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A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a white t-shirt with the NFL Broncos logo and the word 'BRONCOS' printed on it. He is looking upwards with a smile, and a football is suspended in the air above him. The background shows a grassy field and trees under a blue sky.

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On the Cover:
Steve "Greek" Antonopoulos poses for a photo outside Denver Broncos headquarters in Englewood. The photo was taken by Barry Gutierrez (pictured left), a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist in Denver whose work has been published by the likes of the Los Angeles Times, The New York Times (Sunday front page), Sports Illustrated, Newsweek, Time and People.

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UNC's New Branding Campaign is 'Bringing Education to Life'

Over a year ago, UNC formed a 36-member campus-wide Integrated Marketing Group. The group was formed to articulate who UNC is and integrate the messaging throughout university communications. The group focused on raising the university's profile through three main goals: increase awareness, increase understanding and increase engagement.

"We've taken a very big step forward by articulating who we are as a university to raise awareness of our brand and ultimately engage the audiences we serve," said Chuck Leonhardt, vice president of University Relations.

While the Integrated Marketing Group led the effort, numerous stakeholders were involved through opinion research studies and focus groups that included students, faculty, staff and alumni. The research provided a clear picture that expressed the UNC personality and experience.

Kay Norton, president of UNC noted that the real UNC experience is based on its community, ways of learning and making a difference in each individual's life and the lives of others.

UNC's New Brand Identity

Based on extensive research and testing involving the university's various audiences, an identity statement was created that summarizes who UNC is, what it does and what it provides. Along with this statement, five core message themes that represent the culture of UNC were developed, as well as a slogan that describes UNC.

Identity Statement

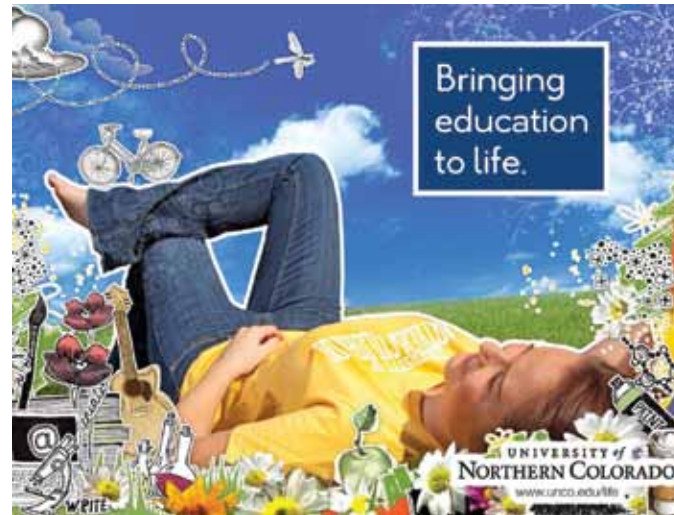
Our culture is inclusive, caring and genuine. We offer an inspirational and supportive environment where people from all walks of life can be true to themselves and their journeys. We believe that the best education is transformative, delivered with humanity, and obtained when students and faculty connect, explore and learn together. Our broad academic offerings and far-reaching influence share a common theme of advancing human understanding and contributing on a global scale. We build on the classroom experience and venture beyond to more fully discover the world and gain invaluable preparation for rewarding careers and lives. We are dedicated to making a positive impact in our communities and in the lives of those around us.

Slogan

Bringing Education to Life

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Bringing
education
to life.



Messaging Themes

Find Your Sense of Belonging

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

Create Meaningful Connections

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

Advance Human Understanding

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

Lead a Richer Life

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

Be the Difference

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

How the Messages Will be Communicated

The university's new brand identity, slogan and marketing messages are currently being incorporated into all UNC marketing and recruitment materials including websites and printed materials. Visit the UNC Life Web Portal at www.unco.edu/life to view how UNC is *bringing education to life*.

UNC Honors Colorado Educators



The University of Northern Colorado's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences recognized educators for their contributions at the UNC Educator Celebration. The campus held a reception in their honor in conjunction with the UNC Teacher Employment Days.

UNC alumni who have earned Colorado Teacher of the Year awards were recognized, with eight of the 16 in attendance at the reception: Justin Darnell (2010, Bryant-Webster K-8 in Denver), Ted Tsumura (1976, George Washington High School in Denver), Marjorie West (1994, Glennon Heights Elementary School in Lakewood), Paul Schmidt (1992, Westgate Elementary School in Lakewood), Joan Kniss (2001, Brighton High School), Sharon Ivie (1999, Eastridge Community Elementary School in Aurora), Beverly Haley (1979, Fort Morgan High School), and William McBride (1966, Poudre High School in Fort Collins).

Since the Colorado Department of Education began awarding the Colorado Teacher of the Year in 1963, nearly one-third of the winners have been UNC graduates.

Also recognized were area teachers nominated by colleagues in their school districts for the college's award for outstanding educators. Those earning awards were:

- Rhonda Campbell (Greeley Central High School)
- Felicia Clifford (Fort Lupton Middle School)
- Joan Stemo (Weld Central High School, Keenesburg)
- Bonnie Rowland (Namaqua Elementary, Loveland)
- Shelley Lowndes (Eaton High School)

Monfort College of Business Launches Facebook Page for Current and Prospective Students

Colleges and universities are always looking for new ways to serve their current students and attract future students. "The best way to connect with students is to go where they live, which right now is through Facebook," said Don Gudmundson, dean of the Monfort College of Business. That's why the college recently launched its social media initiative, which includes a fan page "hosted" by Gudmundson.

The Monfort College of Business fan page was launched in mid February, and has quickly grown to a sizable community. The page includes video blogs by the dean and faculty, contests with giveaways, and content about college and campus activities.

DownBeat Magazine Honors UNC Music Programs

The country's leading jazz magazine has recognized the University of Northern Colorado's music programs with eight awards for excellence, the most ever in one year in university history, including naming the symphony orchestra and jazz combo the best among colleges.

It's the eighth time in 11 years that UNC's symphony orchestra has earned the distinction by *DownBeat* magazine, which annually presents college music awards.

UNC's Awards:

- College Winner, Jazz Combo: Vanguard Jazz Combo, Jim White, director
- College Winner, Classical Group: UNC Symphony Orchestra, Russell Guyver, conductor
- Graduate College Winner, Instrumental Jazz Soloist: Ben Haugland, piano (faculty advisor: Dana Landry)
- Graduate College Winner, Jazz Arrangement: Jorge I. Currea (faculty advisor: Erik Applegate)
- Graduate College Winner, Original Composition: Joel Nagel (faculty advisor: Jim White)
- Graduate College Outstanding Performance, Original Composition: Ben Haugland (faculty advisor: Erik Applegate)
- Undergraduate College Outstanding Performance, Instrumental Jazz Soloist: Greg Johnson, tenor sax (faculty advisor: Andy Dahlke)
- Graduate College Outstanding Performance, Vocal Jazz Soloist: Kate Skinner, voice (faculty advisor: Dana Landry)

"We've been working closely with Swift Digital Marketing Partners in developing and maintaining the page, and are very pleased with the results so far," Gudmundson said. "They've hired interns from the college to help manage content on the page, which provides a great learning opportunity for our students, as well."

By utilizing Google analytics, the college can track who visits the page, how long they stay, and how many choose to visit the UNC admissions page from the Facebook page. "Not only are we attracting current students and alumni to the page, but it appears we're doing a good job of attracting prospective students, who then visit the admissions page for the first time," Gudmundson continued. "We're very excited about building this online community that shares and celebrates the great things we have going at the Monfort College of Business and the University of Northern Colorado."

The Monfort College of Business Facebook fan page, can be found at www.facebook.com/monfortcollege.

Northern Vision's Award Winning Articles



The National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) and Oregon Press Women (OPW) have selected two articles by Mary Sasaki, a freelance writer for the *Northern Vision*, as award winners in the 2010 Communications Contest.

Sasaki received first-place awards in the NFPW at-large contest and the OPW statewide contest for "Banding Together," the cover story in the winter 2009 issue. She received a third-place award in the NFPW at-large contest for "Education Advocate," the cover story, in the fall 2009 issue. Sasaki's first-place entry will compete at the national level in the NFPW contest against the first-place winners from state affiliates across the country.

From 1983-1992, Sasaki was the senior writer for UNC's University News and Publications. Before joining the University News and Publications staff, Sasaki was a reporter and copy editor for The Greeley Tribune. Currently, Sasaki, specializes in feature writing for magazines, newspapers and newsletters in addition to grant writing. Sasaki has bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of North Carolina and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Arizona.

OPW is an organization of professional writers and communicators open to men and women. A network of corporate and freelance writers, editors, reporters, photographers, graphic designers, public relations and advertising practitioners, OPW is dedicated to excellence in communication and to protecting First Amendment freedoms.

OPW is an affiliate of NFPW, a national association for women and men representing the full spectrum of communications professions. NFPW members work in print and electronic journalism, public relations, advertising, freelancing, graphic design, marketing, photography and more. Membership information is available at www.nfpw.org and www.theOPW.com.



Lydia Ruyle Room of Women's Art

The Lydia Ruyle Room of Women's Art is an archival room designed to provide viewing and study of our current and future art collections. This room was made possible by a generous donation from Bob and Lydia Ruyle.

Bob and Chris Petteys donated an impressive collection of prints and drawings by women artists for the room. The collection includes works by Mary Cassatt, Bridget Riley, Louise Nevelson, and Kathe Kollwitz that can be viewed by visitors. The Petteys family also donated over 500 books mostly pertaining to women artists. These books and files enhance the research possibilities for students, faculty and the community.

Professor of History Awarded the 2010 M. Lucile Harrison Award



Professor of History Marshall Clough of UNC's College of Humanities and Social Sciences was selected as the recipient of the 2010 M. Lucile Harrison Award, the university's top faculty honor. The annual award which is awarded by the Office of the Provost, recognizes a faculty member with a distinguished career in teaching, professional activity and service.

Clough joined the History program at UNC in 1975, after he earned his bachelor's degree from Columbia University and did his graduate work at Stanford University, earning a master's degree in modern European history and a Ph.D. in African history.

In the History Department, Professor Clough has taught courses on Africa, Britain, Ireland, Western Civilization, World History and Islam. As a strong believer in interdisciplinary general education, he also taught outside the department in the Life of the Mind and Honors programs with colleagues from English, Philosophy, and Visual Arts.

Clough's scholarly work has focused on the history of Kenya in the colonial and independent periods. He has written two books, *Fighting Two Sides: Kenyan Chiefs and Politicians, 1918-1940* and *Mau Mau Memoirs: History, Memory, and Politics*.

Clough is currently engaged in a long-term project on the historical significance of prison memoirs in 20th-century Africa. He has received fellowships and grants from the Fulbright Program, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Within Colorado, Clough has served on the boards of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities and the Denver Center Theatre.

UNC Alumna Gives 1.5 million Gift to Science Programs



UNC's College of Natural and Health Sciences will receive a \$1.5 million planned gift from Dr. Mary Jo Drew to create professorship, a scholarship and to fund student research.

Drew, chief medical officer of blood services at the American Red Cross chapter in Portland, OR, was born in Greeley and attended Greeley public schools. In 1979 she earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from UNC before earning her medical degree from the University of Colorado and her Masters of Health Services Administration (MHSA) from the University of Michigan in 2000.

"I will always be grateful for the mentoring and friendships first nurtured at UNC and have a strong desire to continue this legacy by supporting upcoming generations of students in achieving their goals through the best in higher education."

Drew's gift will fund three areas, the Dr. Mary Jo Drew Biological Sciences Professorship to attract and retain distinguished faculty scholars, the William J. deAtherage Memorial Scholarship to provide financial assistance to pre-med students and the Student Research Fund, an area of emphasis in the College of Natural and Health Sciences.

"Dr. Mary Jo Drew's multi-faceted gift commitment will have significant impact on the college as a whole and the Biological Sciences program in particular," said College of Natural and Health Sciences Dean Denise Battles. "We are grateful for Dr. Drew's generosity and her desire to support our students, programs, and faculty."

UNC President Kay Norton added, "As a leader in her field, Dr. Drew represents what our students aspire to become. We appreciate tremendously her commitment and are extremely honored that she's chosen to leave a legacy at UNC that will make an indelible impact on countless lives."

"I think alumni need to get involved if they haven't. They need to get back in touch with their school to see the great stuff that is happening," said Drew. "Once they support the place that got them launched professionally, they'll realize the impact it had on their lives."

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Fulbright Scholar Grant Awarded to Marketing Professor



Janice Payan, associate professor of marketing at the University of Northern Colorado's Monfort College of Business, has been awarded the Fulbright-Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration Distinguished Chair for the spring of 2010. The Distinguished Chair awards are considered among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholars Program.

The grant allows Payan to teach at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. The university, which is known in German as Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, is the largest education institution for business and economics, business law and social sciences in the European Union.

She is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program each year. It is the sixteenth time a professor at UNC has received a Fulbright honor at any level.

Payan will be teaching one undergraduate and one graduate level course between March 1 and July 15: Managing Global Channels of Distribution and Global Supply Chain Management.

She applied for the opportunity in August of 2008, and went through three different stages in the approval process. "I was thrilled just to make it through the first cut," Payan said. "It was a long, competitive process."

"This is a great opportunity to get more international experience and exposure," she added. "I'll have the opportunity to interact with faculty, make speeches to the larger community and hopefully work on some research with faculty there."

"Dr. Payan's selection into this program speaks to the level of faculty we have here at the Monfort College of Business," said Don Gudmundson, dean of the Monfort College of Business. "Our students will benefit from her experience and no doubt it will inspire them, as well."

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 286,500 people with the opportunity to observe political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. 108,160 Americans have studied, taught or researched abroad and 178,340 students, scholars and teachers from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. They are among over 40,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year.

Student Organizations Sponsor Leave Your Mark

Student organizations came together to improve the tunnel that connects the University Center and West Campus and runs under 11th Avenue. The tunnel needed a face-lift after it has continuously been marked with graffiti.

Bear Branding—"Leave Your Mark" was a way to unify UNC students, staff, and faculty in their community. Participants left their handprints and painted murals that represent the school in a positive way along walls of the tunnel.

The event was conceptualized by recent spring 2010 graduate, Duncan Northern, and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, and was adopted by the Student Senate, University Program Council, Greek Life, the Residence Hall Association, Interfraternity Council, Student Organization Team, and the Student Alumni Association.

Over 2,000 people attended the event where they left over 2,500 handprints. Participants also received a "Leave Your Mark" t-shirt, free food from Chipotle and Jimmy Johns, and played volleyball in the warm weather.

The organizations' goal is to make "Leave Your Mark" an annual community service event for the university. Not only do they plan on keeping the tunnel free from graffiti, but also plan to consider planting trees throughout campus and clean up campus neighborhoods. For additional information, visit the event's Facebook page by searching Bear Branding Leave Your Mark.



Meet Some of UNC's Biggest Fans!

Devon Bruntz and Brian Lengel are couple of UNC alums who continually support UNC by attending many of the events that the Alumni Association holds. It is great to see our young alumni get involved and show support for their alma mater.

Visit the Alumni Association online at www.uncalumni.org to see our upcoming events and event photos, news, online directory, and more.

Alumni events are a great way to meet up with friends and support the Bears. They help keep me connected to the community and to the Bears. It's always nice to see people with so much pride in the university. *Once a Bear. Always a Bear!*

-Devon Bruntz, BS '06

Attending alumni association events seems like the best way to stay connected and support the university. The alumni association is very supportive of UNC athletics, of which I enjoy being a fan.

-Brian Lengel, BS '06



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UNC's Men's Basketball – Making History.....



