER HEAD FOOTBALL COACH **Joe Glenn** and his wife, Michele, returned to campus this fall to support the Alumni Terrace Tile Project at the Judy Farr Alumni Center. This project will help complete fundraising efforts for the renovation of the center. Tiles are still available! Visit www.uncalumni.org for more information.

EVENT

Aloha! Alumni Events Scheduled in Hawaii

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is planning events in July and September to bring Bear spirit to the Aloha State. In July, alumni and friends in the Hawaiian Islands are invited to come together for an alumni brunch. Naomi (Shigeta) Shimada '56 is leading a group of volunteers in planning the event. The brunch is open to all alumni and will feature special recognition of alumni from the class of 1957 and their induction into the 50-Year Society. Alumni will meet at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki on July 29, 2007, at 10:30 am. For more information about the event, contact Naomi Shimada at 808.280.7271 or naomi.shimada@notes.k12.hi.us.

The Alumni Association will return to Hawaii on Sept. 1, 2007, for a tailgate party, football game and more when the Bears football team faces the University of Hawaii at Aloha Stadium. To learn more about the events planned for September, contact Allie Steg at the UNC Alumni Association.



2007 Honored Alumni Awards

EACH YEAR, the Alumni Association honors an exclusive group of individuals whose achievements are a credit to their education and the university. We are proud to announce the 2007 Honored Alumni Award recipients selected by the Alumni Association board of directors. They will be honored during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 12-13.

■ **Creative Achievement Award:**

Kathleen Bickford Berzock '87

■ **Distinguished Alumni Award:**

Cynthia Evans '73

■ **Distinguished Alumni Service Award:**

James Valdez '69

■ **Distinguished Alumni Award:**

Mark Wallace '79

■ **Honorary Alumni Award** (posthumous):

Glenn McDonald 1936-37 (Attended)

■ **Honorary Alumni Award:** Joe Tennesen

Varsity Club To Assist With Hall of Fame

THE NORTHERN COLORADO Athletic Department and the UNC Alumni Association are proud to announce that members of the newly formed Varsity Club will be assisting with the annual Hall of Fame selections. The Varsity Club board of directors will also help plan the banquet and other activities for the Hall of Fame Weekend Nov. 9-10.

The Varsity Club is a unique opportunity for former student-athletes to connect, reunite and continue to be a part of the success of Northern Colorado Athletics. The club is designed to bring former student-athletes together for sporting and social events, and to support the current student-athletes as they compete in Division I athletics. Membership is open to those who participated in any intercollegiate sport for at least one year.

Varsity Club benefits include VIP invites to pregame parties, discounted Northern Colorado Athletics merchandise, an official Varsity Club license plate frame and the opportunity to serve on the Varsity Club board of directors. The membership fee is \$40 a year and also qualifies you for a concurrent membership in the Northern Colorado Alumni Association. To ensure that you are involved in time to help with the 2007 Hall of Fame events, sign up now by visiting the Varsity Club online at www.uncalumni.org.

Join Born to Be a Bear

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION announces a new program to help you share blue and gold spirit with the next generation. The "Born to Be a Bear" program connects children of alumni (up to two years of age) with the university. All young members will receive a gift pack of UNC Bear apparel designed for junior Bear fans. Parents who enroll their children in the program will also become members of the Alumni Association for one year.

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Become a Member

Order in the Court

As newly appointed county judge,
Gomez seeks fairness for all

MONICA JO GOMEZ (BA-84) made a surprising discovery while teaching English at her hometown high school in La Junta: She wasn't as good at her job as she wanted to be. "I recognized I wasn't enjoying myself, and it was really difficult," says Gomez, 46. "I was more of a disciplinarian than a teacher."

More than 20 years later, she serves in a role where her ultimate goal is fairness, as the governor-appointed court judge of Douglas County. She took the post in March after two years as magistrate in Colorado Springs' Fourth Judicial District Drug Court, where she took pride in seeing defendants improve their lives.

"It was extremely rewarding. It was the only courtroom in the courthouse where people clapped," Gomez says. "We would honor an individual's progress in drug treatment, or their earning a GED or employment. We saw they were making substantial gains."

She takes on a broader range of cases in her new post, presiding over jury trials. "I am a true believer in the Bill of Rights and affording defendants a fair trial," she says. "It's a lot of responsibility, in terms of making very important decisions. The implications for parties involved can be staggering. This means analyzing as much



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information as I have available and exercising tremendous discretion. I'm imparting the wisdom I hope I've gained over the years."

Gomez's educational path first led to Kansas' Bethany College, where she studied for two and a half years. She spent the following two and a half years completing her undergraduate degree at UNC.

"I was very impressed with the caliber of the professors and how accessible they all were," says Gomez, who recalls Norm Percy, Gail Rowe and Ron Edgerton as favorite professors. "It was a really challenging academic environment, and I loved it."

