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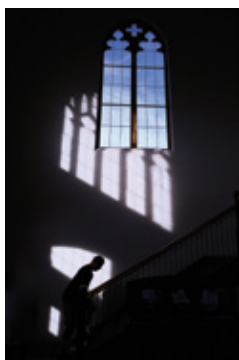
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The women's basketball team outlasted every other Colorado team in postseason play by defeating CSU and South Dakota in the WNIT before falling to eventual champ UCLA. See page 5.

Photo by Rob Trubia



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Cover photo: Jackson walks stairs at UNC's Biomechanics Lab as part of ongoing research there.

Photo by Barry Gutierrez

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Touring North China Electric Power University in Beijing are, from left to right, UNC Professor and Director of the School of Teacher Education Ginny Huang, UNC President Kay Norton, Greeley Mayor Tom Norton, North China Electric Power University Vice President and Professor An Liansuo, UNC College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Dean Eugene Sheehan, and UNC Provost Robbyn Wacker.

Building Partnerships Abroad

As part of UNC's ongoing work to build academic partnerships in east Asia, a delegation of UNC administrators and faculty recently traveled to Vietnam, Thailand and China. President Kay Norton and Provost Robbyn Wacker met with leaders at more than a dozen universities to discuss undergraduate and graduate programs to bring international students to UNC, faculty exchanges and joint efforts to build educational capacity in the three countries.

"This is about collegiality across oceans," Norton says. "We have the opportunity to grow UNC while helping strengthen higher education worldwide. This is what leading universities do."

The quality of UNC's programs, its ability to be responsive to the unique needs of partner institutions, and its specialized expertise, particularly in education, arts, and healthcare, make the university an attractive partner, Norton says.

UNC President Invited to White House Event

UNC President Kay Norton joined President Obama, Vice President Biden and hundreds of college presidents and other higher education leaders in December to announce new actions to help more students prepare for, and graduate from, college.

UNC's actions include the introduction of an initiative that allows students who are close to college-ready to move immediately into college-level courses while providing support, particularly in gateway math and English courses. Other forms of support include a program that allows advisors to use UNC-specific analytics to track a student's progress in critical milestone courses.

National Organization Bestows Community Engagement Status

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, the national organization known for classifying colleges and universities based on institution type, selected UNC as one of 240 U.S. colleges and universities to receive Community Engagement classification in 2015. Colleges and universities with an institutional focus on community engagement were eligible for the classification.

UNC formalized its commitment to community-engaged and field-based learning in 2013 by developing its Civic and Community Engagement strategic plan and funding a position to implement the plan. UNC is one of only three universities in Colorado to hold the designation.

State Supports Major Project Addressing Student Needs

A major campus-building project that will revolutionize addressing the needs of UNC students received a boost in April when the Colorado Legislature approved \$23 million in funding as part of the state's annual budget bill. At press time, the legislation awaited only the governor's signature. The Campus Commons building will provide a range of services tailored to each individual student from one location in addition to being the universal campus entry point. It will also house an auditorium and performance hall and a gallery. The project, expected to be completed in 2017, will be funded through public and private sources.



Storm Chasers

A grant obtained by Assistant Professor Wendi Flynn allowed Meteorology students to gain experience using a state-of-the-art mobile weather lab. Using the National Science Foundation-funded Doppler on Wheels (above and right), students collected and analyzed weather data from multiple storms in Greeley and the Pawnee National Grassland in November. The vehicle, based at the Center for Severe Weather Research in Boulder, is familiar to many from TV appearances on The Weather Channel and shows such as Discovery Channel’s *Storm Chasers*. Center staff trained the students on the DOW’s operation and on software tools used to analyze the data collected.



Photos by Barry LaPoint



Cracking Top 15 Lists

U.S. News & World Report has ranked multiple UNC programs among the top 15 in the country. For the third straight year, UNC’s online graduate education programs were ranked 13th in the nation. The university’s master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling made its first appearance in the magazine’s edition of the Best Graduate School lists, coming in at No. 15.

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Behind the Building

Students who attended UNC in the last four-plus decades may not be aware that Carter Hall served a very different purpose before it became the university's primary administrative building.

BUILDING FACTS

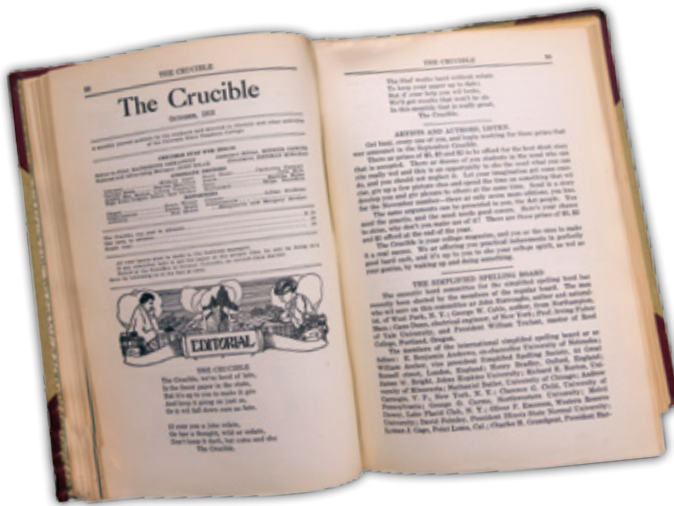
- Completed at a cost of \$48,253 in 1907 as the State Normal School Library, it's the oldest building on campus.
- It was renamed Carter Hall in 1944 in honor of Albert Carter, the school's librarian from 1902 to 1933.
- A much-needed building expansion was completed in 1939 to accommodate a growing number of students and book volumes.
- The expansion changed the building's exterior look from neoclassical to "modern" and became a source of pride after the *Denver Post* heralded the facility as "one of the most modern library structures in the West."
- After construction of UNC's new library was completed in 1971, portions of Carter Hall were used to house administrative offices.
- Most of the building's current interior configuration is the result of an 18-month, \$2.3 million renovation completed in 1981.

STEM Teaching Partnership to Become National Model

A collaboration between UNC and Colorado School of Mines in response to President Obama's goal of preparing 100,000 new STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) teachers over the next decade has received a \$320,000 grant from the Physics Teacher Education Coalition that will be used to develop the partnership into a national model. Mines students in the program complete their STEM content requirements on the Mines campus and then complete the education courses necessary to become a high-quality teacher through UNC. The unique partnership previously received \$300,000 from the National Science Foundation to start the program.

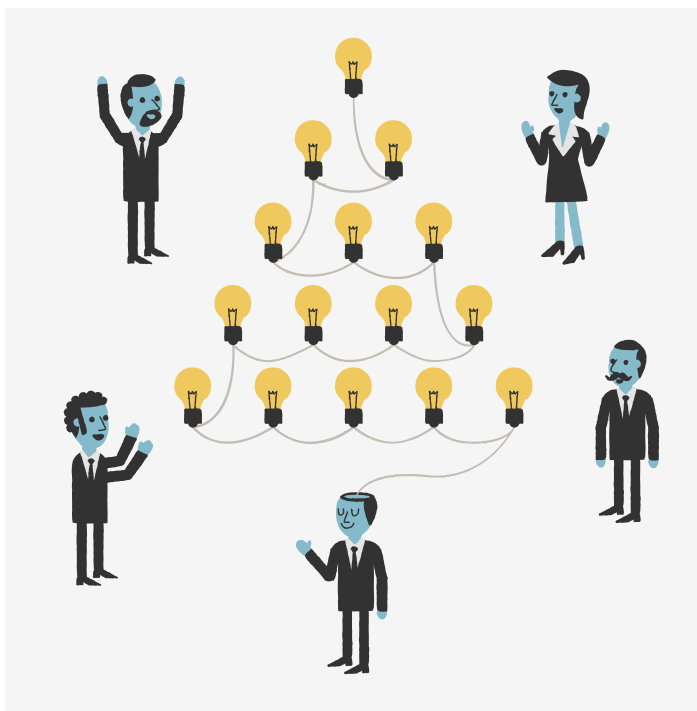
State Recognizes College Transition Course

UNC's University 101 course was recognized by the Colorado Department of Higher Education as a high-quality program moving the needle on student completion. The three-credit class for freshmen that promotes a successful transition from high school to college was included in Colorado Completes, a statewide campaign promoting successful postsecondary completion. As part of the recognition, Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, executive director of CDHE, visited campus Oct. 22. Students completing the course persist at a higher rate and earn a higher GPA than non-completers, according to data.



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES DIGITIZING STUDENT NEWSPAPERS FROM 1892 ON

When the project is finished, all editions since 1892 will be available to the public and searchable online through Digital UNC. The 70,000 pages of *The Crucible* (1892-1921) and *The Mirror* (1919-2000) will be available online in late summer. Papers from 2000 forward have already been added to Digital UNC (digitalunc.coalliance.org). In addition to student newspapers, yearbooks and course catalogs were added to Digital UNC last summer. The site also contains photos. Once scanned, the original print pages will be preserved in archival folders in Michener Library.



Overheard

“This new incubator structure is a great example of the forward-thinking, innovative ideas that occur when collaboration across industry and regions takes place in Colorado.”

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, announcing a \$150,000 state grant to the UNC BizHub Collaborative. The business incubator, developed by UNC and the East Colorado Small Business Development Center, will collaborate with communities and industries in a 13-county region of eastern Colorado.

Other examples of UNC's commitment to innovation include:

- The Innovation Development and Enterprise Advancement (IDEA) program helps faculty and student researchers who have developed a product or service, or have an idea for one, turn it into a marketable product or service that benefits the public. IDEA also helps researchers license the rights to produce and sell their product or service to an existing company or create a startup company.
- Innovation@UNC is a \$1 million, two-year initiative to support projects proposed by the campus community that focus on identifying and implementing innovative academic programs, delivery methods and student success to offer more students transformative education. The FETCH LAB, profiled on page 11, is one of 10 projects funded during the initiative's first year.