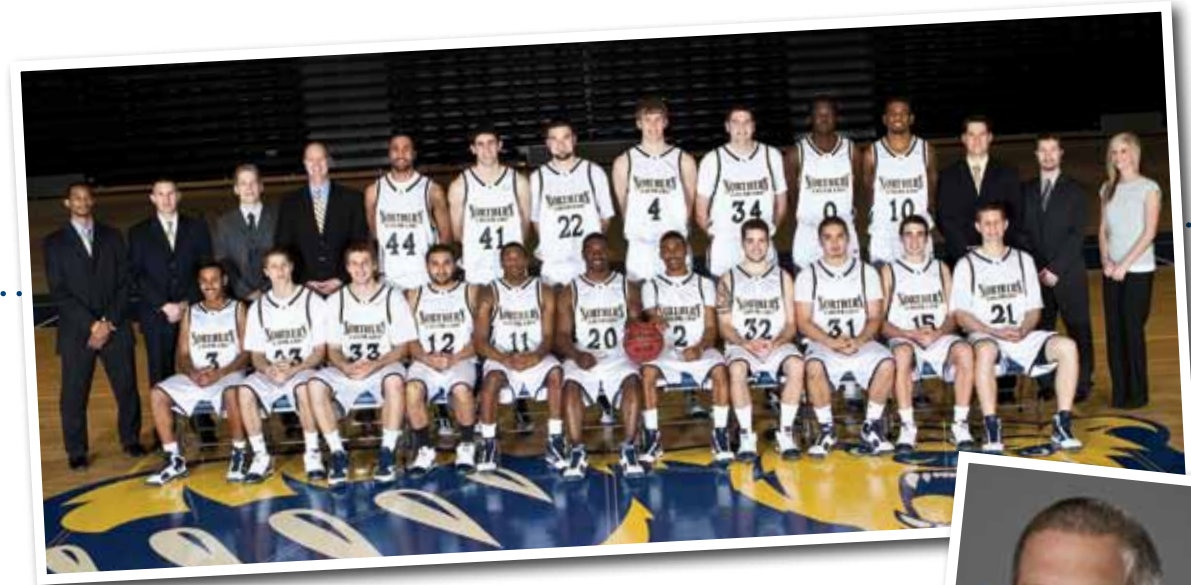
- 1988-89 Men's Basketball**
- Head Coach: Ron Brillhart, 1983-92
 - 1988-89 team finished season 24-6
 - Featuring future NBA player Mike Higgins
 - Best Record, North Central Conference: 14-4, 1988-89
 - Highest National Ranking: 10th, 1988-89
 - Highest Final National Ranking: 11th, 1988-89



- Coach Tad Boyle**
- Head Coach: 2006-10
 - 2006-07 season finished 4-24
 - 2007-08 season finished 13-16
 - 2008-09 season finished 14-18 and included the team's first trip to the Big Sky Conference quarterfinals
 - 2009-10 season finished 25-8



2003 UNC Men's Basketball Moves to Division 1



- 2009-10 Men's Basketball**
- 2008-09 season finished 25-8
 - Break the school record for wins by surpassing the 1988-89 men's basketball record of 24 wins
 - Number 12 ranking in the CollegelInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25

- Second in the 2010 Big Sky Conference Men's Basketball Championship Tournament
- First ever postseason tournament bid hosting the CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament



B.J. Hill 2010 Head Men's Basketball Coach

UNC Alums Across America

Gregory Germann ●
BA, General Theatre 1978
Kensington, CA

Greg was best known for his role as Richard Fish in the television series *Allie McBeal* which aired from 1997–2002. Previous film roles included *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby* and a voice role in *Bolt*. Greg can currently be seen on Broadway starring in the Tony Award winning *Boeing-Boeing* at the Longacre Theatre.

Vincent Jackson ●
Attended Fall 2001 – Fall 2004
San Diego, CA

Vincent is currently a wide receiver for the San Diego Chargers. While attending UNC, he became UNC's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards, kick return yards, pass receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns. Vincent was drafted in 2005 by the Chargers and in 2009 was an alternate for the 2009 Pro Bowl.

Connie Willis ●
BA, English & Elementary Education 1967
Greeley, CO

Connie is a science fiction author, who has won ten Hugo Awards and six Nebula Awards. She is also one of the few writers to win one Nebula in each of the four length categories of novel, novella, novelette, and short story. Her recent book, *Blackout*, reached #34 on the New York Times bestseller list. Connie was most recently inducted into the Science Fiction Museum and Science Fiction Hall of Fame.

Don Meyer ●
BA, Physical Education 1967; MA, Physical Education 1968
Aberdeen, SD

Don is the all-time leader in coaching wins in NCAA men's basketball history and recently retired from Northern State University. Meyer was featured in the *Sports Illustrated* article "The Game of His Life" that chronicled a nearly fatal accident that eventually cost Meyer much of his left leg. And on the night of his accident, the surgeon who worked to save his life discovered that Meyer had carcinoid cancer, a slow-growing form of the disease. In 2009 he was awarded the Jimmy V (Jimmy Valvano) Award for Perseverance at the ESPY Awards.

Victoria Matlock ●
BA, Musical Theatre 1999
New York, NY

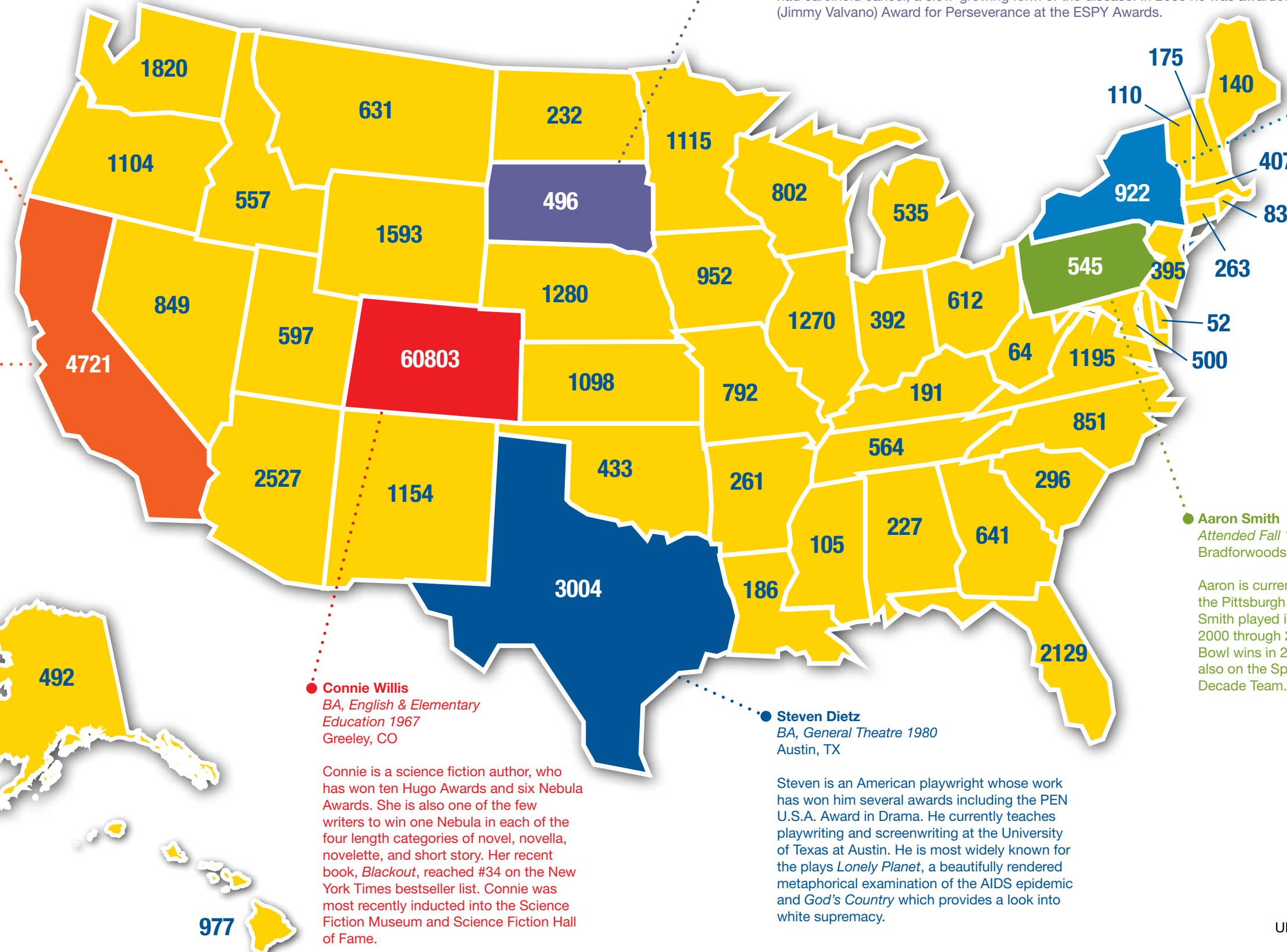
Victoria recently starred in the new musical adaptation of *The First Wives Club* which played at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre, in the summer of 2009. She is locally known for her work in Little Theatre of the Rockies productions. In 2007, Victoria played Elphaba in the national tour of *Wicked* and made her New York debut in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* in which she was included in the original cast recording.

Aaron Smith ●
Attended Fall 1994 – Fall 1998
Bradfordwoods, PA

Aaron is currently a defensive end for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Drafted in 1999, Smith played in every Steelers game from 2000 through 2006, including two Super Bowl wins in 2005 and 2008. Aaron was also on the *Sports Illustrated's* 2000 All Decade Team.

Steven Dietz ●
BA, General Theatre 1980
Austin, TX

Steven is an American playwright whose work has won him several awards including the PEN U.S.A. Award in Drama. He currently teaches playwriting and screenwriting at the University of Texas at Austin. He is most widely known for the plays *Lonely Planet*, a beautifully rendered metaphorical examination of the AIDS epidemic and *God's Country* which provides a look into white supremacy.



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Athletic Update

by Heather Kennedy

SWIMMING & DIVING

Under the direction of first-year head coach Kelly McClanahan, the swimming & diving team posted 26 times that now appear on the school's all-time top 10 list and the Bears had their first-ever finalist at the NCAA Zone 'E' Diving Championships as junior Kelly Schmeckpeper-Cook placed 18th in the three-meter event.

At the Conference USA Championships, the Bears doubled their team score from the previous season. The Bears posted season-best times in every race and saw one school record fall. Junior Tori Gutt finished eighth overall in the 200 breaststroke, swimming a 2:19.90 after clocking a 2:19.27 in the preliminaries to break her own school record of 2:20.71 from a year ago.

McClanahan returns the majority of her roster for the 2010-2011 season as only Dawn Adams, Christian Bueno and Sarah Cook graduate.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

At the Big Sky Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships, the Bears saw four earn all-conference and six records fall. Junior Shaylee Robinette earned all-conference after her second place finish in the 400 meters. She flew to a 55.32, breaking Justine Sandersfeld's record of 55.71 from a season ago. Senior Tyler Hoerner broke his own record in the 400 meters, clocking a 47.88

Kellie Callahan

to finish third. The women's 4x400 team of Ashley Foster, Jillian Hoblitt, Lauren Iseman and Shaylee Robinette ran a 3:49.05 to break the school record of 3:49.97 from last year and finish fifth.

During the preliminaries, sophomore Kelly Coomes broke the 55 meter hurdles record after timing a 8.14. Senior Kellie Callahan finished eighth in the 5000 meters, running a personal best time of 18:07.77 and breaking the school record by almost 30 seconds. The previous record of 18:37.32 was held by Jessica Bower from 1995. Senior Patrick Berg broke the school's record in the weight throw for the third time this year, finishing fifth with a throw of 58-8.75, shattering his previous record of 56-6.5 from Jan. 30.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team posted a 14-16 record for the 2009-10 season, beginning in the Preseason WNIT and ending with a 6-10 mark in Big Sky Conference action. Along the way, junior guard Courtney Stoermer became the 15th player in school history to score 1,000 points and senior guard Whitley Cox rewrote the record books, becoming the first women's basketball player to get named to the First-Team All-Conference team in the Big Sky.

Cox ended her stellar career with 1,581 points, third most in Northern Colorado history. She also became the second player in school history with 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 250 assists.

Fellow senior Lizzie Cooper ends her career with a streak of 45 consecutive games with at least one rebound after she tallied four in the final game of the year. She also has a +16 assist-to-turnover ratio, ending her career with 139 assists and 123 turnovers.

WRESTLING

An extremely tough dual schedule helped the Bears achieve their first Division I All-American in 40 years. Justin Gaethje finished seventh at the NCAA Championships, posting a season record of 29-15. Gaethje was one of 50 wrestlers to earn an at-large berth to the NCAA Championship and one of three to earn All-American honors.

In head coach Ben Cherrington's first season, the team finished fourth at the NCAA West Regional with a 3-14 dual record which includes a 2-4 mark in WWC action.

Whitley Cox

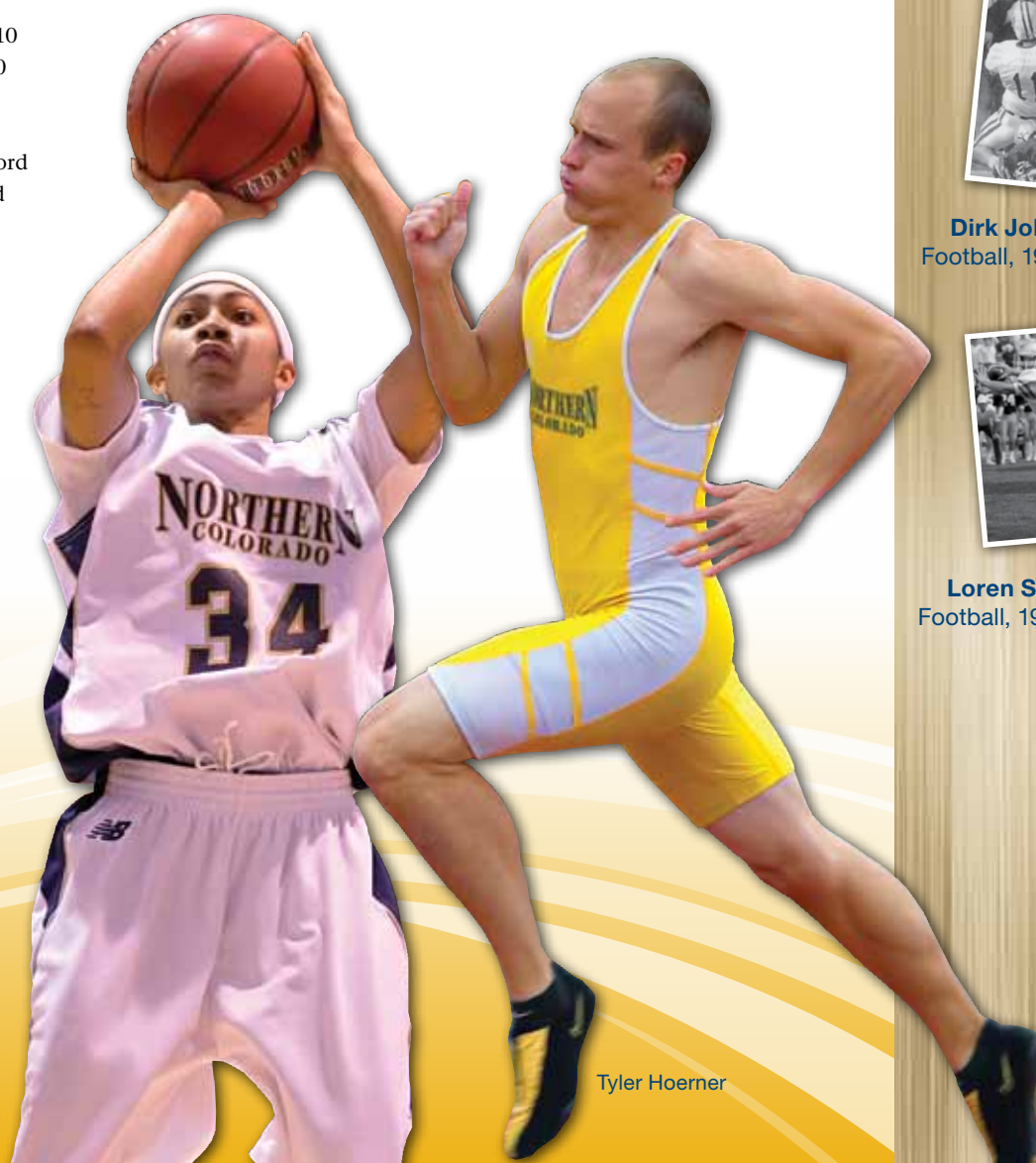
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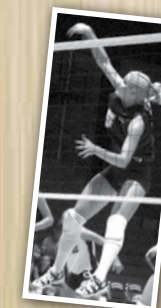
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Joe Bonacquista
Baseball, 1962-1964



Erin Deffenbaugh
Volleyball, 2000-2004



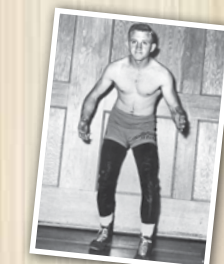
Scott Gates
Wrestling, 1988-1992



Dirk Johnson
Football, 1993-1997



Jim Fallis
Director of Athletics,
1993-2004



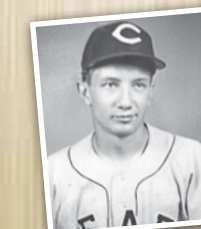
Les Kroeger
Wrestling, 1951-1957



Loren Snyder
Football, 1983-1986



Missy (Borell) Vaughn
Basketball, 1999-2003



Harry Wise
Baseball/Basketball/
Football, 1945-1951



Wrestling Team
1963-1964



Alison Markovchick '08
Alumni and Donor Relations
Program Coordinator

Alumni Association Team Profile Meet Alison Markovchic

Alison Markovchick is the newest edition to the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association staff, joining us as the alumni and donor relations program coordinator. Alison graduated from UNC in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication.