After she struggled to muster similar enthusiasm in her first year of teaching, Gomez attended paralegal school in Denver. She then worked as a criminal defense investigator for three years before heading to law school at the Uni-

versity of New Mexico. After passing the bar, she worked as a judicial law clerk for one year before a nine-year stint as a public defender in Colorado Springs and Castle Rock. Later, she worked in the state Attorney General's office and taught at the University of Denver. Her newest role brings further honor: "I was Gov. Ritter's first judicial appointment, which is very exciting."

Away from work, Gomez enjoys the outdoors with her daughters, ages 8 and 6, and taking in acoustic guitar concerts. She might take lessons herself someday. In the meantime, she's focused on learning about those whose lives will be affected by her judgments.

"You walk into the courtroom, and no matter what you do, someone will probably be upset by your ruling or sentence," she says. "At the end of the day, I want to ensure that victims and defendants feel they got a fair shake."

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ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

Name: Monica Jo Gomez

Title: Douglas County Court Judge

UNC Degree: Bachelor's degree in secondary education, 1984

Hometown: La Junta, Colo.

Current home: Parker, Colo.

class

NOTES

1950s

CLASS OF 1957

Calling all 1957 Bears to save the date for Homecoming 2007 and your 50-Year Reunion. Mark your calendars for Oct. 12-13, 2007.

Don Robinson (BA-58), Chandler, Ariz., estimates that he has taught at least 18,000 students to illustrate and draw cartoons since his retirement from coaching gymnastics at the high school and college level.

1960s

John (Jack) Buck (BA-60), West Lebanon, N.H., enjoyed a 40-year worldwide teaching career and now spends his time playing tennis, hiking, skiing, bicycling and boating.



Richard Blanco (BS-77), Denver, is senior vice president and branch manager of A.G. Edwards in downtown Denver. Rick and his wife, **Patty (Duke) Blanco** (BA-77) have three children—a daughter who is a junior at CU studying abroad in Spain, a son who is a freshman at UNC and a 12-year-old daughter who is a nationally ranked tennis player.

Bill Montgomery (BA-63, MA-68), Nampa, Idaho, has been involved in education for 43 years as a teacher, elementary principal and a part-time university intern supervisor. He enjoys travel, golf and spending time with his six grandsons.

Sandra (Kimball) Otten (BA-64), Tupper Lake, N.Y., taught reading and directed the reading program in Gloversville, N.Y., for 30 years. Since retiring, Sandra volunteers at the Adirondack Museum of Natural History by presenting natural history information to school groups and visitors.

John Reimer (BA-65), Burlington, N.C., owns Contemporary Education Solutions, a consulting firm specializing in college and financial planning. John is also the president of the North Carolina Dropout Prevention Association and a guidance counselor at Eastern High School in Alamance County.

James William (Bill) Smith (EdD-65), Monroe, La., retired from 25 years of teaching business education at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Bill and his wife recently returned to UNC to tour Kepner Hall at the Monfort College of Business.

Brian Kelly (BA-67), Bridgeport, Conn., is a psychologist in private practice and an ordained clergy of the Catholic Church. Brian has three children.

Rod Summitt (BA-68), Colorado Springs, retired from teaching at the junior high school level and 25 years in retail hardware management. Rod has written and published two novels, *When Pasts Collide* and *Reunion With a Killer*. His third and fourth novels, *The Nurse and the Deputy* and *Return to Paradise*, are set for publication later this year.

ALUMNI



AFROTC Reunion

Thirteen members of the 1965-66 AFROTC classes met for lunch in Colorado Springs in February. Utilizing the new *UNC*

Alumni Directory, published in late 2006, Tom Quinlan (BA-66, MA-75) contacted classmates and coordinated the reunion. AFROTC graduates traveled from Carlsbad, Calif., Valdosta, Ga., Greeley, Westcliffe, Conifer, Aurora, Manitou Springs, and Colorado Springs. Alumni Association board member J.J. Paolino (BA-59, BA-60) of Monument helped with luncheon arrangements at Giuseppe's Restaurant in the Old Train Depot in downtown Colorado Springs. The group has made plans for another reunion in 2008.

Back row from left:

Bob Anderson,

Art Martinez, Larry

Wiesner, Reed Sunding,

Tom Brewer, Ric Ferron,

Don Peppin and Tom

Quinlan. Front row

from left: Ralph Boswell,

Ralph Williams, Wade

Nofzinger, Doug Smith

and Bob Powers.

1970s

Philip Neville (BS-70), Windsor, is a registered investment advisor and representative of 1st Global Capital Corp. and works for Wealth Advisors of Colorado LLC with offices located at Anderson & Whitney PC, in Greeley. He was recognized for his achievements in wealth management at 1st Global's 15th annual national conference in Las Vegas.

Larry Brunz (BA-71, MA-77), Windsor, retired in 2002 after teaching at Greeley West High School for 30 years. He served as the athletic director from 1992-2000 and continues to guide the GWHS golf pro-

gram and substitute teach. Larry refereed high school football and basketball from 1972-90 and was elected to the Colorado Officials Hall of Fame in both sports. Larry's wife, **Linda (Riddoch) Brunz** (BA-73, EdS-98), resumed her teaching career in 1998 after raising their three daughters, and now teaches catering at Brighton High School. Linda works on various enterprises, including the "pushka" baby carrier, used book collections and sales, and a new plan to package party kits. A photo of Larry from 1970 is featured in this issue's "From the Archives" section on the inside back cover.

