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'CHASING ICE': Graduate student Adam LeWinter was dispatched to the Arctic as part of the team that produced the 2012 Sundance Film Festival Award-winning documentary *Chasing Ice*. Crews placed time-lapse cameras throughout the region to track multiyear changes in glaciers (movie trailer at chasingice.com). Among LeWinter's observations was the aurora borealis in Svinafellsjökull Glacier, Iceland. At left, a tower of ice clings to the Columbia Glacier via a submarine tongue in Alaska. LeWinter, who is working on a master's degree in Earth Sciences, also studies volcanic eruption activity using laser technology with UNC Professor Steven Anderson (page 4).

Photos courtesy of Adam LeWinter / Jeff Orlowski, *Extreme Ice Survey*



LeWinter's profile and slideshow of photos at www.unco.edu/news/?4477



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EDITOR'S NOTE: HELP US BETTER SERVE YOU

We know the only way we can improve is by listening to you. Your feedback guides us in planning and designing the magazine to focus on publishing the types of stories that most interest you. A short readership survey will be emailed randomly in November. We want your honest assessment. Responses are tallied but not linked to individual names or email addresses, so they remain anonymous. But don't feel like you have to wait for an email to appear in your inbox before chiming in. We read every email we receive at northernvision@unco.edu.

— Nate Haas (MS-04)

10 Things I've Learned at UNC



In July 2002, I wasn't certain I would have the privilege of reflecting on 10 years as UNC president. UNC is indeed a great teaching and learning community, and I have learned a great deal here. In no particular order, here's a list of things that I believe I have learned during the past 10 years:

1. The human factor is essential.
2. Leadership is a shared responsibility.
3. Freedom to be creative requires freedom to fail.
4. What invigorates some people terrifies others.
5. Crisis doesn't produce lasting change.
6. The funding model for public higher education is irretrievably broken.
7. A university should not be run just like a business.
8. Bigger isn't always better.
9. Perspective matters.
10. You have to be honest with yourself.

—From Kay Norton's *State of the University campus address* Sept. 25. Norton elaborates on the list during the 30-minute speech.



A video recording and transcript of the speech are available at www.unco.edu/president

ASK THE PRESIDENT

Do you have a question about the university that you would like to ask UNC President Kay Norton? Send your question to northernvision@unco.edu. We'll select questions and answers to print in future editions of *Northern Vision*.

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Answer this question and others, and read other responses for the UNC Collective — a project to encourage interaction, build spirit and pride, and illustrate our sense of community.



www.unco.edu/collective

And be sure to download a free campus poster (right) and other freebies at www.unco.edu/life



A Different Way to Work

What does Assistant Professor of History T.J. Tomlin have in common with playwright George Bernard Shaw, writer Alice Walker, composer Leonard Bernstein and scores of other creative minds? They're all considered "shedworkers"—people who, when they work from home, use a small structure detached from their house to improve their work-life balance and increase their creative productivity.

Tomlin, who works from his backyard "shed" that's been featured on a British shedworking website, finds shedworking as enjoyable as he had hoped.



Read more of his thoughts on shedworking in an interview available at www.unco.edu/northernvision



LISTEN IN

"Discipline isn't just a behavior, it's also about structure and having a goal or dream. The most important parts of my life — faith, family and karate — reflect those components and help me maintain a lifestyle I've known for the past 30 years."

—Tobias Guzmán, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Access, and black belt martial artist. At www.unco.edu/northernvision, read a Q&A with Guzman on how karate serves as a conversation starter with prospective students. Photo by Hannah Swick

A Sound Practice

About 17 percent of Americans between ages 12-19 have hearing loss related to hazardous noise, and research implies a connection: 87 percent of 13-20 year olds had used headphones in the past year. Those figures from separate studies were cited in *The Jolene Cookbook*. The step-by-step guide, created by the Dangerous Decibels international program and edited by UNC's Deanna Meinke, shows how to turn a mannequin into a sound-measurement device. Earphones are inserted into a silicone ear to determine whether the decibels reflect a safe listening level. Meinke, fellow Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences faculty Donald Finan and their students were among the first to use the cookbook during beta testing. The group has now constructed 19 of the "Jolenes," as they're called. They're being used to educate the public, including at KUSA's 9HealthFair In the Classroom program, where students can test sound levels of their own devices.

MANNEQUIN TORSO WITH HEAD: \$55

SILICONE EAR: \$18

PAINT: \$4 A CAN

10 STEP 10: Take to public venues to promote hearing health and safe music listening.

9 STEP 9: Clothes and accessories — designed to pique curiosity.

8 STEP 8: Install the microphone wire and re-insert the silicone ear.

7 STEP 7: Painting (3-4 coats). Remove silicone ears, wires and sound-level meter. Add a coat or two of clear gloss to protect against chips and cracking.

FAST FACT: The cookbook has been downloaded in all 50 states, four territories and 35 countries worldwide. Read more at www.unco.edu/news/?4045

Photos by Nicolette Bardos and courtesy of Deanna Meinke

1 STEP 1: Cut the ear holes. A template of the silicone ear is used to draw an outline on a side of the head. A jigsaw is then used to cut a hole that the silicone ear will fit in.

2 STEP 2: Install support brackets. This reinforces the ear, now placed in the ear opening, to keep it from falling inside the head.

3 STEP 3: Remove the microphone from the sound-level meter and attach electrical wire and plug. Soldering and careful attention to detail required.

4 STEP 4: Drill the microphone hole into the ear. The microphone should fit snugly in the ear.

5 STEP 5: Drill a hole in the body and attach jack for sound-level meter.

6 STEP 6: Calibrate the sound-level meter — needed to ensure readings are accurate.

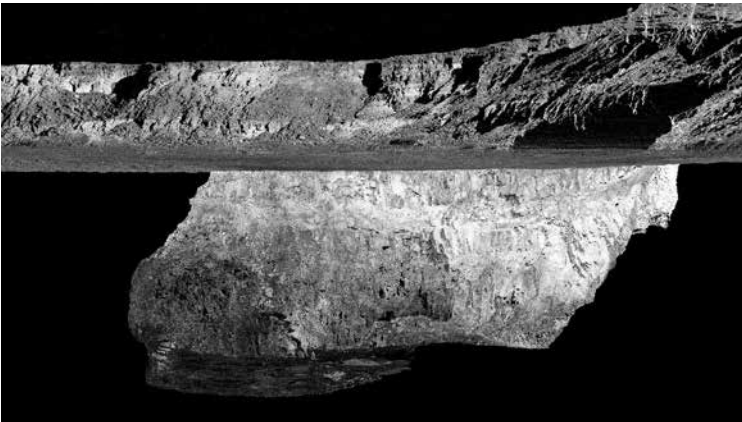
SOUND-LEVEL METER: \$30

CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES: \$20






HOT SPOT: Researchers (L-R) Ananda Fowler, Adam LeWinter and David Finnegan at a volcano in Hawaii use laser technology to map the crater, lava lake and new vent. Falling rock causes explosions in the lake, below. The left side of the vent's sloped and u-shaped rock wall, the black portion in the 3D photo (bottom), juts out precariously over the lake and was discovered after taking the image. *Photos courtesy of Steven Anderson*



BBC Features UNC Professor, Student at Hawaiian Volcano

UNC researchers are continuing to take measurements of a Hawaiian volcano to better understand how it behaves and changes, and the dangers it poses. Their work at the Halemaumau crater was the subject of a BBC series on volcanoes that aired last summer. Professor Steven Anderson and graduate student Adam LeWinter used LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to create a 3D map of the crater, and a new vent and lava lake (pictured bottom left). The Halemaumau crater is approximately 3,600 feet in diameter. The crater that opened in 2008 was roughly 525 feet in diameter and 158 feet deep at the time it was measured in February by researchers from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory and UNC. By repeating measurements using LIDAR, which can penetrate thick steam and gas, Anderson and LeWinter can determine the rate the crater walls are disintegrating (erosion can cause large explosions when rock fall into the lava lake) and also track the lava lake level.

 Read Anderson's first-person account and see his photos of an active volcano in Russia at www.unco.edu/news/?4216



CHEMIST EXPLORING NEXT GENERATION OF LEDs

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Robin Macaluso is leading a grant-funded project that could result in more affordable, longer-lasting light-emitting diodes, or LEDs.

Macaluso and her team, which includes UNC graduate student Molly Jennifer Anderson (right), and a colleague from Oregon State University, will analyze an under explored class of materials known as pyrochlore oxynitrides, a ceramic that's inexpensive to produce and shows promise for use in LEDs.

Macaluso's team will conduct experiments in labs at UNC and Oregon State and at national neutron and X-ray scattering facilities. *Photos by Barry LaPoint*



Read the full story at
www.unco.edu/news/?4076



Study Offers Tips for Parents

A UNC study published in *School Psychology International* concludes that parent expectations have a stronger effect on academic success than various forms of home-based parental involvement. Assistant Professor of School Psychology John Mark Froiland and Ph.D. student Aubrey Peterson, along with a University of Minnesota colleague, analyzed data involving more than 7,600 parents and children nationwide. Froiland offers the following tips.

DO:

- Read to children ages 2-5 every day. Explain the meaning of vocabulary words and frequently visit the library together.
- Express your hopes, from preschool to young adulthood, that your children will do well in school and pursue the highest degree they're capable of (the study found that parent expectations that their kindergarten-aged children would succeed in college predicted eighth-grade achievement in math, reading and science.)
- Point them to the deeper purposes in learning — one of the greatest is to help others — throughout life.

DON'T:

- Nag them about grades and homework. In middle and high school, children often struggle with their independence and may perceive questions such as "Shouldn't you go study right now?" as controlling.
- Emphasize grades and other rewards so much that children lose sight of the real value of learning.
- Allow your children to associate you solely with pressure and demands. It's important to keep the relationship strong by spending time with your children and show unconditional love so that they know that they are accepted by you regardless of how well they perform in school.



Read the full story and study at www.unco.edu/news/?4165

Research Shows Promise for Drug to Treat West Nile, Related Viruses

Susan Keenan, associate professor and director of the School of Biological Sciences, and Brian Geiss, assistant professor of Microbiology at Colorado State University, have filed a provisional patent for the technology they developed to produce a drug that can stop replication of West Nile, dengue and yellow fever viruses. These viruses continue to plague two-thirds of the world's population and no clinically useful antiviral drugs are currently available.

Keenan has spent the past 10 years trying to find small molecules that inhibit the function of a protein or enzyme that's essential for the survival of the viruses or parasites and that can be used as drugs to fight the illnesses.

The researchers screened large chemical libraries for molecules that inhibited this enzyme, then used computer modeling to identify molecules that were better able to bind to the viral protein. One of the molecules they found was able to reduce virus replication in cells by more than 1,000-fold.

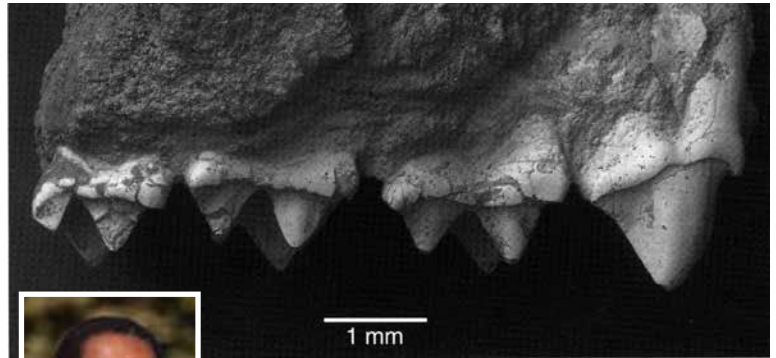


Read the full story at www.unco.edu/news/?4019


FAST FACT: The 3,545 cases of West Nile virus reported to the Centers for Disease Control through the first nine months of 2012 was the most for a nine-month period since 1999, when the virus was first detected in the United States.