During her time at UNC, Alison was involved in many campus organizations including the Resident Hall Association (RHA), Student Senate (SRC), Alpha Phi and Order of Omega. In 2008, she was crowned homecoming queen and received the Outstanding Woman of Leadership award from Student Senate. With her friend Mike Covert, Alison started the Bears Give Back carnival to raise money for AIDS research and awareness. The Bears Give Back is planning its third annual event to take place this October.

While at UNC, Alison worked in several residence halls and the Office of Admissions. Alison had such a tremendous college experience that she wanted to share her joy and passion about UNC with current students.

Alison is currently the coordinator for the Telephone Outreach Program and social media communications, such as Facebook. She is most proud of the re-creation of the Student Alumni Association (SAA). SAA stands on three pillars: The partnership

with career services, the alumni mentor program and participating/volunteering in Alumni Association events. The program that Alison is excited to get off the ground is the Alumni Mentor Program. This program is designed to bridge the gap between current students and alumni in their chosen career field. These mentors will help educate, encourage and guide their students through their four years of college. The mentors will assist students in finding internships or preceptorships, and help them find jobs after they graduate.

Alison loves her job and is thrilled to be back at Northern Colorado and in Greeley. GO BEARS!



The UNC Alumni Association on Facebook

The University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association is your connection to alumni worldwide. Become a fan of our Facebook page today and keep up to date with information, events, photos and more!

Student Alumni Association Starts Alumni Mentor Group

The Student Alumni Association and Career Services have teamed up to form a Alumni Mentor Program that will provide students with career guidance from experienced professionals. The mentor program focus is to bridge the gap between alumni and students, where they will pair alumni mentors with students from a matching field of study or career area.

Students can benefit from the program with opportunities such as resume building, internships and one-on-one advise from professionals.

Alumni can benefit from the program as another way to give back and reconnect to their university. Please contact Alison Markovchick at alison.markovchick@unco.edu or 970.351.1352 if you are interested in participating in the Alumni Mentor Program.



Q&A with Bob & Judy Thompson Alumni Association Volunteers



Robert 'Bob' Thompson '60
BA Elementary Education

Judith 'Judy' Thompson '59
BA Elementary Education

What is your favorite memory of your time at the University of Northern Colorado?

Bob: There are a couple of memories that come to mind. I came to Colorado State College/University of Northern Colorado in my sophomore year and lived in Hadden Hall. I was elected the hall president and had the privilege and the pleasure of serving on the Men's Residence Hall Council for the 1957-58 school year. Another memory was observing in Elizabeth Lehr's fifth grade classroom. I learned much about classroom management that held me in good stead in my short four-year teaching career. The college prepared me well to walk into my first class with confidence.

Judy: One of my favorite memories was being interviewed by the Four Freshmen for the Miss Cache la Poudre contest. Being part of Student Government, AWS and Panhellenic Council also was very exciting as well as broadening my college experiences. But the best part of attending UNC was the feeling I carried when I walked into my first classroom. I knew I was ready and prepared to take over a class because of the education I had received at UNC! And, of course, I treasure the lifelong friendships that were made while a student at UNC.

What made you decide to volunteer to chair the 50-Year Reunion for the class of 1960?

Bob: Last year I went to Judy's 50 year reunion and really enjoyed the experience. Many of the people I either didn't know or, in my dotage, couldn't remember. It was good to meet them and to realize that even if we hadn't known each other in college, we shared a lifetime of similar experiences: being parents and grandparents, and sharing about our careers.

It was such a wonderful experience, that in my exuberance I said that I would be the chair of the 1960 reunion committee.

What have you gained from your volunteer experience?

Bob: At the beginning, as in all beginnings, it seemed a monumental task. I was fortunate to have a few wonderful volunteers to chair the outreach and activities committees. Jan Myers Arney and Monte Otto are the people who have done the real leg work. I have known Jan since college, and I knew Monte because we were in Concert Choir together. Ruth Gray is the most recent addition to our committee and will be leading the charge to compile our reunion memento book that I can't wait to see. I have gained a real appreciation for these classmates and for the time and talent they have given to our class and this university.

Another experience was making cold calls to members of the class to inform them of the date of the reunion and a quick overview of the activities. In the midst of these conversations we shared college memories and a little of what has happened in our lives. I hope that classmates give some serious consideration to join with us on October 1 for our 50 year reunion. It is an honor to have this opportunity to do something positive for the class of 1960.

Save the Dates • October 1 & 2, 2010

Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2, 2010 will be the dates for the university of Northern Colorado's 50 Year Reunion/Homecoming. Make plans to return to campus and catch up with classmates.

UNC Awarded \$1.25 Million Grant by Daniels Fund

UNC has been selected to receive a five-year, \$1.25 million grant from the Daniels Fund as part of a new Ethics Initiative to help support principle-based ethics education. The Ethics Initiative will go beyond philosophy and theory to real-world utilization in the use of ethical principles as a foundation for personal and organizational decision-making and leadership.

Through the grant, UNC becomes part of an Ethics Consortium of eight universities to develop and further strengthen ethics education for students and training for existing businesspeople. The Daniels Fund is the largest private foundation in the Rocky Mountain region founded by the late pioneer of the cable television industry, Bill Daniels. The Ethics Initiative is based on Daniels' personal commitment to ethics and integrity that will expand ethics education throughout the business schools.

"We are honored and delighted to be among the universities selected for a grant that provides funding for an initiative that represents one of UNC's core values," said UNC President Kay Norton. "We're committed to providing an education for our students that fosters ethical decision-making throughout their college lives and serves as the guiding force in their professional careers."

The grant will provide \$250,000 annually to UNC. A portion of the grant was utilized to create the Bill Daniels Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics within the Monfort College of Business and has named Assistant Professor Michael Martin to the professorship. Martin will assess ethics instruction in the college, develop and teach ethics curriculum that will be designed for new and existing business courses, and connect efforts to address ethics throughout the university, including incorporating an ethics module for use in introductory freshman college courses.

Portions of the grant will also provide ethics training to businesspeople through the community through continuing education and share ethics curriculum for students throughout the university. In addition, the grant will provide \$25,000 annually for student scholarships and will also fund a computerized simulation tool that will help assess program effectiveness by testing graduating seniors' ethical decision-making.

"While we think we'd like to make moral and ethical decisions, often it's not that clear. We'll provide framework in helping students with decision-making so they have something to utilize when they come across difficult and somewhat confusing gray areas we face in life," stated Don Gudmundson, dean of the Monfort College of Business.

While the grant is only for five years, if it is successful among the colleges the Daniels Fund may continue the program.

This initiative is highly anticipated to improve the campus environment and better prepare students to face real world dilemmas in the workplace and in daily life. All are looking forward to the positive additions and changes to come.

Joining UNC will be the University of Denver and University of Wyoming, whose business schools have existing business ethics programs supported by the Daniels Fund, and fellow grant awardees



Bill Daniels

Colorado State University, New Mexico State University, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of New Mexico and the University of Utah.

Additional Support to UNC from The Daniels Fund

Bill Daniels established the Daniels Fund to operate the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Shortly before his death in 2000 Bill Daniels contributed \$4.1 million dollars to several endowments at UNC. Several of these contributions were made in the names of Joe Tennessen and Hank Brown. These accounts have funded dozens of generous scholarships in performing and visual arts, athletics and more. A portion of Daniels' 2000 gift was also designated for campus construction and renovations projects.

The Daniels Fund has been a steadfast supporter of UNC since its board approved their first gift to Northern Colorado in 2001. To date their contributions to UNC surpass \$3 million dollars (including their recent pledge of \$1.25 million to the Monfort College of Business). Below is a list of the UNC programs outside of the Monfort College of Business that have received grants from the Fund.

Audiology & Speech Language Sciences – \$100,000

Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences offers educational programs in speech-language pathology and audiology, both with a clinical orientation. As part of the training program, the department also houses the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic, which provide a variety of diagnostic and rehabilitative services to individuals of any age with speech, language, and/or hearing difficulties. The undergraduate program offers a pre-professional bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology and audiology. At the graduate level, both the speech and audiology programs are designed to prepare students to become professional practitioners in their field. Training focuses on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of speech, language, hearing, and balance disorders in both children and adults.

Athletics – \$375,000

Including:

- Hank Brown Presidential Scholar-Athlete – Participate in football or wrestling; freshman must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or above; upper-classmen must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Harry W. Brown Wrestling Scholarship – Student athlete in the wrestling program; 2.5 GPA.

Center for Urban Education – \$525,000

The bachelor's degree program prepares students to be elementary, special education or early childhood teachers in contemporary schools and provides the opportunity to immediately apply what they learn in their college courses. Throughout the four-year program, students spend weekday mornings in K-12 classrooms as part of apprenticeships that are supervised by veteran teachers.

Cumbres Program – \$90,000

Cumbres is part of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Cumbres, "Peaks" in Spanish, is a teacher preparation program that seeks to recruit students who are committed to working with Hispanic school children, language minority students, and children of poverty in the public schools. UNC students in the Cumbres teacher preparation program are pursuing a specific endorsement in: Bilingual Education or Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), in addition to their intended endorsement(s).

Daniels Opportunity Scholarships – \$420,000

The Daniels Opportunity Scholarship program seeks to provide scholarship funding for nontraditional students, including adults entering or returning to college, students from alternative schools, juvenile justice facilities or youth offender programs, GED recipients, former foster-care youth, and returning military.

National Center on Sensory and Severe Disabilities - \$100,000

The National Center on Severe and Sensory Disabilities (NCSSD) is the nation's premier resource center for information, training and technical assistance for families and educators of more than 1 million school children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, visually impaired, or have severe disabilities. The center is part of the UNC's nationally recognized School of Special Education.

If you wish to contribute to the ongoing ethics initiative at UNC, please contact Allie Steg Haskett '03, director of corporate and foundation relations, at 970.351.3292 or allie.steghaskett@unco.edu.

For more information or to contribute to any programs please call the University of Northern Colorado Foundation at 970.351.2551 or visit us online at www.uncofoundation.org.

For additional information about the Daniels Fund visit the website at www.danielsfund.org.

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Professor

R. Todd Ehle

- Associate professor and director of the chamber orchestra at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Bachelor's of music 1991, master's of music 1993
- Wife, Amy Ehle has 1993 bachelor's in music and psychology from UNC
- Daughter, Emma, 8



Dressed in sport coat and collared shirt, sometimes in front of his fireplace at home, sometimes in front of a note-covered office wall, Todd Ehle speaks casually and patiently into an unseen video camera, teaching the basics of the violin to students he will never know.

Ehle occasionally leans in with his instrument and encouraging voice to make a point about finger placement, notes, and how to move the bow.

When Ehle started posting these homemade lessons on the video-sharing website YouTube in 2007, he thought he would spur an interest in the violin and Del Mar College, where he is an associate professor, among local kids in Corpus Christi, Texas.

So far, Ehle says, he's pretty sure he's not made much of an impact locally, but he knows someone is watching. The last time he checked, his videos had 2.5 million page views and thousands of comments, and Ehle is now affectionately known online as Professor V, getting so much email from violin students around the world that he's had to block his YouTube mail system.

The success of these beginner tutorials has surprised the 41-year-old University of Northern Colorado music graduate. He didn't set out to become famous. He had only one motivation: After two decades of playing violin up to seven hours a day, his body had broken down, and he wanted to have a record of himself teaching while he still could.

Early in 2004, Ehle started experiencing debilitating pain in his neck and back. His beloved instrument, the one he had studied and played since he was a boy growing up in Greeley, Colo., had caused arthritis and spinal degeneration. Doctors told him that to ease the pain, he simply would have to stop playing.

That was quite a blow to the concert violinist who had played in orchestras all over the world and who makes his living teaching the violin. But talking to Ehle or reading his personal website is an exercise in positive thinking. He barrages his students with encouraging quotations and practice tips and a "go-get-'em" kind of attitude. He always seems to look on the bright side.

When Ehle stopped playing classical concerts, he then began teaching viola and violin as well as conducting the college's orchestra, which is when he also started videotaping.

"If I were still healthy, I would still be playing concerts. I wouldn't have made any of those videos if I hadn't had this injury," Ehle said from his school office. "My goal is to spread an interest in the violin world and music in general. And I believe if I had been healthy, I would not have done this. I probably have helped more people being in the situation I'm in."

On most Thursdays, Ehle plugs in his family video camera either at his college office or home and records himself teaching the fundamentals of violin, and tries not to think about the potential millions of people who will watch his every move and listen to every off-the-cuff remark.

Students everywhere from China to Iraq, Russia to Afghanistan, Italy to Mexico, the Philippines to Brazil, thank Ehle for his lessons and keep him posted on their progress.

Ehle is adamant that the best way to learn an instrument is to take weekly, face-to-face lessons from a teacher who can give feedback and guidance. But from his YouTube experience, he has come to understand that he may be the only teacher to which some of his students in far-flung lands have access.

Dr. Robert Ehle, Todd's father and Northern Colorado music professor for almost 40 years, puts it this way: Todd is violin teacher to the world.

Dr. Ehle says he's proud of how his son has taken what seemed like a devastating blow from his neck injury and used it to redefine his career.

"I don't know if you know much about classical musicians, but they are very traditional as a rule. They don't get into new technologies," said Dr. Ehle, noting that the violin hasn't changed much since it was created almost 500 years ago. "I imagine if he were still able to play Beethoven and Bach, he would still be playing Beethoven and Bach."

Dr. Ehle can't help but find irony in how his son is using technology now to bolster his music. As a boy in the 1970s, Todd and his friends would often find Dr. Ehle tinkering with recording and synthesizer equipment at home, shaking their heads at Todd's computer-geek dad. Dr. Ehle even received the first computer in Northern Colorado's School of Music, which he still keeps at school to run basic composing programs. He has long-taught electronic music classes along with music theory and composition.

Dr. Ehle and his wife, Linda, an organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Greeley, raised Todd in a musical home, where the classics were heard playing all the time. After a stint in junior high listening to Led Zeppelin and other rock bands, Todd embraced the classical music of his upbringing and considers that his true love in the music world.

But don't be alarmed if you happen to catch him playing fiddle at a local Irish pub with a bunch of guys who call themselves the "Olde Dogs."

A fiddler holds the instrument more on the shoulder, instead of the neck, so ever since Ehle's neck injury prevented him from serious violin playing, he's been gigging with the Irish band a couple of times a month. Just another upside to a physical breakdown.

"It's just for fun. I'm a classical violin teacher, that's what I am. This is purely a distraction," Ehle said. "I'm a poser in that world."

Fiddling may be just a hobby, but he takes it very seriously, which includes lots of practice and determination. He learned fiddle from a local musician and has studied the history of different facets of Americana fiddling. He even watches other Irish bands whenever he can to learn from them.

Professor Richard Fuchs saw Ehle's determination as a young student at Northern Colorado in the mid-1980s. He describes Ehle early on as eager, but not the best musician.