EVENT

Arizona Alumni and Friends



UNC alumni and friends gathered for the Bears Weekend in Arizona in March 2007. Activities included Bears baseball, Rockies spring training, golf with UNC coaches and more. Top to bottom: Head Basketball Coach Tad Boyle (left), Rebecca and Sean Conway, UNC Foundation President Virgil Scott, and Linda and Jack Schrieber; Gloria Zaragoza (left), Lupe Carbajal '72 and Linda Carabajal, director of the Cumbres program at UNC; Audrey and Don Robinson '58; Michael Johnson (left) UNC vice president of alumni and donor relations, with Flossie '64 and Charles Sayre; From left, Linda and Steve Freeman, Julie Hinrichs, Barry Benson '98, Tad Boyle, Tom Norton, UNC Foundation board member Dale Butcher, Julie Butcher, Virgil Scott and Head Football Coach Scott Downing.



Walter "Skip" Wilkins (MM-89), Macungie, Pa., released two CDs, *Skip Wilkins Quintet: Volume I* and *Skip Wilkins Quintet: Volume II*. A member of UNC's faculty until 1995, Skip is now performing and touring, and has a full-time appointment at Lafayette College in Easton, where he teaches music theory and jazz-related courses.

Kriss Johnson (BA-71), Lexington, Ky., has worked in the newspaper industry for 15 years and is the "Newspaper in Education" manager for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. Kriss was named the 115th president of the Kentucky Press Association and is the first NIE manager in the country to be named a press association president and the seventh female to be handed the KPA gavel.

Charles West (BM-71), Mechanicsville, Va., is coordinator of winds and percussion for the Department of Music at Virginia Commonwealth University and conductor of the youth orchestra of Charlottesville-Albermarle. Charles also plays clarinet at the Santo Domingo Music Festival in the Dominican Republic under legendary conductor/pianist Philippe Entremont. He married Mary Jo Webster in July 2006.

Mike Ireland (BA-72, MA-75), Fishers, Ind., has been a pastor for 25 years in Boulder, Colo., Sumner, Wash., and Kentland and Indianapolis, Ind. Before graduating from Princeton Seminary in 1982, the Rev. Ireland taught special education and work study classes at Moffat County High School in Craig, and Platteville Middle School.

Rebecca (Soderberg) Green (BSN-73), Thornton, retired from Brighton School District 27-J after 31 years as a school nurse. Rebecca is now a visiting associate professor of nursing at Colorado State University, Pueblo.

Marilyn Mathews (MA-74), Evans, is retired and continues to paint.

One of her paintings, *Nebula, Ancient Beginnings*, an illustration from James Michener's book on space, has been on display in UNC's Michener Library.

Gary McCurdy (BA-74), Colorado Springs, has been named federal security director for the Colorado Springs Municipal and Pueblo Memorial Airports. Gary spent four years as FSD for Wyoming's 10 commercial airports and 32 years in the United States Air Force where he was assigned to the Pentagon and other high-visibility locations throughout the world.

John Hart (MBA-75), Columbia, Mo., is working as a special education teacher after retiring from the U.S. Air Force as an officer.

Dwight Crenshaw (EdD-77), Tatum, N.M., is a judge for Lea County, a judicial division 75 miles long and 50 miles wide, and includes the cities of Hobbs, Lovington and Tatum.

Larry Hendricks (MA-77), Topeka, Kan., was appointed judge in Shawnee County District Court. Since receiving his law degree from Washburn University in 1982, Larry has worked as a city attorney and is currently a partner at the firm of Stumbo, Hanson and Hendricks, focusing on municipal, family and business law. He and his wife, Beckie, have two sons.

Richard Overall (MA-77), Cheyenne, Wyo., retired in 2005 from the State of Wyoming and is building clientele for a new business, Bon Chere Photography.

Laura (Christman) Adams (BS-78), Swamscott, Mass., is the president of the Rhode Island Quality Institute, a group that works with the state's health care system to solve issues plaguing hospitals nationwide. Laura received congressional recognition for her work in reforming health care in Rhode Island and has been asked to speak in more than 40 states. Her work has been featured in *Modern Healthcare* magazine and *Providence Business News*.

Blaine Herdman (BS-78), Greeley, joined RE/MAX Alliance-Greeley specializing in all types of commercial real estate, primarily in areas north of Denver.

Janie (Vonderlage) Magruder (BA-78), Tempe, Ariz., is associate director in the communications office at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

1980s

Bruce Campbell (BA-80), Reno, Nev., returned to the U.S. after 11 years working for FedEx in the Philippines. A captain for six years, Bruce pilots an Airbus 300 aircraft to domestic and European destinations.