Teams Fare Well in Renamed, Upgraded Arena

The gym in Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion became the Bank of Colorado Arena in November with the announcement of a 15-year, \$1.545 million partnership with the largest bank in Weld County. Improvements to the 41-year-old facility took fans' game-day experience to a new level with new video boards, air conditioning, improved lighting and sound panels. The upgrades, which also included a new gym floor, also agreed with UNC sports teams:

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN BANK OF COLORADO ARENA INCLUDED:

- Women's basketball went 10-4 in front of home fans with a school record 22 wins. The Bears' season ended with a three-round run in the WNIT, including a road victory against in-state rival Colorado State, a home win against South Dakota and a road loss to eventual-WNIT champion UCLA.
- UNC volleyball went 10-5 at home in 2014. After dropping the first two matches of Big Sky Conference play in late September, the Bears didn't lose another home conference match. The team went undefeated during the Big Sky Championships at Idaho State to earn their fourth NCAA Tournament berth in five years.
- UNC men's basketball went 12-4 at home for the season, earning a berth in the Big Sky Conference tournament.



Students Survey Homeless to Help Determine Services

A group of Sociology students conducted a survey on how to better serve the area's homeless.

The point-in-time count was commissioned this spring by the regional office of Housing and Urban Development and administered by United Way and its volunteers.

"Students were trained to be able to identify what qualified people as homeless according to the HUD guidelines, and they also administered a survey and a brief interview," says Angie Henderson, associate professor of Sociology.

Henderson says that the data and information collected by the students will be used by HUD to determine how much funding Weld County gets to address the needs of the homeless.

The project "shows that going out there and getting data about people can make a difference in people's lives," says JJ Christofferson, a second-year master's student.

"It's easy to see survey results or read an article and you see findings that aren't really connected," he says. "With the survey, you see the people that you might be helping, and you talk to them and learn more about them."

Lauren McDonald worked at the Denver Rescue Mission during winter break each of the last two years. The junior says the experience has inspired her to work with the homeless after she graduates, and her work on the survey strengthened her desire.

"Everything about our program gets you out of a box and gets you doing things that you'll be doing for your job someday."

— Lauren McDonald, a junior Sociology major

"I'm not a person who learns just from sitting in class and reading books. I have to go out and do it for myself and learn that way," McDonald says. "Everything about our program gets you out of a box and gets you doing things that you'll be doing for your job someday."

Henderson says UNC will participate in future surveys, starting this summer.

"We're able to pair students with local organizations and address needs directly in the community to get students engaged and involved," she says. "They're doing sociology, but they're also doing sociology that is related to social justice, which is what they're learning in class."

— Parker Cotton

SURVEY NUMBERS

Figures that offer a glimpse into the state of homelessness in the area at the time of the survey:

88 — total unsheltered homeless

82 percent — male and older than 24.

42 percent — self-identified as having at least one disabling condition, such as a mental illness or substance abuse disorder.

RESEARCH IN THE NEWS

Research conducted by UNC faculty and students gains attention, including coverage by state, national and international media.



TURNING DOWN TUNES TO SAVE YOUR EARS

According to the World Health Organization, 1 billion people ages 12-35 are putting their hearing at risk with unsafe use of personal audio devices and exposure to noise at concerts, bars and other venues. Work by Professor of Audiology Deanna Meinke and graduate student Mary Owen that uses mannequins and a sound meter to show kids safe levels for listening to music was featured March 15 in *USA Today*. Meinke, who's co-director of the Dangerous Decibels initiative, also provided expert commentary for a Feb. 17 story in the *Washington Post* about noise-induced hearing loss in workout facilities. She was the only American invited to serve on a panel on International Ear Care Day on March 3 during the launch of WHO's "Make Listening Safe" campaign in Geneva, Switzerland.



ANALYZING THE 'DONES'

Josh Packard, assistant professor of Sociology, was interviewed for a story in the March 14 *Winnipeg Free Press* about his research on what he calls "dones" — Christians who still identify strongly with their faith but are done attending church. In his book *Church Refugees*, Packard says that people become dones for a variety of reasons: They're bored with repetitive church services, tired of being lectured to in sermons, put off by congregation politics or want more time to be involved with their local community.



INFORMING COLORADO'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

As reported in the Sept. 14 *Denver Post*, an exhaustive analysis of five years of data led by Elysia Clemens, associate professor of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education, found that foster care children in Colorado are less likely to graduate from high school than homeless students. The research, part of a collaborative effort that includes Colorado's Department of Education and Department of Human Services, will serve as the foundation for creating a road map for reforms in the state's child welfare system.



WEIGHING IN ON FRATERNITY'S RACIST CHANT

A story in the March 9 *Christian Science Monitor* about the racist chant by a University of Oklahoma fraternity includes expert commentary by Nicholas Syrett. The UNC associate professor of History is author of *The Company He Keeps: A History of White College Fraternities*. In the story, he notes that there's not much data about racial demographics in fraternities because "they don't want to talk about it openly."



WHEN HEALTHY EATING BECOMES UNHEALTHY

Associate Professor of Psychology Thomas Dunn was interviewed for stories in the Nov. 10 *Wall Street Journal* and on CNN's website about his research that establishes guidelines to help medical professionals diagnose orthorexia nervosa, an obsession with healthy eating that can lead to unhealthy consequences. "It's not that they're doing it to get thin, they're doing it to get healthy," Dunn tells the WSJ. "It's just sort of a mind-set where it gets taken to an extreme like what we see with other mental illness."



PROFESSOR'S BATS ARE ACADEMIC JOURNAL'S COVER STORY

Bats from the lab of Professor Rick Adams appear on the cover of the April issue of the *Journal of Anatomy*. The featured article about Jamaican fruit bat's inner ear and sonar development and the relationship to flight ability was written by Adams and UNC graduate Richard Carter, who's now teaching at Ohio University. Adams took the photo that appeared on the cover.



IT'S WARMER THAN IT USED TO BE

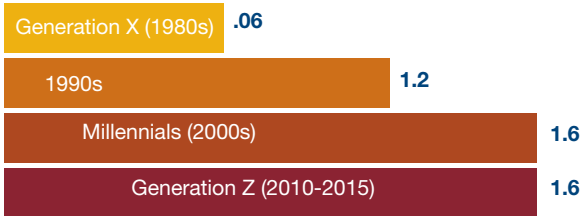
Professor of Economics Mark Eiswerth is quoted in a report, which received state media coverage, from the Environment Colorado Research & Policy Center titled: "*Dangerous Inheritance: The Hotter, More Extreme Climate We're Passing Down to America's Young*. He says:

"In Colorado, one of the most important and likely impacts of climate change and temperature rise involves changes in the magnitude and seasonal timing of water availability."

"Uncertainties surrounding water availability have major implications for the economy and public health and wellbeing, making climate change an important issue to address for the sake of current and future generations," he adds.

According to the analysis, average temperatures in Colorado have outpaced the national average by rising 1.9 degrees over the last five generations, leading to drought, severe wildfires and floods. Without changes in carbon emissions, the temperature will rise 5-10 degrees when today's children reach retirement, the report states.

Each Generation Since the Baby Boomers Has Grown Up in a Warmer Climate



U.S. Average Temperature Difference from the 1970s (°F)



SHARING A SLICE WITH **THE PRESIDENT**

Senior math major's letter about financing college leads to dinner meeting



It was a simple, handwritten letter to President Obama in response to his State of the Union address when he mentioned the struggles middle-class families face. Honestly, I didn't expect a response.

But in March 2014 I received one and expected that to be the end. Then at the beginning of July, an email from a White House address requested a follow up with me about my letter. After a few phone calls, I was invited to have dinner with a senior representative from the White House and four other letter writers during President Obama's upcoming trip to Denver.

We met at a small, out-of-the-way coffee shop downtown. When we arrived and finished with introductions, a White House coordinator leaned in close and quietly told us, "OK. In about half an hour, we are going to walk over to a pizza place, and about half an hour after that, the president will be here to have dinner with you."

PIZZA PALS: Cooper, right, receives the surprise of her life when the senior White House official she expects to meet turns out to be President Obama.

Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

Over pizza, the president sat with us for about an hour, and the conversation ranged from early childhood education, to minimum wage, to federal loans, and of course, to financing college.

In my letter, I told the president that I felt like the middle class is “not significant enough to be addressed.” My mind-set when I wrote it stemmed from my own financial challenges despite being employed year-round and taking on overtime shifts. I’m not eligible for federal funding I apply for each year because the formula states that my parents should be able to contribute a significant amount to my college education. With a sister also in college, that’s not possible in my situation.

When we reached the topic of college, I had a few minutes of undivided attention from the president, who took my letter to heart and heard what I said about the challenges I face with having to pay for college on my own. Our conversation didn’t feel like I was talking to one of the most powerful men in the world. It was like I was talking to another person who understood the struggle of paying for college, and he was trying to help with the issues we face. It was absolutely incredible.

We even shared frustration over the cost of textbooks. He was genuinely interested in everything we had to say. Talking with him was one of the most intense and exciting things I have ever done.

When the conversation drew to a close, we stood up to take a picture. He said goodbye to us individually and gave us all hugs. He told me to keep up with STEM and not to give up.

He said goodbye one more time, took a picture with the restaurant staff, then left to walk down the street and meet some of the people of Denver. It was hard to believe that only two hours before, I was just planning on eating with a senior representative from the White House.

You never know where a letter will take you. **NV**

— Senior Mathematical Sciences major Elizabeth Cooper graduates this spring.

WHAT’S NEXT

Elizabeth Cooper aspires to work with physicists and engineers on their projects. “I would love to work with NASA and with their teams to help send people to space, and generally advance human understanding of the world,” she says. She will explore the possibility of setting up a scholarship fund aimed at middle-class students who work while in college. “I don’t want to see people like me having to struggle like this in the future,” she says. “Worrying about finances makes it so much more difficult to focus on school. I know many people face this struggle, and I want to help as many of them as I can.”

UNC STUDENTS WORK MORE THAN MOST



Approximately **two-thirds** of graduating seniors report that they **worked for pay while in college.**



Slightly more than **one-quarter** of these students are working more than **20 hours per week.**



UNC students report **working significantly more hours** than students at similar universities. In addition, they are more likely to contribute financial resources to their families and to contribute **more of their own resources to funding their education.**

Source: UNC Self-Study Report to Higher Learning Commission 2015



Photography and story by Dan England

Go FETCH

Second of its kind in the country, new lab will provide hearing tests for puppies, expanded training for students

Using the kind of tone only a newborn, kitten, or in this case, a puppy can inspire, Peter Scheifele leans into the furry face of a 7-week-old yellow lab and lavishes her with praise and pets.