Photo of fossil courtesy of University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology



Africana Studies Professor George Junne, who released a book this fall about the real story behind the Civil War movie *Glory*, was also recognized by The Council of the Paleontological Society for his archaeological contributions. Among his discoveries since 1981 are new species that have been named for him. That includes *Macrocranium junnei* — from a six-millimeter fossil of the carnivore's jawbone and set of teeth (pictured) that Junne found in Wyoming's Bighorn Basin.

 Read a profile of Junne at www.unco.edu/news/?4126



James A. Michener Library


The first in a series on the names behind UNC buildings

The famous author earned a master's degree from what is now UNC, where he conceived the idea for *Centennial*, while teaching social studies at the training school from 1936 to 1941.

Michener's first novel, *Tales from the South Pacific*, was published in 1947 and earned him the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Over six decades, he wrote more than 40 novels, which included nine best-sellers.

He returned to Greeley in the early-1970s to research and pen *Centennial*, one of the most acclaimed books ever written about Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West. A TV miniseries was adapted from the book.

Michener also returned to UNC to speak during the dedication of the library, which is commemorating the 40th anniversary of the event (online: library.unco.edu/40th). Shortly before his death in October 1997, having previously donated his papers, he designated UNC as the home of his writing and publishing legacy. Flip to page 31 to answer this issue's trivia question about the library.

 For more about Michener's life at UNC, and History Professor Michael Welsh's effort to keep the novelist's legacy alive in northern Colorado, visit www.unco.edu/news/?4448

Tuning In to Bears NCAA Action

Bears home and away football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball games are broadcast live via free streaming video by Big Sky TV. To sign up for the pass, go to www.americasports.com/bigsky.asp and follow the prompts, keeping in mind that even though it appears that you have to "purchase" a pass, it's free and no credit card is required.

Also, regional TV sports networks such as Altitude Sports and Entertainment broadcast some Bears' games. Those games are indicated in each sport's schedule at www.uncbears.com as soon as broadcast information is received from a network. The website also includes recaps and the results of all of the teams' competitions within a few hours of their completion.


To attend the Bears home games in person, buy tickets in advance online at www.unco.edu/tickets or via phone, (970) 351-4TIX (4849). Tickets can be purchased at the venue the day of the game or match, space permitting.



CATCH THE BEARS: Can't make it to campus to attend football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball games? Watch live games for free online.

Grad School Marks 100 Years

In 1913, the first three students enrolled in a graduate program in teaching from what is now UNC. Since then, 53,457 students have earned licensure, master, specialist and doctoral degrees — and about 2,400 students enroll in the graduate school each year.

 As part of the celebration commemorating a century of graduate education, UNC will create a website to share the school's history and invite stories from graduates. The site will be available at www.unco.edu/grad

Ringing in an OLYMPIAN

Story by Matt Schuman (BA-86)

QB-turned-pugilist punches his ticket to the Summer Games after transitioning to a sport he knew nothing about four years ago

DOMINIC BREAZEALE

Sport: Boxing
Birthdate: Aug., 24, 1985
Birthplace: Alhambra, Calif.
Height: 6-foot-6-inches
Weight Class: Men's Super Heavyweight
201-plus pounds
In just four years, Breazeale's boxing accomplishments include:

- 2012 Americas Qualifier, Silver Medalist (top three qualify for Olympics)
- 2012 USA Boxing National Champion
- 2011 USA Boxing National Championship, Bronze Medalist

As Dominic Breazeale's UNC football career was winding down in 2007, his phone rang. On the line was a recruiter on behalf of a national boxing program seeking the next generation of great heavyweight champions.

Michael King is the force behind All-American Heavyweights. A heavyweight in his own right in the boxing and entertainment business, he is also known as the president and CEO of King World Productions, which syndicated such television hits as *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *Wheel of Fortune*.

"Prior to him recruiting me, I had no idea" about the sport, says the Bears' former starting quarterback (BA-08). "I'd never stepped foot in a boxing gym, and I had never been around any boxer before in my life."

That, and his NFL aspirations, kept him from accepting.

IN HIS BLOOD



From the time he played little league growing up in Alhambra, Calif., Breazeale's ultimate passion was football. He went on to become a star quarterback for Alhambra High School and spent two years at Mt. San Antonio College before transferring to UNC in 2006.

At UNC, his numbers on the field weren't likely to draw interest from NFL scouts (2,468 passing yards, 10 touchdown passes), but his 6-foot-6-inch, 260-pound frame and his athletic ability intrigued them.

With some NFL teams showing interest, Breazeale still had dreams of a professional football career. He declined the offer from All-American Heavyweights.

It was only after realizing that he wasn't going to get an offer from an NFL team that Breazeale changed his mind. He had no idea what to expect.

"I never boxed in my life, but I figured I had the competitive edge to compete in the sport," Breazeale says.

"I saw his work ethic and there was just something about that kid, that sparkle in his eyes, that if anybody can do, it was this kid."

—Manny Robles, Breazeale's trainer

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

All-American Heavyweights sought athletes who had played at a high level, such as Division I, and were at least 6-foot-3-inches and 230 pounds. Breazeale certainly fit the bill and popped up on the organization's radar.

When he walked into The Rock Boxing Gym in Carson, Calif., to begin his training, it was obvious that he had the potential to do something special in the ring.

He began working with trainer Manny Robles, a longtime veteran in the sport who was immediately impressed.

"This gym was loaded with heavyweights at one time," Robles says. "From day one, I saw Dominic, and I saw his work ethic. And there was just something about that kid, that sparkle in his eyes, that if anybody can do it, it was this kid."

Starting from scratch, Breazeale had a lot to learn, including basics like the proper way to put on boxing gloves.

The more he learned, the better he became. Soon his talent would show on a world stage.

'UNLIMITED POTENTIAL': Breazeale's meteoric rise to the Olympics, where he faced his Russian opponent (above), affirmed the assessment of the fledgling boxer.

Photo by Jack Guez / AFP / Getty Images





FOOTBALL FIRST: The 6-foot-6-inch former Bears quarterback initially balked at an offer to box because it interfered with his NFL goal.

PROVING HIMSELF QUICKLY

Breazeale started with a couple of amateur fights. His confidence grew with each one.

By the time the Olympic Trials rolled around in February, Breazeale was ready to make a name for himself. Only four years after starting his career, he came away with the gold medal by scoring the winning point in the last second of the USA Boxing National Championship on March 3.

The medal secured his spot in the Olympic qualifying event, the Americas Qualifier, last May in Rio de Janeiro. Breazeale won two matches before losing in the finals and taking home the silver medal. It was enough to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team — an amazing feat, especially for being so new to the sport.

“Typically you start out when you’re in your early teens,” Robles says. “This kid is just one of these boys that is really strong and has unlimited potential.”

LONDON BOUND

After months of training and fine-tuning, Breazeale was ready for the journey to London.

By his side at the Olympics were family, including his wife, Christina, and friends. He wanted to take his two sons, DeAngelo (4) and Devin (6 months), but he thought it would be too difficult in a city with so many people.

DeAngelo became his dad’s biggest fan and cheerleader back home. Throughout the games, DeAngelo wouldn’t take off a T-shirt his father sent him.

“He was really proud of his dad being in the Olympics,” Breazeale says. “So that was kind of cool, you know.”

From the time he stepped off the plane, Breazeale was still having trouble actually believing he was really an Olympian.

He had butterflies from the moment he put on the Olympic uniform and marched into the opening ceremonies.

In the Olympic Village, following training, he would hang out in a little courtyard in awe of all the famous athletes surrounding him.

“To be able to meet people like Michael Phelps and Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, people like that, it was phenomenal.”

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Finally, it was his time to compete.

As he awaited his match against Magomed Omarov of the Russian Federation, the anxiety grew. He was in the back of the arena eager to get into the ring. Finally, as he strode toward the ring, he heard the announcer belt out his name. At that moment, the realization hit him that he was an Olympian.

“Going up and walking into the arena for a normal bout is nothing special. It is just kind of ‘go back to work,’” Breazeale says. “But when I walked into the ropes to go into the ring in the Olympic center there, I knew I was on a big stage, and you could definitely feel it.”

Unfortunately, it was a quick exit for Breazeale, who lost a 19-8 decision to Omarov.

However, it was an experience he will never forget.

ON TO A NEW FUTURE

With the Olympics behind him, Breazeale is eyeing his future.

After graduating from UNC with a degree in Criminal Justice, Breazeale considered a career in law enforcement, working with at-risk kids.

“Any time I can help a person out, a young kid or an adult, I am definitely willing to do it,” Breazeale says. “It is just the kind of person that I am. ...I would love to use my degree to work with troubled youth or at-risk youth as an adviser or counselor.”

For now, his life is in the boxing ring. He won’t make a bid for a return to the Olympics, instead opting to go forward with a professional career.

He is currently in negotiations with one of the most respected promoters in the business, Al Haymon, who manages welterweight champion Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Breazeale is working with trainer John Bray, a former U.S. amateur heavyweight champion at Pullmans Boxing Gym in Burbank, Calif.

“There is so much work that is put in, and it is such a big relief when everything is said and done,” Breazeale says. “I would have loved to win a medal in general, but knowing that I went all the way and got so far, for it to come to a close in the great fashion that England did in that closing ceremony, was great. It was awesome.” **NV**

—Matt Schuman (BA-86), a journalist for 26 years, covers UNC athletics for the Greeley Tribune.

UNC OLYMPIC CONNECTIONS:

PATRICK BURRIS (BA-72) wrestled at UNC and went to the 1972 and 1976 Olympics in judo and wrestling. He also coached the 1996 USA Judo Olympic Team.

DORNA SCHROETER (MA-81) served as range communicator at the biathlon venue for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid and was also chosen to represent the venue’s officials in the opening ceremony.

SCOTT HASSON (EdD-82) served as assistant wrestling coach at UNC and was part of China’s Sports Training & Rehabilitation Committee for the London Olympics.

WILLIAM H. WHITE III (BA-82) ran track at UNC and went to the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in the bobsled.

HUNG YAN CHEN (EdD-93) represented Taiwan in the 1984 Olympics (javelin).

BOB GAMBARELLA (MA-97) worked on the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Taekwondo, USA Volleyball and organized the 2010 Youth Olympics in Singapore.

PING-KUN “PETER” CHIU (PhD-05), a 1988 Olympian from Taiwan (archery), now coaches the Taiwan Olympic Archers.

KENNY HASHIMOTO (BA-10) was an alternate in judo for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

LISA ELSON (MS-10) was coordinator of the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.

TONY ROSSI, the late head coach of the men’s gymnastics team, was an athletic trainer and a faculty member at UNC from 1949-83. He was on the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1956-60 and was named USOC Trainer of the Year in 1954.

DAVID STOTLAR, Sport and Exercise Science professor, was selected by the USOC as a delegate to the International Olympic Academy in Greece and the World University Games Forum in Italy. He also served as a venue media center supervisor for the 2002 Olympic Games.

GARY SWANSON, Mildred S. Hansen endowed chair and distinguished journalist-in-residence, covered the London Olympics and Beijing Olympics for China Central Television. He was part of NBC’s coverage team for the Barcelona Olympics.



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A DAY IN THE

Story by Brady McCombs / Photos by Dean Knuth

DESERT



RIDE ALONG WITH A FEDERAL AGENT ON THE BUSIEST SECTION OF THE 2,000-MILE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

SELLS, ARIZ. — AGENT JEFFREY HERRO TURNS AGAINST THE MIDDAY SUN AND WALKS BACKWARD AS HE STUDIES THE DESERT FLOOR.

Herro (BA-99) and two other Border Patrol agents track a pair of footprints — one a cross-trainer shoe and the other a carpet bootie used as a cover by smugglers to conceal shoe prints.

Over the last hour, Herro has trekked 2 ½ miles north in the 95-degree heat amid the cactus, mesquite trees and hard sand. The only breaks have been to stop and discuss strategy. They don't want to fall too far behind a group spotted hours earlier by agents using a high-tech surveillance system.