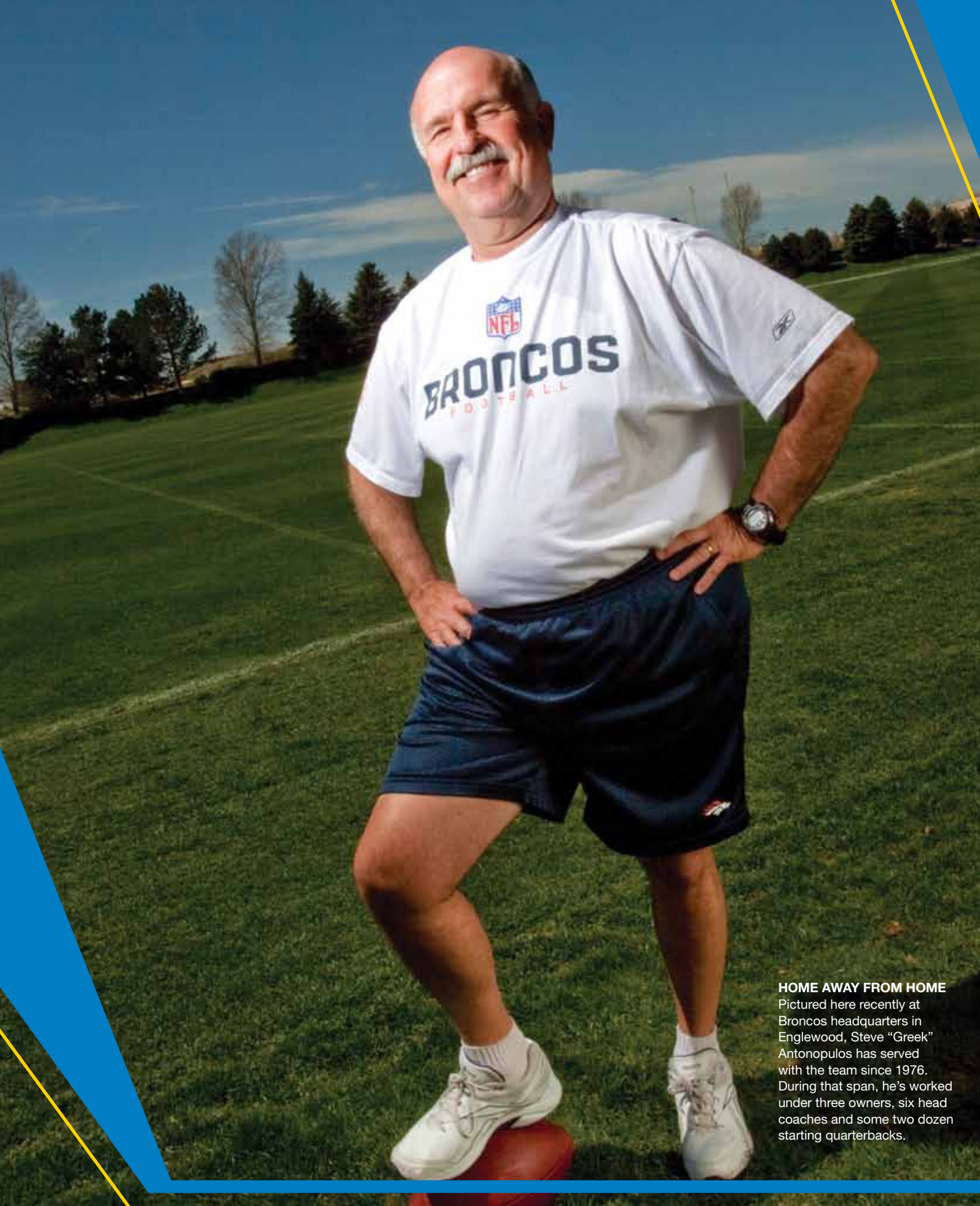
"But what I found out about him is that he had an incredible work ethic, an incredible creative mind," said Fuchs, who has taught at Northern Colorado for more than 25 years. Fuchs said Ehle blossomed into one of the best musicians he knows. Fuchs also taught Ehle's wife, Amy, who is a school psychologist in Corpus Christi.

Fuchs said Ehle, as Professor V, is an example of the greatest hallmark of teaching: Helping someone succeed just because you can, not just for money or notoriety.

"A lot of people and doctors said 'You can't be a musician anymore.' So he turned to conducting, he turned to the viola, he turned to teaching online, he turned to Irish music," Fuchs said. "He's an inspiration because he keeps working in music and creating new avenues for his art." **NV**

A 'GREEK' LEGEND

UNC Alum Steve Antonopoulos, one of the NFL's Longest-Tenured Athletic Trainers, Spends Past 35 Years Working 'Dream Job'



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Pictured here recently at Broncos headquarters in Englewood, Steve "Greek" Antonopoulos has served with the team since 1976. During that span, he's worked under three owners, six head coaches and some two dozen starting quarterbacks.

Photo by: Barry Gutierrez

Steve Antonopoulos isn't certain who gave him the nickname "Greek" 35 years ago when the UNC alumnus joined the Denver Broncos.

To this day, the unmistakable face of the Broncos' athletic training staff is greeted by the moniker by virtually all who know him.

"I've had many players through the years call the phone here and want to talk with me, and I'll answer 'Athletic Training Room, this is Steve,' and they'll say 'Can I talk to Greek?'" he says from behind his desk in his office that overlooks the training room at the Broncos' headquarters at Dove Valley in Englewood.

"Most of them don't know my real name."

Those same players, along with everyone else for that matter, can also call him the longest-tenured member of the Denver Broncos. Only one other head athletic trainer in the NFL has served longer (Baltimore's Bill Tessenorf has spent 37 years with the franchise). Greek has been with the team through all six of its Super Bowl appearances, including his second year with the team in 1977 and the back-to-back championships in 1997 and 1998.

Since his arrival in 1976, Greek has worked under six head coaches (John Ralston, Red Miller, Dan Reeves, Wade Phillips, Mike Shanahan and current head coach Josh McDaniels), three owners (the past 26 years with Pat Bowlen) and some two dozen different starting quarterbacks (John Elway for 16 "action-packed years"). Such coaching turnover usually results in completely new staffs brought in by the head coach. Each one has elected to retain Greek.

"That speaks very highly of his talent," says Tom Petroff, a member of the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame who led the Bears when Greek was a student-trainer for the baseball team. "I felt at the time that he was going to be a pioneer in the field. And he's contributed very well to the national scene."



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FIRST RESPONDER

Greek consoles tight end Shannon Sharpe, who would later learn he dislocated his elbow against the Oakland Raiders during this Monday Night game on Nov. 11, 2002, at Invesco Field at Mile High. Greek is among the first on the field when a player is injured.

I owe my career to the University of Northern Colorado and the mentoring I received here from Dan Libera. He was a special leader and more importantly a special friend, and I miss him a lot.

—Steve Antonopoulos

Greek is living out what he calls his dream job. Each day is different from the one before—except maybe for one thing that’s become routine.

A self-professed morning person, he’s usually the first to turn on the lights in the office around 4 a.m.—yes, you read that right—and spends the first hours of the day planning and taking care of himself to prepare for the day.

“I do things that I need to do whether it be to read, meditate, actually do work or work out. It’s just my time,” he says.

Longtime Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano, who ranks second behind Greek in service with the Broncos, considers him a friend and says he inspires the athletic training staff through the example he sets.

“He doesn’t do his job by watching the clock,” Saccomano says. “He’s a pleasure to know and work with, and I’m genuinely honored my time is marked parallel to his.”

Over the span of three decades, Greek has taped so many ankles he can’t accurately estimate what the total number is, nor is he sure how many players he’s come in contact with through his role. He’s one of the first on the field when a player gets injured, and there by his side during treatment to get him back on the field.

“The greatest thing is when a guy comes back from an injury and contributes to the team,” Greek says. “It’s about being a little piece that helps the team be what it is.”

His commitment and expertise have not gone unnoticed by the Broncos.

“There’s no doubt that Greek is an extremely valuable member of this organization,” Coach McDaniels says. “He’s one of the most experienced trainers in the NFL, if not in all of sports, and we are very fortunate to have him with the Broncos. He and his staff do a great job keeping our players healthy, both from a preventative and rehabilitative aspect, and his knowledge within the field of sports medicine is second to none.”

In 1967, Greek arrived at UNC (Colorado State College at the time) from Hugo, a “spot in the road in eastern Colorado,” where he thrived as a multi-sport athlete in high school and graduated in a class of 16. The football teams he played on won back-to-back state championships his junior and senior years, although he admits he didn’t think he was good enough to play in college.

Ralph Johnson (BA-66, MA-67), a friend from Hugo who was a student-trainer at UNC, knew Greek was interested in sports medicine and encouraged him to consider athletic training.

Greek’s brother, Glenn (BA-61, MA-67), attended and graduated from UNC just before Greek arrived. Johnson introduced Greek to the training staff, UNC Hall of Famers Tony Rossi (MA-49) and the late Dan Libera, who’s also a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Hall of Fame. The family connection and the staff sold him on UNC—as did the school’s size that eased the transition from a small town.

Under Libera’s tutelage, Greek became a student-trainer in an apprenticeship, as Greek refers to it, before athletic training became a formal part of the curriculum. Libera, who started the student-training program, entrusted him with being the sole athletic trainer for basketball and baseball. Greek also traveled with the football team.

“Tony Rossi gave me the opportunity and Dan Libera pushed me to the next level, motivating me to learn more, to investigate more, to be better at what I’m doing,” Greek says.

“I owe my career to the University of Northern Colorado and the mentoring I received here from Dan Libera,” Greek says, adding how devastating it was to lose him to ALS in 1997 at the age of 49. “He was a special leader and more importantly a special friend, and I miss him a lot.”

Greek fondly remembers the era’s teams and coaches, who like Libera and Rossi are in UNC’s Athletics Hall of Fame. He recalls the football team coached by Bob Blasi (MA-57) ranking third in the nation (“He’s a great man, a great coach and was far ahead of his time,” Greek says), basketball teams under George Sage (BA-55, MA-57) and Thurm Wright (BA-51) being perennial powers, and the wrestling team under Jack LaBonde (BA-51, MA-53) being thrust in the national spotlight with matches in Gunter Hall that drew so many the only free space in the former gym was the mat itself. Former baseball coach Petroff is “one of my favorite all-time people, and I still communicate with him occasionally,” Greek says.

Petroff helped Greek land his first job in athletic training at Fort Hays State, where Greek’s friend Johnson had also worked and vouched for him.

“The fact is Steve has a great personality and gets along very well with people,” Petroff says. “Secondly, he has a great mind, wanting to succeed and gain the knowledge to apply to his profession. I have great respect for him.”

Three years after his arrival at Fort Hays State, Greek would be in the NFL.

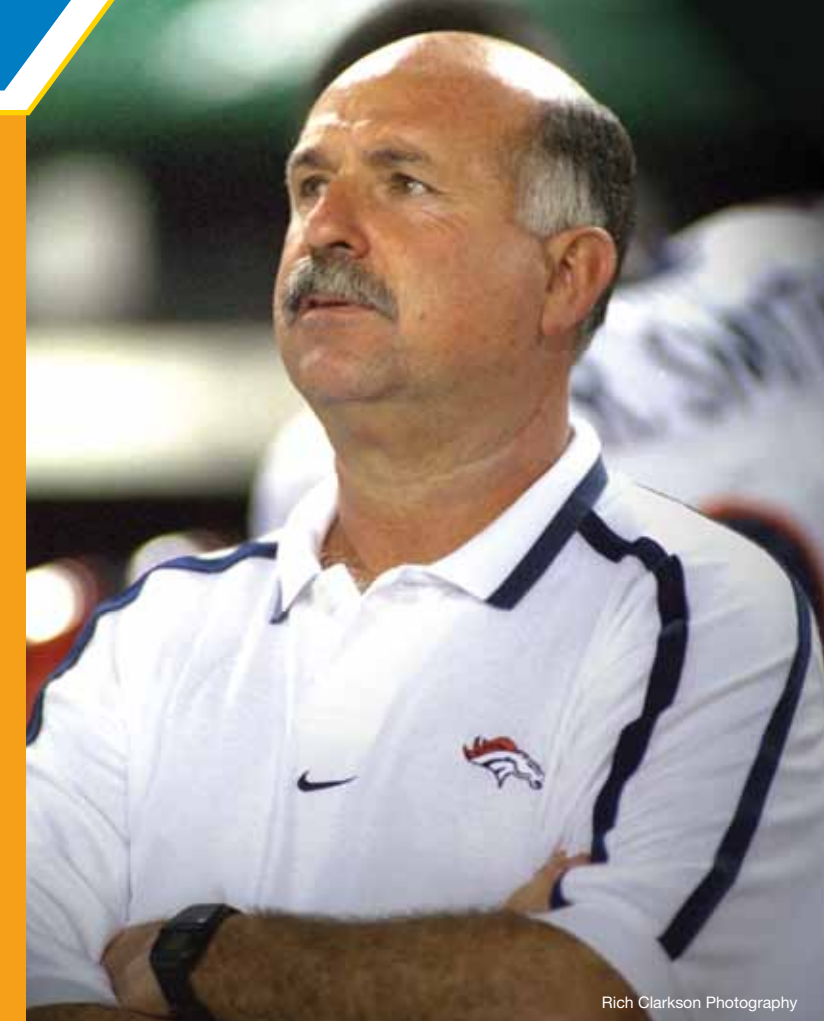
Greek grew up a Broncos fan and dreamed of working for the team, so when an athletic tape salesman came through Fort Hays and idly mentioned to Greek an opening existed with the Broncos, he needed little nudging to apply.

He cold-called Broncos head athletic trainer Allen Hurst and said he’d be in Denver with the Fort Hays basketball team on a road trip to Colorado that included a game at UNC. Could they meet, Greek asked, something Greek admits he’d never agree to today now that he’s on the other side of the desk. To his surprise, Hurst scheduled breakfast with him. Greek called to confirm a few days before, and Hurst said he also had “this guy from Kansas coming up” to visit him at the same time.

Any misgivings quickly vanished, however, over what became a five-hour breakfast at the restaurant overlooking Denver at the top of a hotel next to Mile High Stadium. Hurst and Greek had to race back to catch a bus so Greek wouldn’t miss the basketball game at UNC.

“I thought he was going to hire me on the spot,” Greek says. “I went back to Fort Hays feeling good about things.”

Three weeks later, Greek returned to Denver and was interviewed by then-head coach Ralston. He’d prepared for the interview by familiarizing himself with the team, including all of the players’ injuries. The former Stanford coach pulled out Greek’s résumé and read through each line, pausing to allow Greek to fill in the silence.



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NEVER TAKES A PLAY OFF

Greek watches intently from the sidelines. During games, he has to be prepared at a moment’s notice to respond to an injury.

Meet Stephen “Greek” Antonopoulos

Position
Head Athletic Trainer, Denver Broncos

Education
BA-1972 and MA-1973 in Health and Physical Education from UNC

Years with Broncos
35 (30 as head athletic trainer; four as assistant athletic trainer and one year as director of rehabilitation/assistant athletic trainer); longest-tenured employee

Previous Experience
Head athletic trainer and instructor in Health, Physical Education & Recreation, Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan.

Professional Organizations
National Athletic Trainers’ Association (received Distinguished Athletic Trainer Service Award in 1997 and Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 2005), Colorado Athletic Trainers’ Association (past president), Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society (served as secretary, treasurer and president; Named Athletic Training Staff of the Year in 1987), American College of Sports Medicine, Rocky Mountain Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine, Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers’ Association (inducted into hall of fame in 2005).

Family
Wife, Susan; Children (grown): Nick, Matt, Kristi, Kasey and Heather; five grandchildren. Brother, Glenn, is a retired teacher who graduated from UNC with a bachelor’s degree in Math/Liberal Arts and master’s degree in Elementary Education.

About UNC’s Athletic Training Program

The state’s longest-standing accredited program, UNC Athletic Training began in the 1960s and developed into a clinical program under the late Dan Libera, a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame. The program continued to evolve, being officially recognized by NATA in 1988 and approved by NATA for undergraduate curriculum in 1990. It was offered as an area of emphasis in the School of Sport and Exercise Science up until last year when it was approved as a bachelor’s degree program to comply with accreditation standards. Preparation focuses on the areas of prevention, management and rehabilitation of sport injuries. Students work in the UNC athletic training room and at affiliate sites. Upon graduation, students have fulfilled the requirements to become nationally certified athletic trainers upon passing the NATA exam.