Mike Henry (BS-81), Glenwood Springs, is a realtor with the A-Team and helps with Hotel Colorado's Fat Tuesday celebration to authenticate the Cajun cuisine.

Marian Hesse (BM-82), Greeley, served on the jury for the International Brass Competition in Jeju, Korea, in August 2006. Marian released *Distance Dancing* with the Chestnut Brass, featuring dance music over a 500-year period performed on historical and modern instruments, and a second recording with the Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra performing the music of Howard Hanson. She was also the featured guest artist at the California State University, Fresno horn workshop, where she performed a short recital and hosted a clinic.

Mary Cash (BA-83), Pine, designs courses and is the primary developer of the learning object repository for Colorado Community Colleges Online. Mary earned two master's degrees—in English studies from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University.

Debara Curtiss (BS-83), Johnstown, has been named to the board of directors of the Greeley/Weld National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers. Debara has been a State Farm agent for 21 years and member of NAIFA since 1985.

Mary (Kosmas) Doty (BA-84), Greeley, is a certified residential specialist with The Group Inc. She is a fiber artist and loves beading and scrapbooking. Mary and her husband, Mike, have two sons and enjoy traveling, camping and learning.

Monica Jo Gomez (BA-84), Parker, was appointed a Douglas County judge by Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter. Monica served as an assistant professor of legal writing and an adjunct



John Allen (BS-87), Barrington, Ill., is the manager of the Chicago office of RGL-Forensic Accountants and Consultants, where he oversees and implements the Vendor Risk Review Project. Prior to joining RGL, John worked for General Electric Co. in Fairfield, Conn., where he held the position of risk director—channel manager for vendor finance.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER

Donna Lakin '57



GIVING IS A WAY OF LIFE for Donna Lakin. Donna has been a dedicated UNC alumna for the past 50 years, volunteering time and effort to her alma mater in various ways. She is a proud supporter of UNC and regularly attends alumni events. Donna helped organize a Delta Zeta reunion by bringing her former sorority sisters back to campus and is currently spearheading the committee to reunite her graduating class of 1957. The upcoming 50-Year Reunion is scheduled for UNC's Homecoming Weekend 2007 (Oct. 12-13). Donna has been busy recruiting former classmates to help plan the reunion and rally attendance. Donna and her husband, Frank Lakin, have been recognized for their involvement with the Greeley community and the university. They received the 2006 Leann Anderson Community Service Award from the Greeley Chamber of Commerce.

professor of basic criminal procedure at the University of Denver. She was the Colorado State Public Defender Bootcamper of the Year and president of the Hispanic Bar Association in El Paso County. Monica received her law degree from the University of New Mexico Law School. See Alumni Profile on Page 24.

Elena Sandoval-Lucero (BA-85), Westminster, is director of admissions and outreach at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Carl McFadden (BS-87), Mullinville, Kan., substitute teaches at the local school and is engaged in farming.

Melissa (Wells) Tello (BA-87), Catawba, N.C., owns Melissa's Mobile Murals. Melissa and her husband, Edgar, a pilot for United Airlines, have two sons, Erick and Austin.

Heidi (Cordova) Strang (BA-88), Denver, is the associate director of the freshman commitment program at Regis Uni-

versity. She earned a master's degree from the University of Denver in art history and museum studies, and a PhD from the University of Denver in educational leadership and innovation.

Curt Kundred (BS-89), Danville, Calif., works for Fleishman Hillard, a public relations agency in San Francisco as the president of the firm's East Coast, West Coast and Canadian operations.

1990s

Clay Drake (BS-90), Windsor, is a vice president and commercial lender at Signature Bank in Windsor. He earned his MBA from the University of Denver.

Jill (Brungardt) Heil (BA-90), Dillon, is an English language acquisition teacher at Summit High School. Jill and her husband, **Greg Heil** (BS-88), who owns Columbine Ski and Sport, spent eight days in summer 2006 following the Tour de France and biking in the French Alps. The Heils have two children, Kevin and Megan.

Theresa (Lovato) Simonich (BA-90), Parker, teaches fifth grade at Canyon Creek Elementary School in the Cherry Creek School District. Theresa has been teaching for 17 years and was honored at a district celebration for being named Teacher of the Year at her building.

Denise (Snyder) Marques (BA-92), Englewood, moved back to Colorado after eight years in California. Denise has taken a hiatus as a registered clinical dietitian to be a stay-at-home mom.

Tom Vecchione (MA-92), Westerville, Ohio, earned his PhD in psychology at Ohio University and works at Ohio Wesleyan University. Tom and his wife, Jessica, have three daughters.

Jeffrey Gibbs (BA-94) Ypsilanti, Mich., works for Progressive Insurance as a state fire/theft manager. Prior to working in insurance, Jeffrey was a police officer. He has two children, Tyler and Kylie.

Nicole Fuglsang (BA-94), Gainesville, Ga., joined Change Academy at Lake of the Ozarks as director of admissions. Nicole earned her MA in counseling from Denver Seminary and

worked for 13 years as a youth leader, therapist and admissions counselor. She is a nationally certified counselor, licensed professional counselor and member of the American Counseling Association and American Association of Christian Counselors.