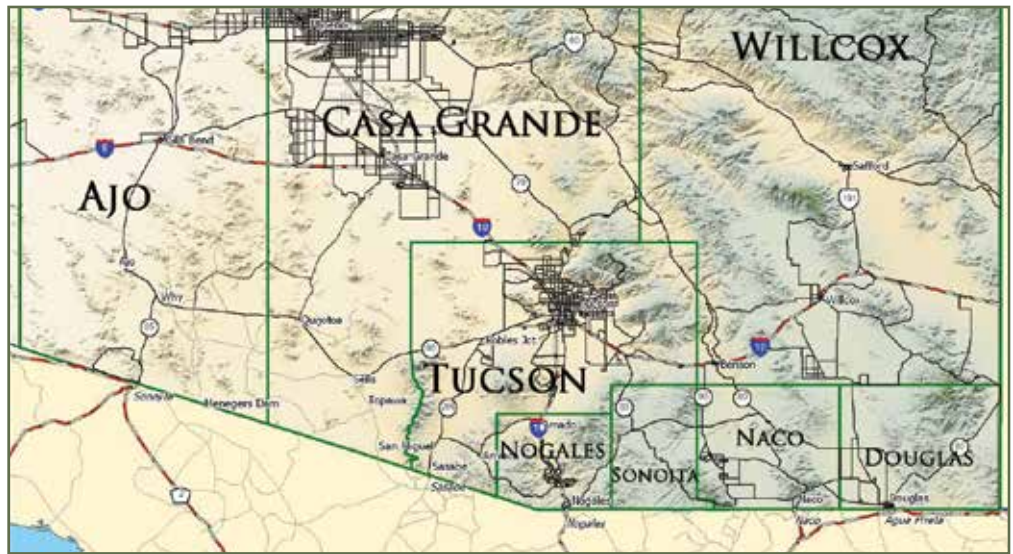
"Sometimes it's just easier to walk backwards," Herro says. "You can see the sign better."

Learning to "track sign," as agents say, is one of many tricks the UNC graduate has learned in his 12 years in the U.S. Border Patrol. Today, he's a supervisory agent in the green-clad agency that has become the face of the United States' border security efforts.

After graduating from UNC in December 1999 with a degree in Sociology and an emphasis in Criminal Justice, Herro sought a law enforcement job with the federal government. One night, while browsing the Internet, an ad popped up to apply online for the Border Patrol.

"I didn't know what I was applying for," he says. "I just knew it was a federal job."

ON THE BORDER: An A-Star helicopter flies behind Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Jeffrey Herro as he looks for footprints in the desert while tracking a group of border crossers who recently passed through the area.



EXPANSIVE REGION: The Tucson Sector (see map above) includes 4,000 Border Patrol agents in eight stations that provide coverage from the New Mexico state line to the Yuma County line in Arizona. At left, a discarded carpet bootie, used to conceal shoe prints in the desert, where a herd of horses roams.

There are 22,000 agents today, compared to 4,000 in 1992. The nearly \$12 billion budget of the Border Patrol's parent agency, Customs and Border Protection, is double what it was in 2004, the first year after the Department of Homeland Security was created.

Co-workers from an internship he had done with a different federal agency put him in touch with a few retired Border Patrol agents. The way they described the job sounded interesting to Herro, an adventurous young man looking to see other parts of the country.

A few months later, Herro was hired by the Border Patrol and sent to Ajo, Ariz.

"It has been fun ever since," says Herro, 35.

INTO THE EYE OF THE STORM

Herro knew little of the Border Patrol growing up in Denver and not just because he lived in a non-border state. The agency used to be a relatively small, underfunded agency.

But over the past 15 years, the Border Patrol has undergone a historic buildup. The agency was already growing before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, shifted the nation's focus to shoring up its borders and sent the agency's growth into overdrive.

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When Herro was hired and sent to Arizona in 2000, he was sent into the eye of a brewing storm.

A mid-1990s security push by the U.S. government beefed up enforcement in Texas and California — the two busiest crossing spots for drugs and people at that time — funneling traffic into Arizona. Authorities expected southern Arizona's harsh desert and deadly heat to be a natural deterrent from crossing.

It wasn't.

By the time Herro put on the uniform in 2000, Arizona had become the busiest stretch of the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border that extends from the Pacific Ocean in California to the Gulf

of Mexico in Texas. As the agency grew, a buildup of fences and technology coming along with it, Arizona became the focal point of the Border Patrol's operations.

Today, 4,000 of the Border Patrol's 22,000 agents are stationed in the "Tucson Sector," which covers most of Arizona from the New Mexico state line to the Yuma County line in western Arizona. A little less than half of all the apprehensions of illegal immigrants and seizures of marijuana made by the Border Patrol along the Southwest border occur in the Tucson Sector.

Herro was sent to patrol in a station based in the tiny town of Ajo, Ariz., an old mining town located 135 miles west of Tucson near one of the largest Indian reservations in the country, the Tohono O'odham Reservation.

"I looked it up on a map and said, 'It's kind of close to Phoenix. That's cool,'" Herro remembers. "Come to find out it's an hour and a half outside of Phoenix."

After being sworn, he was sent from Tucson to Charleston, S.C., for the five-month Border Patrol training academy.

"At the time I hated it," Herro says of the stress studying immigration law, learning Spanish, and the physical and firearms training. "But looking back, it was fun. I have great memories."

Herro graduated in the 453rd class of the Border Patrol, created in 1924. (For perspective on growth in the past decade, the agency just graduated the 1,000th class).

He spent his first eight weeks in field training on patrol alongside fellow rookie agents. A supervisory agent taught them about the terrain and landmarks, and how to implement what they learned at the academy in live settings.

After that, as all rookie agents are, Herro was assigned a veteran agent to mentor him over the next three months. Herro's mentor was



Jim Hancock, an agent who had spent 27 years patrolling the area and was renowned within the agency for his tracking skills. That's how the young man from the mountain state learned how to read the desert floor.

"He was a legend in the Border Patrol," Herro says. "He knew everything about sign cutting. Sign cutting is an art."

Herro had plenty of practice. From 2000 to 2006, Border Patrol agents apprehended an average of 950-1,600 people a day in the agency's Tucson Sector.

Herro still remembers the first apprehension he made. It came after a group of illegal border crossers scattered in all directions after a helicopter spotted them near the highway. Herro focused on one man.

"He was running and then just stopped," Herro remembers. "He was like, 'Agghh. I'm done.' And then he tells me in English, 'You guys are impossible to cross here. You caught me three times in two days.'"

He's made thousands of apprehensions since, including many large groups. While on horse patrol in 2004, he and two other agents caught a group of more than 100 illegal immigrants walking together, which was not unusual during the peak years for illegal crossings. During his career, Herro has worked in the agency's horse patrol, ATV unit and in helicopters.

In recent years — due mainly to the economic recession in the United States, but also to the border enforcement buildup that has made it more difficult to cross — there has been a precipitous decline in crossings of illegal immigrants. In the last fiscal year, agents made an average of 337 apprehensions a day in the Tucson Sector.

The smuggling of marijuana, however, hasn't slowed. After spiking in 2009, the seizures of marijuana in the Tucson Sector have remained at record levels each of the past three years.

"I don't think people realize how much dope we catch," Herro says.

He still works in southwestern Arizona, though he's switched stations and now lives with his wife and two stepdaughters in Gilbert, Ariz. Each day, Herro drives 1 ½ hours from his home in the Phoenix suburb to his area of patrol near the U.S.-Mexico border. Some agents patrol close to where they live, but many make long drives like this on a daily basis.

Herro isn't the only UNC graduate who's a Border Patrol Agent in Arizona. Mitch Bierle, a 26-year-old who graduated from UNC in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, has been with the Border Patrol for four years and works in the same station as Herro. (NV: *The Border Patrol granted permission to interview Herro only.*)

BEHIND THE BORDER

FENCE: During his 10-hour shifts, Herro drives about 250 miles a day and walks miles tracking sign — that's him pointing to a shoe print. In the summer, he has to deal with penetrating heat. "It can zap you real quick," he says.

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TALKING STRATEGY: “Some people come up to me and say, ‘Why are you stopping these people from coming in?’” says Herro, left, talking below with Agent Jeremy Copeland at the border fence. “Another way to look at it is everybody you catch is potentially a rescue. Most of the people out here don’t know what they are getting themselves into with the heat.”



HIGH TECH AND OLD SCHOOL

The group that Herro and the agents follows on this day was first spotted using one of the newest gadgets in the agency’s growing technology toolbox. The portable surveillance system includes a tripod mount, long-range infrared sensor and camera, plus a battery and a laptop. The 400-pound units are carried in pieces by three agents into remote areas or atop mountains.

On this day, the surveillance unit was atop a mountain when agents spotted at least 15 people and provided GPS coordinates by radio to agents in SUVs nearby. So far, other agents have caught five men and one woman.

As Herro and two other agents follow the footprints, other agents comb the area for more tracks. Two of the agency’s helicopters—including a massive Blackhawk chopper—have flown out from Tucson to help with the search.

Today’s Border Patrol has an array of technology at its disposal including airplanes, helicopters, drones, ground sensors and tower-mounted and truck-mounted surveillance systems with radar, sensors and cameras.

Despite all of the gadgets, many times catching a group comes down to “Border Patrol 101,” as Herro calls it. That refers to the tracking techniques agents use that aren’t much different than what hunters and American Indians have used for hundreds of years.

“Technology is great, but it’s not a catchall,” says Herro, as he continues walking backward, straining to spot the footprints.

Herro says horses are among the agency’s most valuable assets. While in the horse patrol unit, Herro

had the same horse for 2 ½ years and grew to admire the animal’s innate ability to track people.

“We would be sitting on a trail, anticipating a group coming up and you would see the horses’ ears perk up and aim toward the sound,” Herro says. “That was our cue to get on the horses.”

Most agents patrol in SUVs, spending a big chunk of their day behind the wheel. Herro estimates he drives about 250 miles during his usual 10-hour shift. But agents can only get so far in their vehicles. Most arrests or marijuana seizures culminate on foot.

That’s what Herro is hoping to do now, as he and Supervisory Agent Hugh McNamara work together to stay on the prints. McNamara, a tall man with a long stride, is ahead of Herro, sometimes getting so far in front that they have to use their radios to communicate.

“Right here,” Herro says to McNamara over the radio, when he spots a footprint.

With his boot, Herro marks a line in the dirt. That’s to make sure he knows he’s already been there in case they have to retrace their prints.

“Got it,” McNamara says in a loud voice a few minutes later when he spots a print.

Between the two of them, they’ve followed the prints all the way to one of the few paved roads on the Tohono O’odham Reservation. They know it may be hard to find the prints on the other side of the road, but they’re driven by an extra incentive today. The one woman caught from this group told agents that she got separated from her 8-year-old daughter during the arrest, meaning agents are now searching for a lost girl.



MEET JEFFREY HERRO

Age: 35

Title: Supervisory Agent

Experience: 12 years with U.S. Border Patrol

Education: Bachelor’s degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice (1999)

Family: Married; two step-daughters (ages 10 and 14)

Of note: Works with Mitch Bierle, 26, who graduated from UNC in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and has been with the Border Patrol for four years.

HUNTERS AND SAVIORS

The scorching heat is deadly for people trying to traverse the U.S.-Mexico border. In Arizona, the bodies of more than 2,000 illegal immigrants have been found since 2001. Despite a slowdown in illegal immigration in recent years, the death toll remains basically the same each year. Most perish during the summer when temperatures reach 105-110 degrees for months on end — their one-gallon jug of water not nearly enough to sustain them for crossings that sometimes take five or six days.

Herro has discovered bodies, but has also saved dozens of others from dying. The agents' main mission is in a 'hunter' role, trying to stop people, drugs and potential terrorists from crossing into the country illegally. But the treacherous desert environment means they must be ready to shift into 'savior' mode at any given moment, especially in the summer months.

Herro and McNamara balance both roles during their search. They remain glued to the tracks, but are also looking for any sign of the missing girl.

"When you get a report of a kid like that, it's all hands on deck," says Herro, whose stepdaughters are 14 and 10 years old. "All you want to do is find them alive."