I've been working my dream job. I can honestly say there's not been a day in 34-years plus coming to work that I've dreaded.

—Steve Antonopoulos

SUPER MOMENTS

Right: Greek and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen celebrate in the locker room following the Broncos' win over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII. Greek has been a part of all six Broncos Super Bowl appearances, including the back-to-back wins in 1997 and 1998.



Rich Clarkson Photography

"By the end of the résumé, what seemed like hours, I'm saying to myself 'I have no shot at this job,'" Greek says.

Greek admitted as much to Hurst at dinner that evening. Hurst reassured him that Ralston was like that with everyone.

Sure enough, Greek was hired a week later.

"I was in heaven at that point," he says.

Greek, who addressed graduates at the recent spring commencement in May, reminded them not to be afraid to take risks in pursuing their dreams.

"I remember when I took the job with the Denver Broncos, I had to take a \$3,000 pay cut," Greek told them. "Thirty-five years later, I think the risk was worth it."

He'd be lying, though, if he didn't admit to initially second-guessing himself. Greek's first day on the job March 17, 1976, he strode into the Broncos' locker room and was welcomed by two players huddled around a keg of beer. The two were toasting St. Patrick's Day, a wee bit early at 9 a.m.

"I'm thinking to myself, 'Oh my goodness what am I getting into,'" he says.

Needless to say, a lot has changed in the past three decades.

The Quonset hut in north Denver where that scene in 1976 played out has long been forgotten and replaced by a swanky facility in Englewood.

Players no longer show up to training camp out of shape (or swilling beer in the locker room, for that matter). Broncos legend Tom Jackson and other players of the era arrived at training camp to get in shape, Greek says, and "they made no bones about it."

That doesn't happen as strength and conditioning coaches have now entered the scene and the NFL has become a year-round affair.

That's affected how Greek and his staff operate, too. Now, the only thing that really changes during the season for him is that he doesn't get weekends off. Before the recent NFL draft, Greek and his staff worked with coaches to assign medical grades for players and previously assessed prospects at the NFL Combine, a job fair of sorts for invitees. That's followed by minicamps and organized team activities before training camp ushers in the official preseason in July. The 16-game season starts in September, and playoffs now extend into February.

Speaking of extensions, Greek's plan after joining the Broncos was to stay only a few years.

"I had big aspirations," he says.

And the offers came. Two stand out early in his career. The New York Jets asked him to interview for their head athletic training position in just his second year with the Broncos.

"It was a substantial raise," says Greek, who was making \$14,000 a year at the time. But Greek turned down the invitation, saying to the Jets general manager: "I'm from Hugo, Colorado, there's no way I'm going to New York City."

The second offer a couple years later was from the San Francisco 49ers. It was the middle of June (Greek didn't want to leave Hurst "high and dry") and the cost of living was "out of this world." He's quick to point out that the 49ers later went on to win five Super Bowls under legendary head coach Bill Walsh.

What Greek came to realize, though, was that with the Broncos he'd found the perfect fit. Hurst allowed him to branch out and attend coaches meetings and participate in the rehabilitation of players—uncommon for a relatively new assistant athletic trainer fresh from a small college, he says. His title quickly changed to director of rehabilitation.

Special Memories

Walk into Greek's office and you'll notice photos adorning the walls. Two of them represent the pinnacle of the Broncos' past that are Greek's favorites. The first is a sequence of photos serving as a time lapse of the hit that spun John Elway like a helicopter to set up a crucial touchdown in Super Bowl XXXII (pictured at right). Greek spent what he calls "16 action-packed years" with Elway.

The other photo is of former running back Terrell Davis being escorted off the field by Greek in the second quarter of the same game (also pictured at right). Davis was suffering through a migraine induced by an opposing player's unintentional kick to his helmet-protected head.

Greek still chuckles when recounting what ensued.

"He came to the sideline and Mike Shanahan says 'Can he go?' I say 'No, he can't see.' (And Shanahan says) 'Well, I don't care if he can see. I'm not going to run him. I need him,'" Greek recalls. "I'll never forget that."

Davis, severely blurred vision notwithstanding, returned to start the second quarter and served as a decoy near the goal line as Elway faked a handoff and scored to open the quarter. "Thank god we had a 45-minute halftime there," Greek says. "If it had been a normal halftime, he wouldn't have been back. He just cleared before the end of the half."

Davis sat out the rest of the second quarter but would return after taking medication to finish the game with 157 yards rushing, a Super Bowl record three rushing touchdowns and the game's MVP honor.

Greek also has fond memories of UNC, not only as an undergraduate and graduate student studying health and physical education but also as a member of the Broncos. The team held training camp on campus from 1982-2002, up until the team's headquarters at Dove Valley came into the picture as a more viable option. Players, coaches and staff stayed in the residence halls and ate in the dining rooms. It was a homecoming of sorts that he enjoyed—save for hauling the entire training room from Denver to UNC.

"They treated us the way you hope people will treat you," Greek says. "People up there are incredible, always have been and always will be."

He also points out the pictures of his family in his office including the one of him with his wife, Susan (who grew up with Steve in Hugo), accompanied by grandson Ethan. The photo was taken at Kapalua Bay in Hawaii where Ethan stood up for the couple as they renewed their vows—a ritual they commit to do every five years.



Photos by Rich Clarkson Photography

Top and Middle: The image of John Elway being spun like a helicopter in Super Bowl XXXII is part the sequence of photos of the play that hangs on Greek's office wall, just above the photo of Terrell Davis being escorted off the field in the same game. Davis responded to treatment from Greek and his staff and returned to earn the game's MVP honor.

Bottom: Greek, trainers and medical staff tend to Terrell Davis after the running back injured his right knee in the fourth game of the regular season in 1999. Lingering knee pain forced Davis to retire from football three years later.

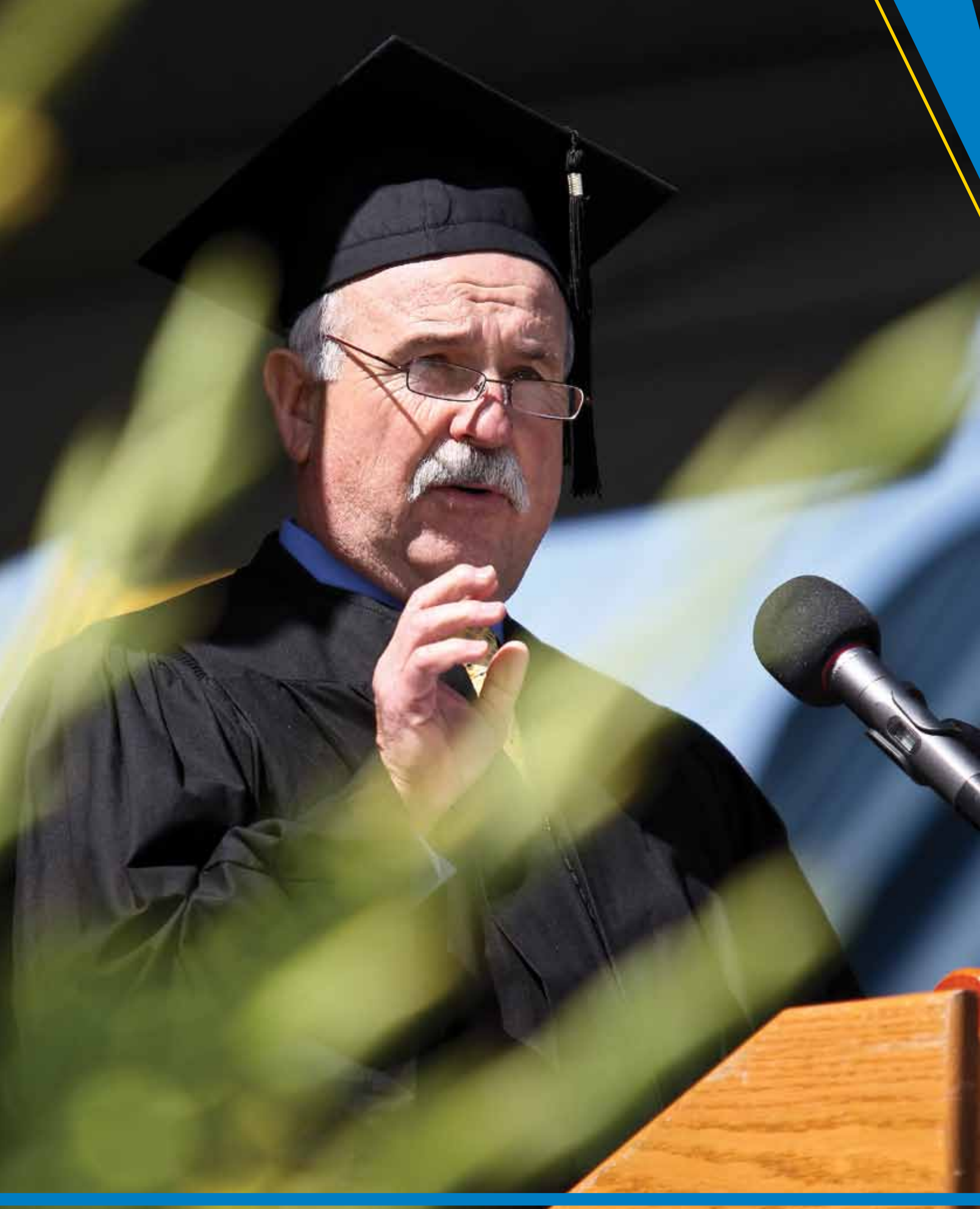


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GREEK ADDRESSES SPRING GRADS

Pictured Left: Steve Antonopoulos took the podium as the commencement speaker during the spring undergraduate ceremony May 8 at Nottingham Field.

During his opening remarks, Greek, who earned two degrees from UNC, recalled his graduation ceremony in 1972 on the north side of Gunter Hall.

“I will never forget that day,” said Greek, prefacing the remark with his family’s pride in his achievement and reminding graduates how proud their families are of them.

“It was a beautiful day, much like today. The sun was shining, a little warmer, I was hot under the cap and gown.”

He paused.

“You know, I can’t remember who the commencement speaker was.”

Another pause.

“My name is Steve Antonopoulos. Most people call me the ‘Greek’ and don’t you ever forget that.”

To listen to the rest of Greek’s commencement speech visit: www.unco.edu/regrec/video/spring2010

Greek wouldn’t have to wait long before becoming the Broncos’ head athletic trainer in 1980, when Hurst left to go into the restaurant business.

“I’ve been working my dream job,” he says. “I can honestly say there’s not been a day in 34-years plus coming to work that I’ve dreaded.”

Greek maintains strong ties to UNC, in part by actively seeking qualified UNC students and graduates to fill internships with the team. Two of his current staff members are UNC grads.

“There are lots of people in athletic training, and he knows just about every single one of them,” says Nate Hepner (BS-07), who like Greek worked at Fort Hays State before joining the Broncos’ athletic training staff last June. “To be in the profession as long as he has and see as much as he has, it’s a blessing to be able to work for him.”

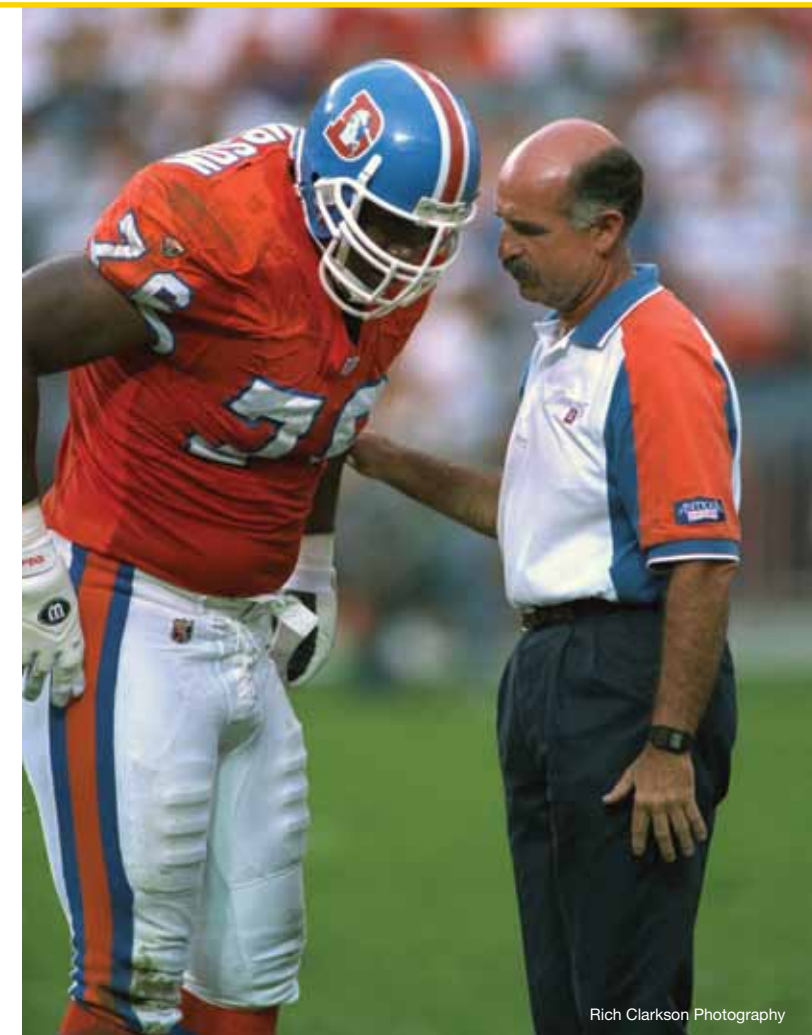
Current Broncos assistant trainer Trae Tashiro (BA-01) and UNC head athletic trainer Rawley Klingsmith (BA-00), who interned for the Broncos under Greek from 2002-03, are also part of that fraternity. When reflecting on his time with Greek, Klingsmith’s first thought is how Greek embodies the following quote that’s framed and hangs in the Broncos’ training room: “You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.”

“Greek places a high value on each person, regardless of title, power or position,” Klingsmith says. “He is the best at what he does, and in my opinion the best athletic trainer in the profession, because he continually seeks to get better.

“Who I am and where I am in my career, I owe a great deal of that to Greek.”

Greek appreciates those compliments—Broncos legend John Elway thanked him by name during his Hall of Fame induction speech in Canton, Ohio, as did former coach Mike Shanahan in his final press conference with the team.

“It’s all about doing the right thing,” he says. “I feel like if they say things like that that maybe I did something right.”



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LONGEVITY

Greek checks on offensive lineman Broderick Thompson, clad in the Broncos’ uniform of a past era, during a game against the Dallas Cowboys in August 1995. In his 35th year with the team, Greek has seen changes and plans to be there when others come about.