Elizabeth Dore (EdD-95), Fairlawn, Va., has been named faculty athletics representative at Radford University. An associate professor in RU's Educational Studies Department, Elizabeth has also served as an instructor, assistant coordinator and teaching assistant at UNC and Aims Community College.

Kumar Ladha (BS-95), Bucharest, Romania, is president of SC Petking, Romania.

Ernest Collins (BA-96), Lawrence, Kan., has joined the football coaching staff at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. A former coach at the University of Kansas and Northwest Missouri State, Ernest also served as secondary team and special teams coordinator at UNC. Ernest will coach the entire Golden Knights secondary.

Eric Erlewein (BA-96), Frisco, Texas, is the director of competitive marketing and analysis



David Bernhardt (BA-90), Arlington, Va., was sworn in as solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior. In this position, he oversees 400 employees and coordinates legal policy for the department's bureaus. David has worked on some of the most contentious environmental issues of President Bush's tenure, including snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

for Blockbuster Entertainment in Dallas. Eric and his wife, Roz, have two sons, Zachary and Blake.

Jennifer Gehrman (BS-96), Greeley, has joined the Greeley branch of Signature Bank as a commercial loan officer. Jennifer has more than 11 years of banking experience.

Sheila (Hoag) McKeon (MA-96), Asheville, N.C., is a licensed professional counselor with ARP/Phoenix Youth Substance Abuse Services. Sheila previously worked with children and adolescents in home-based therapy, and has lived in Las Vegas and Kauai, Hawaii. She has three sons.

Chad Abraham (BA-97), Vancouver, Wash., has joined the reporting staff of *The Gresham Outlook*, Gresham, Ore. Chad has served as an editor and reporter for *The Aspen Times* and worked for the *Greeley Tribune*, the *Vail Trail* and the *Colorado Springs Gazette*.

Marvin Adams (BA-97), Colorado Springs, has worked as a firefighter and paramedic for the Colorado Springs Fire Department since 1998.

Richard Southall (MA-97, EdD-01), Memphis, Tenn., teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in sport facility and event management, sport law, social and economic influences in sport, sport ethics, sport promotion and marketing, and organizational theory at the State University of West Georgia.

Andrew Bodette (BA-98, MA-00), Greeley, is the strength and conditioning coach for UNC's football program. Drew previously worked at the Air Force Academy and University of Denver.

Lauren (Hodges) Cagle (BS-98), Bakersfield, Calif., is an intensive care nurse and is married with two children.

Tina (Maestas) Flowers (BA-98), Colorado Springs, is a stay-at-home mom with her two children, Jaiden and Sydni.

Heather (Reiter) Fritz (BA-98), Fruita, taught kindergarten and worked for a dental manufac-

NORTHERN COLORADO VISIONARY

Garan (Olsen) Weilnau '04



GARAN WEILNAU DIDN'T FULLY REALIZE what the University of Northern Colorado had done for her until after she graduated. Now that she has been in the "real world" working at the UNC Foundation while pursuing a graduate degree in English, she sees the true value of her education. "One of the best parts of my education was that the professors knew me by name," Weilnau says. "I also loved the annual Rosenberry Writers' Conference hosted by the English department. Renowned writers coming to campus to interact in the classroom and speak to the community is a writing student's dream!" Weilnau donates annually because she wants the things she enjoyed to be available to future students. "I hate to think that the Writers' Conference wouldn't be around next year simply because there isn't enough funding to continue the tradition."

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"MANITOU" BY VICTORIA WETSCH

Victoria (Yamanoha) Wetsch (BA-03), Billings, Mont., was awarded a professional development grant by the Montana Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Victoria's art, including paintings, drawings, art glass and monoprints, has been exhibited in Colorado, Nebraska, Oregon and Montana. Two of her works were selected in an international competition for the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

turing company and a sheet metal fabrication company in Denver before moving to Colorado's western slope to be a stay-at-home mom with her son and daughter.

Rick Lechman (BS-98), Firestone, is a senior associate in the medical group of Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

Kendra (Chapnick) Hunter (BA-99), Gilbert, Ariz., is the director of residential education on the Tempe campus of Arizona State University.

Brian O'Callaghan (BA-99), Damascus, Md., and his wife, Jenney, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Lawrence, born in February.

Stacey (McDaniel) Mueller (BS-99), Orange Park, Fla., worked at Cook Marketing Communications in Jacksonville. Stacey and her husband,

Darrin Muller (BA-99), have two daughters.

Brandon Rohn (BS-99) and **Joy Strayer** (BA-04), Evans, married in July 2006. Brandon works for Kraft Pizza Co. and Joy is employed at Chappelow Magnet School.

Brian Schiller (BS-99), Greeley, was named Outstanding National Young Farmer Member at the 40th National Young Farmer Educational Institute. Brian has been with Flood and Peterson Insurance Co. since 2000 and is president of the Fort Morgan Young Farmers chapter.