This particular pup just had some wires inserted into her ear and put up with a test that would measure her brain activity in response to clicking sounds. Some puppies cry at or yip at the noise, and others squirm because, well, they're puppies. But this little one was a champ, and that melted the serious scientist's heart.

"Wow, that's great," Scheifele says. "You're a good girl. Such a good puppy."

Snuggles aside, Scheifele is all business. He's at the UNC Audiology department to train faculty on how to use his Facility for Education and Testing of Canine Hearing & Laboratory for Animal Bioacoustics (FETCH LAB). Once it's installed, UNC will be only the second university in the country to use the program he started at the University of Cincinnati.

The program will give UNC professors, and eventually students, the ability to not only test animals' hearing but

"Testing for puppies is identical to testing for infants. But we don't have enough infants for our students to learn that process. This seemed like a great solution."

— Professor Katie Bright, director of UNC's FETCH LAB

to take it one step further by diagnosing the problem and possibly even treating it. It will give students another way to train to test infants' hearing and to get certified in animal audiology. Having that skill could help them land a job in a zoo or expand their own practices to include breeders and their dogs.



A LAB IN THE LAB: This 7-week-old lab gets some attention while helping UNC faculty prepare for the university's new program.

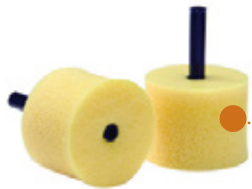
Scheifele started the program in 2007 because of the profound problem of deafness in dogs. More than 80 breeds have hearing problems tied to genetics, he says. Dogs also develop problems when they are boarded in a kennel or forced to stay at shelters. And age plays a part.

"Anything they can get, we can get," Scheifele says about the dogs' causes for hearing loss.

He owes a lot to the groundbreaking work of George Strain, a professor of Neuroscience at Louisiana State University whose studies helped expose the genetic problems causing deafness in dogs. He developed ways to test dogs.

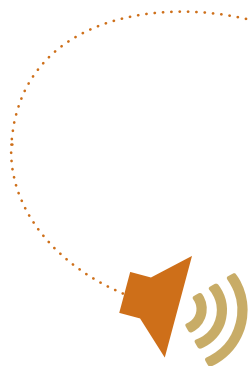
"He's the father of all this," says Scheifele, assistant professor of Bioacoustics and Hearing/Speech at UC. "He got people to see there was a problem."

Of course, measuring a dog's hearing is tricky. That's the reason for measuring their brainwaves.



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Click sounds are played through small foam insert earphones.



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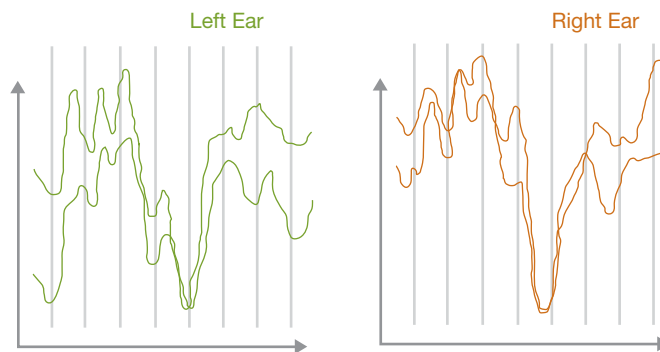
Electrodes placed on the head and by the ears pick up brain activity in response to click sounds.



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Specialized software incorporates multiple techniques to separate background brain activity from responses to click sounds. Results display on a computer screen as a waveform.

Brainwaves in Response to Sound





“It’s not like a hearing test you took in school as a kid,” Scheifele says. “They can’t raise their right paw.”

Infants can’t raise their right hand either, and that’s a big reason why UNC will bring FETCH LAB to its students.

“Testing for puppies is identical to testing for infants,” says Katie Bright, professor of Audiology and the director of UNC’s FETCH LAB. “But we don’t have enough infants for our students to learn that process. This seemed like a great solution.”

In addition, breeders have to prove their dogs can hear before they place them in homes. Bright says the program will not only teach students how to do that for breeders but also allow them to get certified in animal audiology. Many veterinarians don’t want to test puppies because the equipment is expensive, Bright says.

The Audiology department hopes to offer the certification this fall and will also offer equine hearing tests.

“There’s a whole new field of animal audiology,” Bright says. “Some students are even concentrating in it. So this program would meet two needs.”

Solutions are tougher for dogs with hearing impairments, Scheifele admits, but there are tools, including a vibration collar and even sign language.

“We have put hearing aids in dogs as well,” he says. “We’ve even done cochlear implants, but those are so darn expensive.”

The idea is to diagnose the problems and next steps could include referrals to specialists. Three professors—including Bright, Tina Stoodly and Jenny Weber—will oversee the program. Weber’s just fine with that. She has three labs of her own. In fact, you wonder if Weber got more out of the puppy time than the training.

“You’re such a good girl,” Weber said as she stuck her face close to one of the labs. **NV**

MEETING NEEDS: UNC audiologists Jenny Weber, left, and Katie Bright take part in the FETCH training. The lab will fill a need for animal owners and breeders, and will also open up opportunities for UNC students in the emerging field of animal audiology.

The FETCH LAB is one of 10 projects funded through Innovation@UNC, a campus initiative that began in 2014 to create new programs, reach new students, test new teaching methods and improve student success. This story is the first in a series on the I@UNC programs. The next installment in the fall/winter issue will feature the brewing science program to prepare the next generation of lab scientists who focus on quality assurance and quality control measures in the production of beer.

📍 For more information visit unco.edu/innovation

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HANDS-ON APPROACH

A carpenter and surgical technician, family man Kenny Jackson makes time to participate in UNC research, qualify for a national racquetball tournament and embrace his “life’s work” in mentoring fellow amputees

By the time doctors delivered the news to Rollie Higgins, his foot had turned black. He’d been in and out of the hospital for a year after an artery clotted in his leg. Doctors put in a cadaver vein, which worked for a week, and they tried stints, which didn’t work at all. Higgins was 76. The news that he would lose his leg was hardly a surprise.

And yet, Kenny Jackson made it much easier to hear.

Jackson was by Higgins’ bedside, within a half-hour after Higgins got the news. It’s no big whoop, Jackson said, and he flipped off his left leg, like he was kicking off a shoe, to make the point. Higgins, the longtime owner of a hardware store in Greeley, had his family in the room. But Jackson, who works part time as a surgical technician for North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, talked to him about what life would be like without a leg minutes before doctors prepared to take it. He even walked him into the operating room.

“I didn’t have any drastic thoughts, and that was because of Kenny,” Higgins says. “If the doctors

had said I was going to lose my leg, and I had no idea where to turn to, that would have made a difference. But Kenny was there.”

It wasn’t just the talk. Higgins had known Jackson for about 30 years. He stopped in the store often for his jobs as a carpenter at UNC, or for his third job maintaining a handful of buildings. It was the way Jackson lived his life.

Higgins could see he was telling the truth, rather than feeding him a few attaboys. Living without a leg really did seem to be no big whoop for him. Jackson, just before Higgins went under, told him to call if he needed anything.

Jackson considers it his life’s work to counsel those who are facing what he first went through in 1990, when he was an oil rig worker and a drilling rack rolled over and crushed his legs.

The right leg was damaged. Even today, there isn’t much feeling in his foot. As just one example, he discovered he had to stop wearing steel-toed boots because they rubbed the skin off the tops of his toes. He didn’t realize it until his wife pointed out his raw feet when he stepped out of the shower.



Jackson uses his carpentry skills and experiences to help fellow amputees. He views participating in UNC's biomechanical study as another way to help others.



Top and left: Jackson wears biomarkers that are strategically placed to track his movements. They're the same type of sensors as those used to create character movement in video games. Right: UNC graduate student Abbie Ferris studies functional performance of different amputation techniques and has helped with adjustments that improve the fit of Jackson's prosthesis.

Doctors did what they could with the right leg, and that's why he still has it. They knew, however, his left was probably gone the moment he was wheeled in. They tried to save it. He tells strangers today that he's glad they didn't. He believes losing the leg saved his life.

• • •

Jackson was 27 when he lost his leg. He was a hard drinker. Losing the leg, even from the start, didn't depress him. It was a sign.

"I was really having fun," he says. "Too much fun. I was sitting in the hospital there with my mom and sister, and I said this was God's way of telling me to slow down."

Four months later, he met his wife, Dawn, at the former Smiling Moose near campus. He can still remember seeing her for the first time at the bar. She's still the most beautiful woman in the world, he says, after 23 years of marriage and two kids, Keenan, 19, and Kylee, 18. He also has a son, Jeremy, 30, who lives in Arizona.

He's not sure, if he hadn't lost his leg, if he would have been ready for her. He's pretty sure, at the very least, he wouldn't have been able to keep her.

Once they got together, Dawn began to guide his life, as she does even to this day, despite Jackson's gruff independence. She was going through nursing school, and she told Jackson to forget the oil fields. Using the money he got as compensation for his injuries, she signed him up for surgical tech school. He's worked at the hospital for 22 years, now on Mondays and on days doctors need him for extra surgeries in addition to his job as a staff member in construction at UNC.

"It's funny how life can change," Jackson says.

Because of his gig at the hospital, and the fact that Dawn works there full-time as a nurse, he makes regular visits to amputees. He's done that for at least 15 years. Dawn suggested he visit a patient once, and a doctor agreed, admitting that even he didn't really understand the way Kenny would. Now when a patient comes in, the word gets sent to Jackson, usually before or after a shift on his feet assisting with a surgery.

Jackson prefers to listen, despite his love for conversation, but he does have a few tips for them. When showering, remember they don't have a leg, he advises, recalling his own days of nearly pulling the shower curtain off the rings. He encourages them to use their crutches at night when they get up to go to the bathroom—repeated hopping can grind down their ankles, and he will talk about his own ankle as proof. He tells them not to get addicted to pain pills.