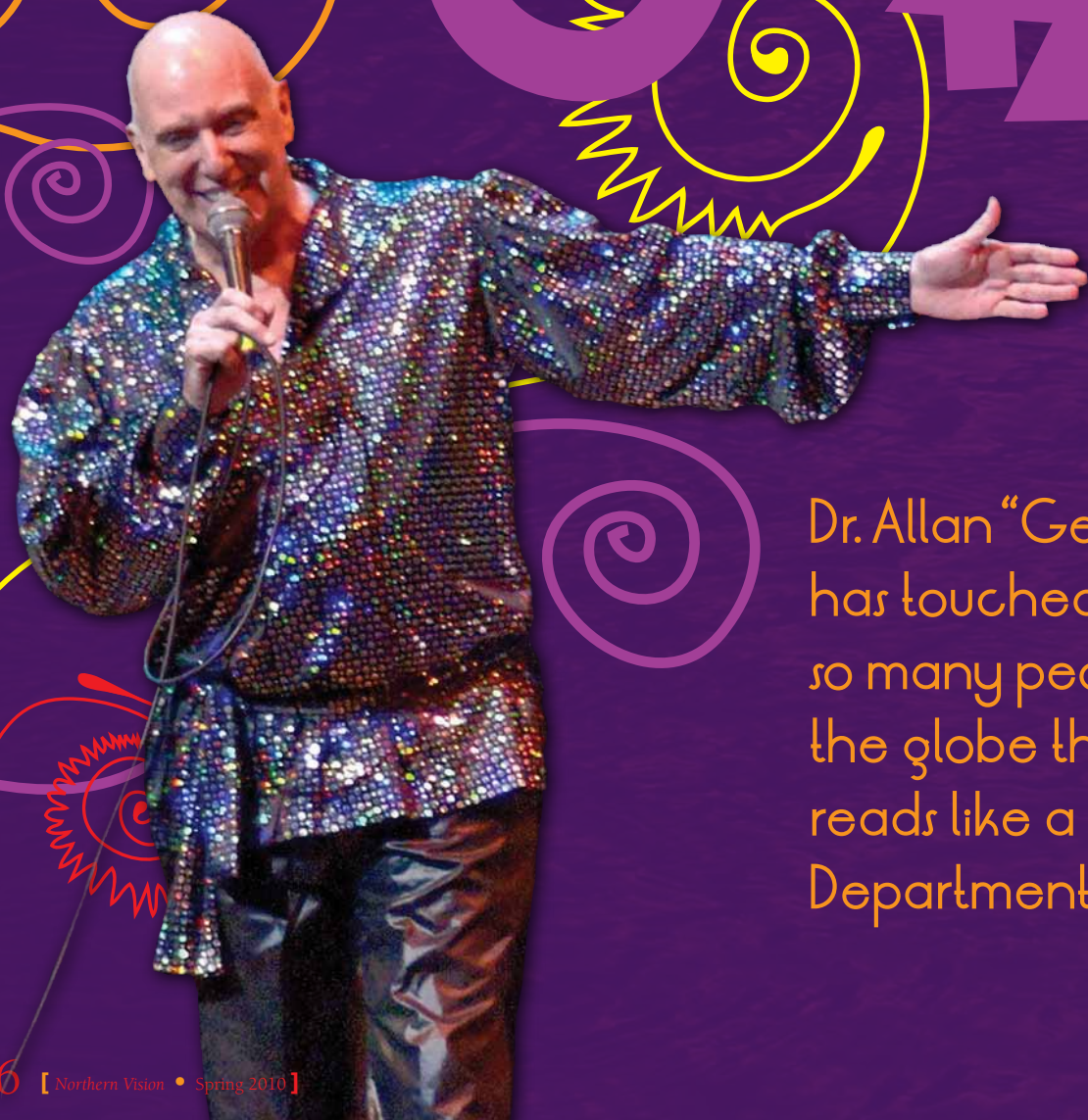
As long as he’s healthy, still passionate and wanted by the Broncos, he plans on answering when someone asks for Greek, the Broncos head athletic trainer, for many more years to come.

“If I left tomorrow, there’d be 1,000 people in line for my job. They would be just as well off with someone new as they are with me, but I’m going to defend this desk until the last second,” he says, knocking on the surface. **NV**

An Ambassador of

JAZZ

by Mary Sasaki



Dr. Allan "Gene" Aitken has touched the lives of so many people around the globe that his resume reads like a U.S. State Department briefing.

Since his retirement from the University of Northern Colorado in 2002, Aitken has enriched the lives of young musicians in places such as Singapore, Bangkok, Beirut, Shanghai, Taipei, Baghdad and Islamabad. But the Northern Colorado emeritus professor of music hasn't forgotten his roots, returning each spring to Greeley to lift his baton for the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival, which celebrated its 40th anniversary, April 22-24.

Asked how his enthusiasm survived nearly four decades of teaching and inspiring young musicians, Aitken says, "Since I was very young, I've had the desire to do the best I can to see things flower and to see things move forward, to provide the best possible environment for students to learn and become better teachers." That desire drove Aitken to become an outstanding Northern Colorado professor and Jazz Studies Program director, and led to his current work with Asian and Middle Eastern students.

Just as he brought students from other schools to Northern Colorado's annual spring festival, he now unites people from Asia and the Middle East through the universal language of music. Working with programs that include the Youth Excellence on Stage Academy, and the Southeast Asian Youth Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, Aitken encourages young people to pool their talents and create a product that's far superior to the sum of its parts. "I've brought together people from many nations," Aitken says. "As they work together, they become a stronger unit."



Performance with the Shanghai Conservatory of Music Jazz Ensemble – Shanghai, China, November 2009.

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– Gene Aitken

40th Annual UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival

Something old and something new welcomed jazz aficionados to the 40th annual UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival, held April 22-24 at the Union Colony Civic Center and other downtown Greeley venues.

Since 1970, the University of Northern Colorado School of Music has combined the extraordinary talents of prominent jazz artists, clinicians and school jazz groups with students in the university's Jazz Studies Program for its annual spring celebration of jazz, the largest event of its kind in the United States.

The most visible innovation for this year's festival was the fiery new logo and slogan, "40 years and still burnin,'" which greeted fans on the festival website and on publications with a flaming base in vibrant reds and yellows. "We actually set fire to an old base (in a rural setting) and took pictures to create a poster and logo" to create a fresh new look for the festival's historical burning saxophone logo, says Director of Jazz Studies Dana Landry.

Forty years ago the festival was somewhat local, Landry says, featuring groups from several Colorado campuses. Over the past 40 years, the festival has attracted groups from an ever-widening geographical area. This year, more than 275 college, high school and middle school jazz groups from across the United States joined headliners and award-winning clinicians for three days of some of the best jazz sounds heard anywhere.

The festival strolled down memory lane on Thursday, April 22, with a concert by Patti Austin, UNC Jazz Lab Band I and Northern Colorado Voices, highlighted by a tribute to legends Ella Fitzgerald and George Gershwin.

Another nostalgic tribute on Friday, April 23, featured the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, which performed at the festival in 2007 and "back by popular demand," Landry says. Members of the orchestra have played with Woody Herman and Count Basie, plus many other jazz greats and popular groups over the years. The UNC Vanguard Combo also performed on the Friday concert stage.

Adding to the nostalgia on Saturday, April 24, was a concert featuring a Woody Herman Tribute and Drum Summit. The Saturday concert also introduced new works commissioned for the festival performed by the Jazz Festival All-Star Big Band under the baton of Northern Colorado Emeritus Professor Dr. Gene Aitken, who directed the university's Jazz Studies Program from 1976 until his retirement in 2002. The band featured Northern Colorado faculty members and festival clinicians.

Additional information about the 2010 UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival is available on the festival website, www.uncjazzfest.com. **NV**



Woodwind Master Class at the Afghanistan National Institute of Music – Kabul, Afghanistan, June 2009

Jazz Drummers' Master Class at the Afghanistan National Institute of Music – Kabul, Afghanistan, June 2009

4th Annual China International Trumpet Convention at Nanchang University – Nanchang, China, May 2009

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Aitken's international odyssey began in Thailand when Dr. Sugree Charensook, a former Northern Colorado graduate student in saxophone performance, sought Aitken's assistance at Mahidol University in Bangkok. After a trip with his wife, Linda, to a beautiful Thai beach resort to think it over, and after all his requirements for the job were met, Aitken recalls, "I said I'd stay for a year, but I stayed two years."

He then completed a residency at the Singapore American School. "I fell in love with Singapore. Oh, my God, Singapore is beautiful," says Aitken, who maintains Singapore residency, a retirement visa for Thailand and a home in Greeley. He offered to work free for two weeks at the University of Singapore's Conservatory of Music, where he soon became director.

He was hooked. "I thought, maybe we could do the same thing in the Middle East," Aitken says. He traveled to Baghdad and Kurdistan where, he admits, "I forced the issue." He knew that uniting different religious factions and cultural backgrounds—Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds, and many other cultures and religions—would be a challenge. "But each group brought a rich, proud heritage. They had no choice but to work for a common goal. After 10 days together, it was all hugs and tears when they left." And, Aitken proudly adds, "They remain the best of friends."

Does Aitken fear for his safety? Hardly. "I feel safer walking the street in the middle of the night in Middle Eastern countries than in some U.S. cities," he says.

The globe-trotting maestro explains his eagerness to return to Greeley for the annual UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival each year. "It's a chance to come back and visit with people at the School of Music, a chance to direct the faculty jazz ensemble (All-Star Big Band) and an opportunity to commission five new works for the Jazz Festival." And, he smiles, "It's a chance to stay in my house in Greeley."

The annual homecoming is also an opportunity for Aitken to thank Greeley residents who support the overseas programs that thrive on his passion. He applauds the generosity of the Greeley community for providing instruments, music and supplies along with corporate and government sponsors.

Ask former students to assess the influence of Gene Aitken, and the superlatives flow. "He was the reason I came to graduate school here," says Director of Jazz Studies Dana Landry, whom Aitken mentored after Landry graduated from Boston's Berklee College of Music. Under Aitken's tutelage, Landry participated in Lab Band I and the Axidentals while earning his master's degree. Aitken made him a teaching assistant and director of Lab Band VI.

Landry describes Aitken as a man of "extremely high standards" and "a visionary" who accurately predicts the future of music education. "He's a great administrator, an extremely dedicated and effective teacher and a hard worker with a lot of energy that energizes the students themselves." Landry says Aitken taught him everything – from running a jazz program to operating a video recorder.

"His impact is so far-reaching," Landry concludes. "He cares deeply about people who were students here. He's helped them with their careers and touched them in so many positive ways." Even after working all over the world and receiving many accolades, including a Grammy Award nomination and the Colorado Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, Landry says "he's still the same person – very grounded."

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– Dana Landry

Thanks to Aitken's leadership and foresight, Landry says, Northern Colorado bands and vocal jazz groups were regularly invited to perform for the International Association of Jazz Educators, which later inducted Aitken into its prestigious Hall of Fame. Landry credits Aitken for transforming the annual UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival from a local event attracting Colorado schools to an internationally known festival. Also under Aitken's leadership, the UNC Jazz Press gave students and former students the opportunity to be published and became one of the largest jazz publishing companies in the world with more than 3,000 copyrights.

"He helped put this school on the map in many ways," Landry adds. He aggressively encouraged students to enter competitions, and "he was a visionary when it came to technology," working with former School of Music Director Dr. Shirley Howell to obtain a major National Endowment for the Arts grant to build the School of Music's technology wing, which houses what Landry describes as "one of the best university recording studios."

Aitken was indeed a pioneer in computer-assisted education. His fascination with technology began in 1968 while a student at the University of Oregon. "I thought we could help students learn better through computer technology and the computers' ability to recognize tones," Aitken explains. He envisioned desktop computers while working on one "the size of this room."

Aitken's greatest contribution to the university, in his own words, was "providing students with the knowledge and good foundation to go out into the world and be great teachers." He says students would probably describe him as "demanding, enthusiastic, supportive, thinking years ahead, trying to share everything I've learned from my experiences as a teacher and traveler, and believing in their future."

Additional information about Aitken is available on his website, www.geneaitken.com, which includes links to his publications, presentations, workshops and international projects. **NV**

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CLASS notes

1950s

Jud Brown (BA-53), Placentia, Calif., retired from Anaheim Union School District in 1990 and continues to substitute teach for Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District.

Betty Hinze (BA-56), Greeley, joined Sears Real Estate. A full-time realtor specializing in residential real estate since 1996, Betty serves on the Greeley Area Board of Realtors.

1960s

Elroy Osborne (BA-60), Salina, Kan., retired from a career in banking and insurance. Elroy enjoys oil painting and shows his work at the Art Xpressions Gallery in Salina. He hopes to return to Colorado to be closer to family.

Lee Saviers (BA-64), Mission Viejo, Calif., retired in 2004 after 38 years of teaching science in Huntington Beach. Lee was chair of the science department at Edison High School for 10 years. He enjoys mountain biking, vacationing and visiting his grandchildren.

Donald Stabler (BA-67), Highland, Calif., is the deputy superintendent of administrative services for the Torrance Unified School District, which is in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. Donald has served 43 years in education as a teacher, principal, county office administrator and assistant/associate superintendent.

Michael Basham (EdD-69), Boulder, retired in 2007 as president of Argosy University in Atlanta and was named President Emeritus. Since retiring, Michael has served as volunteer consultant to Rivendell College in Boulder and enjoys being a student at the Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies at Cambridge University in England.

Alan McCormack (EdD-69), San Diego, is the president of the National Science Teachers Association. He is a professor of science education at San Diego State University and has taught at the University of Wyoming,

the University of British Columbia and State University of New York. Alan is affiliated with a number of science education organizations, including the Council for Elementary Science International, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Biology Teachers. He has authored 70 journal articles, 12 science textbooks, three science handbooks and has presented at several NSTA conferences.

1970s

Diane (Helmick) DiPaolo (BA-71), Gallup, N.M., is the director of counseling and nursing services for the Gallup-McKinley County Schools.

Beverly (Brown) Alles (BS-72), Greeley, is a financial aid counselor for the Greeley and Fort Collins campuses of the Institute of Business and Medical Careers.

Karen Bronson (BA-73, MA-85), Denver, retired after 36 years in the Cherry Creek (Englewood) School District. She taught K-5 physical education, adapted physical education and served as a challenge course director. Karen is involved in swimming, tennis, field hockey, volleyball and professional organizations, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

David Eveland (MA-74), Kaneohe, Hawaii, retired in December, after serving 34 years with Hawaii's Department of Human Services. During the last 16 years David was the administrator of the Ho'opono,

the department's services for the blind branch, where he initiated youth programming such as camping, backpacking, kayaking and rafting in Hawaii and on the mainland. He also coordinated a vending program that included a wide variety of facilities ranging from government building snack stands to airport and troop dining facilities. During this time, Ho'opono's rehabilitation center changed from a medical to a rehabilitation model and received national recognition. David served on the board and as president of the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind and was recipient of the inaugural Dr. Floyd Matson Award from the Hawaii chapter of the National Federation of the Blind.

Sharon (Shimono Willis) Gordon (BA-75), Aurora, married Frederick Gordon in June 2009. Sharon retired from Aurora Public Schools in June 2007 after 30 years of teaching and is a part-time substitute teacher for the district.

Susan Mandell (BA-75), Ocean Ridge, Fla., developed a program to halt school-age obesity. "Thank You For Your Ride, Room 101, Inc." is a state-of-the-art teen-based grassroots classroom of health and wellness.

Ramona (Baca) Martinez (BA-75, MA-80), Greeley, retired from Billie Martinez Elementary School in Greeley in 2006. She previously taught at Eaton Elementary and Centennial Elementary, and now enjoys substitute teaching at Martinez Elementary.

Arnold Waddell (BA-75) and **Janet Waddell** (MA-77, EdS-89), Eureka, Calif., appeared in Ferndale Repertory Company's "Oliver" in November and December. Janet played

Mary Ernster (BA-78), Northbrook, Ill., was nominated for two Joseph Jefferson Awards for her performances of Emily Stilson in "Wings" at the Apple Tree Theatre, and Margaret Johnson in "The Light in the Piazza" at the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre. Mary made her Lyric Opera of Chicago debut as Sylviane in "The Merry Widow" in December 2009.



the major role in "Doubt" for Northcoast Repertory Company in March.

Holly Bressler (BA-76, MA-81), Greeley, was honored by Friends of a Woman's Place at its 16th Celebrating Women Gala in October. Holly is in her 34th year as an educator and currently serves as principal at Winograd K-8 School in Greeley. She is involved with various local organizations that advocate for women and children.

Yvonne Jenkins (BA-76), Lutz, Fla., is an asset manager in St. Petersburg and works in the real estate field.

Debby (Lankford) Kooy (BA-76), George, Wash., has been an artist-potter for 32 years, and is the events director and facility manager for a non-profit organization. Debby and her husband have four children and three grandchildren. Visit her website: www.bluestarpottery.com.

Nancy Tibbetts-Broce (BS-76), Kim, retired after 31 years of teaching and owns and operates Broce Cattle Ranch. Nancy earned a Master's degree in special education from University of Denver. She has one daughter and a stepson.

Don Marostica (MA-77), Loveland, was appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter as director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Don resigned his seat in the state legislature in July to accept the position, which will focus on creating jobs and attracting business and trade to Colorado. Don served in the Army from 1971 to 1979, retiring as a captain from the 19th Special Forces Army National Guard, and has worked as a teacher and real estate, investment and insurance broker.