The Arizona heat is brutal, even for veteran agents like Herro who spend big chunks of the day in air-conditioned cars with plenty of ice-cold water.

"It can zap you real quick," Herro says. "Especially in the summer."

He knows how dangerous it can be, which is why the rescues he makes are among the most rewarding parts of his job.

"Some people come up to me and say, 'Why are you stopping these people from coming in?'" Herro says. "Another way to look at it is everybody you catch is potentially a rescue. Most of the people out here don't know what they are getting themselves into with the heat."

The desert extremes can catch people by surprise, too. Even though it's 75 degrees in the day in February, it gets frigid cold at night.

During one summer rescue Herro made, a man started crying and hugged him. A few minutes later, he found two others, who did the same thing. They rescued 42 that day, and one died.

"They all thought they were going to die," Herro says.

EMPTY TODAY

Herro and McNamara are able to pick up what appear to be the same footprints north of the paved road, but then lose them when they reach a stretch of dry yellow grass that makes it nearly impossible to spot them.

"I'm not tracking anything," McNamara radios to Herro. "I lost the sign."

There's no sign of the 8-year-old girl, either.

"This is the frustrating part," Herro says.

The two agents concur it's time to cut their losses and head back to their cars. They will pass along the GPS coordinates of where they last



spotted the footprints to agents coming on for the evening shift, who may be able to find the two men farther north. Of course, it's possible, too, that the two people were picked up in a vehicle at the road and are heading north to Phoenix. (Later, the Border Patrol contacted a family member who would only say that the girl had been located.)

Such is the job of a Border Patrol agent. For every group caught, another gets away amid the sea of cactus, mesquite trees and sandy washes. For every day of multiple captures, there's a day like this that comes up empty.

As they walk back south, a fellow agent drives by and gives them a ride to their vehicles. His shift finished, Herro begins his drive north back to the Phoenix area and reflects on a job he's grown to love.

"Look around, this is my office," says Herro, driving on an isolated road in the wide-open expanses of Arizona's desert. "Yeah, I have a boss but he's not seated in an office right next to me. It's pretty much a different thing every day. I like coming out, working outside, going for hikes."

When his youngest stepdaughter graduates from high school, he and his wife plan to travel or temporarily live in another part of the country. One idea is to move to Washington, D.C., and work for the agency there in some capacity.

"I think it would be a great experience to work in headquarters," Herro says. "That is one of my big goals. But, I don't know, we'll see what the future holds."

He's sure of one thing: The desert is where he wants to end up.

"I don't ever want to push snow again," Herro says. "I like Arizona." **NV**

—Loveland native Brady McCombs has been the Arizona Daily Star's border and immigration reporter since February 2006. He has been recognized for his work by several state and national newspaper organizations, including being named the 2007 Arizona Journalist of the Year from the Arizona Press Club and Arizona journalist of the year by the Arizona Newspapers Association in 2007, 2008 and 2011. He is a fluent Spanish speaker and lived for three years in Costa Rica while in the Peace Corps.



RESCUES ARE THE

REWARD: Herro has saved many border crossers, who often lack enough food and water to get them through a week traversing the treacherous desert.

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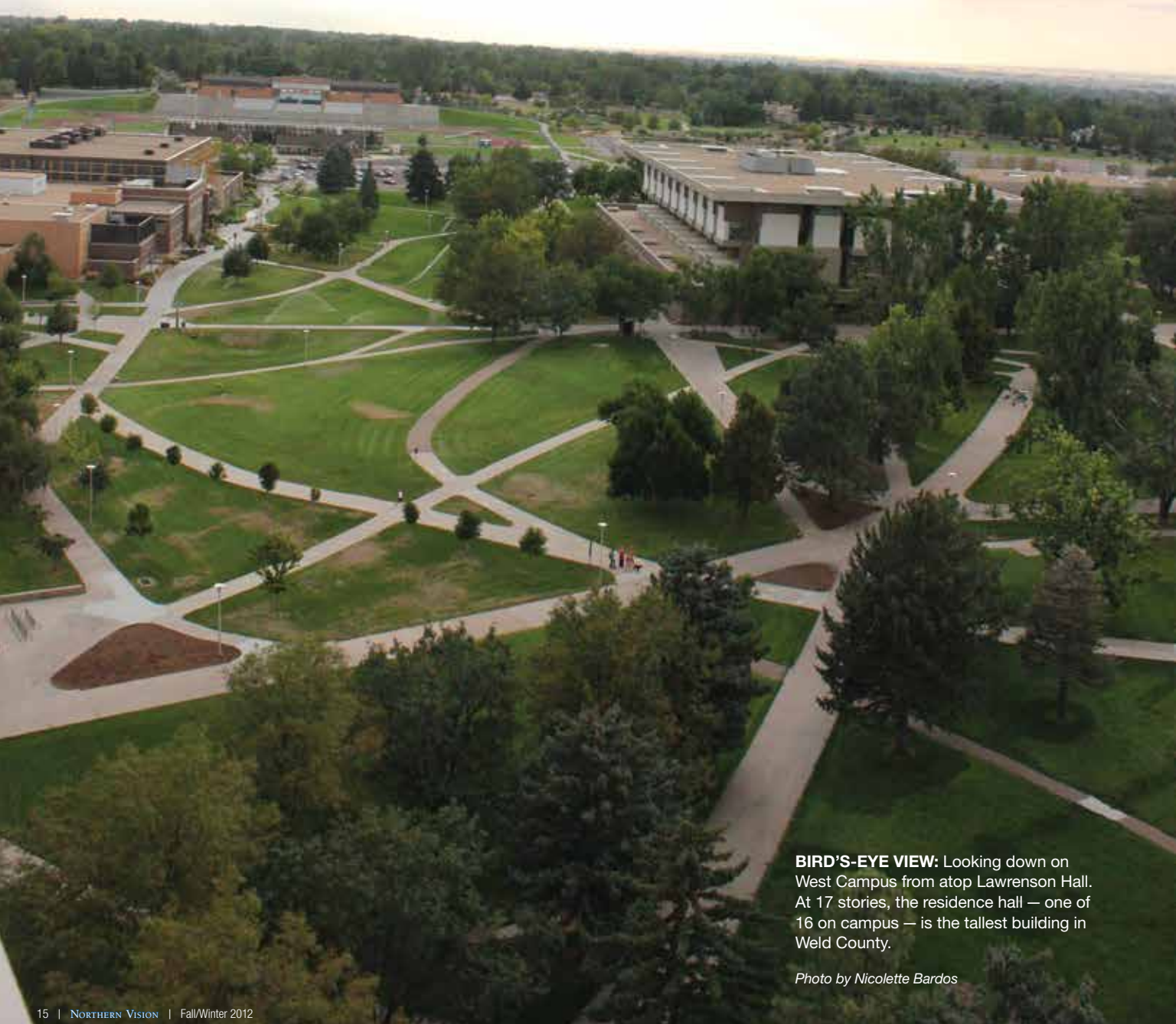
TEST RE-LEAF: After completing their Art History midterm exam, Kendra Ruth, Katie Mai and Ryan Erickson decide to enjoy fall's bounty before heading to their next class.

Photo by Hannah Swick



Life@UNC

Intrepid UNC Art & Design students Nicolette Bardos and Hannah Swick, with Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Barry Gutierrez serving as their mentor, explored campus to capture student life as the fall semester got under way. Bardos, a sophomore, and Swick, a junior, sorted through some 2,600 images to bring you the photos on these pages. Log on to www.unco.edu/northernvision for slideshows of more images. —NV



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW: Looking down on West Campus from atop Lawrenson Hall. At 17 stories, the residence hall — one of 16 on campus — is the tallest building in Weld County.

Photo by Nicolette Bardos

1) There are more than 1,600 computers in classrooms like this one and in campus labs, which offer 24-hour availability in the University Center. 2) Summer Burge reacts during a *Fear Factor* eating contest: "I'm glad that I ate a jalapeño first so that the taste of whatever this was is a little less terrible." 3) Sydnei Shaw tosses candy to children during the Homecoming parade.



Photos 1, 2, 3, 4
by Nicolette Bardos

Photo 5 by
Hannah Swick

4) Husband, father, veteran and Criminal Justice/Sociology student Leon De La Fuente served in the Marine Corps for four years and was part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 5) Rachel Waltman twirls a hula hoop at a city-sponsored event welcoming students and featuring bands like Churchill.



6) Student-athlete Cody Gilmore joins his teammates to help during residence hall move-in day. 7) Senior Hannah Nix reads in between her classes. 8) Incoming students wave to a photographer atop Lawrenson for a class photo, with students forming the letters U-N-C. The Office of Student Activities offers the photo as the Class of 2016 postcard.



Photos 6, 8, 9, 10 by Hannah Swick

Photo 7 by Nicolette Bardos



9) Students make their case for the winner of a marshmallow stacking contest at Rec Fest. 10) The Bears' volleyball team celebrates after defeating the University of Oklahoma at Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion.



11) Interns Sophia Cheref and Manon Danobar, working on master's degrees in Food and Health Nutrition at a school near Paris, prepare French-inspired cuisine in Holmes Hall. 12) Students gather during Bear Welcome Week for a night of entertainment.



Photos 11, 12
by Nicolette Bardos

Photos 13, 14, 15
by Hannah Swick

14) A UNC student performs a stand-up routine during open mic night, a talent show held biweekly. 15) Seats and tables were at a premium on the first night of Bingo, a wildly popular event, at the University Center.



16) Sophomore Amanda Dreman emerges from a photo booth after capturing the moment with senior Audrey Trevino during Welcome Week. 17) The multi-level University Center offers a place to study, eat and shop. 18) Aléna Watters (BA-03), fresh off three years on Broadway, returns to campus to teach a routine from *Sister Act* to theater students in Crabbe Hall.



Photos 16, 19, 20
by Nicolette Bardos

Photos 17, 18 by
Hannah Swick



19) Members of Alpha Phi sing outside of their chapter house. 20) A genetic condition left Cody Bair blind at birth. "I had someone help me around campus my first day here, but after that, I just went for it myself."



Story by Anne Cumming Rice
Photos by Eric Bellamy



Practical Strategies for Teaching Students with Autism

UNC faculty provide trusted tools backed by research in a set of two easy-to-use booklets for educators and parents

During Logann Grasteit's first year of teaching, she had a student with autism who had some significant behavior issues that made her seek out help. She turned to something she'd been introduced to as an undergraduate in UNC's Special Education program — two booklets by associate professors Robin Brewer and Tracy Mueller that offer quick, handy strategies for those working with students with autism.

"There are a lot of challenges working with autistic kids," says Grasteit (BA-09), who is in her fourth year teaching at Otho E. Stuart Middle School in Commerce City. "Some things are not common sense to them, and you have to teach them those things."

The prevalence of autism spectrum, a broad term for a group of complex disorders of brain development, has increased tenfold during the past 40 years. The increase is only partly explained by improved diagnosis and awareness, according to the nonprofit organization Autism Speaks.

"The autism spectrum can include kids with very significant disabilities, to kids who are extremely bright and fixate on an area of interest but have trouble with social communication," Brewer says.

"It seems like there's a new headline every day about autism," Brewer says. "Our society is all about quick, instant anything. So you watch a show on *Dateline* and you think, 'OK, I'll try it. I'll do anything to solve this issue.'"



INTERVENTION: Grasteit flips through Mueller and Brewer's *Strategies at Hand*, which she turns to for addressing behavior with some of her students.

At UNC, Brewer and Mueller developed *Strategies at Hand* in response to the growing number of kids with autism and the confusion surrounding autism spectrum disorder.

"We were on an autism task force, and there was talk about having a useful tool for teachers," Brewer says. "Teachers don't have the time to read research journal articles, and the Internet can be a scary thing when it comes to finding reliable help."

The two booklets — more aptly described as a stack of bookmarks one can flip through — contain evidence-based strategies for everything from field trips and cafeterias to behavior issues and fire drills. Strategies are presented in a simple, bullet-point style designed for quick reading.

WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism and autism spectrum disorder are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Both can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances.