He's even made suggestions to doctors on their patients' treatment plans based on his own experiences. He looks at what's worked for him.

"I mostly just tell the docs that you've got to get them up and going," Jackson says. "You need to get them out of the bed as soon as possible. Or else they just watch the clock and it's like, 'Tick tick tick tick tick tick.' That doesn't do any good."



He then tells them to call him, at whatever hour, and he means it. He took one call at midnight from a guy feeling phantom pain. Jackson still feels it. He told the guy how to stretch through it rather than pop a pill.

"I just tell them, 'Life isn't over,'" Jackson says. "You can do the same things you did before. You just may have to do some of them differently."

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UNC's biomechanics department knew who to call on for a study that could affect the future of exactly how doctors perform the amputations. He'd have to take a full afternoon—a difficult task for a guy with three jobs, two kids and a wife—to walk stairs as fast as he could and walk across campus as more than a dozen sensors attached to his skin tracked his movements.

Sure, he told them. No big whoop.

Ten remote cameras glowed like a stovetop set to boiling as Jackson cracked jokes between strolling from one corner to another on commands from an apologetic Abbie Ferris. Ferris, after all, had already shaved his skin raw and stuck him full of biomarkers, which would hurt even more to pull off. Those biomarkers, however, were important. They're the same kind video games use to capture the movements of characters. Jackson could watch himself walk as a series of colored dots on a widescreen TV.

"See those muscles pop out?" Ferris says with a grin as she stuck another marker on Jackson.

"Not bad for a crippled old geezer, huh?" Jackson responds.

Ferris, a graduate student, wasn't there (just) for laughs. Her study measures functional performance in different below-the-knee amputation techniques. There are essentially two different kinds, Ferris says.

The more traditional method removes the limb where it needs it, and the tibia and fibula are left independent of each other. The second, called the Ertl Procedure, named after the pioneer, creates a bone bridge between the two. The Ertl Procedure is more difficult, Ferris says, and therefore less common, but she also believes it may be a better approach.

The reason for that is there's no real stability with the traditional technique, so amputees tend to have more arthritis and lower back pain. The Ertl, because of that bone bridge, possibly absorbs the impact of everyday life more to prevent those ailments.

That's what she's studying. Jackson's amputation is more traditional, she says.

Jackson looked at the UNC study as another way to help others. He works on home-improvement projects to make some of the amputees' lives easier, and he only charges them for the parts. His counseling doesn't end in the hospital room, either, giving his phone number out freely.

The advancements made in prosthetics have made his life much better, even from one year to the next. Jackson, 53, plays golf, rides a wakeboard and plays enough racquetball twice a week to qualify for the national Senior Games. The games are for those 50 and over, but that's the only concession he makes: He competes with able-bodied players.



Kenny may counsel amputees, but he knows he's not going to get the same understanding at home. At least not from Keenan. Keenan can bench press 350 pounds and likes to throw his father around the racquetball court.

"He has no mercy," Kenny says, recalling struggling on a day the two went surfing. "... he just kept yelling at me that I wasn't trying hard enough. My son doesn't care if I have one leg. I mean, that's what you want, right?"

That is, in fact, what Jackson wants. Just weeks after the accident, his sister was pushing him around a video store in Greeley, and they came across a movie, *The Man With One Red Shoe*.

"Hey look," she said. "They made a movie about you."

"She never let me dwell on it," Jackson says. "No one in my family did."

He had his fun, even after the accident, but when the kids were born, he and Dawn had a talk. His father was an abusive alcoholic, and they decided they didn't want their children to grow up in anything remotely close to that. The drinking dwindled. Now it's been eight years since he had a drink.

He'd rather play racquetball twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a time when everyone's been trained to know he's not on call. He's really looking forward to playing in the national Senior Games.

"My kids are giving me grief over that," he says, "but I don't care."

He cherishes moments with his family. Time is limited now. Kylee is attending UNC and Keenan will transfer there in the fall. In between jobs, they will spend time on the porch watching the sunset and playing cribbage until midnight. It's nothing special. It's no big whoop. It's his life.

Life gets better all the time, too: After he participated in the study, the students in UNC's Biomechanics Lab made a couple adjustments to his leg. It feels better than ever.

He would also like to get involved with Wounded Warrior Project to provide support for injured military veterans. He doesn't lecture new amputees when he meets with them in their beds, while they wonder what life will be like without their limb. He listens to them and then tells them about his own life, the one with a tight family and three jobs.

It's a blessed life, he says, and all he has to do to keep it is stay busy in it. NV





In between working three jobs, Jackson golfs, wakeboards and plays racquetball twice a week. He qualified for the national Senior Games in racquetball competing with able-bodied players.

📺 Watch a clip of Kenny on the court at northernvision.unco.edu



Flair FOR FARE

By Anne Cumming Rice | Photography by Barry Gutierrez

English-major-turned-business-owner reunites with her passion to create one of the country's best new restaurants

There was a moment that pointed Delores Tronco (BA-05) to what makes her tick, what her life's joy and work should be.

Actually, there were several.

When she was a teenager, she begged for a job — any job — at Texas Roadhouse in Greeley. She started as a “mucker,” unloading the bus tubs in the kitchen, and eventually moved her way up to busser, then hostess, then server and then manager of the back office.

But even in those early days unloading bus tubs, she knew. “The restaurant was one of the only places I could completely lose myself,” says the 32-year-old. “It was a magic place I could escape to.”

When she was a student at UNC, she worked 35 hours a week at Roma in Greeley so she could pay for school and



UNC alumna Delores Tronco points to authenticity as a key factor in the success of her Denver restaurant, Work & Class.



graduate without debt. The same couple would come into the restaurant every Tuesday evening. She got to know them. One night, they asked for a table for 10.

“What’s the occasion?” Tronco asked them.

They told her they had been coming in every Tuesday after the woman’s chemo appointments, and this night her hair had grown back long enough for her to get a haircut. And they were celebrating with friends.

“I suddenly realized my job was more than meets the eye,” Tronco says. “The restaurant was a soft place for these people to land during a difficult time. I was part of something much bigger than I thought.”

And there was a moment after college, after she’d spent two years as part of a nonprofit management fellowship through the El Pomar Foundation. Many of her peers from the fellowship were going on to graduate school.

But Tronco wasn’t headed on the same path. She decided to get a job, bide her time and put as much money as she could in the bank until she figured out what she wanted to do. She spent time in a couple of different jobs, all the while struggling with migraine headaches and a heart tugging her in a direction that she says some considered a waste of her potential.

But she made a decision in 2010.

“I stopped caring what everyone else thought about what I should do,” she says. “I’m the only one who has to live inside my brain every day.

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I had been out of the restaurant business for five years, but it was calling me back.”

She wanted to open a restaurant, but first she needed fresh knowledge, business partners and money. She figured it would take a decade to get to where she wanted to be.

Five years later, she is the co-owner of the successful year-old Work & Class restaurant in Denver’s River North neighborhood, a few blocks from Coors Field. She can look back and see that all of her experiences not only shaped her future, but pointed her to it.

ROAD TO A DREAM

At UNC, Tronco majored in English. She attended a year at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and came back to Greeley, not really wanting to go to UNC because it was so close to home. But in high school, she’d taken an English class at UNC with Professor Marcus Embry. In her struggle to figure out what to do after UNLV, she went back to talk with Embry.

“School was pretty easy for me. I was the type of student who could start on a paper the night before it was due and get an A on it,” Tronco says. “Marcus was one of the first adults in my life who said, ‘You can do better than this.’”

Embry encouraged her to enroll at UNC, even suggested she could major in English. She also minored in business administration and jokes that she took calculus and creative writing back-to-back.

Without the business education she received at the Monfort College of Business, she says she would have never been able to write a business plan for what ultimately became Work & Class.

The El Pomar fellowship after college taught her what it means to be a leader. “I learned to challenge the process,” she says, a frame of reference that was instrumental in becoming an entrepreneur.

Later, she worked for a public relations firm and with the 9News Health Fair, which taught her how to handle media interviews. That has come in handy as Work & Class has received rave reviews in the press since it opened in January 2014.

In February, Work & Class chef Dana Rodriguez was one of three Colorado chefs nominated for a James Beard Award, a prestigious honor in the culinary world.

“It’s a wonderful honor for Dana,” Tronco says. “But it’s also a reflection of the restaurant.”

STORY AND SOUL

The positive reviews are part of the reason the tiny eatery fills up by 5:30 every night and hops until it closes. The atmosphere is loud, crowded and full of energy. The restaurant doesn’t take reservations, so the wait can be long, especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

Located in a building made of shipping containers at 25th and Larimer, the 51-seat dining room (plus 35 on the patio) has metal tables, simple décor and a hostess stand made from a factory conveyor belt. A lighted sign above it says, “Now Serving Good Beer” one night, “Now Serving Tasty Gin” the next.

The restaurant’s motto is “a square meal, a stiff drink and a fair price,” appealing to the clientele hinted at in the restaurant’s name—the working class. The “good food, no fuss” approach is not fine dining, but it is good, unique fare. The combination of Latin and American comfort food includes chickpea croquettes, pork and veal meatballs with chipotle tomato sauce, rosemary rotisserie chicken, handmade corn tortillas and flavorful butterscotch pudding.

But Tronco says the restaurant’s success is about more than good food and service. It’s about having a story and a soul.

“There are hundreds of restaurants that opened in Denver in the last year,” Tronco says. “So what separates you from

the rest? Good food and good service? Yes, but there has to be a story. There has to be a connection that people make with what you are doing. You have to be authentic. You have to come from a real place.”

Tronco grew up in Greeley, the granddaughter of Italian immigrants. She met her business partner Tony Maciag, the youngest of eight kids from Detroit, when she decided to jump back into the restaurant business in 2010 and went to work for him as an assistant manager at Euclid Hall, an American tavern in Larimer Square with a nationally acclaimed beer list.



ACCOLADES INCLUDE:

- One of the 10 best new restaurants in Denver, 5280 magazine.
- One of the 25 best restaurants in Denver, 5280 magazine.
- One of the Top 14 new restaurants in the country, Zagat.
- One of the 21 best new restaurants in America, Thrillist.
- Best new restaurant, Colorado Restaurant Association.