Dorothy (McDowell) Wallace (BA-77, MA-83), Kersey, retired after 31 years as a special education teacher. Dorothy taught at Last Chance, Briggsdale and Brighton.

Candace (Conroy) Mociak (BA-78), Canon City, lives in the Colorado mountains with her husband, Charlie, and their two dogs. They enjoy visits from local wildlife—bobcats, cougars, foxes, hawks, badgers, elk, deer, eagles, wild turkeys and cows.

Elinor Greenberg (EdD-81), Centennial, was one of 10 women inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in March. An educational innovator, theorist and writer, Elinor has impacted education, civil rights and women's rights. She has authored, co-authored and edited nine books and more than 200 papers.



Leslie Caves (MA-79), Greeley has joined Helfrich & Associates Allstate Insurance Co. She is licensed in property and casualty insurance.

1980s

Martin Lamansky (BA-80, MA-89), Steamboat Springs, is the assistant principal at Steamboat Springs High School, following a 28-year teaching career.

Diana Vasquez (BS-80), Greeley, joined United Way of Weld County as director of finance and human resources. Diana earned a graduate degree in management from Regis University and has a background in management, finance and accounting in government, higher education and non-profit environments.

Terri Runyan (BA-81), Greeley, is president, consultant and executive coach of Mind Ventures, a new business she started in 2009. Mind Ventures specializes in planning and facilitating executive retreats, leading leadership/executive sessions, leadership coaching and team development, and provides organization development expertise to administrative teams and decision-makers to influence organization interventions that support the strategic direction of the organization. Terri serves as first vice-chair of the UNC Foundation Board of Directors.

Kay Collins (BA-82, MA-00), Brighton, was honored as the 2009 Colorado National Distinguished Principal of the Year. Kay and the other state winners will be recognized in Washington D.C. in the fall. She has been principal at South Elementary School in the Brighton 27J School District since 2000.

Chrysten Hinze (BA-82), Greeley, is a paralegal instructor for the Institute of Business and Medical Careers. Chrysten earned her law

degree from Notre Dame University and has been employed as an associate attorney for the last five years at Lind, Lawrence & Ottenhoff, LLP, in Windsor. Her areas of practice included real estate property, contracts, land use, probate and small estates.

Virginia McCann (MA-83), Denver, received the 2008-2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award from Metropolitan State College's psychology department at the Alumni Appreciation event. The award recognizes Ginni's advanced education at UNC and University of Denver, and her nationwide volunteerism throughout her career.

Tony Moloczniak (BS-83), Greeley, retired after 32 years of police work. He worked as a detective with the Greeley Police Department for 10 years and for 22 years with the Weld County District Attorney's Office.

Mark Kolokoff (BA-84), Greeley, was named Senior High Theatre Educator of the Year by the Alliance for Colorado Theatre. Mark is in his 23rd year with Greeley-Evans School District 6 and his 14th year at Greeley Central High School, where he heads the Arts Magnet program, teaches acting classes, leads Thespian Troupe 657 and provides direction for school productions.

Debra (Richardson) Merwick (BA-84), Colorado Springs, has been a probation officer with the State of Colorado for 21 years. Debra earned her master's degree in psychology from Regis University. She is married and has two children.

Joe Miccio (BA-84), Columbus, Ohio, is chief financial officer at South German Village Medical Center.

Barry Anderson (BM-85), Westminster, works as a mentor with Team 1245 Shazbots at Monarch High School. Barry's hobby is building battle bots with recycled wheelchair parts.

Wendy Rich-Goldschmidt (BA-85, MA-90), Greeley, is police chief at Colorado State University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Aims Community College Police Academy, Daniels College of Business Public Safety Leadership Institute and associate in the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention. Wendy began her career at UNC in 1987 as a patrol officer, was promoted to senior training officer in 1991 and was chief 2004-2010.

Holly (Harrill) Zaldivar (BA-85, MA-90), San Antonio, Texas, teaches English literature classes at Northwest Vista College. Holly received the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2009.

Greg Finkbonner (BAE-89), Louisville, Ky., works for the Kentucky Department of Education. He earned his doctorate in education at the University of Kentucky.

1990s

Robin Brewer (MA-91, EdD-98), Greeley, was honored by Friends of a Woman's Place at its 16th Celebrating Women Gala in October. Robin is an associate professor of special education at UNC. She advocates for Weld County citizens and volunteers in the community.

Jim Jamsay (BS-93), Greeley, has joined Cherry Creek Mortgage Company, formerly Mortgage Services LLC, of Greeley.

Susie Velasquez (BS-93), Evans, was honored as one of the Colorado Women Lawyer Leaders in Government by the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

Erik Applegate (MM-94), Greeley, released his first CD, "Red Skies," which is a collection of jazz originals. Erik has performed with jazz masters Milt Jackson and Harold Mabern, and was featured on three previous Jazz Week Top-20 CDs.

Brad Harris (BS-94), Westminster, is a partner in SB Ventures LLC, and has secured franchise rights to open Smashburger restaurants in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming. He plans to launch a Smashburger in west Greeley by the end of 2010.

Chalice Springfield (BA-94), Greeley, has been named a Northern Colorado Woman

of Influence in real estate by the *Northern Colorado Business Report*. The award recognizes Chalice's excellence in real estate and her dedication to community development.

Trent Johnson (BA-95), Greeley, was named "The World's Greatest Hat Maker for 2010" by *True West* magazine. Owner of Greeley Hat Works, Trent has designed and produced Western hats for a U.S. president twice, the emir of Kuwait and the secretary of the United Nations, as well as other famous dignitaries.

Vale Rideout (BM-95), Bronx, N.Y., performed in the New York Philharmonic's presentation of Britten's "War Requiem" in June 2009.

Ellen (Cosenza) Paxton (MA-96), Liberty Township, Ohio, announced the birth of a son, Noah Matthew, in April 2009.

Jennifer (Harris) Torres (BA-96), Highlands Ranch, is a pediatric audiologist in Englewood. Jennifer and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Rhyann Fenley, in July.

Jason Watson (BA-97) Hendersonville, N.C., was cast in the national tour of "Mama Mia."

Jay Helzer (BA-98) and **Ryan Hicks** (BS-98), both of Greeley, are principal-agents for Renaissance Insurance Group of Windsor. Auto-Owners Insurance recognized Renaissance as one of the top10 growth agencies for the company in its Westminster Region—Colorado and Idaho—for 2008.

Jennifer (Mearing) Thompson (BA-98), Longmont, and her husband, James, announced the birth of their third daughter, Nicole Lola-Mae, in October.

Jason Crandall (MA-99), Owensboro, Ky., received his PhD in 2003 from the University



R. Todd Ehle (BM-91, MM-93), Corpus Christi, Texas, is a professor of violin at Del Mar College. He previously taught at the Wausau Conservatory of Music in Wisconsin. Known as "Professor V", Todd's YouTube violin instruction videos have had more than a million hits.

of Utah. Jason is currently adjunct faculty at Kentucky Wesleyan College and president of LowCostFloors.com, Carpets Unlimited and Crandall Properties.

Scott Foster (BA-99) and **Shelisa (Bartholomay) Foster** (BA-99), Bayonne, N.J., welcomed their first child, Alison, in May 2009. Scott continues to perform in the New York off-Broadway show, "Sessions: The Musical", and Shelisa is a licensed professional counselor for children and adolescents in the New Jersey area.

Patrick Varney (BS-99), Windsor, a financial adviser with Raymond James Financial Service Inc., has been named to the firm's 2010 executive council in recognition of outstanding client service and professional growth. Patrick has been with Raymond James since 2000, working from offices at the Bank of Colorado in Windsor and Fort Lupton.



Randy Watkins (BS-99), Greeley, is a shareholder with Watkins & Shommer Inc., and one of 28 CPAs under 35 from around the country selected by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts for its first Leadership Academy. Randy and his wife, Nicole (Sturtevant) (BS-05), announced the birth of their daughter, Lennon Renee, in January.

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Sindy (Hatsis) Frederick (BS-00), Parker, received an MBA in December 2006 from Regis University and plans to graduate end of 2010 with a Master's degree in accounting. Sindy and her husband, Albert Frederick, whom she married in October, enjoy training and riding their horses, camping, fishing and hiking.

Jill (Hendrickson) Bellendir (BS-01), Greeley, accepted a position with Anderson & Whitney, Certified Public Accountants, where she works in the tax and audit area. Jill was the business manager and senior accountant at the UNC Foundation from 2004 to 2009. She and her husband, Gary, have two sons.

David Benke (PhD-01), Littleton, teaches math at Deer Creek Middle School in the Jeffco School District. David was celebrated for tackling a gunman who fired several shots into a crowd of students on the school grounds in February.

Timothy Brown (DA-01), Denver, created two unaccompanied choral compositions that were premiered by the Aquarius Kamerkoor in Antwerp Belgium in June. The works used texts by Edna St. Vincent Millay and William Shakespeare.

Betty Martin (BA-01), Orlando, Fla., is preparing to return to school to earn a Master's degree. She has written for the *Orlando Sentinel* and has worked for Planet Hollywood.

Chris Webb (BA-01) and **Amanda Meneses** (BA-05), Denver, were married in August. They both work at Eagleton Elementary—Chris as a physical education teacher and Amanda as a paraprofessional.

Jeremy Adams (BA-02), Denver, works at Abengoa Solar. He married Victoria Hainsworth in September.

Jill Scott (BS-02), Greeley, is director of human resources for Professional Finance Co. in Greeley. Jill has been with Professional Finance since 2004 and is certified through the Human Resources Certification Institute.

Manisha Javeri (PhD-03), Los Angeles, is an associate professor at California State University and was awarded the 2009 Rotary World Peace Fellow. Manisha works with AIDS orphans in Africa and plans to travel to Thailand to study the peace and conflict resolution program.

Mark Plummer (DA-03), Aurora, Ill., is the assistant dean of Arts and Sciences and director of the University Choral at Aurora University. He and his wife, Meg, have two children, Charlotte and Timothy.

Deborah Brennan (MA-04, EdD-09), Round Rock, Texas, has been selected to lead Cpl. Robert P. Hernandez Middle School, which is Round Rock Independent School District's 10th middle school. Deborah served as associate principal of Stoney Point High School and has 11 years teaching experience at both the middle and high school level.

Daniel Dawson (BA-05) Huntington Beach, Calif., was cast in the national tour of "Cats."

Adrah Leitner (BA-05), Aurora, earned a doctor of physical therapy degree from the University of Colorado in May 2008 and is practicing in pediatrics in metro Denver.

Ryan Jesse (BA-07), Astoria, N.Y., was cast as one of the leads in the Actors' Equity Association national tour of "Jersey Boys." Jesse's most recent credit was the Asian tour of "Cinderella."

Laura Gutierrez (BA-08) and **Nick Morgan** (BS-08), Castle Rock, were married in June.

Amanda Jackson (BA-08), Longmont, survived the January earthquake in Haiti. She teaches English to 3rd and 4th graders and all subjects to 8th through 11th graders at Evergreen Academy. Amanda also works part time for Colorado Springs-based God's Littlest Angels orphanage in Haiti.

Mekialaya White (BA-08), Colorado Springs, works at the NBC affiliate in Colorado Springs.

Sara Hatch (BA-09), St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, teaches 6th grade language arts and social studies in the Virgin Islands to students from the Caribbean and the world. Sara was married in Costa Rica in September and enjoys star gazing and snorkeling.

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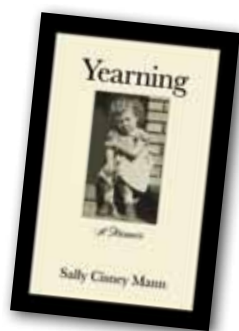
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Who is My Neighbor, the newest book written by **Phillip Tompkins** (BA-56), Denver, is an account of his ten-year journey as a volunteer at a homeless shelter in Denver. He also published *Communication Crisis at Kent State: A Case Study* (with Elaine Anderson) and *Apollo, Challenger, Columbia: The Decline of the Space Program*. Phillip earned a Master's degree from the University of Nebraska and a PhD from Purdue University. He was on the faculty at Kent State University and served as department chair at the State University of New York at Albany, associate dean of Liberal Arts at Purdue University and chair of the Boulder Faculty Assembly at CU Boulder. Phillip is a past president and fellow of the International Communication Association and has won several teaching awards. For his work as a volunteer and advocate for Denver and Colorado homeless people, he was awarded the Peacemaker Award from the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Sally Mann (BA-60), Albuquerque, N.M., published *Yearning: A Memoir*, an account of how her life was shaped by economic and social dislocation from the Great Depression, World War II and the war in Southeast Asia. Visit Sally's website www.outskirtspress.com.



Rod Summit (BA-68), Colorado Springs, was featured in the Pikes Peak Library District's 2010 Mountain of Authors in Colorado Springs in April, and signed copies of his current three books, *When Pasts Collide*, *Reunion with a Killer* and *The Nurse and Deputy*. This was Rod's third straight appearance at the Mountain of Authors.



Katherine Swank (BA-82), Littleton, co-authored *Building Fundraising Momentum in a Recession*, a Blackbaud desktop reference. Katherine is a consultant with Blackbaud Analytics with 20 years of legal and nonprofit management experience, and teaches classroom and online courses on wealth and philanthropy for Regis University. She earned a law degree from Drake University School of Law in Des Moines. Visit Blackbaud's website to learn more about the book: www.blackbaud.com/bb/desktopreference/boostgiving.aspx.



Two long-time favorites that teach social-emotional skills, *The Mouse, the Monster and Me* and *Liking Myself* have been revised and re-released by author **Pat Palmer** (MA-74, EdD-77), Kihei, Hawaii. Pat is a clinical psychologist and former director of the Assertiveness Training Institute in Denver. The publisher of Pat's books, **Louise Hart** (MA-76, EdD-82), Oakland, Calif., is the author of *The Winning Family Increasing Self-Esteem in your Children and Yourself* and *On the Wings of Self Esteem*. Louise presents workshops for parents in the Bay Area of California.

Patrick Allen (BA-84), Aurora, published his second book, *Conferring: The Keystone of Reader's Workshop*. He co-authored *Put Thinking to the Test* in 2008. Patrick teaches elementary school for the Douglas County School District in Parker, works as a staff developer for the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC) and is a national educational consultant in literacy. He and his wife, **Susan (Thompson)** (BA-85), a substitute teacher at Cherry Creek, have four children.



Afterall Our Love Story, written by **Patty Bayman**, is a candid memoir and tender love story about her husband, **Brian Bayman** (MM-88), who passed away in 2006 after contracting a deadly form of viral encephalitis. The book shares Patty's unfailing determination in the face of adversity and illustrates the strength of the human spirit and the power of true love.

Danyelle McCannon (BS-03), Greeley, published *Day 94*, a story she wrote about a family's challenges to survive following a large meteor collision in rural Colorado.



Alumni authors are invited to contribute to Book Notes c/o Northern Vision Class Notes. (Submit book covers or photos electronically 300 dpi or greater.)

Faculty and Friends News

Heather Helms, assistant professor of counselor education and coordinator of University of Northern Colorado's professional counseling programs in the School of Applied and Counselor Education, received the Association for Play Therapy's National Service Award. She was honored in October during the APT's annual conference in Atlanta.

Math professor **Richard Grassl** is one of 13 faculty nationwide to be named to the Math Teachers' Circle Network. Professor Grassl has 42 years of experience in higher education and is the founder and organizer of Northern Colorado's annual math contest for secondary students. He also works with a regional Math Teachers' Circle.



Janice Payan, associate professor of marketing in the Monfort College of Business, was awarded the Fulbright-Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration Distinguished Chair for the spring 2010. The grant allows Janice the opportunity to teach at Vienna University of Economics and Business, the largest education institute for business, economics, business law and social sciences in the European Union.