Brian Tuttle (BMA-99, MM-04), Waterville, N.Y., hosts a regular two-hour program on the Hamilton College (Clinton, N.Y.) radio station on Friday nights. Brian is a major in the Air Force National Guard, assigned to NEADS in Rome, N.Y.

2000s

Jenny Fellner (BA-00), New York City, and her sister **Emily Fellner** (BM-04), Sturgis, S.D., star in the national touring production of *All Shook Up*. Jenny played Sophie in Broadway's *Mamma Mia*, and has been directed by Julie Andrews in *The Boy Friend*.

Greg Keating (BA-00), Thornton, sells real estate for RE/MAX Horizons in Broomfield. He and his wife have two children.

Jerry Raehal (BA-00), Craig, is the editor of the *Craig Daily Press* after previously serving as editor and general manager of the *Mollala Pioneer* in Mollala, Ore., and sports editor

of the *Rawlins Daily Times* in Rawlins, Wyo.

Rudy Cardenas (BM-01), North Hollywood, Calif., appeared in the 2007 *American Idol* competition and performs with m-pact, a band crowned best vocal group at the 2005 LA Music Awards. The band won Billboard's prestigious "Best Unsigned Band" contest and released its first self-titled album for national distribution.

Brandie Archer (BA-02), Greeley, married Eric Campbell in September.

Rachel (Strom) Norris (BA-02), St. Louis, is a nurse at Barnes Jewish Hospital.

Amity King (MA-03), Centennial, is an in-home family therapist for delinquent teens and their parents and works with younger children through a partnership with Cherry Creek Family Counseling. Amity also facilitates a support group for children affected by Huntington's disease.

Larissa (McConnell) Thomas (BS-03), Kimball, Neb., and her husband, Derek, own Thomas Studios in Kimball.

Katherine Tuesta (BS-03), Lakewood, is a financial analyst with Encana Oil and Gas in Denver.

Richell (Knapp) Carmichael (BS-04), Colorado Springs, is pursuing a master's degree in management. Richell and her husband, Jason, who works at Christy Sports and owns an outdoor adventure guiding service, enjoy snowboarding, rock climbing and hiking.

Sarah (Cervenka) Fitzpatrick (BS-04), Loveland, is a registered nurse at Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital. Sarah is married to **Ryan Fitzpatrick** (BS-05), who teaches physical education at Meeker Elementary School in Greeley.

Thomas Fowler (BA-04) and **Eric Olson** (BS-05), both of Greeley, founded A Film Co. LLC, offering broad base filming and video services. Projects have included a fundraising video, a TV show pilot, a Colorado Ice commercial and various wedding and event videos. While working on their first feature-length film, Tom and Eric also plan to organize a Northern Colorado film festival for late summer 2007.

Alisa Frazzini (BA-04), New York City, works for Donors Choose, a nonprofit agency that raises money for cultural programs not funded by school districts.

Kari (Jarrell) Quammen (BA-04), Greeley, and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their son, Evan, born in July. Kari works as a supervisor at Target.

Wade Sumpter (BA-04), Fowler, qualified for the Wrangler National Rodeo Finals in steer wrestling in 2006, finishing ninth in the world standings. As a professional steer wrestler, he also won the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Tour Round at the California Rodeo Salinas, the Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo in Burlington, the Black Hills Roundup in Belle Fourche, S.D., the Pioneer Days Rodeo in Clovis, N.M., and was co-champion of the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Tour Round at Rodeo Austin. During amateur competition in 1999-



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2000, Wade was the Colorado steer wrestling state champion.

Jennifer (Benson) Hastings (BS-05), Greeley, is an agent with Country Insurance and Financial Services.

Jessica Sherwood (BA-05), Thornton, works in the admissions office at the University of Denver.

Peter Gerlach (MA-06), Washington, D.C., is a development and communications assistant at Lutheran Volunteer Corps. He married Catherine Sinnwell in September.

Jenni Muller (BA-06), Denver, works for Petroleum Development Corp. as a lease analyst.

Emeritus Faculty/Friends

William H. "Bill" Southard, Greeley, celebrated his 90th birthday in October. A lawyer in Greeley since 1941, Bill also served on the UNC board of trustees (1965-71, 1973-75) and UNC Foundation board of directors (1966-73). He has visited 152 countries and written three books on his world travels.

Doris Steffy, Green Valley, Ariz., authored *Mrs. Steffy: Our Mother, the Mortician*, a book about her mother's courageous journey from homemaker to funeral director. Doris was a professor of physical education at UNC from 1950-81.



UNC Bears in Hawaii Sept. 1, 2007

Join the Alumni Association for events in Hawaii this fall including a pregame tailgate party at Aloha Stadium and a Northern Colorado vs. University of Hawaii football game.

Visit the Alumni Association website for more details or contact us at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or alumni@unco.edu.