Around the same time, Tronco partnered with two others to create the Justice League of Street Food, a group of food trucks that hosts large outdoor hospitality events. That led her to a management position at Steuben’s, a Denver restaurant known for its comfort food, and eventually to become human resources director for the restaurant group that includes Steuben’s, Vesta Dipping Grill and Ace.

As Tronco and Maciag started brainstorming about opening a restaurant, Maciag knew the only chef he wanted to work with was Rodriguez, who grew up on a farm in Chihuahua, Mexico. Starting out as a dishwasher and moving her way up, she worked for 16 years with James Beard Award-winner Jennifer Jasinski, well-known in the Denver restaurant scene as the owner of Denver favorites Bistro Vendome, Rioja, Euclid Hall and Stoic and Genuine.

Now Tronco, Maciag and Rodriguez, all co-owners of Work & Class, have 32 employees and a clientele that keeps growing and coming back. It’s been a little more than a year since the restaurant opened, but given its success, people are already asking them what’s next. But Tronco is reluctant to go there yet. She loves having a small staff that she can teach and invest in.

“We never intended to go the Snooze or Chipotle route and franchise or open another location,” she says. “For a while we want to do what we do and have fun. You can’t get carried away with the success. And if we decide we want to take on another project, we have to ask ourselves why we want to do it.”

They will be the same kind of questions Tronco had to ask herself along her journey as she learned to follow her own heart.

“I don’t think I’d appreciate this as much as I do had I not been away from the restaurant business for a while,” she says. “Even on the worst days here, I know I did the right thing.” **NV**



IN HER OWN WORDS

What are five traits that you think have been instrumental in getting you from your days at Roma in Greeley to owning your own successful restaurant Work & Class?

🔗 Read Tronco's words at northernvision.unco.edu

“WHO’S NEW JERSEY ERNIE?”

One item on Work & Class’ one-page menu piques more curiosity than others.

“Who’s New Jersey Ernie?” customers ask, pointing to the \$9 New Jersey Ernie meatballs at the end of the appetizer section.

He was Delores Tronco’s dad, who died about eight months before Work & Class opened. The meatballs are a promise kept by Tronco.

“He was in hospice by the time I was planning the menu,” Tronco says. “He kept outliving the doctors’ expectations, but he got to the point where he was starting to detach from the world. The one thing that he was still passionate about was meatballs. He said, ‘Delores, I don’t think I’m going to make it to see the restaurant. Will you promise me you’ll always have meatballs on the menu?’”

Her dad was the son of Italian immigrants who settled in New Jersey. He was proud of his Italian heritage and loved meatballs. He was very particular about them, so much so that he taught Tronco’s mom, who was German and Czech and knew little about Italian meatballs, how to make them the way his mother did.

“If there was any food from my childhood that I can identify with, it’s meatballs,” Tronco says.

Still, in the planning stages of the Work & Class menu, Tronco was unsure meatballs would fit in. She and business partner Tony Maciag wanted to create a unique menu with American and Latin influences, but without the high price tag associated with a lot of places.

“I was kind of tired of restaurants offering these \$20-\$30 entrees,” Tronco says. “That’s a special occasion meal, not a meal you’d go eat on a Tuesday night.”

So they threw out the idea of entrees altogether and decided to do roasted, braised or rotisserie meats — all sold in ¼-, ½- and 1-pound increments — plus sides, breads, appetizers and desserts. You could call it a la carte, but it’s not barbecue or a steakhouse.

When Dana Rodriguez became part of the ownership team, Tronco wanted to give her some creative license to develop dishes for the menu. She approached Rodriguez with the idea of the meatballs.

The basic meatball recipe is a combination of veal, pork and Pecorino Romano cheese. Traditional meatballs have breadcrumbs in them, making them softer, but Tronco wanted them to be gluten-free due to her own wheat allergy.

Keeping in line with the Latin flair of the food, Rodriguez added chipotle chili to the tomato sauce, giving the flavor a bit of a kick.

So when customers ask about New Jersey Ernie, Tronco and her brother, who also works at the restaurant, get to talk about their dad.

So what would her dad think about the meatballs?

“I think he’d probably be a little bit frustrated about the chipotle in the sauce,” Tronco says. “But all things considered, he’d probably think it was pretty cool.” **NV**

HONORED ALUMNI

Induction Ceremony

The University of Northern Colorado boasts outstanding alumni and dedicated friends from all walks of life. Each year it is the great privilege of the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association to recognize a group of distinguished graduates and friends as Honored Alumni, the highest commendation our organization can bestow.

Publicly recognized at the Honored Alumni Award Ceremony on March 28, this year's class of honorees includes political leaders, philanthropists, tireless volunteers and life-changing educators. We are proud to introduce you to the UNCAA's 2015 Honored Alumni.

BRAD INHULSEN (BS-12) ALUMNI SPIRIT AWARD



WHO HE IS:

A young professional excelling in the northern Colorado real estate industry, an active volunteer and a professional mentor.

WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED:

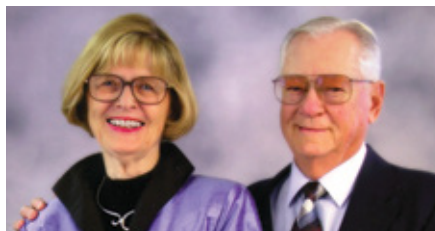
Within a year of graduation from UNC's Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business, Inhulsen established himself as a licensed real estate broker and earned accolades from local media outlets and professional associations. Within three years, he had become a co-owner and governing board member at Sears Real Estate.

In the midst of this well-earned rise to professional prominence, Inhulsen has never stopped serving as an advocate and leader for the UNC community. A founding member of UNC's Young Alumni Council, Inhulsen has shared his professional expertise with current students as a guest lecturer at the business college and as a moderator of the alumni association's professional development event series, Success Looks Like ME.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I love to spend time with the students at UNC. That's why I joined the Young Alumni Council to be on the Professional and Career Development Committee. There are so many ways to contribute, whether that's sitting in on a class and telling [students] about my experiences in the real estate world or talking to them about career services, [which] helped me to get the job I have today."

MIKE AND MARILYNN LOUSTALET DISTINGUISHED HONORARY ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD



WHO THEY ARE:

Prominent members of the UNC community and decades-long supporters of the university's athletic programs and academic mission.

WHAT THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED:

The Loustalets have provided opportunities for UNC students to succeed—a family tradition. A generation ago, the Loustalet family furnished room and board to UNC students in exchange for basic housework. Today, Mike and Marilyn's tireless devotion to the development of our student-athletes can be seen through their football scholarship, the state-of-the-art locker room facilities that bear their names and their public tribute featured in the UNC Athletics Hall of Fame area.

What began as a deep sense of appreciation for the university and its surrounding community matured into a lifelong relationship as Mike and Marilyn built their respective careers in Weld County public office and legal and medical administration. Their consistent presence at practices and home games has provided student-athletes with a lasting reminder of the individuals who are deeply invested in their success.

IN THE WORDS OF UNC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, EARNEST COLLINS (BA-96):

"They've shown that kind of support, [that can only come through a personal connection.] They're actually faces you can see around our community and our players get to know them."

DENNIS MORIMOTO (BA-65, MA-66) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



WHO HE IS:

A beloved UNC photography professor whose emphasis on craft and professionalism inspired countless students over the course of his 47-year career.

WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED:

As a leader, Dr. Dennis Morimoto helped develop an academic culture known for its quality and rigor, directly contributing to the School of Art & Design's national accreditation. As an artist, he served as a model of professional excellence, with his photography and prints consistently featured in juried exhibitions throughout the region. As a professor, he worked tirelessly on behalf of his students, instilling a sense of dedication that helped launch scores of professionals into the fields of photography, journalism and arts education.

Though Dr. Morimoto played many roles in advancing UNC's educational mission, in retirement his legacy is perhaps best summed up by the authentic, personal commitment he displayed toward the advancement of every member of the university community. The piece of advice he most often repeated to his students and colleagues was, "It doesn't matter what you choose to be, but work to be the best you can."

IN THE WORDS OF '07 HONORED ALUMNA, CYNTHIA EVANS (BA-73):

"He set an example. He kept up his professional production at the same time he taught his students [a] craft that was going to be so important to them whether or not they took [the arts] up as their career."

HONORED ALUMNI

Induction Ceremony

To better capture our honorees' unique accomplishments and contributions to the UNC community, the alumni association has produced a series of touching tribute videos which you can explore at uncalumni.org/ha15

JONG SHYONG SHYU (MA-84, PHD-88) DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



WHO HE IS:

A successful scholar, legislator and political advocate for individuals with special needs in his home country of Taiwan.

WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED:

As a six-term senator to Taiwan's National Assembly, deputy mayor of Taichung City and deputy secretary general of the Executive Yuan, Dr. Jong Shyong Shyu is a widely known and respected public figure throughout eastern Asia. Having grappled with partial paralysis in his legs from a young age, Dr. Shyu has devoted his political career to empowering and protecting the rights of individuals with special needs through legislative action and public advocacy.

Dr. Shyu has played an active role in forging collaborative relationships between UNC and several Taiwanese educational institutions including cooperative research, student exchange and faculty development. He and his wife Hsiu Yueh Chiu (MS-88) have also helped to develop the university's largest and longest-running international alumni group in Taiwan.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I try to help people realize that no matter what they do in their professional life, they have an obligation as human beings to be compassionate and to improve humanity in their own way."

DICK MONFORT (BS-76) DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



WHO HE IS:

Owner of the Colorado Rockies baseball team and a well-known businessman who's used his position in the public eye to advocate for and advance the mission of his *alma mater*.

WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED:

Anyone familiar with the exceptional reputation of UNC's college of business knows something of the Monfort family's legacy of supporting academic rigor and success at the university. What is perhaps less broadly known is the personal leadership role Monfort has played in guiding UNC's sustainable development in his 15-plus years of service on UNC's board of trustees. Deeply valuing the high-quality learning and teaching environment he experienced as a student, his volunteer and advocacy efforts have focused on upholding that level of quality for generations to come.