University of Northern Colorado demonstrates its appreciation of Emeritus Faculty by offering a wide range of benefits, including:

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- Email account
- Campus parking permit
- Research space at Michener Library
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- Admission to athletic events
- Discounts to theatre and music events
- Discounts at Bear Logic
- Notary Public service
- Auditing of courses
- Passport application and renewal service

Connie Willis (BA-67), Greeley, released her newest book, *Blackout*, in February. The novel's story follows three researchers from the future that travel back in time to the London Blitz during World War II. Connie has donated her collection of her manuscripts, library editions of her own books, research and awards to UNC. Inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 2009, Connie has earned ten Hugo and six Nebula awards. Connie's other books include *Doomsday Book*, *Lincoln's Dreams*, *Bellwether*, *Impossible Things*, *Remake*, *Uncharted Territory*, *To Say Nothing of the Dog*, *Fire Watch*, *Miracle and Other Christmas Stories*.



Alumni News

Several University of Northern Colorado alumnae are new to the board of the Women's Fund of Weld County, Inc.—**Sue Davisson** (BA-68), Greeley, Aims Community College retiree; **Susie Velasquez** (BS-83), Evans, public trustee with Weld County Public Trustee's Office; and **Allie Steg Haskett** (BA-03), Greeley, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Northern Colorado Foundation. The Women's Fund of Weld County supports programs that address unmet needs of women and girls to enable them to become self-confident, independent, contributing members of the community.

The Greeley Area Realtor Association recognized several Northern Colorado alumni at their annual installation and awards breakfast in September. **Betty Hinze** (BA-56) earned the distinguished service award. **Randy Moser** (BS-82) was installed as the GARA president for 2009-10. **Matt Tracer** (BA-93, MA-96) was named rookie of the year. **Chalice Springfield** (BA-94), who is Sears Real Estate's CEO and managing broker, was named realtor of the year. Betty, Randy and Matt also work for Sears.

The City of Greeley appointed several Northern Colorado alumni to its boards. **Chuck Henderson** (BA-74), who is retired, was appointed to the citizen transportation advisory board. **Kathy Van Soest** (BA-78) was named to the citizen transportation advisory board. Kathy is employed at the Greeley Center for Independence.

A reunion of the AFROTC classes of 1965 and 1966 is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2010. Approximately 25 to 30 former cadets and their wives are expected to attend the reunion luncheon at The Den Restaurant at the Fox Hollow Golf Course at Lakewood. **Roy Miller** (BA-65), Lakewood, and his wife, Cathy, will host the guests at their home before and after the luncheon to provide an opportunity to catch up on 45 years of memories. **Larry Foos** (BA-65) and his wife, **Barbara (Ulrich)** (BA-65), Littleton, have invited the group to their home on Friday afternoon to share their backyard Garden Railway Layout. **Steve Holmes** (BA-66, EdD-83), Pearland, Tex., will present the results of his research into one of his ancestors who was a Buffalo Soldier. Most of the attendees had military careers of

Organized by **Ken Brooks** (BA-75), Roscoe, Ill., and **Sherrye (Stone) Hull** (BA-74), Greeley, a reunion of AFROTC/Angel Flight/Arnold Air was held in Greeley in August. Thirty-six former Northern Colorado cadets and angels from classes of '72 through '76 traveled from various areas of the country, including as far away as Hawaii, to attend. During the three-day reunion, guests enjoyed margaritas and Mexican food, a pool party and mixer, an Italian buffet, a golf tournament, and a dinner. Golf and other awards were presented, and a PowerPoint of past and current photos was shared.

Photos: Top: Sherrye Hull and Ken Brooks kick off the reunion. Bottom: The reunion participants pose for a group photo.



Denver-based Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) helps animals enjoy longer, healthier lives. MAF strives to advance health and welfare research that protects, treats and cures companion animals, horses and wildlife worldwide. Betty White has served on the MAF Board of Trustees for nearly 40-years and was the guest of honor at the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championships in Long Beach, Calif. Tina Martinez (BA-04) currently serves at the Marketing Manager for the Foundation.

between four and 28 years since their commissioning at graduation from Northern Colorado, while others had successful careers in other fields following active duty. Roy may be contacted at 303.980.5877 or rlmaj@comcast.net.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has scheduled a reunion June 11-12, 2010, in Denver. Plans have been made for a Friday golf scramble at the South Suburban Golf Course while the ladies and the non-golfers can enjoy lunch at the Cool River Café and a tour of Hudson Gardens. Saturday activities will include the June Breakfast Club gathering and an evening dinner and dance at the Marriott Hotel. For details, contact Jim Jensen at 650.578.0521 (home), 800.866.9946 (business) or jaj66@comcast.net.



IN MEMORY

1920s

Lucille (Tetsell) Mitchell (LC-29)
Maxine (Poush) Weinmeister
(LRC-35, BA-40)

1930s

Cleo (Mitchell) Carney
(BA-33, MA-43)
Emma L. Purvis (BA-38)
Jeannette (Adams) Lacey
(AB-39, BA-42)

1940s

Carolyn (Crowder) Taft (BA-40)
Mary (McDonnell) Stowers (BA-40)
Delma (Bartlett) Sanden (WEC-43)
Billie (Huffsmith) McReynolds
(BA-44)
Betty M. Fithian (BA-45)
Edna (Phillips) Kern (BA-45)
Altha (Ellis) Latz (BA-47)
Selma (Jahnke) Stoesser (BA-46)
Paul Distefano (BA-49)
Anna-Leah Hathaway (AB-49)
Emma (Zimbelman) Lubbers
(BA-49, MA-68)

1950s

Chester L. Kipisz (MA-50)
Roy O. Schmidt (BA-50)
Charles T. Zack (BA-50, MA-66)
Ada L. Degenfelder (MA-51)
Edna (Kelly) Kipisz (BA-51)
Delores "Dee" Meakins (BA-51)
Vada (Musser) Reiff (MA-51)
John H. Goodman (MA-52)
Gerald H. "Jerry" Stunkel
(BA-52, MA-54, EdS-56)
Catherine (MacLennan) D'Amato
(BA-53, MA-55)
John D. Gerry (BA-53)
William E. Haaker (BA-53)
Francis E. Wright (BA-53)
Tessa (Boyd) Schreiner (BA-54)

Richard C. Bigelow (MA-55)
Dwylia (Hultman) Felt
(BA-55, MA-62)
William R. Gallegos (BA-55, MA-64)
Miladi L. Hintz (MA-55)
Kenneth H. Phillips (MA-55)
George Sheperd (BA-55, MA-58)
Joseph E. Lynch (MA-56)
Richard G. Urban (BA-56, MA-58)
Kenneth N. Kramer (BA-57)
Donald K. Schall (BA-57)
Larry N. Vibber
(BA-57, MA-59, EdD-70)
George Killinger Jr. (MA-58)
Janet R. Norman (BA-58)
Joseph A. Wettstein (EdD-58)
Robert H. Wood (MA-58)
James Ohman (MA-59)
Edward Robran (BA-59)

1960s

Bertha Geiger (MA-60)
John E. Johnson (BA-60, MA-66)
Marilyn (Kunkle) McGinley (BA-60)
Donald D. Daberkow (BA-61)
Abel L. Vigil (MA-61, DA-88)
Clara (Alley) Zarret (BA-61)
Lillie Robinson (MA-62)
Sharon Tebow (MA-62)
Jean (Dolan) Close (BA-63)
Marie (Stromberger Roth) Larson
(BA-63)
Judith (Geiser) Miller (BA-63)
Larry J. Osborn (BA-63, MA-68)
Thomas L. Groom (MA-64)
Robert R. Moon (BA-64, MA-69)
Dale G. Belgin (BA-66)
Carolyn (Gomer) Dill (BS-66)
Darrell Dilworth (BA-66, MA-72)
John W. Peterson (BA-66, MA-74)
Edith "Jean" Church (PhD-67)
William E. Mattick (EdD-67)
Harold P. Ridgway (MA-67)
Joseph F. Wheeler (EdD-67)
Reca (Rogers) Williams (EdS-68)
Jerold R. Stewart (BA-69)
Terry G. Trueblood (BS-69, MA-70)

1970s

James C. Buchholz (BA-71)
Robert A. Webb (MA-71)
Duane S. Wiechelman (EdD-71)
Toni F. Brummond (BA-72)
Walter D. Harman (EdD-72)
William W. Jones (EdD-72)
Christine Wyatt (BA-72)
Dennis E. Dittenber (BA-73)
J. Ken Monk (BA-73, MA-78)
Kristine J. Mace (BA-74, MA-91)
Susan (Johnson) Pucci (MA-74)
Ralph A. Rangel (BA-74, MA-77)
Willis P. Ude (MA-75)
Ronald G. Wadleigh (MA-75)
David A. Lyle (BA-76)
Eileen (Philp) Rice (BA-76)
Gordon L. Welling (MA-76)
Alan Soefje (MA-77)
Maria Laqueur (MA-78)
Norene Barr (MA-78)
Richard W. Johnson Jr. (MA-79)

1980s

Steven H. Kent (BA-80)
Alexandra (Roebuck) Cottrell (BA-81)
Lois A. Wells (MA-81)
Jonas R. Rittenhouse (BS-82)
Diane N. Broach (BA-84)
Michelle (Garcia) Deneau (BA-85)
Stephen C. Quenville (MS-85)

2000s

Michael E. Furois (PSY-00)

EMERITUS FACULTY & FRIENDS

Vernon A. Dyke, friend of UNC, passed away in August. Vernon served in various management positions with Eastman Kodak Company, including overseeing the Kodak Colorado Division and Kodak Park. He was involved in a number of charitable, education and business organizations, as well as the boards of the Greeley National Bank, First National Bank, Colorado Council on Economic Education, Junior Achievement of Northern Colorado, 4H Foundation and the UNC Foundation (1980-87).

Joseph A. Vagnino, friend of UNC, passed away in November. Joseph served on the UNC Foundation Board of Directors 1994-01 and was a member of the Foundation's investment committee 1995-99. He was a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual for 30 years.

Richard W. Hall, former president of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation 1994-1999, passed away in November. Prior to serving as the Foundation's president, Rich was vice president of development at CU's Health Sciences Center. Contributions may be made in Rich's memory to the University of Northern Colorado Foundation.

Nancy Turner (MA-69, EdD-93), a staff psychologist at UNC, passed away in December. Nancy had been a part of the UNC community for more than 40 years and served as the campus minister before joining the counseling center 15 years ago. In addition to her work at the university, she volunteered as a minister at Greeley's First Christian Church and as chaplain at North Colorado Medical Center. Contributions may be made in Nancy's memory to UNC's Assault Survivors Advocacy Program (ASAP) c/o the UNC Foundation.

Donald B. Montgomery (EdD-69), former professor in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at UNC (1969-93), passed away in February. He was granted Emeritus Faculty status in 1993. During his career at UNC Donald received an award from Colorado CASE for significant contributions to his profession. Following his retirement from UNC, he served as an administrator for Lone Star School and administrative secretary at Western Hills Fire Department. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Moose International, V.E.W., and American Legion.

James F. Anderson, former professor of economics (1970-87), passed away in February. Jim earned a PhD from the University of Wisconsin and Master's and PhD

from the University of Colorado. He retired from UNC in 1981. He was a 32nd Degree Mason of Blue Lodge and member of the Colorado Scottish Rite and the First Presbyterian Church. Jim volunteered with the Right to Read program.

Memorial funds have been established by the families and friends of loved ones listed below:

- John Beel** (*founder of UNC's chemistry department*)
- Tom Benich** (*long-time track and field coach at UNC*)
- Bud Best** (*long-time UNC football, baseball and swimming coach*)
- Bernie Blach** (*friend of UNC and respected Colorado realtor*)
- John Bromley** (*Monfort College of Business professor and President's Leadership Program director*)
- Sandy Davenport** (*35-year employee at UNC*)
- Dale Dykins** (*35-year piano, music and composition professor at UNC*)
- John Haley** (*friend of UNC*)
- Richard Hall** (*former president of the UNC Foundation*)
- William Harmon** (*long-time UNC biology professor*)
- Linnea (Erikson) Heiny** (*UNC professor and community volunteer*)
- Zahi Kamal** (*long-time UNC sociology professor*)
- Emma Lubbers** (*long-time elementary school teacher*)
- Toni May** (*long-time employee at UNC*)
- Teresa Rodriguez** (*Spanish and literature professor at UNC*)
- Vinnie Scalia** (*long-time professor of Human Sciences and dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences*)
- Walter Schenkman** (*long-time professor of piano at UNC*)
- Allen W. Straight** (*friend of UNC athletics*)
- Nancy Turner** (*UNC minister and staff psychologist*)
- Sue Varvel** (*friend of performing and visual arts at UNC*)
- Welby Wolfe** (*Little Theatre of the Rockies executive director and PVA professor*)

If your life has been touched by any of these individuals, please consider making a memorial gift in his or her name to the UNC Foundation, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639.

June

- 3** Greeley Young Professionals Networking Event
Judy Farr Alumni Center, 5:30-7pm, \$7
- 4** AFROTC Class of '65 & '66 Reunion Luncheon,
11am For further details, please contact Roy Miller at rlmai@comcast.net
- 11-12** Greeley Blues Jam
Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley
www.greeleybluesjam.com
- 17** All Colorado Alumni Career Fair
1:00-6:00 pm, Ramada Plaza Denver North at I-25 and 120th Avenue
- 25** The Greeley Stampede
June 25-July 4
www.greeleystampede.org

July

- 13** Concert Under the Stars
8pm, Garden Theatre, Greeley
- 20** Concert Under the Stars
8pm, Garden Theatre, Greeley
- 27** Concert Under the Stars
8pm, Garden Theatre, Greeley
- 30** Blue & Gold Golf Tournament
Pelican Lakes Golf Course, Windsor CO
Shotgun 1pm

August

- 14** UNC Alumni Night at the Colorado Rockies
Rockies vs Milwaukee Brewers, 6:10 pm, \$38, includes a Tshirt.
- 26** Greeley Chamber Business After Hours
hosted at the Judy Farr Alumni Center
5-7pm, \$7 members, \$20 non-members

September

- 4** Home football game vs. Adams State College,
Nottingham Field, Kick-Off at 1:35pm
- 18** Home football game vs. Idaho State University.
Nottingham Field, Kick-Off at 1:35pm
- 26** Homecoming week begins
www.unco.edu/homecoming

October

- 1-2** Class of 1960 50 Year Reunion
www.uncalumni.org/events
- 2** Homecoming football game vs. University of
Montana, Nottingham Field, Kick-Off at 1:35pm
- 15-17** Friends and Family Weekend
www.unco.edu/familyfriend
- 16** Home football game vs Eastern Washington
Nottingham Field, Kickoff at 1:35pm

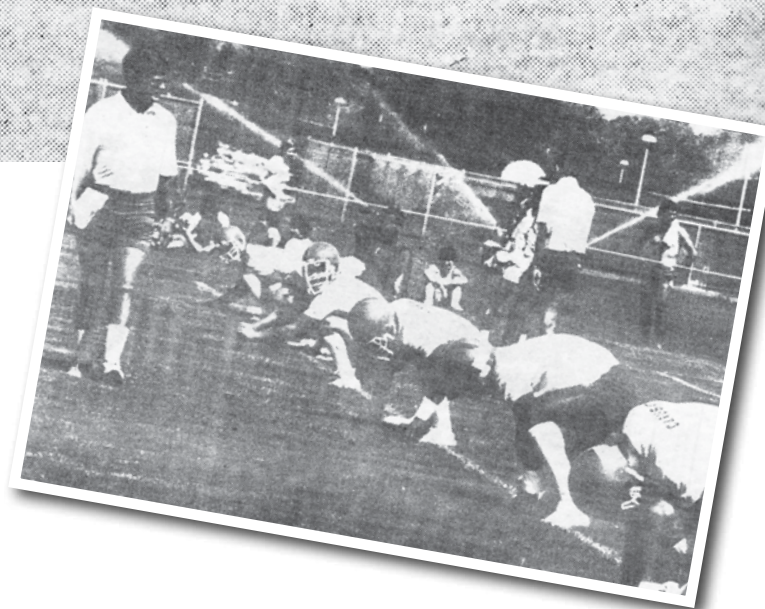
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From the Archives

Broncos Training Camp at UNC



The Broncos came to UNC each summer for training camp until 2003. After 21 years in Greeley, they moved their training facility to Dove Valley in Arapahoe County.

People came from all over the west to see the Broncos get ready for a new season. The crowd varied from seasoned football fans, curious onlookers and autograph seekers.

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Alumni Night at the Rockies

Saturday, August 14 • 6:10 pm

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