Autism and autism spectrum disorder include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood integrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome.

PREVALENCE

Autism affects one in 88 American children. Studies show autism is four to five times more common among boys than girls. An estimated one of 54 boys and one of 252 girls are diagnosed with autism in the United States.

CAUSES

Scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism, although only a small number of these cause autism by themselves. Most cases of autism appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development.

Environmental factors include advanced parental age at the time of conception (both parents), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain.

There is no scientific evidence that immunizations cause autism. A 1998 British study that fueled the debate about immunizations and autism has since been retracted. Since then, nearly 20 epidemiological studies have investigated the possible connection between autism and vaccines, and none of them has found a link.



CLASSROOM GOAL: Grasteit, who works with special-needs students on math, reading, writing and life skills, makes it a priority to “get my students to become as independent as possible.”

Backed up by research

Evidence-based means the strategies are backed by research. That’s important to Grasteit, who works with her students on math, reading, writing and life skills. Her students attend electives, social studies and science classes in general education classrooms, oftentimes with a paraeducator on hand to help them. The goal at most public schools is to include special education students in general education classrooms as much as possible, depending on each student’s individual needs.

“I thought it would be in my best interest to use research-based strategies with my students and not just pull stuff out of the woods,” says Grasteit, who returned to UNC last year to get her graduate certificate in autism through UNC’s online program. “You just don’t want to be wasting anyone’s time with strategies that haven’t been proven to work.”

What to believe and trust has been an issue with autism research, from what causes it to how to manage it once it’s diagnosed.

“It seems like there’s a new headline every day about autism,” Brewer says. “Our society is all about quick, instant anything. So you watch a show on *Dateline* and you think, ‘OK, I’ll try it. I’ll do anything to solve this issue.’”





The belief that immunizations cause autism (perpetuated by everyone from Hollywood stars and politicians) stemmed from a now-fraudulent 1998 British study. But the damage was done, and to this day, according to one survey, one in four American parents still believes immunizations cause autism.

“That kind of thing just stains the whole field,” Mueller says. “It was a totally false presumption.”

The latest research shows autism has its roots in early brain development and appears to be connected with gene mutations and environmental stresses that happen prenatally and during birth, according to Autism Speaks.

“You keep hearing that autism is the ‘it’ disability right now,” Mueller says. “And you get the feeling that it’s this growing epidemic. But it’s always been there. We’re getting awfully good at identifying autism, but we also over-identify it as well. Once you have the label, ‘autism,’ you have it for life.”

Regardless, schools don’t focus on the label but develop individualized programs based on what a student needs to learn and be successful to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which requires school districts to provide a “free appropriate public education” to all children with identified disabilities.

Helpful for parents

All the confusion about autism made developing a simple, reliable tool important to Mueller and Brewer. The first *Strategies at Hand* for use with students with autism was published in 2008. In 2010, another booklet was published, offering behavior strategies for use in all classrooms.

One of Grasteit’s greatest challenges is getting parents to reinforce at home what she is trying to do in the classroom. She says the strategies in the handbooks can help parents, too.

“My personal goal is to get my students to be as independent as possible,” she says. “For a lot of families, their goal is to get their child to communicate more with them. Of course, communication is a key to greater independence.” **NV**

—Anne Cumming Rice is a freelance writer in Denver and former college journalism instructor.

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IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 2010, about 370,000 children ages 6-21 and 49,000 children ages 3-5 were served under the “autism” classification for special education services. Not all children with an autism spectrum disorder receive special education services under the classification of “autism,” so the education data do not represent the actual number of children with autism.

Sources: *Autism Speaks* (www.autismspeaks.org), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SUPPORT AT UNC

As more children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and go through the public school system, higher education is becoming a greater option for many of them. In the past year, several students with Asperger’s syndrome, which is on the autism spectrum, have graduated from UNC.

The UNC office of Disability Support Services serves about 400 students, a handful of whom are identified as being on the autism spectrum.

Students come to the office with documentation of their disability from a professional, and the office works with the student individually to get certain accommodations in the classroom, such as extra time on exams or help from a notetaker.

One of the biggest challenges for students with disabilities is learning to advocate for themselves, says Ann Murphy, director of Disability Support Services.

“In the smaller K-12 arena, there is closer monitoring and students have had a lot of things done for them,” she says. “But here, they need to come to us and let us know how they are doing. It’s important that they learn to be more independent as they prepare to enter the workforce. We can help them make that transition from K-12 to the work environment.”

—Anne Cumming Rice

MORE ONLINE

Visit www.unco.edu/northernvision for:

- Tips to Recognize Early Signs of Autism
- Excerpts from *Strategies at Hand: Quick and Easy Strategies for Working with Students on the Autism Spectrum*

Visit www.unconline.edu/future/grad/AutismCert.shtml for:

- More about UNC’s Autism Graduate Certificate: Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

HONORED ALUMNI

Induction Ceremony

2012

PRESENTING THE 2012 HONOREES

More than 150 family, friends and university leaders, including President Kay Norton, gathered to recognize this year's honorees during the induction ceremony Oct. 5 in the University Center ballrooms. Each year, the UNC Alumni Association recognizes some of its most distinguished alumni and friends at the Honored Alumni and Service Awards celebration during Homecoming Weekend. These awards date to 1947 and are the highest awards the Alumni Association can bestow.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

ALUMNA LEGENDARY IN DENVER SCHOOLS FOR MOTIVATING HISPANIC YOUTH



FERNIE BACA HAYES
BA-61

Fernie Baca Hayes (BA-61) has a passion for helping others.

From being an influential teacher in Denver Public Schools to becoming a tenured professor in the School of Education at the University of Colorado at Denver, where she also served as associate vice Chancellor for Research/Creative Activities, Hayes has made a difference on many levels — for individual students and in academic policy.

She has been recognized for her work encouraging Hispanic youth to stay in school and attend college, with more than 20 awards throughout her career, including the Bernie Valdez Award for Excellence in Education from the Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA). The Girl Scouts of Colorado named her a Woman of Distinction in 1999.

After graduating from UNC, Hayes worked in Denver Public Schools. Her mentor, LARASA co-founder Bernie Valdez, suggested she coordinate an Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I project to motivate Latino youth to complete high school and attend college.

After retiring with emeritus status in 2001, Hayes established the Fernie Baca Scholarship Fund at CU Denver to increase educator effectiveness in supporting the academic learning of English-language learners.

The Baca family has a strong presence in Colorado history. Growing up in Greeley, Hayes' mother inspired her three daughters to overcome prejudice and go to college. Hayes' sister Polly was the first Hispanic woman appointed to the Colorado Senate in 1978, and her sister Bettie is a consultant in Washington, D.C.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR ALUMNUS WHO KEEPS GIVING BACK



THEO HOLLAND
BA-61

Theo Holland (BA-61) is no stranger to winning awards. He was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005 for his achievements in basketball and track and field. He has dedicated numerous hours to mentoring at-risk high school and college students.

During his time at UNC, Holland was an all-conference basketball player, and one of the first African-American players to compete in Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum on a December

1959 road trip led by coach John Dunn.

A Greeley native, Holland was well known in the community before he made history on the basketball court, being named the best player in the state by the Denver newspapers in 1959.

After graduating with a degree in Physical Education/Health Education, Holland worked as a mediator for the U.S. Air Force in England. He went on to be the director of Special Services and later the Recreation Services manager for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Following his military career, Holland worked as a counselor in Colorado Springs at Mitchell High School and later the dean of Students at Community Prep School. Today, as a counselor at ComCor Inc., he still mentors and encourages people to improve their lives.

Though his career and family are now in Colorado Springs, Holland still makes time to return to UNC. He served as the UNC Alumni Association president from 2005-2007. He also has served on the UNC Foundation Board, and on an Athletics Strategic Planning committee that resulted in UNC's admission to the NCAA Division I Big Sky Conference.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S HONORED ALUMNI SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Brian Jordan BA-02 (*committee chair*); Steve Baker BA-86; Vicki Gorrell, *UNC vice president for Development and Alumni Relations*; Don Gudmundson, *dean of the Monfort College of Business*; Sarah MacQuiddy BS-78; Sue McCarroll BA-75; Bill Rowley EdD-73; Randy Watkins BS-99

ALUMNI SPIRIT AWARD

YOUNG ALUMNA'S SPIRIT CAPTURED ON BROADWAY



AUTUMN HURLBERT
BA-02

Autumn Hurlbert (BA-02) is another graduate of UNC's College of Performing and Visual Arts who has found the spotlight.

Hurlbert's success as a performer just 10 years after graduation, paired with her genuine character, has earned her another accolade — the UNC Alumni Spirit Award.

Best known for landing the first runner-up position on the MTV reality series *Legally Blonde: The Search for the New Elle Woods*,

Hurlbert earned a part in the ensemble and was the understudy for the lead role in the Broadway production.

Hurlbert's career has included numerous performances on and off Broadway, with national touring companies, in regional theater, film and television.

And she credits her UNC education as the foundation upon which she continues to build her work.

Moving from Greeley to New York City was one of her biggest challenges, but she knew she would find a supportive alumni family there.

"There are so many UNC alumni thriving in New York City," she says. "I've always had a family here and felt a strong sense of support all the way across the country."

THEATER CREDITS

Legally Blonde – The Musical; *Legally Blonde – The Musical: The Search for Elle Woods*; *Little Women*; *Beauty & the Beast*; *Les Misérables*; *Evita*; *every tongue confess*; *Tomorrow Morning*; *Private Lives*

FILM CREDITS

Sudden Death!; *Research*

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ALUMNUS OPENED DOORS FOR JOURNALISM STUDENTS



DR. WAYNE MELANSON
EDS-75

From the time he set foot on UNC's campus as a graduate student, Wayne Melanson (EdS-75) was poised to give back to the university and to the program that helped him achieve his academic and career goals.

As a Journalism professor and later chair of the department at UNC, Melanson became known for encouraging students to follow their dreams and then supporting them with resources and opportunities.

Melanson established UNC's chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Association of Women in Communications.

During a career that spanned more than three decades, Melanson treasured his time interacting with students and helping them find

their way to the careers they desired. And it's the resulting personal relationships that he values most, keeping in touch with many of them today.

"He transformed my life. But he didn't only have an impact on my life, he affected many lives over the course of many years," says Anita Fleming-Rife (BA-79, MA-90), now the special assistant to the President for Diversity and Equity at UNC.

As a faculty member, Melanson's dedication to helping students reflected his student experience at UNC. "My fondest memory as a UNC student was the incredible, supportive faculty from the moment I walked in the door," he says.

He walked in and out of UNC's doors several times, leaving his tenured position to complete doctoral coursework in Tennessee and later to teach in Nebraska and Texas. Melanson returned to Greeley after four years and again earned tenure at UNC. He retired in spring 2011.

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The Tointon Institute for Educational Change, which has provided leadership training for K-12 educators since 1995, is just one of many examples of Bob and Betty Tointon's impact on today's students.

"I've had the privilege of knowing Bob and Betty for decades, and I knew them first as philanthropists and community leaders," says UNC President Kay Norton.

The Tointons not only enhance UNC's mission of translating theory into practice with the institute, but they also support many other programs that benefit students and the community. From world-class entertainment at the School of Performing and Visual Arts to enriching athletic programs to award-winning academics at the Monfort College of Business and all of the other educational opportunities available to UNC students, the Tointons believe in UNC's vision.

Well known at UNC and throughout northern Colorado, Bob is a past chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees and holds an honorary doctorate from UNC. Betty has received the United Way Humanitarian award and was a co-founder of the Weld County Women's Fund endowment.

"The main reason we support UNC, in addition to it being in Greeley, is how important we feel higher education is," Bob says. "Higher education is the hand up, rather than the handout." **NV**

—Profiles by Amy Dressel-Martin



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For more information, visit Montague's nonprofit at www.thanksplainandsimple.org

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BEHIND A NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Story by Nate Haas (MS-04)

Inspired by her mother's service, Anne Montague seeks to properly recognize unsung WWII heroes



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“Had it not been for women, we might very well have lost World War II,” an Iwo Jima survivor once flatly told Anne Montague (MA-82). “And they, and a fascinating piece of history, have basically been ignored.”