Monfort and his family have strategically supported numerous area non-profits and education-based initiatives, but no institution has benefitted more from his time, leadership and advocacy than his *alma mater*. As both a prominent member of Colorado's business community and a leader of a premier institution of higher education, Monfort has continually asserted that an investment in UNC students will pay great dividends for society as a whole.

IN THE WORDS OF UNC PRESIDENT KAY NORTON:

"Wherever Dick Monfort goes, if there's any opportunity to mention higher education he's going to bring up UNC and he's going to talk about our experiences, our value and what it's meant to him." **NV**

10 UNDER 10

This year marks the 50th anniversary of UNC's Alumni Association and the launch of an exciting new awards program, the 10 Under 10 Awards. Proposed by UNC's Young Alumni Council as complement to the Honored Alumni awards, 10 Under 10 recognizes exceptional graduates of the past decade who have established themselves as emerging leaders through their personal and professional accomplishments.

THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF 10 UNDER 10 AWARDEES INCLUDES:

Zachary Armstrong (BS-07, MA-12)

Lexi Dozier (BA-13)

Gerard Heise (BM-12)

Ryan Hochmiller (BS-07)

Aisha Jackson (BA-13)

Jose Martinez III (BA-07)

Patrick Olsen (BS-08)

Barrett Rothe (BA-09)

Nickolas True (BS-09)

Adam Wilson (BS-10)

Less than 10 years out from graduation, these incredible young alumni have already distinguished themselves in a wide variety of professional settings: from the Broadway stage to their very own tech startups, from international public health campaigns to local science education. We wanted to learn more about how the awardees found success in pursuing their professional passions and to see if they had any advice to offer to other alumni who are getting their start in the working world.

Their insights are sure to inform you, impress you and maybe even make you a little nostalgic for your student days at UNC.

You can read them all on the Alumni Association's Bear Den blog: bit.ly/10u10advice

 Submit your Class Note online at northernvision.unco.edu

CLASS NOTES

Compiled and edited by Margie Meyer

1950s

Arthur White (BS-57), Worthington, Ohio, contributed to science, mathematics and science teacher education in more than 50 countries. He co-founded the International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education.

1960s

Jim Cantrell (MA-65) Bardstown, Ky., was among 14 artists from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana invited to exhibit paintings at the “Water—A Bridge to Color” exhibit at the Richmond Art Museum in Richmond, Indiana, in January. He presented five of his works at the exhibit that was composed entirely of watercolor paintings.

Larry Plummer (BA-66), Kewanee, Ind., taught high school social studies until his retirement. Larry and his wife have two children and two grandchildren.

Dixie Periman (MA-67), Centennial, completed 45 years in special education, primarily serving Cherry Creek School District as special education coordinator, autism specialist and transition specialist. She continues to assist school districts and families in Colorado.

Charles “Chuck” Russell (BS-67, MA-68) and **Judy (Mattingly) Russell** (BS-66, EdS-67), Austin, Texas, have retired after Judy mixed motherhood, teaching preschool, working as administrative support with the Educational Testing Service, University of California and the University of Texas. Chuck taught visually impaired students in Monterey, Calif., then at the Texas School for the Blind, and eventually moved to administration in the Texas state department of education. During his last decade with the state department he served as its federal governmental relations and congressional liaison assigned in Washington, DC. Upon retiring, he consulted on federal governmental and congressional relations with offices in DC and Austin, working mainly with regional education research laboratories and comprehensive education centers.



Members of UNC’s Advertising Copywriting class met with Brad Ficek (BA-05), senior media planner on a field trip to Crispin Porter + Bogusky advertising agency in Boulder. Back row: Brad Ficek, Sydney Barnes, Mark Harro, Joseph Haury, Sawyere Monson, Austin Pond, and CP+B copywriter Brian Caruso. Front row: Abigail Donovan, Logan Vance, Alyssa Mazza and Lyndsi Ouellette.

Bill Bolles (BA-68), Bondurant, Iowa, retired in 2010 after a 46-year teaching career. He taught English and coached cross-country, basketball and track for 44 of those years in the Natrona County School District in Casper, Wyoming. Bill will be inducted into the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame in June.

Charles Shaeffer (BA-68, MA-72), Lakewood, is a member of the American Guild of Organists, a position he has held for 45 years. He has been the house organist at the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center since 1996. The November 2014 Organ Crawl, sponsored by the AGO and History Colorado, ended at the 1st Christian Science Church in Denver where Charles spoke about the unique 1925 Kimball orchestral organ and played a short recital.

1970s

Darryl Todd (BA-70), Chicago, retired in 2014 from the City Colleges of Chicago as the vice president of academic and student affairs-Malcom X College. She also held positions as the dean and associate dean for the Center of Distance Learning. Darryl Todd is the owner of Cameron Global Consulting, which specializes in leadership and professional development in higher education and business. She has also worked with numerous clients in developing operational efficiencies and data solutions for education and business institutions. She earned an MAT from Oakland University (Rochester, Mich.) and an MBA and doctorate degrees from Northern Illinois University.

Angelo DiPaolo (BA-71) was posthumously inducted into the New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Fame. Known affectionately as “Dr. D,” Angelo was recognized for his dedication and contribution to interscholastic education as a teacher, coach and administrator. Angelo passed away in November.

Stock Schlueter (BA-71), Eureka, Calif., has painted landscapes, primarily in Northern California, for more than 45 years. He works only under natural light in his downtown Eureka studio and on location, and credits his success to his appreciation and connection with the natural world. Stock’s paintings were displayed at a solo exhibition at Humboldt State University First Street Gallery in late 2014.

Jack Arrowsmith (BA-73), Castle Rock, is the executive director of the Colorado Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA). Since leaving his professional career in education in 1980, Jack has held management positions in travel, insurance and publishing industries and he served as Public Trustee to Douglas County and Douglas County Clerk and Recorder.

Susan (Stelle) Mocny (BA-74), Aurora, Ill., teaches special education as a learning behavior specialist and as the Universal Coach for the Behavior Management System at East Aurora School District. She works with children at her church, participates in Habitat for Humanity and enjoys her grandchildren.

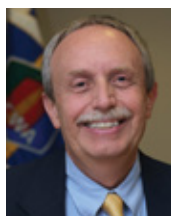
Wayne Melanson (EdS-75), Littleton, UNC professor emeritus of journalism and mass communications, taught a night class fall semester 2014 in advertising copywriting (page 26). “Contribution and insights in the professional world of advertising by successful UNC alumni enriched the class immeasurably,” Melanson says. “Their recent and rich experiences in the profession were both informational and inspirational. I am proud of their success and delighted that they were willing to give back to their alma mater.”

Kyle Boyd (BA-11), Colorado Springs, a copywriter with the Graham-Oleson advertising agency, spoke with the class via Facetime and shared his experiences in the profession. On a field trip to Crispin-Porter advertising agency in Boulder, students met with **Bradley Ficek** (BS-05), Erie, a senior media planner, who spoke about differences in agency culture and climate. Brad previously worked for ad agencies in Dallas. **Keith Atzman** (BA-11), Littleton, spoke to the class about his experience in a two-year post-graduate program in advertising at the Creative Circus in Atlanta and his advertising copywriting job at CSE, an Atlanta-based advertising agency. On a field trip to Karsh/Hagan, a Denver advertising agency, **Lindsey Mills** (BA-11), Aurora, discussed her experience in the post-graduate Miami Advertising School and how a previous field trip to Karsh/Hagan convinced her that she would like to work there.

Charles Sarno (BA-75), Wantage, N.J., retired after 38 years of teaching and

coaching in the Sussex-Wantage School District. Charles earned an MA in Integrative Education from Marywood College in Scranton, Penn. During his tenure he was chosen as his district’s nominee for the New Jersey Governor’s Teacher Recognition Program and Sussex-Wantage School District Teacher of the Year.

Don Shiverdecker (BA-76), Simla, retired eight years ago to his hobby ranch near Simla where he raises horses and donkeys.



Gregory Mohrman (BA-78), Bel Air, Md., was selected as the new site project manager for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Pueblo. Since 2010 Greg has held the position of director of Systems Engineering and Operations at Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives headquarters and previously was chief of the National Water Quality Laboratory at the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver. He has more than 35 years of experience in operations management and analytical chemistry.

1980s

H. Edward Camp (BA-83), San Francisco, Calif., is celebrating his 21st year in private practice in San Francisco. At his clinic, Ed Camp Chiropractic, he treats sports injuries and extremity rehabilitation. Ed enjoys skiing, windsurfing, stand-up paddling, and ballroom and Latin dancing.

Todd Schneider (BAE-87), Bullard, Texas, was named superintendent of Bullard Independent School District in December. During his 27 years in education, Todd has served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He and his wife Jan have three children.

1990s

J. Patrick O’Toole (BA-90), Asheville, N.C., founded Prospira Consulting, LLC, to provide prospect research, data analytics and database administration to non-profit organizations. He also offers instruction in Microsoft Office Suite applications and is a certified application specialist with MS Excel.

Carol (Fournier) Crittendon (BA-92), Sidney, Mont., is the publisher of the *Sidney Herald*. She has worked in the newspaper business for more than 18 years, most recently as the advertising director of the *Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald*.

Bethany Meyer (BA-92), Denver, is a realtor with John R. Wood Properties at its Marco Island, Florida, office. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Frank Parker (BS-92), Denver, retired after more than 20 years in the nursing field.

Kent Solt (BA-92), Loveland, is a senior director for Guidepost Solutions’ diligence services group, where he works closely with investigation teams to provide research and data analytics.



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James Carlin (MA-93), Manitou Springs, is the owner of Kinder Realm, where he designs and builds interactive structures and furniture that encourage cognitive study and fantasy for children and adolescents. James has also built science-based apparatuses for experimenting with basic physics. His shop and showroom are in Colorado Springs.



Larry Johnson (MPH-93), Decatur, Ga., was re-elected for a fourth term to the DeKalb County (Georgia) Board of Commissioners. A long-term advocate of health and health-related initiatives, Larry spearheaded “DeKalb Walks...For the Health of It!” He was invited to be involved in First Lady Michelle Obama’s national “Let’s Move” campaign and continues to work in a number of leadership capacities with the Health Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties.