IN MEMORY

ALUMNI

Louis E. Ingelhart (BA-42, MA-47), a champion of First Amendment rights for students and professor emeritus of journalism at Ball State



University, passed away in January. His journalism assignments began at UNC as a sports publication editor and continued through teaching experiences at a number of schools and universities in Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri, until he joined the Ball State faculty in 1953. A recipient of UNC's Honored Alumni award and the Mesa State College Outstanding Alumnus Award, Ingelhart also received the Hugh M. Hefner First

Amendment Award and numerous other journalism and free-press awards, including induction in the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame, the Ball State Journalism Hall of Fame, College Media Advisory Hall of Fame and the Colorado Community Journalism Hall of Fame.

Warren P. (Bud) Best (MA-50) passed away in February. Best's teaching and coaching experience began at Albion Public Schools and Norfolk Public Schools before coming to UNC in 1957. He became backfield football coach, head swimming coach and assistant baseball coach while teaching health and physical education at UNC. After completing advance coursework in school administration, Best was appointed director of placement services at UNC in 1967, remaining in that position for 18 years. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1985.



EMERITUS FACULTY/FRIENDS



Glenn W. McDonald, a former supervisor of the campus mail system and retiree from the U.S. Postal Service, passed away in January, while spending time in Boise with his son's family. A long-time supporter of UNC's athletic and music programs and activities, McDonald was well-known

Pictured left with his wife, Phyllis (Duffield) McDonald (BA-43, MA-60), who passed away in 2001.

in the Greeley community for his involvement and participation in many church and civic organizations.

Walter Stewart, former UNC professor, passed away in February. A journalism teacher at UNC from 1968-84, he was instrumental in the establishment of the college's first community journalism program and double-intern program and also started

Pictured right with his wife of 36 years, Elma.

the Colorado Community Journalism Hall of Fame and the Journalism Center. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1984. A graduate of the University of Missouri, Stewart received his master's degree at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul and his doctorate at the University of Southern Illinois.



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Thomas R. Benich, former UNC track and football coach from 1963-86, passed away in January. He coached 16 track and two cross country All Americans and was inducted into the UNC Hall of Fame in 1998 for coaching track, and in 1999 with the 1969 UNC football team. Benich was also inducted into the Colorado Officials Hall of Fame. Emeritus faculty status was granted in 1987.

UNC Professor **Patricia Wilkins-Wells** passed away in January. At the time of her death, Wilkins-Wells was a lecturer of sociology at UNC and taught courses in minority studies, gender issues, family studies, the community and social research methods. A graduate of CU and CSU, Patricia also taught a distance learning course in rural sociology for many years through CSU's Division of Continuing Education.

1930s

Elberta (Harper) Wanser (LC-30)
Edna (Kilmer) Loomis (LC-34)
Elmer Burkhard (BA-36, MA-42, EdD-70)
Jean Goudy (BA-36, MA-39)



Robert Duggan (above) (BA-39, MA-41)

1940s

Pauline (Reddish) Harbaugh (BA-43)
Dan Straight (BA-46, MA-50)
Dorothea (Stroh) Brigham (BA-48)
Ivan Gilbaugh (BA-48)

1950s

Robert S. Latham (BA-50)
Elizabeth Little (MA-51)
Phyllis (Payne) Roberts (BA-51)
Natalie Ottoson (BA-52, MA-68)
Mary Deane (BA-53, MA-60)
Barbara Jean (Palmer) Johnson (BA-53)
Dixie (Wykert) Steen (BA-53)
Phyllis Ceretto (BA-55)
Paul F. Hedge (BA-55)
James R. Kelley (BA-57, MA-61)

1960s

Garland Lockrem (MA-64)
Edith (Pratt) Painter (EdD-64)
Calista (Simmons) Fiscus (MA-66)
Kent Nehrboss (BA-66, MA-68, EdS-76)
Lanson H. Harris (MA-69)

1970s

John C. Alsop (BA-70, MA-72)
Tommy Schack (BS-71)

Patricia (Ward) Rubano (BA-74)
Juanita Nelson (EdD-77)

1980s

Daniel C. Petersen (EdD-80)
Patricia (Salberg) Schaffer (BA-83, MA-94)
Marjory L. Robinson (BS-87)
Penny (Sand) Sandford (BA-87)
W. Christopher Culver (DA-88, MM-90)

1990s

Kenneth D. Roderick (BS-90)
Tracie (Landenberger) Dotson (BA-91)
Amy (Willox) Smart (BA-91)
Heather (Hodges) Garraus (BA-92)
Douglas E. Seward (BA-99)