Montague is out to change that.

Through her West Virginia-based nonprofit, she's captured some of the stories of the estimated 6 million women referred to collectively as “Rosie the Riveter.” They served important roles on the home front doing “men's work” needed for the war effort from 1941-45.

With a group of surviving West Virginia “Rosies,” as Montague calls them, she produced a documentary film, titled *We Pull Together: Rosie the Riveters Then and Now*, about their time during the war and being pioneers in the workforce. Montague and the women also designed and raised funds for Rosie the Riveter Park (photo below), which opened in May in the Charleston, W.Va., suburb of St. Albans.

She hopes the projects will serve as examples for other communities to locate and collaborate with Rosies on meaningful projects of their choice — be it making quilts, hosting classroom presentations or designing monuments.

Time is of the essence, though. Montague notes that the minimum age of the veterans is 85, and the process can be time consuming. For two years, Montague attempted to track down Rosies and found only one. She caught a break when the *Charleston Gazette* published a full-page color ad seeking Rosies to tell their stories. The ad ran on March 29, 2009 — a date etched into Montague's memory.

“They put my mom's picture in the ad,” she says. Jessie Jacobs, a Rosie herself, worked in an optics factory that created such items as periscopes for ships. “She died at age 63 without my asking what she had done exactly.”

That inspired Montague to start the project.



TELLING THEIR STORY: Anne Montague located 170 women in her home state who served on the home front during World War II. A group poses here during a *Today* show taping.

“I started crying when I saw the ad. She became a pin-up for the project.”

That ad eventually helped Montague identify and interview 170 Rosies in her home state — some of whom were later interviewed by the *Today* show for an upcoming feature scheduled to air Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor Day). The interviews have been illuminating. One of the Rosies told Montague that for months she didn't see sunlight for six days a week while inspecting airplane parts in Cincinnati. She arrived before sunup and left at sundown with only a half day off on Sunday before returning to her job.

“It was really important for them to do the best job they could do. What they were doing was saving lives,” Montague says.

Montague has coordinated events with the Rosies and veterans who served overseas. Often the men will open up and say, “you know, I never really thought about where the airplane came from,” before expressing their gratitude.

“It feels like everything I've done in my life has been leading up to do this,” says Montague, who went on from UNC to work for ABC TV in Denver and earn a master's degree at Harvard before becoming a market research consultant. “These women are part of the fuller story of World War II, and they pioneered the women's movement a generation later. They taught their daughters to be independent and get an education. Now they are showing what 90-year-old women can do with good support and guidance.” **NV**



MILITARY FLY MOMS

Alexis (Rominger) McCabe (BA-94), among the first women to pilot an F/A-18 *Hornet* in the Marines, and **Kelly (Waltmire) Hamilton** (MA-75), the first “mom” to go through Air Force pilot training, are featured in *Military Fly Moms*, a collection of 71 stories of female aviators in the Armed Forces. In 2004, a few years after giving birth to her first child, McCabe (pictured above) conducted missions from the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* to support ground troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. She now attends Tulane University School of Medicine. She and her family live in Mandeville, La. Hamilton grew up in a military family and took her first flying lesson at age 19. When she joined the Air Force in 1973, women weren't allowed to fly. After the policy changed, she spent most of her career flying the KC-135 on refueling missions, including during the first Gulf War. Hamilton retired from the Air Force in 1998 and is now an airline captain. She and her husband live in New York.



Class Notes

Compiled and edited by Margie Meyer

1960s

Lyle Gillison (BA-60, MA-63), Santa Clara, Calif., taught music for 30 years in Milpitas and played first bassoon in the San Jose Wind Symphony. He continues to play traditional jazz on clarinet and saxophone with groups.

Jerry Becker (MA-63), Eagle Grove, Iowa, was named National Coach of the Year in Cross Country by the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations for the 2011 season.

Wallace Slattery (BA-64), Spearfish, S.D., retired in 2004 after 39 years of teaching. During his career, he taught business education at a large Pennsylvania prison. He continues to stay active by prospecting for gold and teaching part time.

James Cantrell (MA-65), Bardstown, Ky., was named Alumni of the Year for Creative Achievement by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in April. Jim taught art for 14 years in Nebraska, Colorado and Kentucky and now works from his studio in Bardstown.

Terry Ketelsen (BA-67, MA-68), Northglenn, retired after 45 years serving the Colorado state government. Terry began working at the state archives as a college student in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army 1970-71, returned to the state archives in 1971 and was named state archivist in 1987. Terry is married to **Jacqueline (Ogle) Ketelsen** (BA-70).

1970s

Carol (Hickman) Harp (BA-70), Oldsmar, Fla., retired after 32 years of teaching Suzuki violin and 13 years teaching elementary music.

Burton Burough (BA-73), Colorado Springs, retired from Halliburton Energy in 2000 and from Lowe's in 2012.

Donald Harn (BA-73, MA-75), Athens, Ga., is a Georgia Research Alliance Distinguished Investigator and a professor in the Department of Infectious Diseases at the University of Georgia. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School, where he became a full professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a member of the American Association of Immunologists and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and serves on the editorial board of *International Parasitology*.

Chris White (BA-73, MME-80), Commerce, Texas, taught for 15 years in Colorado Springs public schools and served as chairman of the Colorado Vocal Affairs Council. He has held positions at Armstrong Atlantic, University of Mississippi and Texas

A&M-Commerce, and has conducted all-state choirs in Georgia and Colorado and numerous regional honor choirs throughout the Southwest. Chris received the Humfeld Distinguished Professor Award for Service from the Texas A&M system. **Dona (Ficken) White** (BA-74), retired in 2010 after teaching in Colorado, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas, and returned from retirement to teach Theory and Sight-singing at Texas A&M-Commerce. She was named Teacher of the Year twice during her public teaching career. Following Chris's 40th year in music education in spring 2013, he and Dona will retire to Loveland to be near their daughters, **Jennifer (White) Stream** (BME-01), Fort Morgan, and **Cathy (White) Keller** (BME-03), Erie.



Steven Peltz (MA-74), Somers, N.Y., owns Peltz Practice Management and Consulting Services, LLC, and is president of the National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants.

Susan (Saunders) Wardlow (BA-75, MA-77), Coarsegold, Calif., is a substitute teacher in Madera County. She also supervises at the community college child development center and is an instructor at Clovis Adult School in Clovis, Calif. She is a lifetime member of the History Channel Club and the Loma Linda Parks and Historical Society and was recognized as a top female executive with the Worldwide Who's Who organization.

Dianne (Majors) Engelman (BS-76), Mead, is part owner of Gateway Self Storage in Greeley. Dianne previously worked as an accountant for a Colorado-based engineering firm.

Jerome Synold (MA-76), Carlsbad, Calif., retired after serving 40 years with the U.S. Navy Drug and Alcoholic Treatment and Training program. He was the treatment director and director of the Navy's counselor school. Jerome received the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Award and continues to teach at UC San Diego.



LASTING FRIENDSHIPS FORMED 45 YEARS AGO

It began in 1967 at Colorado State College (now UNC) with six couples living in married student housing on the 13th floor of Turner Hall and studying for graduate degrees; going out for pizza every Friday night and then playing charades until the wee hours of the morning; taking weekend trips to the mountains; going to Cheyenne Frontier Days together and the dog races in Denver. Some of us studied year round while some were there only in the summer. These friends whose homes are now in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio and Colorado have held regular reunions at various locations in those states since 1971. We've supported each other in sadness and heartbreak. We've lost one wife to cancer, another to divorce and two of our children have died suddenly and tragically. We've supported each other through serious illnesses many times across the miles that separate us physically, but we come together every three years to meet, eat, laugh and cry. We are all retired now, have had brilliant careers and our children are grown. What began as six couples with no children evolved to six couples with 14 children and now includes our many grandchildren. Who would have thought that we would still be together, caring for one another all these years? All we can say is that we have been blessed by our dear friends in more ways than we can say.

—*Edited submission from Paul and Janice Workman*

Pictured (left to right): L.J. Menzel, **Dick Menzel** (MA-68, EdD-74), Cable, Wis.; **Gail Rasmussen** (MA-70), **Allen Rasmussen** (MA-70) International Falls, Minn.; Jan Bocke, **Joe Bocke** (EdD-70), Quincy, Ill.; **John Lundgren** (MA-69), Ruth Lundgren, Castle Rock; **Paul Workman** (MME-68), **Janice Workman** (MA-68) Anna, Ohio; **Phil Esten** (MA-69, EdD-78), Mary Esten, LaCrosse, Wis.

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Kathleen Wilburn (MA-76), Austin, Texas, is a professor of Management at St. Edward's University in Austin. She began her full-time college teaching career in 1999 after holding management positions in the public and private sectors, consulting as president of Performance Design Group, Inc., and teaching as an adjunct for various universities. She teaches an MBA course in Global Scenario Planning. Kathleen co-authored *Values-Based Problem Solving* and published *Scenarios: Imagining the Future* and *Maryhill College for Women: Catalyst for Change*, which led to transforming St. Edward's into a co-ed university. Kathleen has also presented at major conferences on scenario planning and business ethics.

Lisa (Thompson) Martin (BA-79), Grand Junction, received the Colorado State Society for Human Resource Management State Council's Summit Award at the Best Companies to Work For in Colorado event in July. Lisa has served as vice president of Human Resources for Hilltop Community Resources for nine years.

William McCann (MA-79), Winston-Salem, N.C., is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He is the director of Behavioral Science Education for the university's Family Medicine Residency Program.

1980s

Martin Lamansky (BA-80, MA-89), Steamboat Springs, is the director of Teaching and Learning for the Steamboat Springs School District. He was a teacher in the district for 28 years before serving as assistant principal at Steamboat Springs High School, 2008-2011.

Lucille Bowman (BA-82, MA-84), Greeley, taught school for 19 years, first at Grover and then at Eaton. Lucille worked as a telephone operator while attending college classes until she married and began raising her family on a cattle ranch in the Pawnee Grasslands. She returned to UNC at age 44 to finish her education. Working with students was one of the highlights of Lucille's life.

Katharine (Holderness) Cole (MA-82), Odessa, Fla., is associate provost at the University of Tampa.

Virginia (Ginni) McCann (MA-83), Biloxi, Miss., traveled to Cuba for two weeks in February with the Caribbean Cultural Religious Council. The retired gerontologist explored various communities, the Cuban culture and religions practiced on the island.

Ruth Morley (BA-84), Kirkland, Wash., received the Governor's 2012 Outstanding

Volunteer Service Award for working more than 4,000 hours at Hopelink, a food bank and local resource agency for low income families. She also received a Presidential Award for Service to the Community in 2009. Now retired, she is compiling a cookbook and enjoys volunteering, church activities and spending time with family.

Ralph Trenary (BA-85), Loveland, was elected to the Loveland City Council in November 2011. Ralph was a member of the panel that presented "Improving the Local Economy through Financial Management" at the Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference in June.

1990s

Mary (Hackett) Sokol (PhD-90), Woodstock, Vt., retired after more than 20 years as a school psychologist and educational consultant in public and independent schools. Her career was primarily in the area of school climate and special education advocacy in Florida, Colorado, New Hampshire and Vermont. In her retirement, she is a weaver, pastel artist and homemaker.

Marti Mendenhall (BM-91), Portland, Ore., released a self-titled, debut album of live jazz. The CD liner notes were written by **Tom Cunniffe** (BA-89), and one of the songs on the CD was co-written by **Joe Herbert** (BM-89).

Tracy Meyer (BA-92), Fredericksburg, Va., was selected by her peers for inclusion in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of family law.

Nancy Lough (EdD-95), Henderson, Nev., is a professor in the College of Education at the University of Las Vegas and the editor of *Sport Marketing Quarterly*, a top tier scholarly journal for sport marketing research. She became the first female president-elect of the Sport Marketing Association, which also recognized her for two of the top 20 articles in the journal's first 20 years. **Joris Drayer** (PhD-07) of Temple University was elected as the at-large member. **Dick Irwin** (BA-79, MA-85, EdD-90) served as SMA's first President.