Michael Twinchek (BA-94), Hyattsville, Md., completed 20 years with the U.S. House of Representatives, serving on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Homeland Security; and since 2002 as chief clerk on the Committee on Homeland Security.

2000s

Amy Kenyon (BA-02), Sarasota, Fla., is the founding partner of Kenyon Law Group, a law firm focused on helping consumers overcome financial obstacles and recover from injuries. She recently published an e-book, *The Consumer Guide to Debt Settlement*.

Justin Watada (BS-02), Greeley, was named the general manager of the Greeley Independence Stampede in December. Justin has eight years of service with the Stampede as director and assistant director of marketing. He previously worked for three years in the communications department for Greeley-Evans School District 6. The 2015 Greeley Stampede will run June 25-July 5.

Elizabeth Savolt (BS-03), Reno, Nevada, teaches elementary physical education at Coral Academy of Science in Reno. She recently earned National Board

Certification for Early/Middle Child Physical Education from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.



Chad Chisholm (BA-05, BA-08), Denver, shot two featured articles for the February 2015 issue of *Cowboys and Indians* magazine, including 14 images for the “Colorado’s Wild Elk” and “The Fort” articles. Chad’s studio, Custom Creations Photography, is slated to open summer 2015.

Laura Riddle (MM-05), Texarkana, Ark., received a PhD in Education from Northcentral University in Prescott Valley, Ariz. She is a faculty member at the University of Arkansas-Cossatot in Ashdown, Arkansas, and is the Blackboard administrator.

Robert Mills (BA-06), New York City, is the stage manager with Spiegelworld’s Absinthe Tour Le Monde that recently launched an international tour in Australia.

Nathaniel “Nanz” Fudge (BS-08), Fort Lupton, is a licensed real estate broker. He works with CityScape Real Estate LLC, a full-service brokerage company that specializes in property management in the Denver metro area.

Maile Keller (BA-08), Phoenix, was selected as one of 200 artists throughout the world to exhibit her art work in the Parallax International Artist’s Fair in London, United Kingdom.

Matthew Parker (BA-08), Omaha, Neb., works for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services in Lincoln as its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator.

Konrad Schlarbaum (BA-13), Colorado Springs, works as a sustainability coordinator at Pikes Peak Community College.

Degree Decoder: B.A. - Bachelor of Arts; B.S. - Bachelor of Science; B.M. - Bachelor of Music; B.M.E. - Bachelor of Music Education; L.C. - Limited Certificate; M.A. - Master of Arts; M.S. - Master of Science; M.A.T. - Master of Arts in Teaching; M.M. - Master of Music; M.P.H. - Master of Public Health; Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy; Psy.D. - Doctor of Psychology; Ed.D. - Doctor of Education; D.A. - Doctor of Arts; D.N.P.-Doctor of Nursing Practice; Ed.S. - Educational Specialist

ON STAGE

The following graduates of the School of Theatre Arts and Dance advanced their careers by being cast in productions, hired for technical or teaching positions or earning awards during the last three months of 2014 and the first three months of 2015.

Andi Davis (BA-12) has been hired by Warner Brothers and DC Comics to be the next official licensed *Wonder Woman*. Davis also will join the cast of *Singing in the Rain* at San Diego Musical Theatre in May/June and will be featured in the movie *Heaven Sent*, which will be in theaters in early 2016. She also filmed a “House Hunters” comedy spoof for the TV show TOSH.O.

Aisha Jackson (BA-13) made her Broadway debut in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* on Jan. 24.

Ryan Jesse (BA-07) has joined the national tour of the new musical *Dirty Dancing*. He joins Design Tech alumnus **Kevin Riggall** (BA-10), who is also working on the tour.

Beth Malone (BA-96) will return to Broadway this spring in *Fun Home*, which will begin previews at the Circle in the Square on March 27, and open on April 19. It will be Malone’s second Broadway appearance, after having appeared in *Ring of Fire* in 2006.

Nikki Tomlinson (BA-02) has been cast in a recurring guest star role on the new NBC pilot *Game of Silence*.

Ryan Grassmeyer (BA-06) filmed a co-starring role on *The Middle*.

Teya Patt (BA-10) and Rachel Farr joined the cast of *Carrie: The Musical* at La Mirada Theatre in L.A.

Jessie Datino (BA-04) is appearing in a production of *Angels in America* at Kansas City Repertory Theatre.

Desiree Mee Jung Gagnon (BA-06) is appearing in a production of *Henry IV* at Antaeus Theatre in LA.

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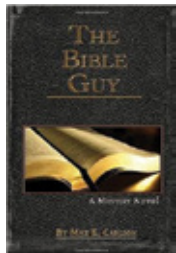
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BOOK NOTES

Published works by alumni, faculty, staff and students

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The Bible Guy, written by **Max Carlson** (BA-71), Julesburg, is a mystery novel about a Boulder, Colorado, psychologist who tracks down a religious killer who leaves a page of the Bible at each crime scene. Max served as a Sedgwick County judge for 33 years and enjoys writing and photography.

CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform December 2014



Joyce Waller (BA-75), Buffalo, Minn., and **Connie Nelson** (BME-72), Sterling, collaborated on a children's book, *The Lizard's Secret Door*, a story about a friendship between a little girl and a lizard. Illustrated by Joyce, the book is based on Connie's own adventures sharing a mountain cabin with a lizard.

Homestead Press March 2013



Adam Jones (BA-08), Pecos, N.M., wrote *The Vendetta of Felipe Espinosa*, a saga about Confederate guerillas, marauding Indians, a severe religious order, vigilante miners, and a migrant family looking for peace in a violent country. Adam is the recipient of the 2012 Homestead Foundation Fellowship from the Western Writers of America. His short fiction and articles have appeared in numerous publications, including Southwestern American Literature, Wild West, and Darker Times (UK).

Five Star November 2014



Diane Baublits (BA-60, MA-85), Las Animas, spent nearly 15 years researching her family genealogy in preparation to write *The Monhollon Homesteaders: Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado 1859-1987*. Inspired by her mother's journal, the book was edited and published by Diane's daughter **Jennifer Baublits** (BA-91), Florissant. The biography depicts the life of western pioneers who participated in the Oklahoma Land Run, encountered Jesse and Frank James, and survived drought and the dust bowl. Diane taught high school speech and English, served as an assistant principal and worked as a school district media specialist.

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ADDITIONAL BOOK NOTES

Bar None: A True-Life Pioneer Story, written by **Val Orr** (BS-77), Greeley, chronicles Val's personal struggle against an unfair legal system. Her journey took her to the U.S. Supreme Court three times and won, with the case covered by high profile television and front page news. Val is a speaker, author, and standard-bearer for individual rights.

Barnone Press May 2014

How We Can Save Sports: A Game Plan, was written by **Ken Reed** (EdD-95), Littleton. The book, with a foreword by Ralph Nader, was written to inform and empower sports stakeholders who care deeply about the impact of today's sports issues on individuals and society as a whole. Ken is the sports policy director for the League of Fans.

Rowman & Littlefield Publ February 2015

Thirty Works of Art that All Students Need to Know and Understand, written by **Andrew Svedlow**, professor of Art and Design at UNC is an introduction to the world of the visual arts. Students will become familiar with a broad range of subject matter, style, and medium, as well as with the historical and cultural contexts in which the visual arts have been made.

Ebook published December 2013



Michael Bierwiler (MA-79), Bedford, Texas, has written his sixth book, *Dogfight: A J-3 Pilot's Call to War*. The novel was inspired by his mother's experience as a teenager being trained as a civilian pilot in a J-3 on a grass landing strip during the war.

Create Space Publishing December 2014



Are You Lucky? by **Brian Hale** (BA-83), Lincoln, Nebr., explores the origin of luck and the many ways people attempt to court luck to their favor. More than Brian's own story, the book explores love, war, sports, the casino and many twists and turns of everyday life. Brian has worked as a public relations professional and writer for 25 years.

Outskirts Press 2015

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“To keep in shape for football, I would ride my single-speed, balloon-tire bicycle from Colorado to Minnesota. I would average 150 miles a day for the seven-day trip.”

— James Rhodes (BA-52)

For the Record

It was a great pleasure to read your fine article on the history of UNC and to follow important events charted on your timeline. The research for this piece must have been a massive undertaking so it feels a little churlish to point out a few minor errors. But in the spirit of accuracy--and from my vantage point as a long-time resident of Greeley and a UNC alum, consider these:

On page 16, the comment on creating “vet village” by 1956. My family lived in this village from 1950-1953, so it existed long before 1956. My dad was a WWII vet and earned both a BS and MS from UNC, then Colorado State College of Education. His name was Norbert Grunczewski.

On page 23, the discussion of Michener Library. The library was renamed in early fall of 1972. I was on the library staff at the time.

Keep up the good work.

— Peggy Malaspina (BA-66, MA-69)

NV responds: You’re right on both accounts, Peggy. The entry should have read “By 1946, a “vet village” ...” The library indeed was renamed in honor of James Michener during a dedication ceremony held Oct. 27, 1972. Thanks for helping us set the record straight.

According to a magazine article in the September 1999 edition, purple football jerseys that faded from laundering and that influenced the change to blue and gold was a “myth nobody could substantiate.” Hat tip to former editor and current University of Colorado vice president for communication Ken McConnellogue (MA-99) for catching this.

Totem Teddy was repatriated in 2003, not 2004.

Letters

Seeing himself in this photo from page 16 in the fall/winter *Northern Vision* prompted James Rhodes (BA-52) to share what he’s been doing since earning varsity letters in football, boxing, track and baseball, and a degree in physical education. After a 34-year career coaching and teaching at the Minnesota high school he attended, Rhodes has continued to pursue his love of traveling, writing and photography, and recently published *Pictograph Quest*, an account of his 200-mile canoe trip through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a journey that included stops to photograph all 40 of the documented pictograph sites in Ontario’s Quetico Provincial Park.

📧 The 125th anniversary issue prompted prolific poet Eileen Moore Volpe (BA-64, MA-78), to mail us a poem she’d written a few months earlier about a popular student hangout during her time on campus. At northernvision.unco.edu, read her ode to the Bru Inn, along with letters from readers Sue Barnd (EdD-99), Terri Coffelt Faulkner, (BA-91), Dave Graves (BA-80), Mike Martin, Mary Metcalf (BA-70), Charles “Chuck” Russell (BA-67, MA-68), Laura L. Lewis (MA-92), and Ellen Zuckerman (BA-94).