2000s

Vicki Perrine (PhD-01)
Margaret (Bonanno) Knight (MA-03)
Christian Mock (BS-04)

calendar

OF EVENTS

MAY	4	Cumbres Fiesta Scholarship Dinner, 5:30 pm, University Center Panorama Room
	7-9	Los Angeles Showcase for the College of Performing and Visual Arts
	11	Graduate Commencement, 7 pm, Butler Hancock Sports Pavilion
	12	Undergraduate Commencement, 10 am, Nottingham Field
	19	Bears Baseball Fundraising Dinner, 5:30 pm, Denver Merchandise Mart, featuring former Rockies' player Vinnie Castilla
JUNE	15	NAIFA Golf Outing, Boomerang Golf Course, Greeley
	18	Accounting Alumni Golf Outing, Vista Ridge Golf Course, Erie, Colo.
	28	Blue and Gold Club Scholarship Golf Tournament, Fox Acres Golf Club at Red Feather Lakes, 10 am
JULY	14	Colorado Sky Sox Game and Pregame BBQ, 6 pm picnic, 7:05 pm game, Security Service Field, Colorado Springs
	29	Hawaii Alumni Brunch, 10:30 am, Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki
AUGUST	16	Union Colony Bank Sports Kickoff, 5 pm, Nottingham Field
	25	UNC Athletics Reverse Raffle Fundraising Dinner, time and location TBD
SEPTEMBER	1	Bears Football and Tailgate Party, University of Hawaii Aloha Stadium, Oahu
	8	Bears Football Home Opener vs. Chadron State
	15	Bears Football and Tailgate Party at the University of San Diego

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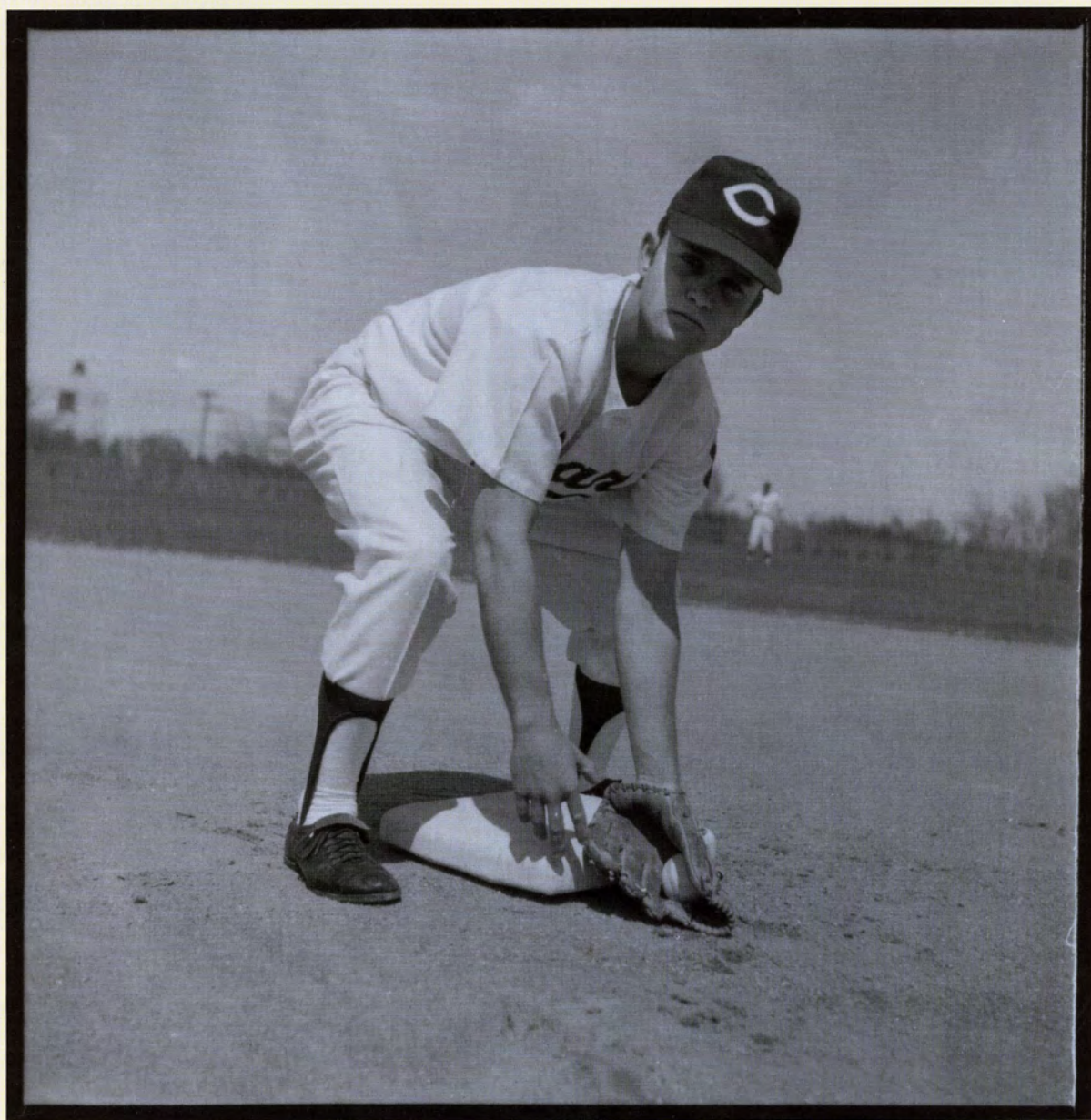
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