Diane Scott (PhD-95), Broomfield, was named to Fort Hays State University's Alumni Board of Directors. Diane is a self-employed consultant and life coach.

2000s

Kelly Kozeliski (BS-00), Castle Rock, is a partner in the EKS&H audit service area. She is a board member and treasurer of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and the Rocky Mountain Active 20-30 Children's Foundation. She serves as an



David King (BA-65, MA-69), Encinitas, Calif., fell in love with opera at a very young age thanks to The Little Theatre of the Rockies; the retired teacher grew to love the genre even more as a student at Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado). King's self-proclaimed obsession has led him to opera houses in Moscow, Russia, London and Paris to name a few. His most recent adventure? A trip to the "Teatro Amazonas," an opera house in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest. King also found time to represent his alma mater with a bold Amazonian accessory (that's him holding an anaconda, above).




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accounting advisory board member at the Monfort College of Business and on the audit and accounting committee of the Archdiocese of Denver. Kelly is a member of the AICPA, the COCPA and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and holds an MBA from Colorado State University.

Susan Myllykangas (MA-00), Maryville, Mo., is an associate professor at Northwest Missouri State University. Susan created and teaches Exploring Recreation Resources, a high impact education course that provides students with hands-on experiences through service learning. One of the venues Susan's class regularly visits is the Rocky Mountain Senior Games in Greeley, where students serve as event officials and assistants, learn about managing large events and gain valuable experience interacting with seniors.

Meghan Nyberg (BA-01), Colorado Springs, completed a master's degree in communications at Northwestern University in July.

Julia Tobey (BM-01), Los Angeles, launched the Party Singers Denver division in July. Julia founded the entertainment enterprise in 2007 in New York City and moved it to Los Angeles, where she joined forces with her former classmate Joe Donohoe. Party Singers offers a wide variety of singers, string quartets, instrumental ensembles and solo musicians for weddings and special events.

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Christopher Klouzek (BA-02), Fruita, completed his residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kan.

Jill (Mansfield) Scott (BS-02), Greeley, is the director of Human Resources at Professional Finance Company, a nationwide leader in servicing credit grantors. Jill has been with PFC since 2004 and obtained Professional in Human Resources Certification through the HR Certificate Institute in 2009.

Jennifer Dauphinais (BA-04), New Haven, Conn., teaches fifth grade at a tier three turn-around school as part of the national model for school and education reform. She participated in a national roundtable discussion related to teacher retention and national school reform with the U.S. Secretary of Education.



Rebecca (Boehm) Shaffer (DA-04), Decorah, Iowa, is an adjunct professor in music at Luther College. She teaches horn, horn ensemble, brass methods and ear training. Rebecca is a member of the Luther College Faculty Brass Quintet and has performed with the San Diego and Utah symphonies. She authored *The Guide to Horn Ensemble Repertoire*.

Christina Shepard (BA-04), Rock Springs, Wyo., is a district sales coordinator with Aflac in southwestern Wyoming.



David Hulac (PhD-07), Vermillion, S.D., was honored with the 2012 Belbas-Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching by the University of South Dakota. A member of the faculty since 2007, David is an assistant professor of Psychology and teaches classes in academic behavioral assessment, cognitive assessments and multicultural issues in school psychology. He was the lead author of *Behavioral Interventions in the Schools: A Response-to-Intervention Guidebook* and his articles have appeared in such publications as *Psychology in the Schools*, *School Psychology Forum* and *Psychological Assessment*.

Chris Martinez (BA-08), Denver, is a project manager with Oppenheimer Funds Inc., where he and his team work on product launches, mergers and terminations and other product-related operations.

Adele (Demi-Smith) Mayne (BME-08, MM-01), Greeley, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

2010s

Adam Wilson (BS-10), Longmont, and his partner created Sphero, a robotic ball gaming system that is controlled from a smart phone or tablet. Adam is a new member of the College of Natural and Health Sciences' Advisory Board.

Laura Newman (BS-11), San Antonio, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Specialist Corps in September 2011. She is studying nutrition at Fort Sam Houston in the Military-Baylor University Graduate Program.

Ashley Ruesgen (BA-11), Albuquerque, is working toward a master's degree in Latin American Studies with concentrations in human rights and anthropology at the University of New Mexico. She works as a graduate assistant for faculty committees.



Dan Whisler (MM-11), Satanta, Kan., is the director of Orchestras at the Center Grove School Corporation in Greenwood, Ind. He was one of a dozen individuals accepted to attend the International Institute for Conductors in Bacau, Romania, where he conducted two concerts and was interviewed by a Bacau TV reporter.

Brooke Barnes (BA-12), Cascade, is serving with The Navigators Collegiate ministry, an interdenominational Christian missions organization. Brooke is part of a group of recent college graduates who minister on campuses with a peer team led by experienced campus missionary staff. The Navigators is present on more than 164 campuses in the United States, including UNC, and 108 countries around the world.

On Stage

The following graduates of the School of Theatre Arts and Dance advanced their careers by being cast in productions, hired for technical or teaching positions or earning awards during the past few months of 2012.

Several UNC School of Theatre Arts and Dance alumni are featured in freelance writer John Moore's online *Denver Post* feature, "Honor Roll: Coloradans on National Stages" at www.denverpost.com/theater/ci_15109780.

Greg Germann (BA-78) completed principle photography on four upcoming films: *The Unprofessional*, *Someone Marry Barry*, *Get a Job* and *Here Comes the Broom*.

Josh Buscher (BA-08) and **Lincoln Hayes** (BA-07) both recently appeared on episodes of the NBC TV series *Smash*. Buscher also appeared as a featured dancer on the July

Frank Carbajal (BA-61), an all-conference baseball and basketball player at UNC and retired basketball coach, was inducted this year into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

Born and raised in Greeley, the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame member started playing baseball and basketball at age 10. He credits his eighth-grade coach and student-teacher at the time, Sam Schauerman (BA-51, MA-52), for providing his first chance at organized basketball.

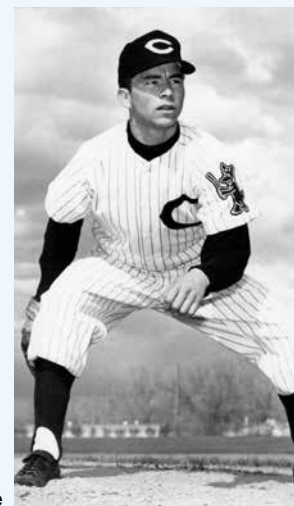
"Sam realized I didn't have basketball shoes for our first intramural game, so he gave me an old pair from his trunk," Carbajal says. "He gave me my first basketball, too."

After high school graduation, he played baseball at Trinidad Junior College for two years before starring in baseball and basketball for the Bears.

During his 44-year career, Carbajal coached high school in Moab, Utah, and El Camino, Calif.; collegiately at Fresno State, Santa Barbara City, De Anza and Hartnell; and served professionally as a scout with the Utah Jazz.

"That award was the ultimate in honors, and I don't think I could have accomplished it without the help of past teammates, coaches and kind people I have met throughout my life."

—Katie Owston, senior Journalism major




17 episode of the hit TV show *America's Got Talent*, and Hays also has a small role in the upcoming feature film *The Golden Boy*.

Jodi Lynn Thomas (BA-10) was cast in a recurring role in the TV series *Longmire*.

Steve Eastin (BA-70) was a guest star in the final two season episodes of the TV series *In Plain Sight*.

Legend: B.A. – Bachelor of Arts; B.S. – Bachelor of Science; B.M. – Bachelor of Music; B.M.E. – Bachelor of Music Education; M.A. – Master of Arts; M.S. – Master of Science; M.M. – Master of Music; M.P.H. – Master of Public Health; Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy; Psy.D. – Doctor of Psychology; Ed.D. – Doctor of Education; D.A. – Doctor of Arts; Ed.S. – Educational Specialist

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Karen (Ishira) Chouinard (MA-72), Golden, and her daughter Holly published a book about grief recovery. *Healing Together: An Alphabet Book* is presented from the perspective of an adult and a child and encourages thoughtful and meaningful discussions about the journey from grief to healing.

(WestBow Press, April 2012)



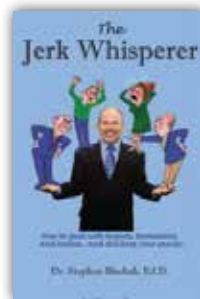
Linda (Hoel) Leekley (BS-75), Durham, N.C., wrote *The Real Healthcare Reform: How Embracing Civility Can Beat Back Burnout and Revive Your Healthcare Career*, a book that arms people with the tools and strategies needed to maintain a culture of civility on the job.

(In the Know, Inc., May 2012)



The Boulder Boys, the Beginning is volume one of a three-part series written by **Kirk Relford** (MA-77), Greeley. The novel is about a family, a city and a nation, each with dramatic forces of accomplished excellence and unleashed evil. Kirk is a retired law enforcement command staff officer, public administrator and small businessman.

(Mullen & McCotter, May 2012)



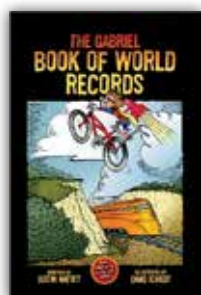
Stephen Birchak (BA-78, EdD-92), Gloversville, N.Y., has written his fourth book, *The Jerk Whisperer*, which shows people how to tap into their best when their best is needed. Stephen has been a professor and administrator in higher education for more than 30 years. He currently teaches Positive Psychology and Graduate Counseling Psychology courses at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

(Royal Fireworks Press, July 2012)



Skeleton Picnic was written by **Michael Norman** (MA-78, EdD-80), Salt Lake City, Utah. Set in the desert southwest, the mystery centers on a couple who disappear while searching for artifacts. Michael was a professor of Criminal Justice for 25 years and is also the author of *On Deadly Ground*, *Silent Witness* and *The Commission*.

(Poisoned Pen Press, April 2012)



Justin Matott (BS-85), Highlands Ranch, has written 15 children's books. Four of his books are now available as ebooks: *The Gabriel Book of World Records*, *Go Ask Mom*, *When I was a Boy...I Dreamed*, and *When I Was a Girl...I Dreamed*. Justin speaks at schools to inspire children to develop a love of reading and writing.

(Skoob Books, November and December 2011)



Rick Karden (BAE-90), Silverthorne, has written *Colorado Disc Golf Guide*, a resource that includes detailed course descriptions, maps, information, directions and photos of more than 100 courses in Colorado.

(WeDreamcom, April 2012)



Drop the Fat Act & Live Lean, written by **Ryan Andrews** (BS-03), Arvada, provides a new set of weight management skills that gives readers the ability to make good decisions on everyday choices for successful weight loss. Ryan is a coach with Precision Nutrition, offering life-changing, research-driven nutrition coaching.

(Book Pub Co, January 2012)



Gregg Akkerman (DA-04), Spartanburg, S.C., has written *The Last Balladeer: The Johnny Hartman Story*, a biography of the Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist. Gregg is associate professor at the University of South Carolina Upstate and was named editor for the Listener's Companion book series from Scarecrow Press.

(Scarecrow Press, 2012)



Brandi (Martinez) McWilliams (BA-04), McPherson, Kan., wrote *Just a Handful*, a children's book with her son Brady.

(Tate Publishing, May 2012)

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Campus Memories

My First Professor 50 Years Later



Frank and Donna Lakin

A doctor sent me to a Greeley therapy pool months ago for post-surgery rehab. My knee is completely healed, but I still swim there three times a week for exercise and to talk with Frank Lakin. It's sort of like Tuesdays With Morrie, but we're walking in the water while we're reliving memories and solving future problems.

Frank, 81, wages a battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He gets around with a walker or crutches and uses a breathing tube. But in the pool,

where he strengthens his muscles to fight the cancer, he can walk again — forward, backward and sideways — and be free from the breathing tube.