Trivia

Win a UNC Gift Bag

Prior to Joe Biden’s presidential campaign appearance in 2004, what other presidential campaigns visited Greeley and when? Correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a UNC backpack containing a variety of UNC-branded items — coffee mugs, pens, pennants and more. Send your answer by June 10 to northernvision@unco.edu.

Congratulations to the winners of last issue’s trivia contest, whose names were randomly drawn from entries with the correct answer. Carol Ferebee, Greg Russell and Wafa Yacoub knew that George W. Frasier was the president of the university in 1927 when he was mistaken for a freshman and dunked in the campus reflecting pool in keeping with custom at the time.

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Campus Memories

Alone by Accident with the Vice President

It would become one of the biggest events in UNC's recent history: the future vice president was coming to campus. The date was Oct. 21, 2008, just three weeks before the election in which Barack Obama and Joe Biden were favored to win.

As a reporter for the Greeley Tribune, I had written a story in advance on the precautions being taken to protect Biden.

The Secret Service wouldn't say how many agents were assigned, but implied there would be many. They came to campus and checked the Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion days before Biden was to appear. They said they even sealed manhole covers in the parking lot.

When I arrived, over 4,000 people were in the hall, already seated up front. Secret Service agents were outside the doors, checking backpacks, purses and any other suspicious items or persons.

I wanted a place near the front so I could see the candidate easily and also watch the crowd reactions. But no seats were available.

I wandered around to the outside of the seating, down a space between the seats and the walls. I found a door that obviously led to an area next to the speaker's platform. I decided I could go into that room, see both Biden and the crowd, and not be in the way.

Nobody checked me at the door when I entered.

The large room was empty, except for one person. Standing in the center of the room, all alone, was Biden.

We looked at each other, smiled, and I said "Hello, sir!" and the future vice president said, "Hi," and smiled. I said "Good luck with your speech," and he answered "Thank you."

A few seconds later, the applause started as Biden was introduced. He winked at me and smiled and walked onto the speaker's platform.

For about 30 minutes I stood in the room alone and watched him speak. No one questioned me. On the platform were a couple of very serious men who had to be Secret Service agents. When he finished, they escorted him off the stage and back into the room.

At least they showed up to take him past me a second time.

— Mike Peters (BA-68) is a retired journalist in Greeley

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IN MEMORY

1930s

Maxine (Harryman) Bell (BA-38, MA-41)
Beatrice G. Bunting (BA-39)
Elna (Root) Kinnison (LC-39)

1940s

Gertrude O. Lohse (BA-40)
Mary Spanjer (LC-40, BA-49)
Marjorie (Griffith) Gieck (BA-44)
Verda M. Bostrom (BA-45, MA-57)
Marjorie A. Zimmerman (BA-45)
Manford J. Ferris (BA-49)
John G. McGregor (BA-49, MA-51)

1950s

Theodore Meyer (BA-50, MA-52)
Virginia M. Thornton (BA-50)
Marjorie J. McMain (BA-51, MA-68)
Warren W. Mitchell (BA-51)
Stanley G. Sanders (MA-51)
Martha (Johnson) Mitchem (BA-51, MA-58)
June (Chilberg) Levy (MA-52)
Cheri B. Warnock (BA-53)
Emma S. Grantham (BA-54)
Richard K. Porter (BA-54, MA-61)
Frances T. Saylor (BA-54, MA-61)
Earl C. Sandstedt (BA-54)
Sally Sobieszczyk (MA-54)
L. Kearby Cotter (BS-56)
Charles W. Webster (BA-57, MA-59)
Paul E. Mattson (MA-58, EdD-78)
Louise H. Reitze (MA-58)
Joseph Rodriguez (BA-58, MA-61)
Ralph J. Rowley (BA-58)
Erma Smartt (BA-58)
Marjorie E. Speece (BA-58)
Joan M. Alyea (BA-59)
Arthur A. Giffin (BA-59)
Ronald A. Hultquist (BA-59, MA-67)
Frank W. Irwin (BA-59)
Marilyn J. Lesser (BA-59)
Martha (Fredling) McNeal (BA-59)

1960s

Roy J. Nichols (MA-60)
Gerald G. Meyer (BA-61, MA-65)
Glenn V. Peterson (MA-61)
Jo Ann (Harper) Taylor (MA-61)
Charles O. Redies (BA-61)
Alphonso W.R. Stines (BA-61, MA-63)
Bianca Chang (BA-62)
Charley A. Conger (MA-62)

Howard Craton (BA-62)
Robert J. Wisdom (BA-62)
Charles E. McPherson (BA-63)
Charles E. Perry (MA-63)
LeRoy A. Strausner (BA-63, MA-66)
Curt Jefferies (BA-64)
Rex A. Nelson (EdD-64)
Charlene (Jones) Sackman (BA-64)
Eva (Grundeitz) Akers (BA-65, MA-70)
Clifford O. Brookhart (BA-65, EdD-81)
Esther (Miller) Steverson (BA-65)
David L. Wolfe (BA-65)
Ronald B. Bailey (MA-66)
Marcia Davis (MA-66)
Ellen Peyton (BA-66)
Roy W. Burley (BA-67, MA-73)
Norman J. Horst (BA-67)
Clarence F. Johnson (MA-67)
Beverly Thornburg (MA-67)
Curt L. Vandenbos (BA-67)
David A. Organ (BA-68)
Richard A. "Dick" Reed (MA-68)
Valjean (Adam) Rehn (MA-68)
Barbara E. Reynolds (BA-68, MA-72)
Gretchen A. Flood (MA-69)
Charles F. Stevens (MA-69)

1970s

Karen (Flynn) Farmer (BA-70)
Stephen M. Flanagan (EdD-70)
Carolyn M. Bowden (BA-71, MA-73)
Doris (Piedalue Baney) Carpenter (BA-71)
Benito J. de la Torre Jr. (BA-71, MA-76)
Angelo DiPaolo (BA-71)
Marian A. Schildknecht (BA-71, MA-72)
Bill B. Barr (BA-72)
Teresa A. Lee (BA-72, MA-87)
Thomas J. Synnott (EdD-72)
William J. O'Neill (EdD-73)
Hannah "Gwen" (Solmer) Richardson (MA-74)
John B. Waite (EdD-74)
Barbara "Bobbie" Zimmerman (MA-74)
William F. Francoeur (BA-75)
Mary L. Lorensen (MA-75, EdD-86)
John W. Rushfeldt (MA-75)
Janet (Rogers) Waite (MA-75)
Jeffrey A. Graunke (BA-76)
Jack E. Oldright (BA-76)
Thomas J. Smith (MA-76)
Doris A. McGregor (MA-77)
Mary A. "Becky" Proudfoot (MA-77)

Cathryn (Lindstrom) Gentry (BS-78)
Carol L. Kagarice (BA-78, MA-81)
John P. Torell (MS-79)

1980s

William T. Shanks (MA-81)
Jonathan C. Watkins (BS-82)
Michelle (Cox) Wyeno (BA-82, MA-83)
David A. Erickson (BS-83)
Frank W. Koenig (MS-83)
David G. Wilson (BA-83)
Kurt A. Kiesling (BA-84)
Dorothy A. Sanko (MA-84)
Charles P. Schmidt (BS-84)
Donna (Smith) Duvall (BAE-86)
Dennis C. "Denny" Hunke II (BS-86)
Jeanne M. Hansen (MA-87)
Kathleen (Horton) Hudson (BS-87)
Karen S. Powell (DA-87)
Catherine (Rees) Johnston (MA-88)
Donald A. Monteath (BAE-88, MA-90)
Karla (Gossman) Wright (BS-89)

1990s

Patricia L. Austin (MA-90)
Ellenor Dominguez (BA-90, MA-95)
Neal G. Lousberg (BA-96)
Carl J. Miller (BA-97, MA-08)

TRIBUTES

Lynn A. Sandstedt (BA-54), Greeley, former professor of foreign language at UNC, passed away in November. Lynn began his teaching career at Greeley Central High School and served UNC from 1972 to 1993 as a professor and chairman of the foreign language and Hispanic studies departments. He co-authored 18 textbooks for beginning and intermediate university levels and founded and/or led each of the primary foreign language teaching organizations in Colorado and the nation. Lynn was honored as one of UNC's Centennial Hall of Fame members and received a number of awards from other organizations. He retired in 1993 as Professor Emeritus.

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Kathy Bundock Moore, former professor of harp and music theory at UNC, passed away in December. Kathy earned degrees in music from the Eastman School of Music and Michigan State University. She was the principal harpist of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and wrote and published twenty-five harp arrangements and instruction books. Emeritus Faculty status was granted in 2014.

Carol L. Lutey, former professor of psychology at UNC, passed away in December. Carol taught at Northern Illinois State Teachers College before receiving her Ph.D. in philosophy from Michigan State University in 1955. She also taught at Ball State University before coming to UNC in 1959. She was a member of the American Psychological Association and published many manuals for testing individual intelligence. She retired as Emeritus Faculty in 1981.

Joseph L. Shoemaker (BA-42, MA-51), former professor of physical science, chemistry and physics at UNC and co-founder of the Frontiers of Science Institute, passed away in February. Joseph was recognized as one of UNC's Honored Alumni and received the national Citation for Distinguished Service to Education by the National Science Teachers Association. He was involved with National Aeronautic and Space Administration-NTSA Youth Science Congresses, Tomorrow's Scientists and Engineers Program and Youth Conference on Science and the Environment. He served UNC for 27 years, retiring in 1983 as Emeritus Faculty.

Jack MacAllister, long-time supporter of student scholarships at UNC, passed away in February. In his 42-year career at US West, he promoted women and minorities and oversaw the creation of the US West

Foundation, which funded philanthropic projects in the company's 14-state region. He served on the UNC Board of Trustees in the 90s and established teaching scholarships at six universities.

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Left: Alumni festivities at Homecoming 1989, UNC's centennial year. Below: Three generations of UNC royalty come together at Homecoming 2014.