Frank was my first prof 50 years ago at what was then Colorado State College. I remember him enthusiastically bringing the lessons to the half-scared, mostly confused freshmen in the General Psychology class.

We walk sideways in the water at times, working on that motion with his legs, facing each other, talking. He shares his stories.

- **On growing up in Santa Fe:** His father, a printer for the city's newspaper, slowly built their adobe home "one room each year for 18 years." He remembers the long hours he spent as a boy stomping the hay into the mud to make the adobe bricks.

- **On meeting his wife:** In 1954, he was elected student body president. He said he met a beautiful girl working for his opponent's campaign. Her name was Donna Doherty, a Greeley resident and Business Education major.

- **After marriage:** Frank and Donna became dormitory parents. It meant they would live in the women's dormitory while they counseled and helped the students. Frank was newly married, and the only male living in a dorm with 850 women.

"The girls had curfews in those days," Donna says. "Freshmen had to be in the dorm by 9:30 at night, upper-class women by 10:30. We had to enforce those rules, and many others."

- **On being at UNC:** Frank served at almost every level of the university, from part-time teacher, to professor, to acting and interim president of the university. And he knows the stories. He recalls the professor who was angry one summer because she had to teach in a tent. "She told the other faculty members it was like teaching in a circus tent," Frank says. "So the next day, two other profs showed up at her classes wearing popcorn hats and selling popcorn to the students like it was a circus. They finally got her to laugh."

Those who know Frank and Donna are familiar with their humor, their caring for others, their devotion to UNC.

It was unusual, developing a friendship with a former professor you once feared because you were a lowly freshman and didn't know exactly what college life would be like.

But to find friends such as Frank and Donna is one of the many blessings of my life.

I'll never forget the stories.

—Mike Peters (BA-68)



Read more of Frank Lakin's stories as told to Mike Peters in the unedited version of this story at www.unco.edu/northernvision

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Graduate, Former Professor Stay in Touch

During my freshman year at UNC, I met Rita Kiefer (professor emerita, English, Women's Studies, 1970-2000), a brilliant writer and poet who took me under her wing. She not only taught me to write, she taught me about life and travel. She was truly an inspiration. I have fond memories of having English teas in her office upon my return from studying abroad in London. She continues to send me her poetry each year at Christmas, and each year I'm reminded of my unique experience as a student at UNC. I run my own study abroad company now, The European Study Abroad Center, so I travel often to host groups of students overseas. Last year, in between coming home from Europe and moving to Florida, Professor Kiefer and I met for lunch in Denver with our husbands. As I expected, she hadn't changed a bit, and we picked up where we left off 24 years ago. She continues to be supportive and in a sense, a muse, reminding me of the power of words. I appreciated her amazing teaching skills at UNC 24 years ago, and I appreciate her friendship now.



Between her travels, Kristine Zamastil, center, reunited with her former UNC English professor Rita Kiefer (Jerry Kiefer, Rita's husband, is also pictured.)

— Kristine Zamastil (BA-88)

Trivia: Win UNC Backpack Full of Swag

Tell us what 1970 event delayed the opening of UNC's James A. Michener Library to be entered into a drawing for a UNC backpack containing a variety of university items – coffee mugs, pens, pennants and more. Send your answer by Nov. 30 to northernvision@unco.edu.

Congratulations to the winners of last issue's trivia contest, whose names were randomly drawn from entries with the correct answer. Charlene Parker (BA-77), Hannah Nix (Class of 2013) and Margaret Weber Luccio (BA-59) knew that Hi Bridge got its name from the tradition of saying "hi" to whomever you met crossing the bridge.



Read the June 6, 1940, *Greeley Tribune* story about the bridge's dedication at www.unco.edu/northernvision.

In Memory

1930s

Fred F. Harclerod Jr. (BA-39, MA-42)

1940s

Bernice (Copeland) Fields (MA-40)
Raymond J. Kruse (BA-41)
Helen C. Vance (BA-41)
Mary (Dean) Ledbetter (BA-42)
Esther (Kauffman) Gatselos (LC-46, BA-53)
Robert E. Goetz (MA-48)
Wayne W. Morford (BA-48)
Russell G. Stillwell (BA-48)
Darrell A. Hindman (MA-49, EdD-57)
Claire (Lynch) Lawrence (BA-49)
William A. Rains (BA-49, MA-52)
Louis A. Schwark (MA-49)

1950s

Robert J. Nulph (MA-50)
Francis R. Pickett (BA-50, MA-52)
Ruth (Kurtz) Rice (BA-50)
John B. Sandefur (BA-50, MA-65)
Vernelle (Koberstein) Meusborn (MA-51)
Betty L. Burley (MA-52)
Marion (Caldwell) Craig (MA-52)
Sarah "Jane" (Furr) Engler (BA-52)
Omar L. Franklin (BA-52)
Barbara (Reynolds) Toal (BA-52, MA-62)
Lester O. Wall (BA-52)
Warren D. Cross (BA-53)
Arthur H. Fries (MA-53)
Beverly (Allen) Mock (BA-55)
John B. Webster Jr. (BA-55)
Betty M. Crona (MA-56)
Ernest A. Haase (MA-56)
David D. Hopkins (BA-56)
Gary E. Miller (BA-56, MA-60)
Ralph W. Schultz (BA-56)
Ruby (Ferguson) Bartholomew (BA-57)
E. Frances Eastwood (MA-57)
Harry Jasinski (MS-57, EdD-65)
John M. Konselman (BA-57)
Donald A. Orr (MA-57)
Carolyn (Hatlestad) Wooten (MS-57)
Genevieve (Gilbert) Lionberger (BA-58)
G. Dean Palmer (BA-58, MA-59)
Iva L. Twyman (BA-58)
Rusana (Blackman) Allen (BA-59)
Joanne I. Ostrom (BA-59)
John J. Seaberg (MA-59)

1960s

Russell A. Furr (MA-60)
William D. Groteluschen (BA-60)
Myrle G. Hanson (MA-60)
Eldon K. Hyde (MA-60, EdD-68)
Warren K. Russell (MA-60)
Fred A. Tjardes (BA-60, MA-63)
John G. Groninger (BA-61, MA-70)
Robert J. (Jim) Hasty (BA-61)
Edward P. Herrin (BA-62, MA-67)
Dennis L. Vanderhoof (BA-62, MA-69)
Mary (Perdue) Church (BA-63)
Gaylord E. Gibbs (BA-63)
Donald L. Deselms (EdD-64)
Danette (Wilson) Hammond (BA-64)
Lloyd H. Ritchie (BA-64)
Harlan Smith (BA-64)

John A. Gustafson (MA-65)
Vicky M. Wampler (BA-65)
Sandra "Sue" (Elley) Brown (BA-66)
Shirleyann (Labriola) Siebert (BA-66)
Marjorie F. Cerchio (BA-67)
Ronald G. Hiles (MA-67)
Donald R. Kjar (BA-67)
Terry S. Pershing (BA-67)
Harry E. Wickes (EdD-67)
Alfred Yoder Jr. (MA-67)
Paolo Barucchieri (MA-68)
Judith A. Haedt (MA-68)
Susan R. McLeland (BA-68, MA-73)
Marjorie (Wright) Robbins (MA-68)
James E. Wiggins (MA-68)
Leonard G. Kavajecz (EdD-69)
William R. Meyn (BA-69)
Muriel B. Reichardt (MA-69)
Jeanne E. Rudolph (BA-69)

1970s

Charles N. Beecham (BA-71, MA-73)
Robert E. Monaghan (BA-71)
Barbara (Day) Brown (BA-72)
Mollie K. Erbes (BA-72, MA-79)
Kenneth D. Esarey (BA-72)
Patricia (Ullman) Harmon (MA-72)
Darlene (Radcliff) Korf (BA-72, MA-76)
Carol A. Long (BA-72)
Nancy (Lowry) Nelson (BA-72, MA-81)
Mariann R. Lastoka (BS-73)
Karen "Kay" Lenhart (BA-73)
Richard A. Loftis (BA-73)
Lloyd R. Lowery (EdD-73)
Diane (Hansen) Sorensen (EdD-73)
Bobbie W. Bain (MA-74)
Marylee (Martin Wolf) Burton (BA-74)
Jennifer Chambers-Neff (BA-74)
Robert L. Clayton (BA-74)
Edward D. Flohr (BS-74)
Rudolph Greis (MA-74)
Mario L. Rosa (BA-74, MA-78)
Albert J. Urban (BA-74)
Mary (Bambrick) Rizer (MA-75)
Mark C. Jones (BA-76, MA-80)
Frances W. Sutherland (MA-76)
Karen L. Sylvestre (BA-76)
Fred P. Ruda (EdD-77)
Patricia M. Stanley (MA-77)
Carolyn A. Wilkie (MA-77)
Katherine L. Hopping (BME-78)
Irene A. Kauffroath (BS-78)

1980s

Cynthia (Thuring) Allen (BA-80)
Kenneth W. Jewett (MA-80)
Pasquale "Pat" Persichino (MA-80)
Claudia C. Resnick (MA-80)
John J. Gomez (MA-82)
Robert E. Wennergren (MS-82)
Charles J. McIntosh (BS-85)
Eric A. Sherrow (BA-86)
Andrea (Slenker) Saenz (BS-87)
Pamela A. Sekaros (MA-88)
Lori (Luttrell) Young (BA-89)

1990s

Sandra W. Mardis (BA-91)
Lori L. Lieberman (BA-93)
Matthew D. Anway (BA-94)
Angie R. Nowak (BS-98)

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

2000s

Allyn Sewald (BA-01)

Tributes

William S. Cordiner passed away in October. He taught sculpture at UNC for 29 years, retiring as professor emeritus in 1995.

Former UNC Music Education professor **Derryl Goes** passed away in April. Goes earned a master's degree from Colorado State University in 1965 and began teaching at UNC the same year. He retired as emeritus faculty in 1983.

Arlene N. Greer passed away in May. Arlene served as reference librarian at UNC 1970-1998. She received an associate professor emerita of Library Science in 1999.

Baheej Khleif passed away in August. Khleif taught at UNC 1966-1969, at the University of Massachusetts for 23 years and at Columbia College of Chicago for 18 years.

Wilbur G. Millslagle (MA-66, EdD-71) passed away in April. Wilbur was a professor at UNC for 22 years. He retired in 1989 as emeritus faculty.

Edward E. Peeples, former Biology professor at UNC, passed away in August. Peeples came to UNC in 1973 and retired as emeritus faculty in 1993.

Jerry Tanner (BA-59, MA-62, PhD-75), former vice president of Student Affairs at UNC, passed away in May. Jerry began working at UNC in 1959, serving in Admissions as dean of Men, dean of Students, assistant vice president of Auxiliary Services and associate professor of Personnel Administration in Higher Education. He retired as emeritus faculty in 1996. Jerry was a member of the Greeley Chorale and was involved in many other Greeley civic organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to the UNC Foundation for the Jerry Tanner Leadership Scholarship.

Florence (Litman) Winograd (BA-71) passed away in August. Florence and her late husband, Harold, dedicated themselves to the Greeley community and were well known for their community involvement and commitment to ethical business practices and social responsibility. The couple established a number of scholarships for UNC students and Aims Community College. Florence was active in many organizations, including the Mental Health Society of Greeley, A Woman's Place, the Monfort Children's Clinic, the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and United Way. She served on UNC's Board of Trustees, and a lecture hall in McKee Hall is named for her.

William Woodward (MA-91), professor of Journalism and Mass Communications at UNC 1991-2002, passed away in August. Bill also served as circulation manager for the *Denver Post* and the *Tallahassee Democrat* and was involved in radio and television throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Then AND NOW



BASKETBALL, 1903

A women's basketball game in 1903 draws a crowd of students with the administrative building, better known as Cranford as it was renamed later, looming in the background. Now crowds attend NCAA Division I basketball games in Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion, where the 2012-13 regular-season schedule from Nov. 2 through March 7 features 13 home games for the women and 14 for the men.



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UNC NCAA Division I
basketball, 2012

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